



# Scuttlebutt

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Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023  
YCCC General Meeting, 1:00PM – 4:00PM  
Sturbridge Host Hotel  
366 Main St, Sturbridge, MA 01566

## CAPTAIN'S LOG

Hi All,

An update to the ARRL Club Competition rules this past August ([Here](#)) bumps the Club's eligibility circle from 175 miles to 250 miles, consistent with the CQ rules. This certainly makes our job easier and includes all our members located in Southern Quebec. Looking forward to some solid scores from you guys during this season's ARRL events.

The 2023 HamXposition was a mixed bag. The DX Dinner presentation by Club member Don, N1DG was super. After dinner a bunch of us convened to the W1A station and through Gerry's, W1VE connections, W1A assumed the identity of E51D, using the RIB that we just learned about in Don's talk. That was good fun and several members got to be the DX.

The YCCC track got a bit messed up when one contributor had to cancel. I then got put in the penalty box as I was not able to find a replacement talk quick enough. For the remaining two talks, they were fairly well attended but the goal to attract potential new testers was not met. Maybe ½ dozen for K1DG's talk and a handful for N1PGA's talk. We voted in one new member.

Otherwise, 100 hours of talks were provided by the Program Committee. We brought in some new vendors, VHQ Hex Beams and VE2DX Electronics for the vendor exhibition. A 3 day Flea Market turned into a 2 day event, as heavy rain all day Friday put a damper on that. Finally, YCCC member Rick, N1DC walked away with the Icom IC 7610 Grand Prize. Planning has already started for the 2024 event.

Earlier in the summer I had the pleasure of meeting with longtime tester Norby, LX1NO. Try as we might to organize a group meeting it was not in the cards. In the end, my XYL and I met with his family at a local restaurant for a quick dinner and a beer. It was a pleasant evening and we worked on his son Steven to get his ticket soon. Bribes included a YCCC mousepad so he will be reminded every

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*K1VR Operating E51D while N1HTS looks on*

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Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center is located on Route 20.

- From the North, East and West, take the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate 90) to Exit 9, Route 20 West.

- From the South, take either Interstate 84 or Route 131 to Route 20 West.

Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center is located on the shore of Cedar Lake, just past the first set of traffic lights.

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***Yours Truly and Norby, LX1NO***

day on what to work for. Norby later connected up with Club members K1VUT and K1UI during his expansive trip across Massachusetts (and the US for that matter).

I reported at the April meeting that I consider the issue of misapplied/reimbursed YCCC Scholarship Funds to be resolved. All funds have been restored leaving us with a balance slightly over \$1700. In a unanimous decision the Club Directors voted to donate \$300 to the Scholarship fund and authorize an award of \$2000 for the upcoming year. Chet, N8RA has executed the donation so, presuming qualified candidates apply, a YCCC Scholarship will be awarded in 2024. See the article later in the newsletter on

how to make tax-deductible donations directly to the ARRL Foundation for the YCCC Scholarship fund.

I have recently learned that long time YCCC member, Whitey, K1VV has passed away. His family kept his passing private, as such it was difficult to confirm this. He used to run the Boxboro Convention CW competitions for me in the late 90's/early 2000s. He loved contesting and was always working to infect those around him with the same passion. RIP OM.

I see YCCC member, Mike, W1JQ working hard at recovering his station from a nearby lightning strike. Charlie, N1RR reports he swapped out a flakey 15M beam with a WARC beam to support some of his DXing goals but plans to replace it with a new 15M beam before CQWW. He also has some fixups needed on his 160M and 80M wire arrays, suspecting lightning damage. Randy, N1KWF is out there experimenting with a Bobtail Curtain for 40M. That led to a lot of good discussion on the reflector. Rudy, N2WQ always has something cooking. K1LZ and chief engineer Velimir have added some low band RX antenna that you will hear more about at the upcoming meeting. I drew out a potential placement for a 3 element YCCC receive array on my property plot plan, oriented NE-SW. Yes, it would fit, but the center element would be about 20' away from my Inverted-L and every element would be sitting on the L's radial field. I think that's a non-starter. A pair of K9AY receive loop looks to be the way to go on my lot. Anyone else have station update plans for the upcoming season? Let us know on the Club reflector.

