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"The Clipper's Wake"

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A Club of Dx & Contest
Oriented Amateurs in the
Northeastern USA

"#1 is more FUN"

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THE SS (Swan Song)

The 1979-80 contest season has pretty much hit the skids, with only the WPX and open CD left to worry about. This is a good time to review where YCCC stands.

We had a pretty good year, all things considered. We started by organizing the Contest/DX program of the New England ARRL Convention in Hartford (and running the hospitality suite). Lots of good publicity which resulted in about 25 new members. I think this points out the value of CQing -- people will call you if they know you're there and new members join if they know the club exists. After Hartford came the CQWW. We wanted to win that one and we had a good shot at it. We had the DXpeditions, some (but not enough) multi-multis, but few single ops. Conditions were pretty fair, our estimated 100 million point entry is respectable, but we could have won this contest if we had the participation. Two-man relay teams will always lose to four-man relay teams.

After a short rest, we went after the ARRL DX contest. Again, lack of participation killed us. Not conditions. Our CW total was down, but so was everybody's. I don't want to hear how we got beat on CW because conditions favored other parts of the country. It looks like the top 3 single op CW scores come from K1PR, K1KI, and W2PV. Where is the geographical advantage? The problem was that over half of our eligible members didn't contribute. (I'm including people who let someone else use their station as having contributed.)

Phone was better -- partly because it was so much fun. All bands were outstanding. We had a high level of participation from our multi-multi crews, including 10M from W2PV, 6M apiece from K2TR and W1ZM, and a parade of multi-singles in the 2-3M range. But, I think we lost anyhow. Our preliminary club score looks like about 55-60M, about equal to last year. However, last year we took 75 entries to make that score. This year we only had about 55. Putting it another way, our average score per entry last year was about 720K (highest average among all contest clubs, as it usually is). This year it's over 1 MILLION POINTS PER ENTRY (750K CW, 1.4M Phone). For those stations which were active, and the operators who manned them, congratulations -- you all did a hell of a job. I appreciate the show of support. It goes to show that we are a club of first-rate operators -- the best. If only we could get more entries.... We gotta do two things for next year. First, we gotta get all the members who don't help the club aggregate to start doing so. After all, our constitution specifies that "persons interested in amateur radio contesting shall be eligible for membership." Maybe those members who don't show an interest in contesting (by not operating) should be dropped from the membership roster.

The second thing we gotta do is get members (ones that participate!). One thing we currently lack is a fired-up bunch of highschool/college age contesters. They're out there -- we've gotta tell 'em what they're missing by not being in YCCC.

I'm telling you what I think has to be done this coming year because your new President will have to follow through on these thoughts.

I've just been too busy with other things to devote enough energy to the job to do it right. If you're upset because some of the meetings were held on too short notice, don't leave the club in a huff. I accept full responsibility for the late newsletters.

The next meeting, in Auburn, has been changed from April 5 to April 12, because our usual meeting places weren't available. Follow the enclosed directions, because the Elks Club has moved. Meeting starts at 1 PM, Officers to be there at noon. Elections will be held at this meeting, and unlike some clubs, a slate of Officers has not been chosen in a clandestine meeting. You can choose officers. You can also be an officers if you want. Nominating yourself is permitted.

I've enjoyed being your leader for the past year, and look forward to seeing you all in Auburn. And, if you can't make Auburn, see you in Dayton. 73, Doug, K1DG

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

Pursuant to Article VIII of our Constitution, the following Amendments are hereby proposed, with action to be taken at the April meeting:

Article II, Section I: Change separate offices of Vice President and Activities Manager to a single office of VP/Activities Manager.

Article III, Section I: Change "Vice President" to "Vice President/Activities Manager," and add "he shall plan meeting programs and similar activities." to his duties

Section III: Add to Secretary's duties ... "including furnishing a list of eligible participants to ARRL."

BY-LAWS

2. Membership. Eliminate "grandgather clause" for 1976 members of MM and NECC.

4. Elections. Combine Vice-President and Activities Manager into one office.

5. Advisory Committee. Change second sentence to read "The advisory Committee shall consist of positions such as deemed necessary by the President."

5a. Area Coordinators shall be appointed for such areas as deemed appropriate by the President.

W2IB ... QSL, Tks ... K1DG

NCJ/CAC
1980 ARRL DX Contest Questionnaire

This year a number of changes were made in the rules for the ARRL DX Competition. Please, after the contest, answer the following questions (or as many as you can), add your comments (good or bad) and mail to the NCJ (no envelope necessary) where the results will be compiled and forwarded to ARRL CAC and Headquarters.

