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Saturday February 4th, 2023
YCCC General Meeting, 9:00AM – 12:00PM
ZOOM (Sign-in details contained in invitation eMail)

CAPTAIN’S LOG

Hi All,

Finally, winter in New England and some sunspots! All good excuses to hibernate in the shack and play radio. Chasing the TN8K team was a lot of fun. They were a tourdeforce when it came to putting on an effective DXpedition. I went from an ATNO to 17 contacts / 16 band slots worked. Crozet was a bit more difficult but it is the log for another ATNO. The anticipation builds watching the 3Y0J team progress across a wide expanse of ocean.

Speaking of which, the video posted on the YCCC YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/@yankeeclippercontestclub6982> of YCCC member Adrian, KO8SCA, talking about the 3Y0J preparations has racked up an astonishing 909 views since the posting only a month ago.

YCCC member Allen, N2KW, in a recent exchange, felt like we were not paying enough attention to the twelve contests in the ARRL Affiliated Club Competition (ACC, <https://contests.arrl.org/ContestRules/ClubComp-Rules.pdf>). We assured him the Club is eligible to compete in all twelve. Club Secretary, Brian, NJ1F, regularly maintains an up-to-date Club Competition roster on the ARRL website and ensures our Affiliated Club status is in good standing.

The Club officers are guided by the Club Constitution to emphasize, in the case of ARRL sponsored contests, the ARRL DX, ARRL Sweepstakes and Field Day (though Field Day is a bit out of place here and is not part of the ACC contests). That covers four out of the twelve.

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NEXT MEETING

Feb 4, 2023, 9AM to 12PM

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But, what about your favorite? ARRL 10M, ARRL 160, ARRL VHF/UHF, RTTY Round Up? Sometimes all it takes is for a member to express an interest in a particular contest, talk it up a bit on the reflector, look at past Club performances and make a case on how we could win and the members will show up. We always welcome this kind of interaction. Let the Club officers know, and we will support you anyway we can to drum up support for your favorite ACC contest.

Speaking of RTTY, be sure to check out our guest speaker, Ed Muns, W0YK/P49X at the next meeting, Feb. 4th. This will be a Saturday morning Zoom meeting. I've asked him to focus on setting up for RTTY operation. Ed is one of the top RTTY contesters in the community and he is the director for the CQ WW and CQ WPX RTTY contests. I attended a RTTY presentation given by Ed at Xenia last year, in a word, outstanding. Then, plan to get on for the CQ WPX RTTY the following weekend using your new found knowledge.

Recently I've been looking at the Club website (<https://yccc.org>) and generating change orders for our webmaster, Mike, N2MG. I stumbled on the DXCC Challenge standings page (<https://yccc.org/yccc-dxcc-challenge/>). This is not the ARRL DXCC program, but rather a way to share your DXCC progress with the Club. You enter the data on your own. 108 of us have our totals posted.



W0YK at his Station

If you DO NOT HAVE a callsign@yccc.org email address, are a paid-up member, and would like one, generate a request at: <https://yccc.org/yccc-email-request/>. If you have one and don't remember your password, Google will walk you through the password recovery process. The treasure here is, not only do you get the coveted "@yccc.org" email moniker but you have access to 30 GB of free online storage and a suite of (almost) business class tools such as email, spreadsheets, document and presentation apps. I had to use these tools at my last job and although they present a decidedly weird user interface, you eventually get used to it and can be productive using them.

It's that time of year again, dues are due! We wrapped up last year with 285 paid members. Add on another 39 members that are only one year in arrears, still considered to be generally active in the club, and we have a potential operator base of 314 members.

Brian, NJ1F has been keeping the website roster up to date. If you see your dues date as 12/31/2022, you are up for renewal. Those of you that haven't paid your dues since 12/31/2017 will be removed from the on-line roster. We will try some direct mail messages to shake some of you out of the trees. Dues are \$15/year and are payable via PayPal. You only need to pay for the current year to get active again. There is no need to pay for past years to become current again.

Well, we are entering a busy Contest period here with the CQ160 CW, CQ WPX RTTY, ARRL DX CW, CQ160 SSB and finally ARRL DX SSB. How do we win the Club Competition in any of these? It's easy, get on the air, keep your butt in the chair and call CQ.

