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32,524,896 PTS AND STILL COUNTING !!!!!!!!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a TEAM! Fellow members, there just can't be a more fired-up group of competitors than the Yankee Clipper Contest Club. The spirit and thrill of competition from the NORTHEAST is still resounding across the country. So many of you got on and gave it a 100% effort that it would be impossible to relate the whole story here, so I'll just cover a few highlights that I feel are representative of the total club effort:

For example-Take Al, K1MBQ-Here's a guy who didn't know anything about the CQ Contest a few weeks ago. Nevertheless, he puts up a couple of monobanders for 20 & 15, checks into the Monday night ^{net} religiously every week and asks key questions like what zone he is in, what's the exchange etc. Al didn't even know how to use a dupe sheet until Fred and I explained it to him. But he hung in there like a tiger and listened patiently as we tried to help him understand and learn the ropes. Then he goes out and scores 170,000 points for the club. Fantastic!! Al, we're proud of you--because what you did symbolizes what this club's all about.

Then, how about W2YV--This one was a multi-single operated by Dave, W2YV, Pat, WA2ZPT and Bruce, WB2YQU. Dave is a relative newcomer who has been a constant stalwart on the Mon. net ever since we met him out at Dayton. He's always there. Pat and Bruce just joined the club in September at Hartford. What's incredible about these last two guys is that they are both VHF men..neither one has ever operated a DX contest before on the low or "DC" bands as they jokingly like to call them. Yet, as a group, the three of them went out and scored 787,000 points for the club!! Unbelievable--congratulations fellas!

Then, how about W1DA--George as we all know is a true dyed-in-the wool CW man. Rumor has it that he doesn't even own a microphone. Yet after

a little pep talk from Roger, ^{he} got on and gave us 284,000 big points. It's efforts like George's that are going to win this thing for us if we can sustain the effort for the CW weekend coming up.

And how about W2PV? Words alone cannot adequately describe what these guys did---7,260,000 points--a new USA multi-multi record in the CQ/WW fone test and probably among the top five in the world when it's all over. Absolutely fantastic job guys--you all deserve a vote of thanks from all of us for the score you made.

And K10X--Ted's boys again came through in fine style with almost 5,000,000 points. Another FB score from the big noise out of Chester, N.H. You've really put NH on the map Ted.

And W1ZM--4,500,000 points--an effort that was hurt by terrible station interaction which almost totalled the entire effort before we even got started.. Yet the group kept our cool, rewired the station and in spite of losing the first three hours of the contest, still made 4.5MM pts.

And W1ZA--another multi-single--Duke, Jim, Fred and Ken really cleaned house coming up with 2,000,000 pts and quite possibly the highest m/s score in the country--we'll keep our fingers crossed.

And K1RU--Gene and Lou scored 1,400,000 pts multi-single. It seemed like "Radio United" was simply everywhere on the bands!!

How about W1BK--Charlie--Charlie has a sick 4-1000 amplifier and his beam was on the ground--so he got on using 100w and a vertical and managed a 1000 point effort--FB--It all counts and adds up-- every last point--so thanks for getting on Charlie.

And what about those expeditions--Bill out at KH6ND and Buzz at VP1AJ. Bill dumped in a bunch of points with a 2,000,000 pt effort and Buzz, who was bothered with an S9 line noise the entire weekend still managed a 1,000,000 pt effort.

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And how about those single ops--First Bill, N1GL. Bill and I have been reviewing operating strategy over the phone and at lunch for the past several weeks. It must have really paid off as "November 1 good luck" talked his way to a 1,700,000 point effort--good for a sure top five single op finish this time around..Excellent job Bill!!

And Doug Grant--K1DG--another superlative job single-op at 1,400,000 points. Doug really came through in this one--we've always known he was a fine operator, but never had a chance to do one on his own from a well-equipped station. This score may also make the TOP TEN.

Well, I could go on and on--but the message is clear-- YCCC has arrived in a big way!!

I still don't have scores from a large group of stations that I know were on in the contest--but once we gather them all in, I think we'll wind up with around 34-35 million points for the first weekend. That's super--so pse let K1XX know your scores or get on the net and fill us in so we can zero in more closely on just what our final tally is.

So far we have done very well--better than any first time club that I know of in recent memory--but that perennial powerhouse PVRC from down South is right on our tail with around 34 million points also. Frankford is not far back with 30,000,000 points also. PVRC got a big boost from their club expeditions to FM/FCC--"FM Fried Chicken" and HV3SJ. So it's still very much a horserace and up for grabs. That means the final outcome in the club competition will be decided by the final weekend--the CW part of the test to take place on Nov 25-27. So, we've got to do it all over again guys. We've got to keep up the pace and really attack those bands at the end of the month. Now will be the time for guys like K1GQ, K1EA, W1DA and the rest of our CW specialists to really do a number and get our act together. Can we do it and win it all in our very first year??? I think we can, in fact I'm sure of it from a sheer potential point of view--but you guys and your efforts will decide the issue--potential won't accomplish anything if we all don't give it our best shot.. Go to it om's!! CU in the pileups, hopefully from KP4EAJ.. Good luck and good hunting--KICK BUTT!!

FLASH!!! Here are some late breaking scores made by our team in the ARRL CW SS this past weekend:

K1IU	922/73	N1GL	220/46
K1XX	984/73	W1XX	713/68
K1VR	807/72	W1PH	855/74
K1AR	1105/74	K1RM	1066/74
K1RQ	906/69	K1OT	900/60??
K2TR	997/75	W1TAI	350/62
W1XK	450/64	K1IK	826/72
K1OX	1136/72	W2PV	1077/73
K2WR	290/68	K1AO	860/71
K1DH	620/73	W1ZA	1123/73
W1ZT	834/74	K1KNQ	107/35
N4ZC	814/74	W1BR	173/51
W1POJ	611/69	WB2GXW	331/60
K1RX	610/70	K2DM	688/72

K2ZM 700/62
W1ZM 1094/95
Congratulations to all--your efforts are appreciated. Now how about all those other scores that we don't know about yet, so we can get your score into the SCUTTLEBUTT?? Pse let me, K1XX or N4ZC know ASAP!!

73,
K1ZM

-----OFFICIAL MEETING REMINDER-----

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1977 @ 2:00 PM HIGHPOINT MOTOR INN AT CHICOPEE, MASS.

COME ON OUT & FIND OUT HOW WE DID IN CQ/WW & SS.

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) From anywhere get on the Mass. Pike (I-90) and proceed either East or West to exit #5, depending upon where you come from.
- 2) Proceed down the exit ramp and make a RIGHT turn directly into the Inn parking lot.
- 3) Once at the Inn, look at the marquis for the "YCCC Group" in the GOLD ROOM.