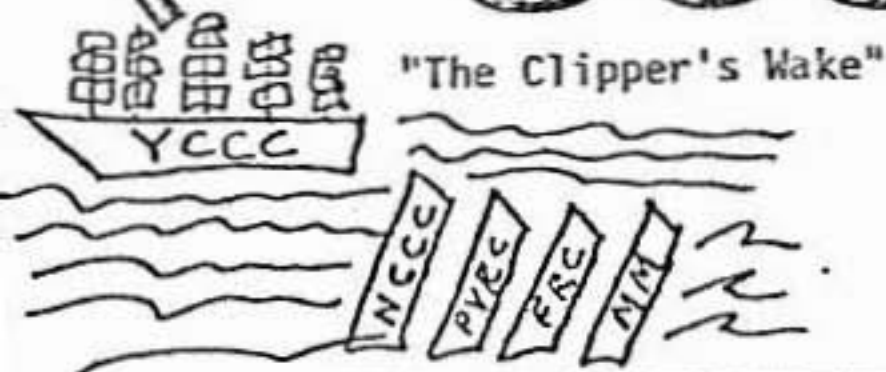


THE SCUTTLEBUTT



Journal of the YANKEE CLIPPER CONTEST CLUB

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

"#1 is more FUN"

#15 January 1979

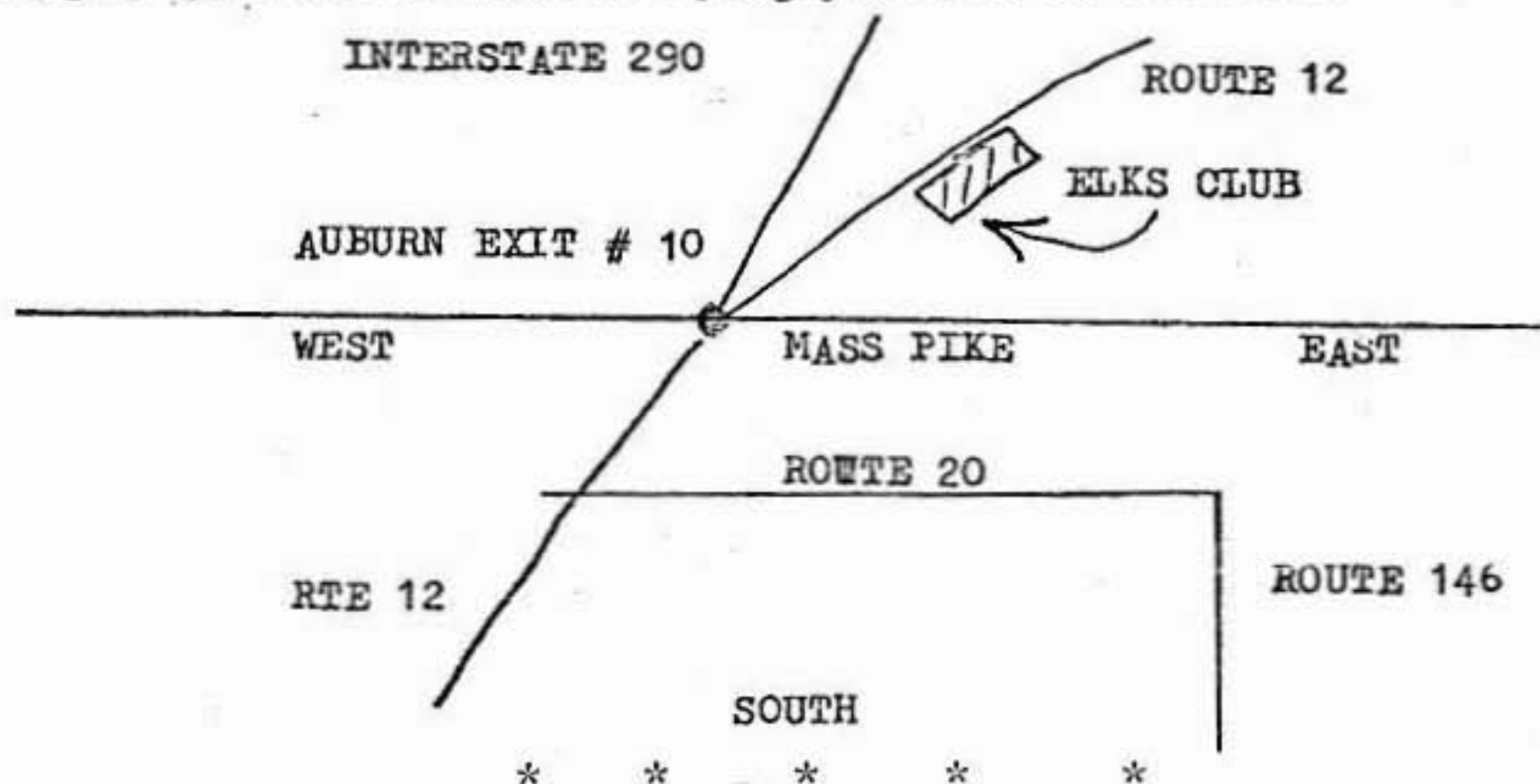
Big Boss: Jeff Briggs, K1ZM
Logger: John Kenny, W1RR