Remember, we took the North American Club plaque sponsored by Rippletch Electronics for the 2022 running of the Oceania DX Contest. Eligible logs must have at least 25Qs. The Club winner is the combined total of the SSB and CW logs. We won with 7 eligible entries. The SSB event is held Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and the CW event is held on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Both start at 0600Z. See <https://www.oceaniadxcontest.com/> for more information.

Membership stands at 234 down from 279 in the prior year. We have onboarded 10 new members compared to 29 in 2022. Please check the online roster ([roster](#)), if you see your dues date as 12/31/2022 or earlier, you are up for renewal. 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.

Club Officer and Area Manager vacancies need motivated contesters to step up. Please volunteer.

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73,

Ken – WO1N

# NNY in ARRL 160 and SS Update

Ray – NM20

Here's some planning info for SS and ARRL 160.

I lived in NNY was active there from home from 2014 until 2019. From 2020, I have used one of the RHR sites in NNY.

There's something odd with my setup to RHR, and I have terrible audio. So, SSB is a waste of time. CW seems OK. I believe a recent update in the Flex radio will fix some CW latency issues.

I'm not likely to be active this year on either SS mode. I can try to be on for ARRL 160. There have been zero stations on for ARRL 160 in several years recently. One year I missed NNY on 160. In SS and 160 I get lots of TNX NNY.

I believe that any section needs to have two stations on, making about 2,000 Qs total so that the section is not considered "rare." NNY is a funny location, with low incomes except in the two counties adjacent to the Albany area and then around Lake Placid and Watertown. The active stations seem to be in Fulton County, around Gloversville. That was me, AB2ZY, WU2M and a K2 in Gloversville that I never met.

WU2M is NNY section manager, but operates with a different club call in Albany Co, so ENY.

I was active in the Albany area YCCC dinners organized by KE1IH. John is aware of my relocation and possible lack of NNY stations. For someone living in the Albany area, they need to travel a short distance to Montgomery County, NY and they are in NNY. Take a look at the NNY map in the ARRL site. It's a very odd shape!

## Some license information from QRZ:

County	Hams	Population	Comments
Hamilton	46	5119	A pretty rare county
Montgomery	134	49500	
Fulton	166	53100	More active
Schoharie	144	29000	2 RHR sites but locals are inactive

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## YCCC CQWW SSB Readiness Meeting

YCCC Zoom Channel

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

CQWW SSB Readiness Checkup  
- Vote in new members

Channel opens at 7:30PM.

Formal meeting starts at 8:00PM.

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# YCCC Scholarship Donations

Ken – WO1N

The Club is asking for direct individual donations to the ARRL Foundation, Yankee Clipper Contest Club Scholarship Fund. Response here will determine if we are able to support awards in 2025 and beyond.

Our Scholarship Fund is managed by the ARRL Foundation following our requirements that include the applicant being a General Class (or higher) amateur, 22 years old or younger, and living within the Club circle.

We worked through a financial issue with the Foundation and the Club has now donated \$300 from the Club's general funds to round up the current endowment to \$2000 for the coming year. We have informed the Foundation to advertise the availability of one \$2000 award for 2024.

## Funding Methods

In the past we held a yearly raffle to fund the scholarship. With the demise of required meeting attendance it became very difficult to sell the requisite number of tickets for the raffle.

Your donations to the Yankee Clipper Contest Club Scholarship Fund are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law as the ARRL Foundation is a 501 ( c ) ( 3 ) entity. All contributions will be acknowledged with a tax receipt letter.