73,
Ken – W01N

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Open Positions in the YCCC

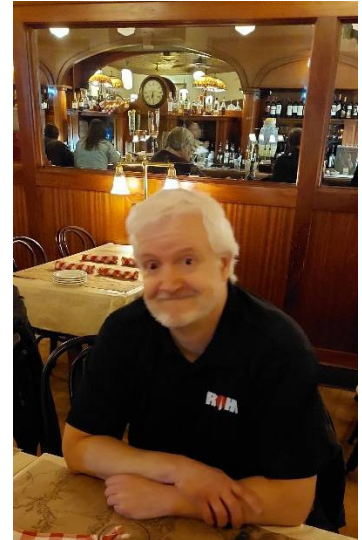
Ken – WO1N

Vice President

Charlie – N1RR has served as the Club Vice-President and/or President for 8 consecutive years now and has been a member since 1988. Charlie has formally informed the Board that he will be stepping down as VP as of the Dec 4th, 2022 meeting.

The Vice President roles and responsibilities, as outlined in the Club constitution, are being there to assume the duties of the President in the absence of the latter. The Vice President will perform other duties as agreed up with the President. In practice this means keeping yours truly on the straight and narrow path, talking yours truly of the proverbial cliff on a regular basis and organizing the meeting venues for live meetings. Additionally, the Vice President is a board member of the W1QSL Bureau.

Charlie's contributions include regularly organizing after contest get togethers, team building, station building and tackling the tougher Club issues like the misapplication of our scholarship funds a few years back. Charlie indicates he will continue to be a major contributor. The desire here is to step back from the Club day-to-day operations.



N1RR Happy with the Ted's turnout

Activities Manager



W1GD at Field Day

Gerry – W1GD has served as the Club's Activities Manager for the past 3 years and has informed the board that he will not be available for another term. Gerry has been a YCCC member since 2014 after crossing over from the Dark Side, otherwise known as the Frankford Radio Club. Gerry is a letter sorter for the W1 QSL Bureau and was a WRTC-2014 volunteer.

The Activities Manager roles and responsibilities, as outlined in the Club constitution "shall plan and manage meeting programs and similar activities and perform other duties as agreed upon with the President". This is a core position and

candidates would be expected to support every Club meeting and the roughly twice per month Board meetings.

Personally, for me, Gerry has been a valued member of the Board providing well reasoned input on issues the Board is faced with in the Club operations. Good Luck, OM!

Area Manager Openings

Recently we have had two Area Manager resignations and we have one position that has been open for a few years now.

Western Mass Area Manager

WITO, Tom has submitted his resignation. It could be argued that Tom has single handedly signed up more members than anyone as he would always be present at K1TTT's prior to the start of the majors

and coordinate the onboarding of new operators to the K1TTT station thus insuring more / all of the points generated could be counted towards the Club totals. Thank you, Tom!

Eastern CT Area Manager N1IXF, Rich has also submitted his resignation. While I don't know Rich as well as I know Tom, I note that he works behind the scenes organizing plaques for the CQWPX RTTY contest. Eastern CT is a bit of a misnomer, as the area is defined to cover the state in its entirety other than the Southwestern corner. This is one of the larger land areas as defined by the Club and our records show some 31 active members.

Cape and Islands Area Manager

This position has remained open since its definition back a few years ago.

The Area Manager role is described in Section 5 of the Club bylaws. "Area Managers shall be appointed for such areas deemed appropriate by the President. These Managers shall be responsible for serving the interests of members in their area, which may include assisting in antenna projects, helping procure transportation to Club meetings, and recruiting new members." In practical terms, Area managers are called upon to organize local area meetings, either live or Zoom, define resources within the area that can be called upon should Club members put out a call for assistance with antenna projects. Additionally, Area Managers do some recruiting at area get togethers (hamfests, flea markets etc.). Finally they are asked to report back on a regular basis to the Club as to activities within the area.

We are encouraging Area Managers to be a bit more active. We think it is a good approach to engage new members in developing a sense of belonging to the Club other than the few live meetings we have each year.

If you think you can fulfill any of these roles, please drop me a note at President@yccc.org

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Meeting Schedule
Feb 4, 2023, 9AM to 12PM

Time	Subject
0900 – 0910	Greeting and Introduction
0910 – 0930	Club Business (Secretary's Report Treasurer's Report, Meeting Schedule, Competition Update, Area Manager's Reports
0930 – 1030	RTTY Operating – Ed Muns, W0YK
1030 – 1040	Break
1040 – 1045	New Member Voting
1045 – 1145	CC Cluster Usage & AWS Nodes – Rudy Bakalov, N2WQ
1145 – 1200	Open Mike and Wrap Up

Eastern Connecticut (ECT) Area Meeting

ECT(860) Area Manager – Rich, N1IXF

COVID took a bite out of our Area Meetings the past couple years

- Tried Zoom but hard to have conversations without some kind of net control
- Held in-person lunch meeting last Dec after CQWWCW and then CT's Covid rates started spiking again. Hopeful about 2023
- Most frequent comment from area members – Most enjoy the opportunities to have in-person, Face-to-Face conversations

Some of us continue to meet using RF...

