

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

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Pres: K1ZM Vice Pres: W4SYL Activities Manager: K1RQF Secy: K1XX Treas: WA1TAI

---YCCC ARRIVES!!!!---

At long last, New England, for the most part anyway, is again united. On April 9th, seventy-five of us in an encouraging spirit of enthusiasm regrouped to form a new and, hopefully, stronger contest/dx club--the YANKEE CLIPPER CONTEST CLUB or YCCC for short.

First, I'd like to thank each and everyone of you who showed up for your patience and understanding as we had to work our way through what seemed to be an almost never-ending, but necessary and important, schedule of official business. But then, it's not altogether easy to form an entirely new club out of two divergent groups whose members span an area from Maine to New Jersey!!

As we go forward from here, I think it is important to stop and pause a moment to reflect on what the purpose of our new club should be. To begin with, we are essentially a group of contest and dx-oriented amateurs with varying degrees of operating skills and individual station capabilities. Our members include a large group of highly-talented contest operators, many well-known dxers, as well as a large contingent of younger developing operators who at this point can only dream of having that 165' tower in the sky or who have never experienced the thrill of sitting behind the mike or key at a station the likes of W2PV or K1VBL. With this blend of multi-facetted individuals, we have a unique opportunity, one that I hope we can take advantage of and build upon.

Where do we go from here?

Keeping this in mind, let us formally go on record as stating that it will be our purpose to make the YCCC a club where all dx and contest minded amateurs in our territory are welcome. This includes not only the superops and honor roll dxers, but the emerging and developing enthusiasts as well. It should also be our responsibility and charge to attempt to increase

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---CLUB OFFICERS -- WHO'S WHO??---

President - Jeff, K1ZM, is from Rye, N.Y. and originally from Taunton and Cambridge, Mass before that. Most often you'll hear him in the pileups from down in Conn. at W1ZM. He has been known to frequent the top ten in most major dx contest of late.

Vice-President - Roger, W4SYL, is ex-W5UDK/1 and is originally from the state of Michigan. He participated in the record-setting effort at VP2A a couple of years back and came in with a tremendous effort on 15 phone from W1RR(K1VBL) in this year's ARRL DX TEST. Roger has a fine station of his own down in West Concord, Mass.

Activities Manager - Dana, K1RQF, hails from Hinsdale, Mass. in the western part of the state. It has been said that he has the best communications facilities in the Northeast at his disposal, something he will need to keep all of us in the know and fired up. Dana hopes to buy a house soon, put up more towers, and really kick butt work schedule permitting.

Secretary - Charlie, K1XX, lives in Rindge, N.H. and works for HAM RADIO magazine in Greenville. He has done some major contesting at multiops W2PV and W1ZM and is undoubtedly one of the most knowledgeable 80 meter men around! Charlie has also loads of enthusiasm which is something we surely can use to get our club off to a good start.

Treasurer - Bob, WAITAI, is the keeper of the green stamps and Tives in Worcester, Mass. Bob has a quad and a fine station to go with it. Bob is the one responsible for putting together the club roster you'll soon receive in the mail.

On the Air Meetings

Tune in to the fastest net around and get to know your fellow YCCC members--every MONDAY night, 7:30 PM local time on 3900 khz. Let's all try to make these on the air sessions when we can. It's a good way to keep club spirit high between contest and regularly scheduled meetings.

the level of operating proficiency of all our members through mutual exchange of ideas and expertise. If this club is to survive and prosper, this responsibility will have to be recognized and accepted by those of us in a position to be able to fill the role. Personally, I will always try to make it my business to get to meet and talk with our newer and younger members at meetings -- simply to let them know that there is a place for them in this club and that we're glad they came out to a meeting to look us over. In this way, hopefully, they will find someone or something to identify with and will want to join up and submit scores to the club aggregate. I would hope that all of us would also attempt to welcome those newcomers who will join in the future so that the club can continue to renew itself and grow stronger.

