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AND WE ARE OFF AND RUNNING ----- AGAIN!!!!!!

PRESIDENTIAL RAMBLINGS

Heavens---it's already September! Hope all of you enjoyed your respective Field Day activities and the first ever IARU Radiosport. Contest season is fast a comin' and the condx seem to be improving daily on 3.5MHZ.

Enough antenna projects and towers have been completed and or raised over the summer so that the club should really be able to achieve big scores in the upcoming ARRL SS and CQ WW tests. Rumor has it that the eyes of the West Coast, (NCCC that is), are looking this way, wondering just how big a force the YCCC will be in this year's SS in particular. I hope each and every one of you is planning to participate in these events this year, both modes if possible, in order for us to make a dynamite showing. You'll be hearing more on this topic from Charlie, K1XX, and me as we get closer to these events. But for now, I hope your antenna plans are progressing on schedule, and that you've marked and reserved the appropriate dates on your calendars (Hi).

You'll notice elsewhere in this issue that our next OFFICIAL MEETING is to be held on Saturday, September 24, at 5PM at the New England Convention in Hartford, Conn. Lew Mc Coy, W1ICP from ARRL HQ offered YCCC a room in which to hold the meeting, and since many of our members planned to attend the convention anyway, it seemed prudent for us to accept his kind offer. We'll be meeting in the same room that the Contest Forum will be held in earlier the same day and I understand it will be announced in the flyer you'll receive at the convention when you arrive.

After the OFFICIAL session is completed, we'll adjourn to the YCCC Hospitality Suite where we'll be able to continue the meeting informally until the wee hours with plenty of cheer (ie: Schlitz) on hand to liven up the festivities.

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---UPCOMING EVENTS---

- Sept 10 North American Sprint (CW)
- Sept 10/11 WAE Dx Test (Fone)
- Sept 10/11 ARRL VHF QSO Party
- Sept 17/18 VE/W Contest
- ***Sept 24 YCCC OFFICIAL MEETING *****
- *** HARTFORD CONVENTION *****
- Oct 8/9 ARRL CD PARTY
- Oct 15/16 ARRL CD PARTY
- ***Oct 29/30 CQ WW Dx Contest (Fone)*****
- ***Nov 5/6 ARRL Sweepstakes (CW) *****
- ***Nov 19/20 ARRL Sweepstakes (Fone)*****
- ***Nov 26/27 CQ WW Dx Contest (CW) *****

*** Indicates OFFICIAL YCCC activity where we will be submitting a club aggregate score

---QSL CARDS---

K1XX has finally received orders and dollars from enough members to be able to place our first order for 30,000 cards. The order went in on Friday, 8/26, and Charlie plans to try to bring the printed cards to the convention for you to pick them up (which is another reason for going to the meeting and the convention). For those who missed out on the first order, or those who had to wait for their two letter call to arrive first, FEAR NOT. Charlie plans to make a second order for 8,000 cards in a couple of months-details to follow in a later SCUTTLEBUTT.

---HARDLINE ANYONE - DIRT CHEAP---

I've just got the word that Doug Grant, K1DG, can acquire 1" hardline in bulk for the club at the unbelievable price of about 2.3¢ a foot. Yep, you read it right, two point three cents a foot. The stuff comes in 2300 foot rolls for \$100 a roll. Doug can only get 14 rolls though and 8 rolls have already been gobbled up by other YCCC members. So if you are interested, better give Doug a call fast at (617) 879-6290. This is a deal!!!

Since this is an OFFICIAL MEETING, and our only one prior to the ARRL SS and CQ WW TESTS, I'd appreciate it if all AREA MANAGERS would start rounding up the troops in your areas to insure maximum attendance. Don't forget also, now is the time for everybody to remind some of those potential new members in your locale about joining YCCC, arranging carpools for the trip down to Hartford etc. etc. Go to it OM's.

Charlie has put together a special package of operating aids geared for the fall contests and it should really be a super meeting. With the suite, beer and BS sessions to follow, this might even rival the fun out at Dayton earlier this year. I really hope to see all of you out there.

73, *JW* K1ZM

-----TWO LETTER CALL INFO-----

If you are planning on taking your EXTRA test anytime soon and want to get that two letter call more quickly than usual, then listen to this: On the day you take the exam, also fill out the part of the 610 form requesting a 2 letter call and enclose your list of call letter choices. We understand you'll get your 2 letter call application processed at the same time you upgrade. Seems K5NO recently did this and got his 2 letter call 5 weeks from the day he took and passed his Extra. Got it???

-----GUYWIRE & OTHER HARDWARE ANYONE ?????

Another good deal is currently available from Stan, WA1MA0. Stan can help you get the following stuff at the prices listed below. If any of it looks tempting to you, give Stan a call at (203) 872-6197 to work out the details.