Right Hand Man: Jeff Bouvier, K1IU
Financial Whiz: Bob C., N1TZ

Activities Manager:

BIG MEETING FEBRUARY 3 IN AUBURN!

The next YCCC OFFICIAL MEETING will be held next Saturday, February 3, 1979, at the Elk's Lodge in Auburn, MA. It's easy to find -- just follow the map below. The meeting will start promptly at 2 P.M. (not 1), since we have a number of workshops planned. There'll be something for everybody there -- don't miss it! Somewhere around 5 P.M., we'll adjourn to a nearby LUM's for the usual BS session (that means Beer and Sandwiches, right Dave?). If you want to find out how come you got blown away in the CQWW, come to the meeting so you can do some stomping yourself in the ARRL.



WHAT HAPPENED AT THE LAST MEETING (AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE NEXT ONE)

At the December meeting, several suggestions were made regarding ways of improving the club score by providing hints on how to operate the ARRL contest. Never let it be said that the Executive Committee isn't responsive to the needs of the Club. We have prepared scoop sheets on each band, showing what to expect for openings, when to be there, etc. We also have a paper for Club members who may not have gone full-blast in a contest before. Fred Cass, K2TR, has a game plan formulated for the "average" station (transceiver, maybe an amplifier, tribander and dipoles at 50'). Fred's a guy that almost everyone in the Club can look up to, and his philosophy is that you don't need a big station to do well, all you need is the FORCE.

The band-sheets and Fred's talk will only be available at the meeting. They will not be mailed out. If you're planning any serious participation in the contest, you'll benefit from this next meeting's program. If you can't go full-blast (due to work or other commitments), some suggested strategy appears elsewhere in this Scuttlebutt.

It was also suggested that we have a member from each part of the Club territory serve as a clearing house for contest-related information. These guys will keep track of which members in their area plan to operate, or need places to operate. If you have a station and need an operator, or have parts of a station and need something (extra receiver, amplifier etc.), let the appropriate guy know and things will be arranged. Here's who they are (home phones listed)

MAINE-N.H.-VERMONT:

Bill Myers, K1GQ
Laurel Hill Road
Hollis, NH 03049
603-465-2673

CONNECTICUT:

Bill Borchers, K1WB
460 Hale Street
Suffield, CT 06078
203-668-0377

NEW YORK (ENY, WNY, NLI):
(Excluding Schenectady)

Dave Horbachuk, W2YV
Skidmore Rd.
LaGrange, Pleasant Valley, NY 12509
914-471-4765

EASTERN MASS/RHODE ISLAND:

Fred Hopengarten, K1VR
68 Avalon Road
Waban, MA 02168
617-527-1025

CENTRAL MASS. (WORCESTER
AREA):

Bob Czajkowski, N1TZ
13 Fifth Avenue
Worcester, MA 01607
617-754-6640

WESTERN MASS. (413 AREA
CODE):

Dana Cobb, K1RQ
East Windsor Road
Peru, MA 01235
413-655-8096

LAST SCUTTLEBUTT

This will be the last Scuttlebutt...for the guys in the following list. These guys have either not paid their 78-79 dues, or haven't been at a meeting for a long time. If your call is on the list, but you would like to remain on the mailing list and be considered an active YCCC member, send \$5.00 to:

Bob Czajkowski, N1TZ
13 Fifth Avenue
Worcester, MA 01607
617-754-6640

WB1AOS
N1AU
K1BV
K1CEH
WB1CKB
W1DA
K1DKX
K2DW
N2FB
W1FMK
K1FWE

W1GSH
K1GSK
W2JJ
W1NH
K2NY
K1OX
W1PM
K1PT
W1QGC
K1RU
N2RX

K2SD
WA2SPL
W1SPT
W1TM
K2TQC
W1UR
K1UA
N5UR
K1UR
W1UU
K7VA

W1VUR
K2VV
W1VWQ
W1WIG
W1WY
N1XX
W1YDJ
W1YG
K1YXK
N1ZT

NEW MEMBERS

Let us at this time acknowledge several new members previously unmentioned in these pages. They joined us in October or thereabouts.

1. John Zapisek, K2MM, Hauppauge, N. Y. John is better known from his additional station license, WAlMUG. He's a gung-ho VHF man, and has been part of the PJ8CO operation several times. Zap is a long-time veteran of HF & VHF multi-multi teams, and a valuable asset to the club.
2. Jim Dionne, K1MEM, Westwood, Mass. Jim's recently gotten back into contesting after a sunspot-cycle-long layoff. He's doing it right -- has Drake C-line (Sherwood filtered receiver), SB220, and 88 feet of tower holding up his TH3. Ground plane on 40, inv. vee on 80 round out the station. ARRL DX Test is his favorite. Our kind of man.
3. Bayard Coolidge, N1HO, Pittsfield, N.H. Formerly WAlRQT. Bayard has a well appointed shack starring a full C-line, 2K3 amp., 2+6 meter transverters, and fancy TTY gear. Outdoors, a TA3L and Hy-Tower put the RF out.
4. Michael Keane, K1MK, Charlestown, Mass. Mike has a shack to operate from which includes an S-line, monoband amplifiers, a TA36 at 120', and wires up to 300' high. Call of said station is W1MX. Mike is formerly WAlRJX, and prefers DX contests.
5. Rex Lint, K1HI, Merrimack, N. H. Rex is formerly W1HWB (and 3 others!), has FT-101E, the Autek filter, Swan KW amplifier and 4 EL 15 meter beam. He prefers domestic contests, but I think we can persuade him to try a DX test.
6. Eric Smitt, K9ES, Shrewsbury, Mass. Eric speaks better Japanese than anyone in the Club. He previously held callsigns KA7CW, KR6QW, and HL9TZ, which may explain it! Has SB104A, SB230, various 2 meter gear, and a bunch of monobanders waiting to go up. Eric was a part of W2PV CW CWW crew and really helped us out. And he likes DX contests. Eric's wife Annette is also licensed (WB9MOJ) and a member.
7. Jim Novakoff, WBlBUY, Brookline, MA. Jim's a Tech Class licensee, has a KDK 2 meter rig. He has volunteered his services as a spotter (Logger for multi-op stations and VHF/UHF net operator.) Any takers?
8. Pete and Jeff Plummer, WBlHIX and WBlEJI, North Scituate, RI. Two for the price of one here -- a father-son team waiting to tear up the bands. They share (or is it fight over?) ATS-820S, SB220 and tribander at 40! These two guys ran up about 1800 Q's in the 10 meter contest, so you can see they mean business.
9. Don Trowbridge, WA2MBB, Kingston, NY. Don has the SB301/401 combo and a tribander. He prefers DX contests, with ARRL DX his favorite. Here's one guy who'll be on for sure.
10. Denny Colvin, WB2ECA, Kingston, NY. Denny used to be WA9AJM, has C-line, SB230, SB104, 210X, and Classic 33 at 60. After Field Day, he likes ARRL DX Test best. Maybe a multi-single with MBB is in order here.
11. Stephen Heyer, WA2KTR, W. Hurley, NY. Steve has an FT-101E, remote VFO, and a 2 meter rig. He does his radiating through a KLM rotary 40 meter dipole at 71' and an SY-L tribander at the same height. Sounds like a good station for his favorite contest, the ARRL DX test.