With regard to the upcoming fall contest season, a few words need to be said. During the CQ/WW and ARRL SS contests we will have our first real chance to flex our muscles and really establish ourselves as a major contest club in this country. I sincerely hope each of you will pitch in and support the club in these events by getting on and making points, and then, and this is the most important part, be sure to send in the log with YCCC on it for credit to our club score. How successful we may eventually become on a National scale is anybody's guess at this point. Whether or not this club becomes a powerhouse or whether it withers away and dies on the vine will largely be determined by the efforts made by YOU--each and every individual member. Remember, every score however small is welcome. The only score that is truly worthless is a big fat zero. In any event, win, lose or draw, we can have a good time just playing the game we all seem to love the best and watch our club's fortunes go up or down based upon our own individual efforts and abilities. The key here is for each of us to establish our own individual goal and then aim for it. By doing this, you'll not only increase your own operating abilities but you'll be contributing to the total team effort as well, and maybe someday we'll win a CQ or ARRL club gavel in the process.

Meetings

Our constitution and ARRL require that we hold at least four OFFICIAL meetings each year. We have adopted the four official meetings a year approach, rather than six or eight, to make it as simple as possible for those members residing 50 miles or more outside our club center to retain their eligibility to submit scores to the club aggregate. ARRL requires that those members living from 50-175 miles away from the club center attend at least two (2) of the FOUR

official meetings each year in order to remain eligible to submit scores for the club in ARRL sponsored contests. This then means, for example, that all our members living in Maine, Vermont, New York, New Jersey, as well as most from New Hampshire and even a goodly number from Connecticut and Massachusetts must make it to two OFFICIAL meetings a year to retain their club eligibility in ARRL events.

While it's crucial to remember this rule and plan accordingly, having to travel to attend meetings twice a year should not be an unreasonable requirement for anyone genuinely interested in being a part of the club, in my opinion.

This rule, however, and our proposed method of meeting its requirements does present us with a rather serious problem. If our members were only to get to see each other four times a year, and perhaps at Field Day or at the New England Convention or at Dayton, then one of our primary goals of having everyone get to know each other might be impaired. We simply would not be seeing each other often enough.

In order to solve this problem, we will therefore, also hold unofficial social meetings as well, at which no official club business will be transacted. These gatherings will be held at members' homes and will serve to fill the gap between the four OFFICIAL meetings.

Since our next official meeting is scheduled for sometime in early October, we will probably hold at least two social gatherings between now and then. Anyone wishing to come out to join in on the fellowship is encouraged to do so, but please remember, it is not a requirement to do so in order to retain ARRL score eligibility. These gatherings will simply be to have a good time and to get to know some of your fellow members better. The date of our first gathering is Saturday evening, June 4th, at the home of Roger, W4SYL, in West Concord, Mass. It will start at 7:00PM and run for at least 3-4 hours. We'll have some refreshments that we'll be passing the hat so to speak to pay for and we'll probably be sending out for pizza at some point, for those who want it. A map showing how to get to Roger's place is included in this newsletter for those desiring to come on out and enjoy the fun. Hope to see you there om; I'll be going up myself from Rye.

Meeting Content

Now that we have the business of forming the club out of the way (whew!), meeting structure will become less formalized with significant emphasis being placed on: 1) Workshops, 2) Contest Strategy, 3) How to do it Sessions, 4) Training of journeyman contest types and 5) Slide Shows. (QSY TO PAGE 3 OM)

At our October we'll have a really informative session on SS and CQ WW strategy. George WB2HZH is also preparing a "Contest Quiz" to kick this session off.

If anyone has any ideas or would like to contribute to a portion of an official meeting, please give me a call at (212 350-3614 work) or at (914 939-3379 home). Maybe we can get the boys from PJ8CO or FG0MM to put on a slide show for us at an upcoming meeting. Remember though, it's ideas like this that will hold people's interest enough to keep them active in the club. Thanx, thanx, thanx

Thanks again to all who came out on April 9th and sat through the business of getting this club started. With the enormous talent we have in this club and the enthusiasm that was evident from a large number of the people I spoke with at the meeting, it looks as if the YANKEE CLIPPER CONTEST CLUB and the Northeast part of the country are going to be heard from in a big, big way during 1977. Thanks again gang--let's keep on truckin'.

73, Jeff, K1ZM

Overheard at an NCCC social gathering Jan. 1977

"Yeah, you guys have all the big stations out there on the East coast, and you manage to get into the TOP TEN alot, but how come you aren't winning club competition any more?"

---OR---

"We're going to blow you guys up in the North-East and PVRC as well into the Atlantic Ocean this year!!!"