1. This year DX stations (non-W/VE) could work other DX stations for 2 points/QSO and W/VE stations for 3 points/QSO. In future ARRL DX contests:

- (a) DX stations should work only W/VE
- (b) DX stations should work other DX stations with point values:
 - (1) 3 points for W/VE, 2 points for DX
 - (2) 3 points for W/VE, 1 point for DX
 - (3) 2 points for W/VE, 1 point for DX
 - (4) Equal points for W/VE and DX
 - (5) Other point values: _____ for W/VE, _____ for DX

2. This year the multiplier for everyone was number of DXCC countries per band. In the future, the multiplier for DX should be:

- (a) number of DXCC countries per band
- (b) number of DXCC countries + number of states/provinces per band
- (c) number of states/provinces per band
- (d) number of DXCC countries + number of W/VE call areas per band
- (e) other _____

In the future, the multiplier for W/VE should be:

- (a) number of DXCC countries per band
- (b) number of DXCC countries + number of states/provinces per band
- (c) number of DXCC countries + number of W/VE call areas per band
- (d) other _____

3. For single-operator the following categories should be established:

- (a) all band and single band
- (b) all band, high band, low band
- (c) all band, high band, low band, single band
- (d) all band, single band, duo band (any two at choice of operator)
- (e) other _____

4. Should single operator be allowed to use spotting nets? Yes No

5. Should Ws and VEs work each other for points? Yes No

6. The exchange has been signal report plus state/province for W/VE and signal report plus power for DX. In the future the exchange should:

- (a) remain unchanged
- (b) replace signal report with year first licensed
- (c) replace signal report with QSO serial number
- (d) W/VE remain unchanged, DX use signal report plus QSO serial number
- (e) other _____

7. This year trophies will be awarded in addition to the certificates for section/country winners. Do you favor awards for achievement levels (e.g. 1000 QSOs, 100 countries, using appropriate stickers for multiple achievements) Yes No

8. Would you pay a nominal fee (e.g. \$1) to receive a certificate?
 Yes No

9. Should certificates (not trophies) be eliminated? Yes No

10. For multi-operator entries the following categories should be established:

- (a) single and multi transmitter
- (b) one, two and unlimited transmitter(s)
- (c) other _____

11. Estimate the impact of the new rules on your personal operating habits in the following categories (answer only those applicable to your entry):

Time on 80/75 meters	_____ More	_____ Less	_____ Same
Time on 40 meters	_____ More	_____ Less	_____ Same
Time on 20 meters	_____ More	_____ Less	_____ Same
Time on 15 meters	_____ More	_____ Less	_____ Same
Time on 10 meters	_____ More	_____ Less	_____ Same
Time hunting multipliers	_____ More	_____ Less	_____ Same
Time running Europe	_____ More	_____ Less	_____ Same
Time running JA	_____ More	_____ Less	_____ Same

12. What was your entry category?

Phone: Single-op:	_____ All	_____ 75	_____ 40	_____ 20	_____ 15	_____ 10
	_____ Multi-op:	_____ Single transmitter	_____ Multi-transmitter			
CW: Single-op:	_____ All	_____ 80	_____ 40	_____ 20	_____ 15	_____ 10
	_____ Multi-op:	_____ Single-transmitter	_____ Multi-transmitter			

13. What was the percentage of your QSOs on each band?

Phone:	_____ 160	_____ 75	_____ 40	_____ 20	_____ 15	_____ 10
CW:	_____ 160	_____ 80	_____ 40	_____ 20	_____ 15	_____ 10

14. What was your multiplier on each band?

Phone:	_____ 160	_____ 75	_____ 40	_____ 20	_____ 15	_____ 10
CW:	_____ 160	_____ 80	_____ 40	_____ 20	_____ 15	_____ 10

