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Captain's Cabin

Don Toman - K2KQ

Cycle 23 is upon us! During the last week in June, we saw a sunspot number of 341 and a 10 cm solar flux over 200. If you want a preview of what the contest season will be like, take a look at the maximum usable frequencies (MUF) at mid-latitudes in the Southern Hemisphere. It's a good preview of what you will see in the Northern Hemisphere next winter.

If you want to have a great time contesting, this coming season will be hard to beat! Plan now on having fun being a part of another winning season for YCCC.

Here are a few observations to guide your planning:

- Everyone will be loud in CQ WW this season. Signal-to-noise won't be the problem. Signal-to-interference will be the problem.
- Low antennas will work well on the European path on the high bands.
- Twenty meters will be open around the clock.
- Ten and fifteen will open as soon as the sun cracks over the horizon.

Here are some implications from those points, particularly for working Europe with high rates:

- Good receiving conditions will be as important as a really loud signal. You want to hear the weak Europeans. They **will** hear you.
 - A good F/B on receive will kill the US QRM. Conversely, you don't want to be too weak off the back on transmit, because you need to generate some QRM yourself to hold a frequency.
 - Investing in a simple high F/B receiving system for 20M just for Europe might pay off.
- More antennas that can be switched may be better than big rotating ones up high.

- Make sure your packet radio is working well. Use computer control on your radio. You will need a band map.
- If you normally operate single-op, unless you have been working on your adrenaline pump, it will be productive to operate multi-single. Your station needs to be on the air for the full 48 hours. A low rate from a fresh second op beats no rate from a worn-out first op.
- Review the band-by-band advice in the YCCC contest cookbook.
- You will have a tough time deciding whether to be on ten or fifteen. High rates will help you to decide. Practice!
- For CW, any time you spend with pileup trainers or others such as RUFZ will pay off. High rates attract high rates. A good QSO rhythm will attract stations to you even if you aren't in the top layer.
- If you are doing SSB, consider investing in a DVK or DVP.
- If you are going to a multi-multi or a DXpedition, consider giving access to your station to someone that needs a place to operate.

If you are going on a DXpedition, the lower the latitude, the more the high bands will pay off. Even the 6Y crowd is going to YV this year.

Our Grenada operations are going to be well attended. We will be active on CQ WW SSB from J3 for the first time this year. We expect a dozen operators for CW. 30 million points from each operation is well within reach.

Work with your Challenge Team captain to get the inactive wild cards on your team on the air, either at their own station or helping someone else.

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NNY Area Meeting – June 26th

George Wilner – K2ONP

A duly authorized regional meeting of the YCCC was held on 6/26/99 at the Albany Amateur Radio Association's Thacher Park Field Day Site.

The program began at 1405 EDST with a "hands on" demonstration of computer logging using the program "CT". The demonstrations were carried out by George, K2ONP, and Saul, K2XA. Saul and George also held on the air demonstrations of proper running techniques in both phone and cw.

At 1720 EDST, a brief business meeting was called. At this time ED GOSCH, WB2CUH (Advanced Class), and DENNIS WHEELER, NW2J (Extra Class) were approved for membership by the YCCC members present. Dues will be forwarded by the electees to Treasurer Ric Plummer.

A NNY Regional Meeting was planned for September, to coincide with the September AARA meeting. It was anticipated that Fred Lass K2TR would be available to speak on his experiences with implementation of high definition television.

Will NA2NA agreed to speak on the TR Logging Program at second local meeting to be held prior to CQWW SSB contest in October. This will be a pizza and soda meeting be held at Saul K2XA's house.

At 1750, a motion to adjourn was made by Seymour K2XF, seconded by Sue N2LBR, and approved by assembled membership.

The following YCCC members attended: W2GDJ, K2EP, W2ZU, WF2B, K2ZP, K2BX, N1JP, NA2NA, K2XF, K2XA, N1EU, K2ONP, N2LBR, WA1KKM, and WK2H. Newly elected members were: WB2CUH, and NW2J.

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Of course, none of this is of any use if you aren't eligible. Make sure you have paid your YCCC dues and that you have made enough meetings credited to you to be eligible. Plan on coming to Worcester on October 9 to celebrate the big win of last year. We'll have a contest roundtable to help you to hone your skills.

Remember to send in your scores and claim YCCC credit!

Above all, KICK BUTT and have fun!