- Guywire 3/16" EHS 1000' roll -- \$65
- Guywire 1/4" EHS 1000' roll --- \$95
- Dead ends \$1.00 each
- Telephone size insulators \$1.00 each
- 1/2" Turnbuckles 9" long -- \$7.00 each

-----HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES YET???????

If not, please bring \$5 to the convention and see Bob, WA1TAI, our treasurer. Bob will be glad to relieve you of the needed ^{bucks} for our treasury. This, by the way, applies mainly to new members who will be joining in Sept.

STATION ACTIVITIES

K1VBL-Ted-has been very busy gearing up for the fall frenzy. Four towers are now up in the air again with 160, 40, 20, 15 and 10 just about completed. Support for the 80m delta loops is in place and they'll soon follow. Remember, this guy was literally wiped out last winter during ARRL cw--but, you know as well as I do, you can't keep this guy down for long. He means business--I mean, anybody who puts up a 160' tower with Rohn 45 sections WITHOUT a gin pole by himself.....

K1XX -Charlie-has both towers up now at 120 & 100 feet. A 2el full sized 40m beam is now smoking 'em on 40cw and 20, 15, & 10 are also up. Charlie may have to delay plans for his four 80m phased verticals until next year, but nevertheless, we'll be hearing K1XX in a big way this season. Here is another guy who lost a 120' Rohn 45 tower last winter and has rebuilt by himself, with almost no help. That's dedication for you!!!

W1ZM-Gerry-has a new 2el full sized 40m beam up at 110'. It's interlaced with 3el on 20 and seems to be playing well. New antennas on 160, 15 & 80 will be in place by CQ WW. Rumor has it that W1ZM will be going multi-multi again this year -- Far out.....

K1EB-Gary-says he'll make his station available to a deserving operator for SS this year. Gary works on a rotating schedule and won't be able to participate the way he'd like to. If you recall the 80m signal of W1EBC, (who doesn't Gary), this could be a great opportunity for someone without a station of their own. If you are interested, give Gary a call at (203) 263-3138. (By the way, if anyone else out there can't operate the SS, or will be away for some reason, please let me know at (914) 939-3379 if you'd consider letting someone else operate your station in the CQ or SS. We have several fine operators who do not have a place to operate. The club can really make hay points-wise in this fashion by putting good operators at places that otherwise would not be able to contribute points to the club aggregate score for some reason. Think about it seriously, and let me know. We'll try to line stations and ops up at Hartford if anyone is willing to be a good guy for the cause-- de K1ZM).

K2VV -John-over in eastern New York has a big tower up now. Good show John. Nice to hear you back on the air again. Now you can keep your WPX Honor Roll standing up to date...

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K1GQ- Bill- doesn't say a whole lot, you know what I mean, but a mountain of RF and talent is turking out there in the backwoods of Hollis, N.H. Rumor has it that a couple of new monobanders went up lately (yeah, Bill, we heard you warming up a couple of weeks ago during the WAE cw test). I'm sure all of us remember Bill's legendary(well almost) efforts out there at KH6RS. So, we are expecting BIG THINGS coming out of K1GQ this season.

K1MM/K1DG -Bill and Doug- got a 100 foot tower up in Framingham over the summer. Does this mean there will be no FGMM in CQ FONE this year guys??? (There go 6 multipliers down the tubes for me -- darn. Oh well).

W1HFB/N1GL - Bill - has added a Wilson 204 and a DB 33 duobander over the summer for 10 & 15. You'll recall that Bill made the TOP TEN BOTH MODES in the 1976 ARRL DX Test. Do I smell smoke here?? Is Bill planning something big from southern Conn this season???

K1RQF- Dana- got so excited about passing his Extra and getting a 2 letter call that he is going all the way and building a house so he can be even louder than he already is on 75. Seems like there may be words said at a future date between some turkey building inspector out in Peru, Mass though. The guy informed Dana that if he received six written TVI complaints from surrounding neighbors, the tower would have to come down!!! That's unfortunate, but I'm sure Dana will work it out. Keep us posted on the situation.