A regular group of 860-ECT members meet each weekday morning at 7:30 am on the K1YON 145.230 repeater and while our topics are all over the lot, we usually talk about contesting, ham radio and station building projects. Consider joining us if you are nearby. Chet N8RA was able to join a couple times from East Haddam.

I asked about 50 ECT members what's been going and had 8 responses... The Usual Suspects Item mentioned...

- Challenges of life getting in the way of all out contest participation.
 - Caregiver responsibilities, reworking station, family commitments, and getting too old for all-out effort
- Working to improve antennas and station ergonomics
 - Chet, N8RA lots of VHF antenna work and operating equipment changes along with second monitor. Constructed and mounted a 2-stack of 222MHz squalos for omni coverage along with feedline and relay selection of squalos or yagi.
 - Tom, W1TJL re-cabled his 70' US Tower and added a hinge plate... If you have a fold-over tower you have to see Tom and Terry, W1TR about their hinge plate mast to boom connection... it's a thing of beauty when you have to lower antennas like a SteppIR and fix them. No longer have to pull the boom or antennas apart to bring the tower down to working level.
 - Speaking of SteppIRs, Ross, W2TT is preparing to install his 3 el on his tower.
 - Ron, WZ1V installed a Myantennas EFHW-4010-2K-Plus end-fed sloper at 55 feet. He noted, it's a noticeable improvement over his previous trap half-sloper
 - Pete, W1RM feels his 80M delta antenna lacks punch but not sure what would be better and could use some help both planning and installing. His 160 antenna could use help too... the Double-L works (175 countries) but it lacks a good low-angle.
 - Terry, W1TR notes that he has working antennas for the HF, VHF, and UHF contests. However, he needs to get 2.5 MHz MARS Antenna working.
 - N8RA purchased an Elecraft 432 transverter to integrate with the K3. Found that Elecraft's simple connection diagram for connecting multiple transverters does not work too well. Built a resistive RF power divider to solve the problem. He also built an external stable local oscillator for the 432 transverter allowing it to now be used reliably on FT-8 duty cycle during contests.

- Area members have been helping each other troubleshoot problems and construct station improvements.
 - Dave, W1VEM is working to fix problems with his 80M vertical with help from W1TJL
 - Jack and Dave have each constructed new automated antenna switches. Jack's project will be published in the upcoming NCJ.
 - Jack, W1WEF and others helped Rich, N1IXF solve a vexing HP RFI problem. Jack suggested checking PL259 connections to be sure they were well seated. Rich rewired jumpers to test the Titan III amp he repaired for W1TJL and one of the RG400 jumpers to the power meter had a flaky crimp-on ground that only appeared after reconnecting his station equipment. That connector is now soldered.

- A few are swapping Hollow-State for Solid-State Amps and indicate that they are pleased with their decision...
 - Pete, W1RM loves his Expert 2K-FA;
 - Vin, K1RM is impressed with the quality, performance and customer service of the KM3KM Mercury Amp
 - Terry, W1TR has both types but notes Solid State Amps make less noise, less heat, have better availability of power devices, can be computer controlled, and doesn't make him *nervous* regarding High Voltage! 😊

- A few mentioned integrating newer radios into their stations –
 - W1TJL adding a remote operated Flex Radio as the 2nd operating position at his station. That is seeing regular use by Dallas K1DW and others and has helped to fill out operator schedules for contests.
 - W1RM has a new K4D that he describes as FANTASTIC!
 - Terry W1TR LOVES his Apache Labs Anan 7000DLE MKII

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Videos Posted on YCCC YouTube Channel

A couple of videos have been posted on the YCCC YouTube channel an assist from NN1C:

<https://www.youtube.com/@yankeclippercontestclub6982>

K1TTT, Dave's talk on getting his station ready for a large M/M as presented at the 12/04/2022 live meeting held in Enfield, CT.

KO8SCA, Adrian's talk on the 3Y0J preparations/progress as presented during the 11/23/2022 YCCC Zoom meeting.