12. Ray Trinqué, N1ACU, Pascoag, RI. Ray was also heard running em fast and furious during the 10 meter contest. He's got a TS520, SB220, and TH6DXX, operates both phone and CW, and should give the Plummers some competition.
13. Gary Madison, WA2NKL, Pelham, NH. Gary's a sworn VHF man, fully equipped through 10.3 GHz. Lot of that running around in Pelham, right Jerry?
14. Steve Tolf, K1ST, Westboro, MA. Steve prefers DX contests and has no VHF gear at all. He does have a TR-3, SB220, TH6DXX, and 40 meter extended double Zepp. He's been working DX a long time, using his old call, WA1EUV. Likes both phone and CW.
15. David Curry, K1TK, Worcester, Mass. His old call is WALTAK (sort of like TAI?), and his address indicates some connection with WLYK, although that's just a guess. Dave's got a TS-820S, Wilson Mark II, has operated multi-single and will do it again. Prefers SS & CD parties, but will probably get into the DX test for kicks.
16. David Mackey, K1KA, Amherst, NH. David has 1KW, and 3 elements at 100! He's another member who works at Microwave Associates. Any more hams there we haven't signed up yet, Dana?
17. Robert Clarke, N1RC, West Roxbury, MA. Bob also has a summer QTH in Maine which may explain why he likes Field Day. Used to be WA1RLI, prefers CW, has a TR4C and lots of VHF/UHF year.
18. Last but not least, Hope Smith, WB3ANE/1, Newington, CT. Hope is a perennial unsung hero of W2PV phone operations. She has put in untold hours working 40 SSB with Don Search W3AZD. Her own station includes HW16 and 2 meter FM rig.

A belated welcome aboard to all our new members. In a dynamically growing club such as the YCCC, new members are our most important asset, and we appreciate your interest in the Club. See you at the meeting on February 3!

* * * * *

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF A BAD SITUATION

The "bad situation" is the one every contester (and YCCC Activities Manager) dreads -- you suddenly discover that you can't operate full time in the DX Contest. Your first reaction is to throw in the towel, pop open a beer, and not bother to turn the rig on all weekend. If this is your attitude, read on.

Even if your scores aren't consistently section winners, they do help the total. The only score that doesn't help is a zero. Your score does help even if you can only operate part-time. The big guns in the club (the guys who understand the FORCE) get very frustrated when they knock themselves out to put forth a big effort, then read all those zeros in the Club total. It's very gratifying to the big guns to hear all the other club members participating.

If you can't personally put in 48 hours, are you interested in having another member help out? This is a particularly good way of helping the club total. Contact the contest coordinator for your area. He'll have info on young squirts who don't have stations, but want to learn how to operate. Rig up a spare set of headphones, let the kid listen for a few hours while the old pro runs a few Europeans. Then let the kid try it for the rest of the weekend. You'll be surprised how well your station will do, and you'll be helping the club by allowing an operator without a place of his own to contribute. It's how the FORCE is born.

If you want to do it alone, but can't go "full time" (which is only 1 weekend per mode now), here are some tips on how to maximize your score in limited time.

5 HOURS OR LESS: Football season's over now. Put the TV time to good use now. The best way to run up the points here is to run Europeans for a couple of hours each morning. Get on the band where you are the loudest and see how many guys you can work in an hour. Try to set a new record for yourself. Ever have a 60 hour? 75? 90? Over 100? Give it a whirl. Take a half hour each afternoon and see how many multipliers you can dig up. A good 5-hour effort can yield 250 QSOs and maybe 80 countries. That's 60K point and nothing to sneeze at.

5 to 15 HOURS: Fifteen hours could be divided into 5 morning hours each morning (try 6 A.M. to 11 A.M, local time), one evening hour each night, and one hour in the afternoon each day. Spend the mornings running Europeans. There are a lot of them -- you won't run out. Take a quick spin on 75 in the evenings in the phone contest, use 40 instead on CW. The afternoon hours can be used pouncing on African or Caribbean/S.A. multipliers. The DXpeditions are easy to work -- mostly Americans on vacation running Americans. If you have a good 15 meter antenna and a quiet location, try working JSs in the late afternoon/early evening. There are lots of them and they love to work W1's. Excellent rates (over 100 an hour) are possible if you have good ears. A 15-hour operation should be capable of 500 QSOs and 175 countries anyway. That's a quarter of a million points, a very respectable effort indeed.