-----YCCC CLUB ROSTER-APRIL 1977-----

W4SYL	WA1KOC	K1GSK	K1EA	WA1IQJ
W1ZA	K1ZM	W1PH	WA2SPL	WA1TAQ
K1RR	WA1DZR	K1OEY	W2IB	Plus many
WA1HFN	K1CEH	W1GSH	WA1RYL	others coming
W1BK	W1XX	WA1QGC	K1DG	our way in
W2JJ	WB5URN	W1GPK	K1IR	October.
K1IIK	K1KYI	W2PV	W1NJL	
WA2EKH	WA1UAV	WA1SPT	K2TR	Which area
WB2HZH	WB2CKO	K1GW	K1RQF	manager is
W1HFB	K1CSJ	K1SA	K1LPA	going to
W1FJ	K1HMO	W1BR	K1RX	bring in the
K1VBL	K1KRY	W100	WA1POJ	most new
W1ZM	WA1UZH	W1IUU	K1OME	members to
WA1WIG	WA1LKX	W1EBC	K1XX	the club at
W1DYH	K2DW	K1MM	K1CO	the next
W1YN	W1VV	K1GQ	W1HKH	official
WA1YDJ	WA1NSW	W1RR	K2NY	meeting to be
K2VV	K1GUD	W1YG	WA1TAI	held in
W1HWM	W2EVV/1	W1FJI	W1DA	October????

From the survey taken at the April meeting, the following list of scores has been developed. The total number of points accumulated by static now members of YCCC was over 50,000,000 points!! I think this would have been good enough to place us 3rd behind FRC and PVRC in the club aggregate competition. Remember though, our club was not formed until after this contest was over, so these points went to MM & NECC. Nevertheless, 50MM points is a force in a DX CONTEST and it should give each member a rough idea of what we'll be capable of in the FALL, especially if we can get everybody participating. Please note also, there are many top scores in all of the major categories made by our guys. This bodes even bigger and better things to come for our club in the future. Good show men, let's keep it coming!!!

Call	Phone	CW
W1ZM	-	2,100,000
W4SYL/1	-	178,776
WA1TAI	175,000	175,000
W1ZA	2,900,000	2,300,000
K1RQE	600,000	1,200,000
W2DXL	-	250,000
K1SA	-	100,000
K1VMQ	-	100,000
K1CSJ	947,000	-
W1FJ	70,305	260,352
K1GQ	-	1,600,000
W2JJ	-	100,000
W1BK	3,120	-
K1RQF	238,000	-
W2PV	6,915,000	4,707,000
W1DYH	77,490	-
W1RR	6,600,000	2,100,000
WA2EAH	-	22,000
W2EVV/1	116,000	-
W1NJL	2,775	208,131
W1HFB	1,100,000	500,000
WA1ABV	2,100,000	1,300,000
W1GQO	-	2,017,000
K1HMO	246,000	-
K1KYI	100,000	-
WA1KOC	120,000	19,000
WA1QJU	-	350,000
W1YG	892,000	1,140,000
W1VV	51,300	157,200
W1HWM	162,624	-
WA1LKX	-	110,000
W1IUU	35,000	18,000
WA1UZH	34,500	-
W1GPK	480,000	480,000
W1GSH	290,000	-
WA1RYL	-	346,000
W1YN	1,260,000	1,100,000
WA1NSW	-	240,000
WA1QGC	306,000	-
K1IIK	480,000	1,042,000

(Pretty good from dead wood I'd say!!!)

FIELD DAY (CQ FD FROM YCCC)

Thus far it looks as if K1RQF, K1RQE and several others will be putting together an entry up in Maine. Mark, K1RX has mentioned a local effort in NH as well. Additionally, Charlie and I (K1ZM) are pondering something an effort as well, perhaps in NH. If any of this sounds appealing to you, and if you'd be willing to help bring it off, either with your time, tower, antennas or equipment, generator why don't you give a call to one of the above mentioned calls. I also recommend you try to make it out to the June 4th social gathering if you wish to participate in one of these efforts.

DAYTON(ALL ROADS LEAD TO THE BILTMORE TOWERS)

Quite a large crew from YCCC is making the trip out this year, (MORE THAN 25% OF OUR MEMBERS!). Going for sure are K1XX, K1ZM, K1RQF, W4SYL, K1LPA, K1KRY, W1EBC, W2PV, K1KNQ, K1IIK, W1NJL, K1EA, K1IR, K1OME, plus a number of others whose calls I don't have.