The 3Y0J team is currently approaching Bouvet. Please consider an individual contribution, at their website <http://www.3Y0J.com>. During the presentation we learned of a swag provider (coffee mugs / T-shirts etc.) at <https://www.bonfire.com/3y0j-amp-ncdxf/>.

Meet the New YCCC Score Keeper

Ken – WO1N

We are pleased to announce Mike Visich, NG1M has stepped up to take on the YCCC Score Keeping role. Mike is recently retired and was first licensed in 2008. Mike was a site manager for the WRTC 2014 event. His station currently features a Flex 6400 / Power Genius XL amp along with the WRTC antenna compliment. Mike is a highly sought after multiplier, living in the state of Rhode Island.



Mike in one of his favorite roles

The Score Keeping role has evolved a bit over the years. Long are the days when we would have to wait almost a year before the results were known. However, there remains a need to ensure participants have submitted their scores on time, have called out the Yankee Clipper Contest Club in the submittal and have shared their results with the club. Note, as of this announcement the scores@yccc.org has been resurrected and at least 3 of us will receive these notifications.

Our current thinking is Mike will shepherd the club through each of the majors. These being the ARRL DX, ARRL Sweepstakes, ARRL 10M, ARRL 160, CQWW DX, CQWW WPX. He will receive messages at the scores@yccc.org address and will be supported by the Club Directors when needed.

At each contest Mike will be monitoring the submittals and provide updates as to the cumulative club participation post contest (total score, total entries, total participation). We emphasize again that utilizing <http://www.3830scores.com> makes this task infinitely easier as the submittal form guides you through the documentation of additional needed detail, such as operators at Multis and total hours worked. The site also provides Club participation sorts so we can see pretty much immediately how we are stacking up as compared to our traditional competitors (FRC, PVRC) with claimed scores. Please submit your scores to 3830Scores as well as our own groups.io reflector.

We will continue to solicit volunteer Score Keepers for the non-major events like NAQP, WAE, RTTY events in general, VHF/UHF events, CQ160, WAG, SPDX, SAC etc. If any of these are your favorite and you would like to contribute, we can guide you through the process. Please reach out.

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CQWDX-2022 Score & Participation Comparison (YCCC vs FRC)

Charles Morrison – N1RR

CQWDX 2022		Logs	Club Score	+Multi-Op	Total Club Ops
Phone	FRC	117	207,354,458	37	154
Phone	YCCC	118	176,062,785	42	160
CW	FRC	127	293,575,401	21	148
CW	YCCC	139	277,898,460	29	168

Club	FRC	244	500,929,859		302
Club	YCCC	257	453,961,245		328

Pts/Stn	Pts/Mem
2,052,991	1,658,708
1,766,386	1,384,028

CQWW 2022 Contest Write-ups and 3830Scores Use

Ken – WO1N

This is the second year running of the WriteUp/3830 operating incentive. It was pretty apparent many of you forgot where your radio room was for the CQWW SSB. Overall, a disappointing Club turnout. We rebounded nicely for CQWW CW with a good turnout and some good write ups.

For the newer club members, the initiative works like this, I will select a few 3830 contest posts by YCCC members at the conclusion of each of the majors and present them to the executive board. Board members will consider the **Effort**, **Perseverance** and **Determination** of the station owner/operator and/or guest ops that the write up conveys and cast their choice accordingly.

The President is not eligible for the award. A winner can win only once per contest season (i.e. CQWW and ARRL DX combined entries). The President has discretion in the case of ties. There will be one winner per each of the 4 majors. The winning entries get published in the newsletter and will be awarded a \$25 gift certificate from DX Engineering or HRO.

For the 2022 CQWW SSB, these were the following candidates:

AC1EV - #70456 - <https://groups.io/g/yccc/message/70456>

K1LZ - #70452 - <https://groups.io/g/yccc/message/70452>

For the 2022 CQWW CW, these were the following candidates:

W1JQ - #70776 - <https://groups.io/g/yccc/message/70776>

K1RX - #70839 - <https://groups.io/g/yccc/message/70839>

K5ZD - #70826 - <https://groups.io/g/yccc/message/70826>

K1ZZ - #70819 - <https://groups.io/g/yccc/message/70819>

KA1IS - #70798 - <https://groups.io/g/yccc/message/70798>

And the winners are:

Gerry – W1VE for his write up of the K1LZ MM effort

Mike – W1JQ for his CW effort and write-up

Congratulations, gentlemen!

