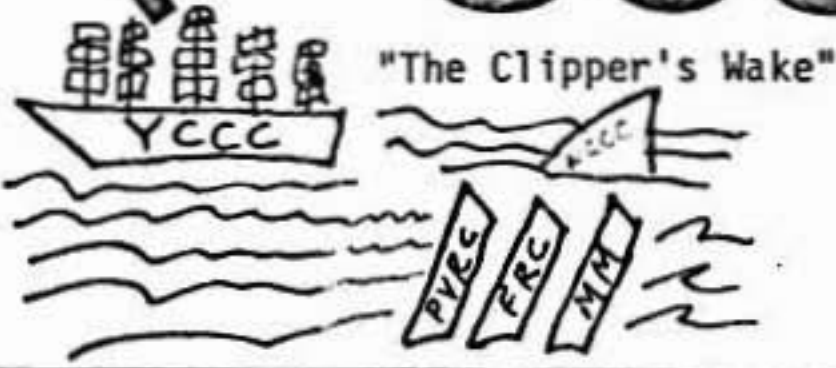


THE SCUTTLEBUTT



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"#1 is more FUN"

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THIS IS IT !

This SCUTTLEBUTT has been timed to reach you a day or two before The Big Event. By now, you should be ready to draw blood this weekend in the ARRL Phone DX TEST. Station should be all set, antennas in good shape, excuses made to appropriate people (wife, boss, relatives), and most important-you should be psyched. As soon as you finish reading this issue, go number your log pages, check your supply of pencils, dupe sheets, aspirin, etc. Turn your receiver on to the band you think you will be on at this time of day during the contest, listen to it, convince yourself that this is really the right band. Turn on the transmitter and work a DXpedition or two and catch the fever they've got by now. Get psyched!

When you're good and hot, call up your buddy across town and tell him you're gonna beat him by 200 QSOs this weekend and you've got a case of beer to prove it. If he backs down because he's saving himself for the CW weekend, challenge him on that mode. That gives you two weeks to learn the code.

Find your logs from last year. What did you do that was right? What mistakes did you make? Resolve to do more right things this year. The "Band-Aid" scoop sheets and King Fred's paper from the last meeting should give you enough hints to pile up a pretty competitive score. The club has done everything possible to show you how to do well, but the club cannot operate your station for you. The fun part is all up to YOU.

If you still an operator for your station (or a station to operate), give your area manager a call. There's still time. The multi-multis seem to be in good shape for phone (you should see the all-star cast at PV!) but they all need help on cw. Give your area manager a call if you're interested. If you have a decent station of your own, don't go to a multi. You can contribute more by staying home, even if you only go part time. Most important, GET ON!! We can win our first big one IF EVERYONE GETS ON.

A DREAM (?)

I woke up in a cold sweat the other night-the way you do when you have a dream so vivid and real that you think it actually happened or that it will happen. Some people make pretty good livings as psychics doing this. This dream wasn't in Technicolor - in fact, it didn't have any video at all --but it was in Dolby Stereo. It went something like this.....

"OK, there are so many stations calling that I'll have to start taking you by call areas. QRZed the first call area, ones only, this is DX1DX, over."

"KILOWATTTCNEDELTA* & WHISKEYONEXRAYNOVEMBERONEBRAVO&@%\$ZANZIBAR MEXIRADIOKILOWATTONEMIKE#%\$&%HOMIKERADIO\$%¢FRANCEJAPANIKEBAKER QUEYANKEE &¢%WTHREEMIKEMIKEWHSKEYBRAVOONEHOTELINDIAXRINDIARAD IOITALYKILOWATTRADIOZULUTANGOONETASTYFRENCHFRIESRADIOXRAYTANGO ZULUMIKEXRAYWHISKEYBRAVOONENORWAYONEGOODLUCKWTHREEMIKEMIKE%¢\$&"

"OK, OK, hold it you guys! I knew the YCCC was planning a big effort in the Test, but this is ridiculous! Whew, what a pile! Let's try any W1's who are not YCCC members. DX1DX."

"ssssssssssssssW3MIKE MIKESss."

"I asked for ones, MM. OK, guess all the ones are YCCC. QRZed W1, I'll do the best I can, DX1DX for W1s, over."

"WHISKEYONE CHARLIEFODELTAYANKEEHOTEITALYUNITEDSUGARKILOSKEYONE GOLFGOLF#%\$¢@%#\$\$%¢TELMIKEOSCARKILOWATTONEOSCARXLIMALIMAVICTOR RADIOYANKEENOVEMBXRAYSIIERRANOVEMBERONEZULUECHWTHREEMIKEMIKEFOXX CHARLIE"

15 minutes and 75 qsos later....

"OK, guess I got all the ones, lets go to the twos. Hope there aren't too many W2 members of that club. QRZed twos, DX1DX."

"WHISKEYTWO PAPA VICTO DELTA WHISKEYNOVEMBER TWO FOX TROT BRAVO TWO YANKEE VIC\$\$\$¢#&%¢%@\$#%\$OLDYANKEE ANKEE XRAY PAPA HOTEL WTHREEMIKEMIKEXRAYLIMA KILOWATTTWO XRAY AMERIC VICTOR VICTOR IKE BRAVO BRAVO WTHREEMIKEMIKE&¢%#" etc.

I hope the dream turns out to be prophetic for two reasons. One, it means we'll win the DX Test. Two, DX1 will be a new prefix for K2VV.

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We have a new contest every week on the net. It's called the "dash", which is like a sprint, only shorter (5 to 10 min). Time varies from week to week, as does the exchange. NCS K1DG will announce the rules and exchange of the week 30 seconds before the start, so keep an ear open. Past exchanges have been sum of digits in phone number, height in inches, and shoe size (SS). Give it a try

ELECTIONS!

The next SCUTTLEBUTT will contain info on the April meeting (which may be held in May). This will be our ARRL Test roundup and election meeting. Give some thought to how you would like to see the club change, then think about who you think would be best qualified to run the club. If you think you should be an officer, make your interest known to somebody who will nominate you. Let's not see any uncontested offices this time. Also, give some thought as to whether the duties of each officer should be re-defined.

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