15 to 30 HOURS: Now you can start to get serious about 40 and 75. These are important multiplier bands on both modes, and 40 is a big volume band on CW. At the high end of this time period (around 30 hours) you are putting in a serious effort but getting a full night's sleep each night and taking time off during the day for meals, etc. The question now is when not to operate. Obviously, the best times to not operate are the times when you'll miss the least. Generally these times occur during traditional sleep times. So relax, get some rest, and don't worry about missing much. Since you'll be hitting the high bands hard, a beam is essential. You'll run out of loud DX stations to work if you put in 30 hours, so you'll have to dig for the weak ones. If you don't have a beam or amplifier, Sunday will be a better day for you since the DX guys will have already worked all the loud W's (and will be digging for weak guys like you). Make sure your operating position is comfortable and your station is set up for maximum operating convenience. Otherwise those long hours at the rig can turn into a real ordeal. A 30-hour effort can produce as many as 900 QSOs (that's 30 per hour), or more if you can experience the FORCE. Multiplier total can go pretty high -- you'll only be down from the big guns on 40 and 80. Figure 60 to 75 countries on 20, 15, and 10, maybe 25 or 30 countries on 40 and 80. That's a range of 230 to 285 countries and a score of 625K to 775K. Remember this is a one-weekend effort -- don't compare it to last year's scores.

30 to 48 HOURS: This is a full-bore effort. If you want to learn how to operate full-time and go for the 1 million point mark, come to the meeting and Fred will tell you how to do it.

A FEW NOTES ON SINGLE-OPPING A CW DX CONTEST

These notes were compiled while Fred, K1VR was running up over a million points in the CQWW contest. Many of his comments will also be valid in the ARRL CW test.

1. At night, spend more time on 40 than 80. That's where the contacts are. Also, on 40, CQ'ing high in the band (around 7050) can be profitable.
2. Try to get on 160. Several easy multipliers available very fast.
3. When you're running Europe or Japan, keep your exchanges and acknowledgments short. An ending of "75 K1VR" or "73 K1VR TEST K" is usually enough.
4. Eat 3 meals a day, but small ones, and at times when you aren't busy running, eat a hot meal now and again.
5. Keep aspirin handy, but no other unnecessary drugs (including alcohol).
6. Your basic strategy should be to be on the highest band open to Europe or Japan. As the MUF goes up during the day, move with it. Occasional trips to 20 will help your multiplier.
7. If you use a footswitch, get a big one that won't get lost under the desk.
8. In pileups, call low so your signal comes through the other guy's receiver high-pitched. Also, try tail-ending if other guys are successfully doing it.
9. When in doubt, send fast.
10. If you are guest-opping, make sure everything works as you expect -- especially make sure the rotor indicator is accurate. You don't want any surprises.
11. To find out if a frequency is clear, try "???" or "didit dit". QRZ? and QRL? take too long. Also, "?" is universally understood as "huh?"
12. Label and number your log sheets in advance.
13. If someone tries to move in on your frequency, don't just start calling CQ again. Something like "W3MM QSY" (then a CQ) lets the offender know that you hear him and know who he is.

These notes should help on CW. Phone strategy is something else, and will be the subject of a short paper by Fred Cass, K2TR, at the February meeting. Don't miss it.

Yes, we will be fielding a team in

1979 NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT CONTESTS

Sponsored by the
National Contest Journal

1. Eligibility: Any licensed radio amateur may enter.
2. Object: To work as many North American stations (and/or other stations if you are in North America) as possible and as many multipliers as possible during the contest period.
3. Entry Classification: Single operator only. Use of helpers or spotting nets is not permitted.
4. Contest Periods: 01:00 to 05:00 UTC, February 18 and September 9, 1979 (Saturday nights, February 17th and September 8th, local time). These are two entirely separate four-hour Sprints. An entrant may submit scores for either one or both Sprints, but he may not combine his scores.
5. Mode: cw only.
6. Bands: 80, 40 and 20 meters only. Suggested frequencies are 3530 - 3550, 7030 - 7050 and 14030 - 14050 kHz. A station may be worked once on each band.
7. Exchange: To have a valid exchange, you must send all of the following information: His call, your call, serial number, your name and state (or VE province or country).