The winning SSB entry:

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB - 2022

Call: [K1LZ](#)

Operator(s): [AC1NU](#) [K1EP](#) [K1LZ](#) [K1ZM](#) [K3JO](#) [KC1KUG](#) [KC1XX](#) [NA1NA](#) [NNIC](#) [VY2MA](#) [W1ADI](#) [W1VE](#) [W3MLJ](#) [WA1Z](#) [WY6O](#)

Station: K1LZ

Class: M/M HP

QTH: ME

Operating Time (hrs): 48

Location: USA

Summary: Compare Scores			
Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
160	185	16	52
80	742	24	84
40	1428	34	118
20	2522	40	150
15	2723	37	141
10	2548	35	140
Total	10148	186	685
Total Score – 24,312,223			

I had operated Krassy's new place remotely in a few minor contests, but did not comprehend the effort that had gone in to make this M/M a reality.

Manu, LU9ESD (Now AC1NU), Roman RN5M (VY2MA) and Velimir K3JO have spent pretty much the last four months before the contest in Maine.

An incredibly amazing amount of work.

Here's how the ops and bands lined up:

160: K3JO, VY2ZM
80: K1ZM, K1EP, K3JP
40: K1LZ, W3MLJ
20: LU9ESD, W1VE
15: KC1XX, WA1Z
10: NN1C, KC1KUG

The guys swapped bands on 80 and 160 between Friday and Saturday night.

The rest of the ops played relief on various bands, and we all took turns doing in-band.

Everyone had fun playing in-band for someone else.

As we all know, Krassy doesn't do small.

IMHO, this station and it's ops were totally capable of winning M/M. The K of 5 was a killer for us. However, there are more years to come.

Personally, it was so great to see many good friends. Manu and I had last seen each other when we operated at 6Y1V 15 years ago!

Krassy was a GREAT host. He rented out a B&B which is about a mile from the shack. The owners were a nice family who were totally interested in what we were doing. In fact, Sunday they came over to the shack. They have a 7 year old daughter and an 8 year old son. We stopped 40m and asked the daughter if she wanted to make a contact. Not only did she make a contact, but she worked 5 countries, with no hiccups and perfect exchanges!! Her mom said she woke up the next morning dreaming of what her callsign might be! They saythey are all going to get their licenses!

Sunday evening we were all treated to a nice steak dinner, with a few rounds of adult beverages.

The winning CW entry:

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW - 2022

Call: W1JQ
Operator(s): W1JQ
Station: W1JQ
Class: SOAB HP
Class Overlay: Classic
QTH: CT
Operating Time (hrs): 33
Club: Yankee Clipper Contest Club

Comments:

Well, that was something!

I perhaps inadvisably said that my goal was 2000 Qs. Didn't make it... but still, my best-ever. And didn't miss by that much. I spent as much time as possible running. Most of the Qs, though I did one S&P sweep of each band Saturday and Sunday.

Propagation was, in my opinion, not as good as we had for SSB. That could have been the difference between 1800 and 2000. There was really fast fading--like stations almost disappearing between 5nn and 15. 10 and 15 closed earlier than I expected; the SFI was around 110, rather than 150 or so. On the other hand, the low bands were well-behaved. Strategically, my mistake was trying to make 10M the "hero" band on Sunday.

I got a (partial) break from Murphy. On Thursday, my 80/40 dipole decided not to work on 80M; infinite SWR with more than about 200W into it (though fine on 40), so I was unhappily planning to use the backup antenna. Mid-Friday night, I QSY'd from 40 to 80, and forgot to change antennas. And--surprise--antenna tuned just fine. Worked great, until late Saturday evening, when the "no, want to arc or something on 80" behavior returned. Fortunately, my backup 80M antenna exceeded expectations.

I was hoping to get to 100 Qs on 160. Obviously, didn't. The BOG helped me hear EU, but it didn't help them hear me. Friday night 160 was poor; Saturday was reasonably good, though I was tired and went to bed a bit before 1 AM--I thought that with some sleep, I'd be better off Sunday. So quit with just over 1200 Qs. I hoped to get to 200 Qs on 80--I blame that on the antenna :-(. I never felt loud enough to run. But the BOG appeared to be a big help on 80--something to remember for ARRL.

I didn't think I'd make it to 2000 at that point--I figured I needed at least 1300--but I hit 1700 at about 5PM. I was texting with W1CTN (now in NC), who thought 1900 was within reach. I figured that it might be--if I caught the mother load of runs on 40. Which I did... though that run dried up around 6PM, at which point I was well over 1800. If the run had continued, I might have had a chance at 1900. But I decided I'd had enough noise, and figured I go to 20 to pick off a few JAs and PYs.