15. What was your total score? _____ Phone _____ CW

16. What is your ARRL section? _____

17. What is your call (optional)? _____

18. Your comments:

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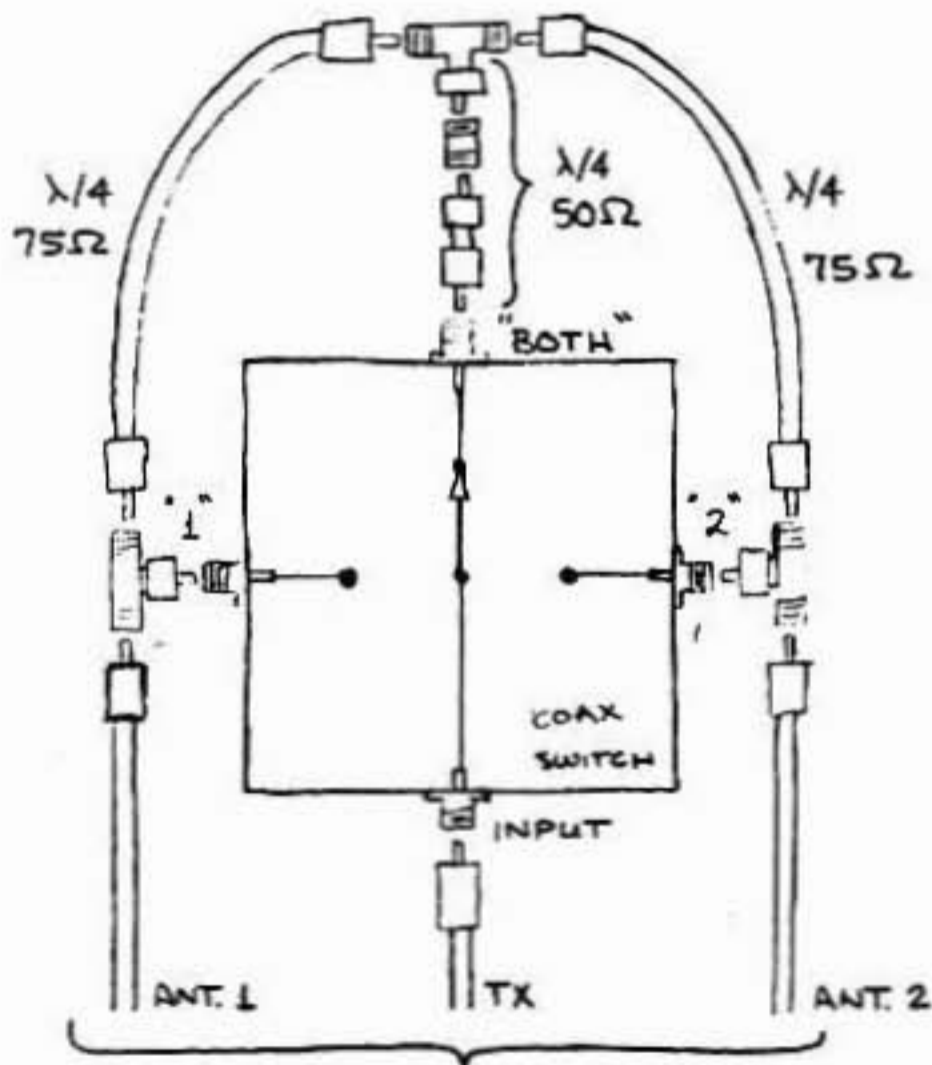
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Tricks with coax #4 by K2TR

upper-lower-both -- method 3

This trick I found in an old beam antenna handbook by Bill Orr, W6SAI. Tom, K1CPF, used this with stacked 2048As at 60 and 120 feet. It was the only stacked 2048A system I know of that worked right. I guess that says use wide-spaced antennas in your YCCC contest station. This system uses equal lengths of identical coax back to the shack and a simple rotary coax switch. Also, if fed with 75 ohm CATV line and 75 ohm antennas it will maintain the same 75 ohm impedance while switching.

(I stumbled across this switch through N4KG, who got it from N4AR - who does okay, considering. It works great with my stacked 1Ds (75 ohm), and I'm planning to build three more for my Baby Bertha. Caution...don't use the type of switch which grounds unused positions, like B&W Protax, Heath remote antenna switch. - K1GQ)



50Ω COAX, 50 Ω SOURCE AND 50Ω ANTENNAS

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NEW MEMBERS

15Dec79 (Auburn) --- WB1ABF, W1JP, WA1POG, KA1EP
19Jan80 (Ludlow) --- K1IJU, K1IJV, WA2OVE, G3WJN, WB2ITR,
N1AAP, WA1ZAM, WB2FZO, W1HNZ, K2QF, N2JJ, K1XR

ASTROLOGY

The YCCC mailing list now exceeds 200, while the paid membership hovers around 120. Unless we receive a sign of interest from those 90-odd, this will be their last issue of the BUTT. A suitable signal is \$5 to N1TZ. Note that membership in YCCC is not a prerequisite ... we're easy! The following can relax; you qualify for (free) complimentary copies: K1KI, N6SF, W1WY, K1WJ, W1HR, NCJ.

MEETING PLACE

The Auburn Elks Club has moved. It is now 1/2 mile South on route 12 from the Mass Pike/I290 exit, on the right, behind #744 - Shaw & Associates Real Estate brokers. See you there 1PM April 12.

CONTEST QUESTIONNAIRE

The form attached is lifted directly from the National Contest Journal, which intends to assemble statistics from the returns. If you want to save a stamp, give yours to K1GQ at the meeting.

Space is short, so K1RQ will be putting together another mid-April tower order. Bring your checkbooks to the meeting.

Watch for another appearance by the ^{B2} great Briggs mac at the meeting.

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