EXAMPLE: WA7NIN de KØTO nr 32 Tod MN K
KØTO nr 16 Pat NV de WA7NIN K
8. Valid Contact: A complete correctly copied and logged two way exchange between a North American station and another station. Proper logging requires including the time of each contact. Serial numbers must begin with serial number one (001) and must be sequential thereafter. Regardless of the number of licensed callsigns issued to a given operator, one and only one callsign shall be utilized during the contest by that operator.
9. North American Station: Defined by the rules of the CQ WW DX Contests.
10. Scoring: Multiply total valid contacts by the sum of states, VE provinces and other North American countries to get final score (do not count USA and VE as countries). KH6 is not counted as a state and is not a North American country. VE multipliers are Maritime (VE1, VO1 and VO2) and VE2 through VE8 (8 total). Non-North American countries do not count as multipliers.

11. Special QSY Rule: If any station solicits a call by sending CQ, QRZ?, QRZ, etc., he is permitted to work only one station in response to that solicitation. He must thereafter move at least 1 kHz before he works any other station, or at least 5 kHz before he again solicits other calls.
12. Reporting: Entries must be sent to Rusty Epps, N6SF, 1030 Bush Street, Apt. #6, San Francisco, CA 94109. Entries must be received not later than 30 days after the Sprint to be eligible for trophies and awards. An entry consists of (1) a summary sheet showing valid contacts by band, total multipliers, total score, name, callsign and address of the operator, station callsign and station location. (2) A complete, legible log of all contacts (including dupes marked as such) with indication by numbered sequence of each multiplier claimed. (3) A separate check sheet for each band. Logs, summary sheets, and check sheets may be home made or patterned after those shown in the NCJ.
13. Team Competition: Team competition is limited to a maximum of 10 operators as a single entry unit. Clubs having more than 10 members may submit more than one team entry. Pre-contest requirement: To qualify as a team entry, the name, callsign of each operator, and callsign of the station operated should the operator be a guest at a station other than his own (eg., WA7NIN op by N6SF) must be registered with N6SF. The team information may be contained either in a letter, which must be received by N6SF before the start of the Sprint, or it may be contained in a Western Union mailgram dated at least 24 hours before the start of the Sprint. There are neither distance limitations nor meeting requirements for a team entry. The only requirement is pre-registration of the team.
14. Disqualifications: Any entry may be disqualified for illegibility, incorrectness, or illegal or non-ethical operation. Such disqualification is at the discretion of the NCJ Contest Review Committee.
15. Awards: A trophy shall be awarded to the highest-scoring entrant. Certificates of merit shall be awarded to the highest scoring entrant from each USA call district, Canada, and other country; to each of the ten highest scoring entrants; to each member of the winning team; and to the highest scoring entrant on each team.

Contact K1GQ before the end of YCCC net, 12 February (local) to join a Yankee Sprint Team entry. Team membership will be assigned according to published score in most recent Sprint and first come first serve after that.

List as of 12 January 1979 is K1GQ, K1AR, W2JJ, K1DG, K1RX, K2NY, K1VR, K1LL, K1XX.

Official team name... The **FORCE**



K1GQ



1978 NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES HIGH CLAIMED SCORES

CW
Single Opr. - High Power

VE5DX 182,550-1217-75
W2GD 181,744-1228-74
K3UA 179,250-1195-75
W6HX 178,784-1208-74
K6RR 178,192-1204-74
N6TR 178,044-1203-74
W7KW 177,536-1216-73
* K1GQ 177,304-1198-74
W3LPL 176,550-1177-75
10 N4RR 175,930-1205-73
K3LR 175,200-1200-73
VE7CC 174,300-1162-75
K1PR 173,700-1158-75
KØZZ 172,420-1165-74
K1ZZ 171,900-1146-75
* K1AR 171,750-1145-75
K5GO 171,750-1145-75
K5GA 171,600-1144-75
K5TM 171,300-1142-75
20 K5ZD 171,000-1140-75
K4VX 170,400-1136-75
K1RT 170,100-1134-75
W1XT 170,052-1149-74
K7RI 169,904-1148-74
N6BT 169,650-1131-75
K1KI 168,750-1122-75
K6LL/7 168,630-1155-73
N2NT 166,944-1128-74
N6RO 166,352-1124-74
30 WA7NIN 164,132-1109-74
K1TO 163,650-1091-75
K8NZ 162,800-1100-74
K1BW 162,750-1085-75
W7NI 161,476-1106-73
* W2PV 161,250-1075-75
N6TV 159,300-1062-75
* K1EA 159,000-1060-75
W5AC 159,000-1060-75
N6TU 159,000-1060-75
40 N2MF 158,848-1088-73
* K1OME 158,656-1072-74
N5JB 158,508-1071-74
K8MR 158,508-1071-74
W6JZU 158,100-1054-75
K4PUZ 158,064-1068-74
NØGA 157,950-1053-73
* W1ZM 157,050-1047-73
W8WPC 157,028-1061-74
WØCP 156,220-1070-73
50 W9RW 156,000-1040-75