June Meeting Minutes

Charlotte Richardson - KQ1F

The June, 1999, general meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club was held on Sunday, June 6th, 1999, at Worcester State College. Coffee, donuts, and cookies were served. Club President Don, K2KQ, called the meeting to order with introductions of the 50 members present and their guests. Don introduced two visiting dignitaries: Piero, IK2BHK/K2BHX, one of the IR4T ops and as a United Nations worker in New York responsible for our access to the club station at 4U1UN, and John, NJ1V, one of the J3A ops last November who is returning again this fall for the CQ WW CW contest.

During breaks in the meeting, a CT pileup trainer was running on a table at the side of the room for members' entertainment. Brad, W1NT, also had the YCCC logo clothing members ordered available for pickup. Several cartons of leftover club contest logo mugs quickly disappeared as well.

Art, W1RZF, described this year's YCCC Team Challenge round. By reassigning some twenty people from last year, he has equalized the team score potentials for this year's team assignments, with the same team captains as last year. He randomly assigned people who were eligible but did not participate, and dropped ineligible people. Art will produce a list of potential new team members available for recruitment. The pool of 420 eligible members for CQ WW were assigned to twenty six teams. Art and ex-President Jeff, K1ZM, believe that we need to better last year's scores by 30% to stay on top. Of 458 team members last year, 311 operated one or more contests, and 147 did not operate at all. 105 members participated in all four contests. Art asked that the team members get together during the break to elect new captains and to look over the eligibility status information for their team members.

Don, K2KQ, noted that YCCC now has the J3 QTH available for both CQ WW SSB and CW WW CW. The CW operation will be 100% YCCC participation or close to it. He did not yet have enough SSB operators signed up and could use more. He said that there are now five amplifiers already there, plus coax, rotors, towers, and monoband beams. Last year, the SSB effort made about 15,000 QSOs.

After the break, the club welcomed six new members (see "New Crew" for details): Jeanne Schipelliti, KB1DFG, Barry Gross, N1EU, Ginger Smith, KE1GQ, Dave Patton, NT1N, John Guida, NJ1V, and Yuri Blanarovich, K3BU.

Jim, K1IR, then reported on the International Radio filter order, which was to go out the following week. The filters for the FT1000MP 2.1 kHz second IF (455) will arrive in late July. The others are in stock and will arrive much sooner. Jim noted that he also runs the club mentoring program. Randy, K5ZD, then talked about Writelog for Windows (by W5XD). Randy is now using this program for all of his

logging, even though he was one of the first CT users. The program logs CW, SSB, and RTTY, supports over forty contests, and runs on Windows 95, 98, and NT. It uses either the LPT or a COM port for CW keying. It does not have paddle input unless you either build an outboard interface box or use a Y connector on the radio. It uses the computer's sound card to do voice keying, and does not support a DVP card due to lack of device drivers. The SSB messages are stored as standard WAV files. For RTTY, it can talk to an FSK box or use the computer's sound card for AFSK. For multiop, it uses ethernet networking, automatically synchronizing as each computer comes up. It also has telnet support for internet spots. It can read supercheck-partial and CTY country files available from AD1C. Writelog for Windows is distributed by Ron Stahley, K5DJ, and costs \$75. You can download it or get a CD. See the web site at <http://www.contesting.com/writelog>.

Paul, K1XM, and Charlotte, KQ1F, then showed a multi-image slide program on the V63X CQ WW CW 1998 DXpedition they led with Ann, WA1S. The program was originally produced for the Contest Forum at Dayton and concentrated on the antenna and station design constraints and solutions, but did, of course, include a short ending segment on the underwater sights of Chuuk (Truk Lagoon). This contest DXpedition from the Pacific "black hole" made some 8M points.

During the second break, Ira, K2RD, sold tickets for the 50/50 raffle.

Don, K2KQ, noted that the next general meeting of the club is on October 9th, and will include a party and awards. He then talked about the YT modeling program for Yagi antennas over real terrain. This program, written by ex-president Dean, N6BV, is bundled with the 18th edition of the ARRL Antenna Book. Don compared his antennas and terrain to the antennas and terrain at the K1KI QTH.

Don also discussed the International Beacon Project, funded by the NCDXF. The eighteen beacon stations serve as band-opening indicators. They all have identical antennas and are time-synced with GPS. The beacon stations transmit at 14100, 18110, 21150, 24930, and 28200, first sending the beacon callsign at 22 wpm, followed by four dashes at 100W, 10W, 1W, and .1W.

At the end of the meeting, Art, W1RZF, drew the 50/50 raffle winner. Whitey, K1VV, went home \$51 richer.

The Big "E"

Anne West - K1STM

Hello fellow hams!