## How to Make a Contribution

There are several options to make a donation:

### Option 1

Navigate to the ARRL Foundation web page, <http://www.arrl.org/ways-to-support-the-arrl-foundation> and download the Donation Form. Check the box "For a specific Scholarship" and in the Field Scholarship Name, include "YCCC Yankee Clipper Contest". Fill out the rest of the form as appropriate, please list your call sign. Submit the form and your donation as directed on the webpage. Note they do not accept electronic fund transfers at this time.

### Option 2

Send your contribution to the Club Treasurer via Paypal or check and note the donation is for the Scholarship Fund. We will roll up the contributions after they are received and send them to the Foundation as they become available.

### Option 3

If you are required by the IRS to make annual RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) withdrawals from your IRA(s), you can shelter RMDs from taxes and increased Medicare premiums by making donations direct from your financial institution to qualified charities such as the YCCC Yankee Clipper Contest Fund administered by the ARRL Foundation. RMD distributions to such qualified organizations are called Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs). These must be made directly from the financial institution to the charity. Consult with your financial institution for full requirements and eligibility.

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## With The Crew:

- **Ed N2HX: Will be in**  
St Kitts for CQWW SSB as V49R and before and after the contest as V4/N2HX  
St Maarten for CQWW CW as PJ7PL and ARRL 10 Meter contest also
- **Gerry, W1VE:** Reports winning SOLP 24-Hr Classic for the world from ZF2VE. He smashed the existing NA record. 10m was incredible -- 1787 out of 3101 (claimed) QSOs on 10.  
**Congratulations Gerry!**

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## LOST CREW (Silent Keys)

### Robert J. (Whitey) Doherty – K1VV (x-W1GDB) – East Sandwich MA, 1932 - 2023

Whitey passed away at the age of 90.

He served in the US Army where he was trained in CW followed by a stint in the Coast Guard where he served as a Radioman 2nd Class (RM2) on the Coast Guard Cutter RELIANCE.

An accomplished operator, he enjoyed running CW mobile and ran the Boxboro Convention CW competitions for many years in the late 90's/early 2000's.

In later years Whitey was involved in the preparations for WRTC2014



**US COAST GUARD CUTTER RELIANCE  
(WMEC 615) - Call Sign NJPJ**



*Whitey K1VV & Henry K1WCC preparing a tower top section for WRTC2014 (WIUE Photo)*

*(Thanks to Internet and WO1N)*

In 2020 he was awarded in conjunction with his activation partner, Don Tanguay, (N1DT), a Lifetime Achievement award by the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society (ARLHS) in recognition of their significant achievements over the years with and for giving Light beacon enthusiast many activations in the Northeast / New England region. (They activated over 50 lighthouses.) Whitey was gracious to accept the award on behalf of the team.

He was a long time member of YCCC, the Southeastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Association (SEMARA) and the Marconi Radio Association where he was trustee for the club callsign (W1AA) which was often used for Lighthouse Activations.

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# Open Positions in the YCCC

Ken – WO1N

## Activities Manager

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.

## Area Manager Openings

### Eastern CT Area (860) Manager

### Cape and Islands Area Manager

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](mailto:President@yccc.org)

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## Thanks for Sponsoring 2020 CQWW SSB KC1F Memorial Plaque (14MHz USA)

I am writing to communicate my appreciation to the YCCC for the KC1F Memorial plaque I just received for the 2022 CQ WW SSB contest (14MHz USA).

I met Stu way back in the 1980's when he was a grad student in Seattle; we even operated together a couple of times back then.

Thank you and 73,  
Dan W7WA

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## Albany Area Local Meeting

John Corini, KE1IH, Albany Area Manager

We had an Albany area local YCCC meeting on Thursday evening, August 31 at Ravenswood Pub in Clifton Park NY. 6 members attended:

John - KE1IH	Will - WC2L	Brian - NJ1F
Saul - K2XA	JP - N1JP	Ernie - K2EP

Beer wings and Pizza were consumed and general discussion about station improvements anticipation of this fall's contest season.

JP (N1JP) and Ernie (K2EP) have rebuilt their TH7's and WARC band rotatable dipoles.