CW
Single Opr. - Low Power

AA7A 147,852-991-74
K5MR 142,228-951-74
K4XU 141,300-942-75
W2CS 140,890-955-73
N4DW 138,000-920-75
VE4OY 137,678-943-73
NØNO 135,512-948-72
KØDJ 135,360-940-72
WB5YEM 131,128-886-74
WØETT 129,796-877-74
10 K3TM 129,352-874-74

CW
Multioperator

WA2ECA 142,058-973-73
KØWA 141,984-936-72
W4AQL 141,474-959-73
WB8JBM 139,120-940-74
K8ND 132,714-909-73
W9YH 132,336-919-72
N1MM 131,636-927-71
W8XU 128,612-859-74
K6AYA 126,096-852-74
10 N6TA 122,100-825-74

PHONE
Single Opr. - Low Power

N5DX 197,100-1314-75
WB6SHD 170,100-1134-75
K7JVR 167,250-1115-75
W7UV 166,950-1113-75
K4XU 164,550-1097-75
WAØLKL 153,900-1027-75
W2KI 151,950-1013-75
NØMC 148,650-991-75
N1YY 146,550-977-75
10 VE4OY 146,100-974-75

PHONE
Multioperator

K1GZL 231,450-1543-75
W6JZU 223,800-1492-75
N1MM 219,600-1464-75
KØWA 218,448-1476-74
K5AR 217,800-1452-75
* W1XX 211,640-1430-74
WA2ECA 210,000-1400-75
W6YX 208,976-1412-74
K1XA 206,850-1379-75
10 N6RZ 204,832-1384-75

PHONE
Single Opr. - High Power

KØRF 336,300-2242-75
VE5DX 308,400-2056-75
W7XX 306,450-2043-75
W6HX 291,000-1940-75
KØRF 282,600-1884-75
KØCL 282,450-1883-75
* K2TR 277,650-1851-75
K7RI 276,908-1871-74
KØZZ 274,800-1832-75
10 W7ZQ 274,650-1831-75
K1VTM 260,250-1735-75
* W2PV 259,800-1732-75
K5JA 257,850-1719-75
K5TM 253,650-1691-75
K6QR 252,750-1685-75
N6IG 250,350-1669-75
WA7NIN 247,800-1652-75
N6BV 246,300-1642-75
N6RO 243,150-1621-75
* 20 W1ZM 242,700-1618-75
N6BT 242,250-1615-75
K1PR 241,832-1634-74
K6NA 240,900-1606-75
WB7OQW 240,900-1606-75
K9CT 239,250-1595-75
VE7CNY 234,750-1565-75
WØCP 234,600-1564-75
K5RC 234,000-1560-75
W7NI 233,840-1580-74
30 K1RM 232,800-1552-75
K1RT 232,200-1548-75
* K1GQ 231,200-1542-75
K4VX 230,700-1538-75
K6LL/7 229,650-1531-75
WØYK 227,400-1516-75
K3UA 224,250-1495-75
K8IX 223,350-1489-75
W9RE 223,050-1487-75
VE7WJ 222,300-1482-75
40 WA3TBW 221,704-1498-74
W5VZ 221,400-1476-75
W8KIC 219,450-1463-75
W6BH 216,300-1442-75
WB4SKI 214,850-1439-75
N4UP 211,350-1409-75
K3ZJ 210,150-1401-75
K2IGW 208,350-1389-75
K8AZ 207,150-1381-75
K6NR 205,350-1369-75
50 K9RF 205,350-1369-75

Claimed scores only.