Spring has finally sprung! The grass is green, the weather is warm, leaves are on the trees and the eyes and noses are running! It's also the season in which I must plan for fall amateur radio activities. In particular, the Big E, New England's Great State Fair, which will be held September 17th through October 3rd in Springfield, Massachusetts.

For the past nine years, there has been an amateur radio booth in the New England Building. Clubs, groups and individuals work together to staff the booth during fair hours. Fair rules require staffing of the booth at all times during regular hours -- 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM. This year, the Central Connecticut Amateur Radio Club is coordinating the schedule.

"What goes on," you ask. A packet station will be set up for demonstration purposes and to send messages for visitors. Computers and easy to use programs will be provided. Two meter FM voice will be part of the booth. HF may be available. Many visitors will ask questions about ham radio and how to get involved. There will be literature from the ARRL to hand out and of course, a lot of good conversation and fun! If visitors are interested in becoming licensed, you may take names, addresses and phone numbers to contact later for club classes or for relay to the ARRL.

Free admission passes are available for those who work a shift in the booth. Once in, you can enjoy a fun day at the Big E and help promote amateur radio. So, how about it? Wouldn't it be fun to get some club members together, staff the amateur radio booth and spend a great day with friends and family? Want to know more? Please contact the following:

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Packet Frequency: 145.05

Flotsam & Jetsam

"Barnacle Jack" Schuster - W1WEF

Flotsam and Jetsam is excess cargo that can be thrown overboard to lighten the load and keep the ship from sinking. Please forward your contributions to w1wef@snet.net, or packet, in person, snail mail etc. Anything relevant to contesters is welcome!

By now you should be making those continuous improvements to your station that will help improve your

score this coming contest season. At W1WEF a few projects have been completed and more are waiting to be done. I replaced the Taitwister on the IIX sidearm with a Yaesu G1000SDX. This required redrilling the rotor shelf and getting the SDX centered. I also added a thrust bearing to the upper mast support on the IIX, by turning it upside down, drilling mounting holes, and again getting it centered. It now works like a champ, with no more binding of the mast in the upper sleeve. In fairness to IIX, I'll admit that I'm the only one I know of who ever had problems with binding in the sidearm. KING had several of them with bigger antennas than mine and said he never had any problem. It's working so well now, I might try turning a 40-2CD as well as the TH6!

I'm writing this in my basement hamshack (ie cellar corner) on the Cape, the most comfortable place in the house. Natalie just told me it's 110 in the shade on our thermometer! Guess that settles whether the shack should be on the second floor or down here!

Yesterday at the Wellfleet Flea Market I found a new source for my favorite kind of rope to support wire antennas - polyester. "The Rope Guy" carries olive drab mil surplus stuff, and says other hams buy from him as well. He will ship UPS from Southbridge Ma., and is on the Internet at cptnemo@net 1 plus.com . Did you know that "Dacron" is a brand name for polyester?

Another improvement planned at WEF is to automate antenna switching using the Top Ten Devices decoder I bought in Dayton. Can't believe I haven't already done this, after all the years operating at PJ9JT where John had a home made decoder doing the same thing. Every little improvement you can make to your contest station will add to your score and hopefully, in this case, prevent transmitting on the wrong antenna when I can hardly keep my eyes open. Little things mean alot... I'm going to a half gallon bottle from the quart I've used in the past.

WPX CW was alot of fun this summer, especially using the call KX1A. I wasn't aware until recently that you can use someone elses call as long as you have their permission (Tnx ARRL). Bill Webb, KX1A used to work part time in the contest branch, but dropped out of ham radio (temporarily I hope) after completing his worked all counties award. I think that has to be the hardest one of all to get...with over 3000 counties! I learned that Bill's latest hobby is building scale model submarines, radio controlled. They can go down about 20 feet, travel about 200 feet, and some even fire missiles and torpedoes from under water!!! Wonder if the Navy thought of this?

YCCC Challenge

Art Holmes – W1RZF

Many thanks to the 26 members who volunteered to be team captains this season. Team rosters can be found on the YCCC web site. Look under "On the air". Three teams have recruited new members. How is your team doing? Are you setting goals for CQWW. I hear KA1CLX (team 17) after losing K1ZM and KI1G, is hard at work to be #1 again. What team is going to knock them off?

TEAM	CAPTAIN	TEAM	CAPTAIN
1	W1NT	14	WO1N
2	KM1P	15	K1VV
3	K1MV	16	AA1CE
4	N1RR	17	KA1CLX
5	N1AU	18	N2YHK
6	K1EA	19	W1WEF
7	KS1J	20	WB1GEX
8	K1TW	21	KB1SO
9	WA1ZYX	22	K1ZM
10	K5MA	23	K1ZR
11	K1RV	24	N1SR
12	WA1S	25	W1MA
13	KV1W	26	NJ1F

YCCC At Dayton

Jeff Briggs – K1ZM

As reported earlier, YCCC had a strong showing at Dayton with over 65 members attending.