John (KE1IH) is waiting (im)patiently for his new MomoBeam HF beam to arrive from Italy.

Saul (K2XA) discussed problems that he was having with his Alpha amp.

John, Brian and JP made plans to visit K1TTT's super station,

John wants to learn about remote operating K1TTT's station.

No dues were collected and no new members were installed.

Thanks and 73

John - KE1IH

YCCC Albany NY Area Manager

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## Fair-Rite Launching Brand New PodCast Soft Magnetics, Hard Topics

Fair-Rite Products has launched a new Pod-Cast series on YouTube.

Two episodes so far, with automated transcripts so you don't need to take notes.

They're short, but informative. Take a look.

**Episode 1:** What is a Ferrite?

**Episode 2:** Top Ask the Advisor Questions?

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIqFhFAMbkryYVgC4G274Y9OaRCOC4zLd>

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# YCCC CLUB RESOURCE INFORMATION

**DUES AND MEMBERSHIP STUFF** Dues for the year are payable as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please note that payment of current dues IS NOT a prerequisite for contributing scores to the Club aggregate but IS required for participation in the Club's e-mail reflector and the Club's awards programs. The YCCC has a multi-tiered membership:

**Full Member** - \$15 (Available to amateurs residing within the Club territory for all YCCC member benefits and e-mail delivery of the Club newsletter.)

**Family Member** - \$0 (Grants full membership benefits to all family amateurs residing at one domicile upon payment of one member's "Full Member" annual dues. The Club Newsletter will be sent to the full member's email address.)

**Student Member** - \$10 (Grants full membership to students at a reduced cost.)

**Subscription**- \$10 (A "friend of YCCC", not a member, but a possible candidate for future membership and receives club newsletter in e-mail form.)

**Former Member** - \$0 (A former full member who has moved out of the Club territory may continue to participate in the Club's e-mail reflector and receive the e-mailed newsletter at no cost.)

You can tell if you owe dues by checking the Club roster on the website. A lapsed member can reinstate lost privileges by paying current year dues. Mail your dues to the club treasurer, **Chet Slabinski, N8RA, 200 Mount Parnassus Rd, East Haddam, CT 06423, or PayPal them to [yccc-paypal@yccc.org](mailto:yccc-paypal@yccc.org)**. Please include your callsign, family callsigns, and year(s) being paid. PayPal no longer allows the Club to receive dues from "family or friends" so you will not have that option.

**SCUTTLEBUTT ARTICLES** should be sent to the Scuttlebutt editor, Steve Rodowicz, N1SR, by e-mail at [n1sr@arrrl.net](mailto:n1sr@arrrl.net) The deadline for each issue is the 10th of the preceding month or as announced on the YCCC e-mail list.

**Scuttlebutt Advertising:** Nominal Business Card sized ad, \$50 per year (6 appearances)

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## CLUB GOODIES

**BADGES** YCCC badges are available from Tony, K1KP. Send \$3, name and call desired on the badge, and your mailing address to Tony.

## YCCC APPAREL & LOGO ITEMS:

Contact Gold Medal Ideas - [https://stores.goldmedalideas.com/Yankee\\_clipper\\_contest\\_club/shop/home](https://stores.goldmedalideas.com/Yankee_clipper_contest_club/shop/home)

**QSL CARDS** are ordered through Tom, W1TO. To order, complete the QSL form from the YCCC website, send it to W1TO who will verify all information is included and send to UX5UO after resolving any issues. You will receive a proof copy directly from UX5UO. Approve the proof after resolving any issues with UX5UO. Email acceptance to UX5UO with copy to W1TO. Current price is \$45/thousand (matte) and \$49/thousand heavy matte. Payment to UX5UO representative, KD4POJ at Mr David Lipscomb, KD4POJ, 4201 13<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Minot, ND, 58703. eMail: [kd4poj@srt.com](mailto:kd4poj@srt.com)

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