Received as of 2 Jan 79.

* = YCCC MEMBER

FOR SALE

TS520 W/CW Filter, \$575. T4XC/Late R4C/CW Filter/AC4/MS4, \$1100. DX Engineering Speech Processor, \$80. Bill, N1GL. Home: 203-348-0331
Work: 212-953-5943

Johnson KW Matchbox, \$150. Doug, K1DG. 617-729-4253

DAYTON

Once again, it's time to start planning the annual pilgrimage to the Mecca of the Midwest -- Dayton, Ohio. Why Dayton? You mean you've never experienced Dayton? By all means go to the Dayton Hamvention in late April. All the heavies are there, East and West Coast alike. Don't miss it!

The place to stay is the Sheraton Downtown. Jeff Bouvier, resident YCCC travel advisor has reserved a block of 50 rooms at the Sheraton, and can help with airplane tickets for those well-heeled enough (or sane enough) to fly instead of drive there. Call him at (W) 401-421-6397 or (H) 617-883-1229.

SWEEPSTAKES WRAP-UP

A complete post-mortem of the SS will be presented at the meeting. Suffice it to say that we lost to at least NCCC. Those guys poured out over 15 million points. Now they have decided to try and whip us in our contest (the ARRL DX Test). Also, at the meeting, we'll tell you how we plan to stop 'em. Back to the SS -- we had several nominations for the "Little Gun" and "Unsung Hero" awards. The winners have been decided, from the following list of finalists: N1CW, K2DM, N2FB, K1FIR, K1LL, N1RI, and K1SA. These guys should make a special effort to get to the February meeting where their efforts will be recognized. The final tallies in the "Super-op" category are as follows:

		<u>Fone Call</u>	<u>CW Call</u>
1.	K1AR	431,550	W2PV
2.	K1ZM	400,500	K1AR
3.	K1DG	392,550	W1ZM
4.	K2TR	387,300	K1GQ
5.	K1EA	347,400	W2PV
6.	W2YV	340,000	K2TR
7.	K1RX	339,000	W1RR
8.	K1VR	311,250	K1EA
			W2YV
			K1RX
			K1VR

Congratulations to John & Jeff for topping 400K! Notice that these 8 guys contributed almost 3 million points. Nice job, guys.

CQWW AWARDS

Well, it's been decided that the PJ8CO multi-multi operation deserves a plaque. However, the top U.S. multi-multi will also get one. Congratulations to the W1ZM crew on a job well done. Thanks also to the other guys who allowed their stations to be used multi-multi style:

	<u>Phone</u>			<u>CW</u>	
PJ8CO	16,098,985	÷ 5 =	3,219,797	W1RR	2,356,857 ÷ 2 = 1,178,428
W1ZM	5,500,000	÷ 7 =	785,714	W2PV	4,768,326 ÷ 10 = 476,832
W2PV	7,705,500	÷ 11 =	700,500		
W2YV	3,804,270	÷ 6 =	634,045		
W1RR	2,721,572	÷ 5 =	544,314		
K1RX	2,100,000	÷ 4 =	525,000		
K1IK	160,757	÷ 3 =	53,586		

These awards will also be available to U.S. multi-multi stations in the ARRL Contest. Who will win this time? As you can see on VW, the little multi has as good a shot at the plaque as a super-multi.

OPERATORS PHONE: PJ8CO: K1CO, K2MM, K2WR, W1XK, K2MM. W1ZM: K1ZM, K2ZM, K2DM, K3ZM, K1VR, WA1QGT, K9ES. W2PV: W2PV, K1AR, K1EA, K1FWE, K1SF, N1TZ, N2HR, WB2QDP, K2QF, K2XA, K2VV. W2YV: W2YV, K1TA, N2NT, K2OY, W2YX, K2NN. W1RR: W1RR, W1DYH, WB1EJI, WB1HIX, K1IU. K1RX: K1RX, K1DG, W1PH, AB1Y. K1IK: K1IK, K1RQ, W1IUU.

CW: W1RR: W1RR + W1KM. W2PV: W2PV, K1AR, WB2QDP, K1DG, K1RK, K9ES, K1EA, AA4KB, K2AV, N2FB.