In addition to the usual roles played by K1AR as emcee for the Contest Dinner and K1DG as host of the Contest Forum, YCCC was also well represented at the forums by K1XM, KQ1F and K1ZM.

I brought along to Dayton a bagful of our new YCCC buttons (the ones that say "YCCC 1998/1999 - we be kickin' Butt"), and managed to hand out at least 50 of 'em during the course of Friday night and Saturday.

By the time of the Contest Dinner at 5:30PM on Saturday evening, the lobby of the Crowne Plaza was a "SEA of RED" - with YCCC buttons EVERYWHERE! I even gave a few to well-known Dx'ers who agreed to wear them to help us celebrate our success during the 1998-99 season.

In addition to YCCC badges being everywhere, there was an unofficial unveiling of the YCCC banner (compliments of Brad W1NT) at the Contest Forum. Between the second and third presentation, Ken Wolff, K1EA, and I paraded up and down the aisles holding it unfurled - much to the chagrin of the FRC'ers present - and much to the delight of those YCCC'ers in attendance. Most of the other attendees probably didn't

really understand what was going down - but looked on in amazement anyway!

Later that night, AFTER the Contest Dinner, KQ1F and WA1S paraded the YCCC banner again through the mezzanine lobby at the CROWNE PLAZA and into and through the FRC suite - you had to be there to see the looks on the faces of the FRC'ers present and I spent some time afterwards with Alex, V47KP, (who is the new incoming FRC President for 1999-2000).

Alex tells me that YCCC did not see FRC's best effort in CQWW 1998 - and that we had better not rest on our laurels too much - lest we get our "Butts wiped" in CQWW 1999. So I guess the "gauntlet has been thrown down"!

FRC will be *****even tougher****** to beat this year - but if we keep our eligibility up, our dx-peditions out there and our participation level HIGH here at home, then we can surely give them a real contest again this year.

This year, however, the element of surprise is GONE. While they did not take us seriously LAST YEAR, they surely will this year - so we all know what we have to do if we really wish to defend our title.

So, get your antennas checked out over the summer, make sure everything works as planned and be sure to reserve the LAST FULL WEEKEND in October and November for the upcoming rematch.

I suspect it will be a dandy and a real HORSERACE!

GO YCCC! KICK BUTT!

It was indeed a pleasure to have the chance to celebrate our success with our fellow club members this year at Dayton. Those who were there know what I mean. It was a good feeling and I was mighty proud to have my YCCC button on all weekend long.

Dayton 1999 Recollections

Jack Schuster - W1WEF

Flew US Airways Thurs AM. Left the house 6AM and talked to K1EM who was leaving by car. Flew to Philly where connecting flight was grounded with landing gear problem, and after several hours we were rebooked to fly a puddle jumper (US Air Express operated by Mesa) to Cincinnati. While taxiing out to runway, pilot got word that Cinci airport closed. It opened an hour later, we flew there and were bussed to Dayton airport. 13 ½ hours after leaving my house I was in Dayton. So were those who drove.

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George, W1ZT who roomed with me and was to meet me in the airport waited hours before going to the Crowne Plaza. The second floor gathering spot was going full bore, and I managed to stay up until about 1AM. Up at 6, we drove to the arena, stopped at Mc for breakfast on the way, parked across the road in the \$5 parking lot and walked the ½ mile to the gate. Gate was supposed to open to the Flea Mkt at 8AM, but ours didn't until 8:20; others apparently opened on time. Overall impression of flea market this year was more junk than ever, but I may just be outgrowing flea markets or the need for anything I cant buy elsewhere! I had ordered parts for my new IC706 interface and CW interfaces before I left home. Best part of the Dayton Flea Market is always meeting people anyway and it was fun walking around with DG and AR for a while.

Doors opened at ten AM for inside exhibits. This took some vendors by surprise who thought it was still noon as in the past! I immediately started plastering my 706 ads in all the men's rooms...figured everyone would eventually be there (well almost everyone!).The cleaning people tore them down as soon as they saw them, but got a lot of comments from those who went early!