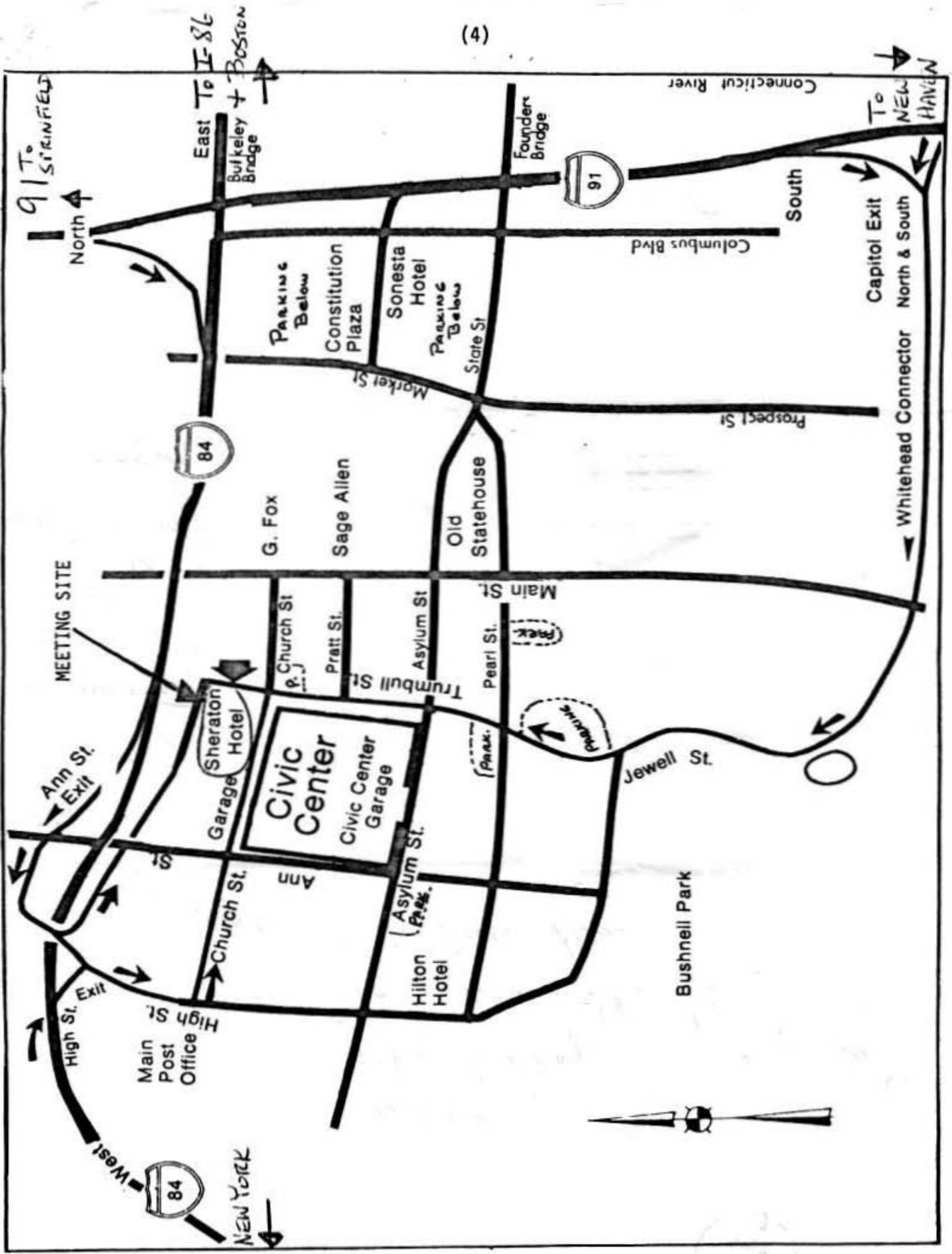
YCCC NET

Don't forget the YCCC NET every Monday night at 7:30PM local time on 3830KHZ. As we get closer to CQ & SS why not get on and check in. We've had 10-20 members make the scene the past three weeks in a row with the net lasting past 10:30PM. Join in on the fun on the fastest net in the NORTHEAST-- the YCCC.

OFFICIAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT -- HARTFORD CONVENTION, SATURDAY SEPT 24, 1977 AT 5:00PM

This is one date you should plan on making--- this is an official meeting which means attendance will be recorded to determine eligibility under the ARRL 50% rule for club aggregate competition. Also, new members can only join at official meetings. This promises to be a good one, with the convention, the SS & CQ WW pep talks and strategy planning, and the suite and the SCHLITZ etc... It's important guys, so plan on making the trip down to Hartford if it is at all possible to do so.

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91 To SPRINGFIELD

North

East To I-86

Bulkeley Bridge

Founders Bridge

84

G. Fox

Sage Allen

Old Statehouse

State St

Market St

Constitution Plaza

Sonesta Hotel

Parking Below

Columbus Blvd

South

Capitol Exit North & South

Whitehead Connector

To NEW HAVEN

MEETING SITE

Ann St. Exit

Sheraton Hotel

Garage

Civic Center

Civic Center Garage

Hilton Hotel

Asylum St.

Ann St.

Church St.

Main Post Office

High St. Exit

High St.

West

84

NEW YORK

Park

Parking

Jewell St.

Bushnell Park



Connecticut River