My only regret is that I didn't work the 9M6--possibly the first time I've heard them. I called once or twice, but didn't want to waste time in the pileup. Same with ZD7BG--I've worked him plenty of times, but didn't want to waste the time in a sea of RF mud. At the same time, the 3Bs (9 and 8) were surprisingly easy.

Summary

Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
160	37	10	21
80	154	13	59
40	467	21	74
20	435	27	82
15	466	24	78
10	283	19	74
Totals	1857	114	388

Total Score = 2,615,922

(QSOs don't add up; numbers don't include dupes.)

2000 Qs is still in the future. Maybe ARRL? But I can't complain about a personal best. Honestly, I came closer than I thought I would.

Antennas: The usual rogues' gallery of wires

160: 1/4 wave inv-L

80: 1/4 wave vertical. Although I don't like this antenna, and always threaten to rip it out, whenever I need it, it outperforms itself.

80/40: two-band dipole. Worked on 80 part of the time.

20: 3EL quad, EU

20/15/10: Yagi, S, 2el each band, SA.

20/15/10: triband dipole, NE/SW.

15/10: Yagi, 2 el each band, EU

200' BOG

73, see you in the Stew (if not before).

Mike, W1JQ

Don't forget, we will be looking at the ARRL DX efforts once they are behind us.

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SILENT KEYS

Alfred "Fred" Albert Laun III-K3ZO–Temple Hills, MD - December 9, 1937 - January 3, 2023



Fred Laun (Alfred A. Laun, III), K3ZO, of Temple Hills, Maryland, passed away on January 3, 2023. He was a member of the ARRL Maxim Society and Life Member, and a member of the [Potomac Valley Radio Club](#).

Laun was also a Director for The Yasme Foundation, an organization that supports awards and grants that recognize and advance the achievements made by radio amateurs. "Fred's service to Yasme and other amateur organizations, spanning decades, was unsurpassed, as were his contributions to amateur radio, for which he cared deeply," said Yasme Foundation President Ward Silver, N0AX, in a press release.

"Well-known and respected around the globe, we know Fred's many friends world-wide will honor his memory, both on and off the air."

Read a 2015 [interview](#) (PDF) with Laun, conducted by John Dorr, K1AR, for the *National Contest Journal (NCJ)*.

A tribute page has been assembled by Tom Roscoe, K8CX, on the [K8CX Ham Gallery](#).

The February 2023 newsletter of the [Potomac Valley Radio Club](#) includes memories and tributes from many of his friends.

(Thanks ARRL, 01/05/2023[Update 1/6/2023, 1/26/2023])

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YCCC Members in the News

Ken – WO1N

The Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC) foundation has recently announced retiring and new volunteers for its Grants Advisory Committee. The ARDC is a private foundation that exists to support amateur radio and digital communication science and technology (www.ardc.net).

YCCC member Dave Pascoe, KM3T, has completed a term as a volunteer on the ARDC Grants Advisory Committee. Dave, a long time YCCC member, participated as a referee at the WRTC-2002 event and was a competitor in the WRTC-2006 event. Dave was a key member of the WRTC-2014 committee primarily in charge of all IT functions, including the Live Scoreboard. Dave is a CQ Contest Hall of Fame inductee. Congratulations, Dave!



YCCC member Jim Idelson, K1IR has recently been appointed to the ARDC Grants Advisory Committee. Jim, past YCCC President (2001 - 2002), has been involved in amateur radio since 1971, and he credits the hobby with helping him achieve a productive and fulfilling career in technology and business. He is an active contributor to the amateur radio community through his involvement in public service events, as an author, and through the Zero Falls Alliance – an initiative he created to focus on tower safety in amateur radio. Jim has also served as a volunteer with local, regional and national organizations. Other amateur radio activities include contesting, DXing, and experimentation. Congratulations, Jim!

YCCC member Bud Kozloff, W1NSK, has been appointed as the ARRL Connecticut Section Manager starting on January 1, 2023.

Kozloff, who lives in Redding, Connecticut, is currently the president of the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association and a member of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club. He was appointed by ARRL Field Services Manager Mike Walters, W8ZY, after consulting with New England Division Director Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC. His term of office continues through September 30, 2024.



Kozloff takes the reins of the Connecticut Section Field Organization from Betsey Doane, K1EIC, who was appointed by ARRL Headquarters as the Connecticut Section Manager in November 2022 to fulfill the role on a temporary basis until a full-time Section Manager could be appointed.

Congratulations, Bud and thank you for stepping up!

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