The crowds were seemingly light, but with the good wx all three days, people were spread thru the inside and outside, so you could see everything you wanted to easily. By the time it was over, I had thoroughly walked thru all the indoor exhibits at least once, as well as the flea market. I attended part of the Contest forum, but still regret that you cant leave and hit the exhibit area as you could before, and then return. DG says the convention people are considering moving the DX talks to the Crowne Plaza Fri afternoon, and the Contest talks there Sat afternoon. Maybe the real solution is a DX/Contest convention somewhere else!

I bought a Top Ten Devices Band decoder so I can do automatic antenna switching from the MP. Also, a neat paddle by K9LU, for \$20...the cutest li'l paddle you ever saw! Will try it mobile. Got some more ink for reinking my printer cartridges...that has worked out well except for the time I spilled ink on my pants and the rug. Both were replaced! Ordered the second Yaesu G1000SDX to replace my remaining Tailtwister on the IIX sidearm. Looked at the FT100 and from what I saw I have no desire to replace my beloved IC706MKII. Renewed my CQ and World radio subscriptions and got a few other odds and ends..

Saw the new Bulgarian amplifier amp introduced by ACOM with Krassy, K1LZ, and Jim,K1IR maning the booth with others. Alpha Power had their Alpha99 that replaced the 91B formerly made in the same Bulgarian factory. The Bulgarian amp is awaiting FCC approval, but has some neat features for about \$5500. TenTec had a new Titan II linear, and a \$800

computer controlled transceiver similar to the Kachina. I didn't really pay much attention to it but heard about it from someone with a Kachina. There was a neat transceiver kit being sold by Electrocraft or something like that, for \$550. K2SIG told me he ordered one.

At the Contest banquet, Dave Sumner made the keynote speech, and then there were long nominating and acceptance speeches for two worthy additions to the CQ Hall of Fame...John Crovelli, W2GD, and Frank Donovan, W3LPL. The food was good (prime rib), and it was almost a sellout.

Vince Thompson, K5VT told me that the night before at the DX Dinner he recognized someone across the table from him who he had operated with...ROMEO! I spotted him outside the FRC room the next night, with Ed Kritski not far away. Romeo is reportedly living in Miami now. (I'll have to alert the Florida Contest Club!)

Had supper Friday with three of the Ks City Contest Club guys, K0VBU, K0RWL and another, and then when I got back to the hotel, Dan K1TO and Rus K2UA (the former NJ2L) were just leaving for supper so I went with them for dessert. We were joined by NJ1V and K5TT who also had eaten and went for dessert. Sunday morning, after being up until 2AM I awoke at 6 and decided to forego the FOC brunch at ten since I couldn't fall asleep again. I went to the Cracker Barrel with George and we sat with NJ1V and K5TT who were there also.

Overall a good time...after the lousy flights, Ill consider driving again, perhaps a leisurely RV trip rather than a marathon since I dont have to be back for work ... or maybe a leisurely drive to Visalia instead?

New Crew

Please welcome the following new mumber who joined at the Albany area local meeting on June 26th:

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DUES AND MEMBERSHIP STUFF Dues are payable as of the April election meeting, which begins our club "contest year", with a grace period until the end of June, at which time your membership lapses if dues are not paid up. In order to rejoin, a lapsed member must attend a meeting, like any new member, or may simply become a subscriber to the Scuttlebutt by paying up (see below). Club members who move out of club territory and so are not eligible to contribute to club aggregate scores automatically become subscribers. New members who join at the February meeting are credited with dues for the year beginning the following April. You can tell if you owe dues by checking your 'Butt mailing label. **Mail your dues** to the club treasurer, Ric Plummer, KV1W, PO Box 1158, Berlin, MA 01503-2158. **FAMILY MEMBERS** Members of the same family living at the same address may elect to receive only one copy of the Scuttlebutt. One member of the family must pay full dues, enabling the rest of the family to join as family members, which is free. **STUDENT MEMBERS** Full-time students are eligible for dues at half the regular rate. **SCUTTLEBUTT SUBSCRIPTIONS** Anyone may subscribe to the club newsletter, the *Scuttlebutt*. The subscription year begins in April. Subscribers who sign up between December and April are considered paid-up for the upcoming year. You can tell if your subscription is current by checking your 'Butt mailing label. The grace period for late subscriptions is the same as for late memberships.

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Upcoming Meetings

Saturday August 7	N. Hero, VT - AA1SU
Sunday August 22	KB1H
Sunday September 12	KV1W
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Sunday December 5	Worcester, MA
Saturday February 6	Worcester, MA
Sunday April 1	Worcester, MA
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The next general meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club will be held Saturday October 9th,
at 1:00 PM at the Student Union on the campus of Worcester State College in Worcester, MA

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