There will be a YCCC HOSPITALITY SUITE to formally announce the existence of our new club as the new force in the EAST to the contest world. So, if you can make the trip out, be sure to stop by and join in on meeting some of the top notch testers who'll be there.

QSL CARDS

Charlie, K1XX, has been hard at work at getting an official YCCC QSL card designed. We're almost done and here's the scoop on the design: It will be printed on a very light blue background with a gold clipper ship emblem. Call letters will be printed in GOLD ink and QSO information on the bottom will be black ink.

The cost is expected to be in the \$15-16 range per thousand cards and members must order their cards in multiples of 1000. The printer says we'll need an initial order of 30,000 cards in total. Thereafter, orders by the club must total at least 8000 cards or in even 4000 card multiples greater than 8000 (IE: 12,000, 16,000, 20,000 etc.).

In order that we may move ahead with this, please call Charlie at 603 899-5621(HOME) or at 603 878-1441(WORK) and tentatively place your individual order. **DO NOT SEND BUCKS AT THIS TIME.** When we are sure that we'll have enough interest at least for the initial order of the 30,000 cards, we'll ask you to forward your money either to Charlie or the printer or whatever. So, QRX for the final details on just when and where to send your money. We'll announce it in the newsletter in plenty of time for everybody who's interested in getting cards to not miss out. So, for now, just tell Charlie how many cards you'll need. GOT IT??

CQ/WW CONTEST COMMITTEE LIASON APPOINTED

We now have a member who will serve as our link to the CQ/WW contest committee from YCCC. John Yodis, K2VV, from Amsterdam, N.Y., has been recommended to the chairman Bob Cox, K3EST. Bob and I had a pleasant chat last week and he wished us luck with our new club.

John is well qualified for this spot and asked to be appointed to the job. Through John we'll have a conduit to both receive and pass our thoughts to the CQ/WW Committee which is certainly good for the club.

Bob has already passed the following rules changes along to John for the 1977 upcoming CQ/WW DX CONTESTS. We may even scoop QST on this one, and perhaps CQ magazine as well!!!

- 1) Stations operating portable outside their own call area must now sign portable in CQ contests. This is the same as the ARRL rule announced earlier this year.
- 2) Use of a repeater or spotting net, telephone call tipoff net or any other type of multiplier assistance net in future CQ contests will place the entry into the multi operator category, either multi single or multi multi as determined by the number of operators or transmitters in use etc. This was a much needed rule, in my opinion, and one that I personally waged a two year effort with the CQ Committee about. I'm glad to see they had the wisdom to put it into effect. No longer can an operator claim single operator and use a spotting net in CQ contests, and that is the way ARRL looks at the matter as well.
- 3) Dupe sheets will be required from now on, but only on those bands on which you make 200 qso's or more. If you make only 25 qso's on 160M, for example, a dupe sheet will not be required.

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- 4) Duplicate contacts found in CQ logs will cost you a penalty of three additional qso's as well as the dupe. There is also something about a percentage of dupes or total score reduction above which you will be disqualified. Bob says that for the first year and for the first year only, the committee is considering sending you a letter telling you you had too many dupes. You would then have two weeks time to get a clean log into the committee and avoid disqualification. Sounds like a novel approach, so as not to burn that many people, at least for the first year.

Many thanks for the info Bob and John-- and be sure to keep the club up to date on what is going on at CQ John.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR--ARRL NEW ENGLAND DIVISION

To parallel our connection to CQ through John, K2VV, I have written W1HHR, John Sullivan who is our director for the New England Division. K1XX has been recommended for this slot and will be able to keep us abreast of what's going on at the LEAGUE in this position.

As of this writing, I've not received an answer from W1HHR, but expect one shortly.

AFFILIATION PROCEDURE TO ARRL

Chod Harris, WB2CHO, at the LEAGUE now has my request that we formally affiliate ourselves with ARRL. We'll proceed with the required paperwork as soon as it is received from Chod.

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SOCIAL GATHERING MEETING - SAT. NITE-JUNE 4, 1977-HOME OF W4SYL--7PM till ??? ROGER BURT, 18 WESTVALE DR., WEST CONCORD, MASS. 01742 TEL # 617 369-8490 SEE MAP BELOW CU THERE???

