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Captain's Cabin

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As a dedicated group of testers, we know just how exciting our part of amateur radio can be. We work hard to make our stations perform; we put our best efforts into the contests, and total up our scores to compete in the club competition category [and win!]. But, I've been thinking; Is that all there is to what we do?

It seems to me that we have something very special . . . but we're not taking full advantage of it.

Contesting combines many diverse and interesting aspects of communications technology with the motivational and competitive aspects of sports. Why shouldn't these traits make contesting *the most popular activity* in amateur radio? Shouldn't contesting be one of the most attractive and exciting "*points of entry*" for prospective hams? Shouldn't contesting be the easiest aspect of amateur radio for the *general public* to understand and relate to? I don't see any reason why testers shouldn't be perceived as the group that actually *defines* amateur radio in the 21st century!

Why do we need to think this way? At a minimum, it will help keep the pipe full of competitive testers. Without lots of testers, there won't be much contesting. But, more importantly, we can help ensure a bright future for amateur radio. A vibrant, growing contesting community will contribute an awful lot to the future of our great hobby.

What do we need to do? We need to *connect* with many different constituent groups. We can start by making sure we unite our own membership. And then we must reach out. We need to join ranks with other contest clubs throughout the US and the world. We must communicate our message to non-contesting amateurs. And, beyond that, we need to make connections with the general public.

How can we make those connections? We should look at what we do through the eyes of those we wish to

influence. What do non-contesting hams think of testers? What's attractive? What's not? What keeps a prospective tester from jumping in and giving it a try? Which parts of contesting make sense to the general public? Which parts are completely in comprehensible?

We must all become missionaries, educators, and salespeople for contesting. If we all do our part, we can ensure a growth path for our future as testers and amateur radio ops.

Individually, there is definitely is something each and every one of us can do towards these goals. Here are just a few ideas:

- Write an article about contesting for an amateur radio publication
- Contribute something to your local paper
- Explain to friends exactly what you're doing, and invite them over to see you in action
- Create an educational tool – a one-page description of the contest to hand out as needed
- Invite non-contesting hams to YCCC meetings
- Give a short talk on contesting at your local club
- Give a talk on contesting at your local elementary school
- Visit the club station at the college you graduated from –make sure today's members are contesting members!
- Think about ways we – YCCC – can be more of an influence. Please send me your ideas.

So, get out there and be a contesting emissary. If we all do it, we'll generate some great results!

The summer is flying by fast. Have you done those antenna and station projects yet? The time to get them done is now . . . while the weather is great.

73,

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WMA Contest University September 8, 2001

The Western Massachusetts Section of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club announces a Contest University to be held on September 8, 2001. The meeting will be held at the QTH of K1TTT, Dave Robbins, in Peru, MA. The purpose of the meeting is to provide exposure to contest operation for those desiring more contest experience or new to contesting, under actual contest conditions. The WAE SSB contest will be in process at the time of the meeting.

Some of the topics to be covered will be contest logging software, antenna selection, propagation, operating tips and requirements. In addition to the hands-on contest there will be an opportunity to discuss preparations for the upcoming contest season, talk about our individual stations and operating plans, discuss techniques for maximizing scores, ask and answer questions, and get to know each other better. The meeting will include a tour of Dave's multi-multi position contest station and antenna farm.

The meeting will begin at noon with burgers, barbecue or pizza being served, depending upon the weather. This will be an official meeting. Members can pay their dues and new members can join.

Dave is always on the look out for operators for the CQWW SSB Contest in October, if you have an interest in participating, this would give you an excellent preview of all that is involved.

If you know anyone that would like to learn more about YCCC or to join the club please pass this information on to them.

Please let Dave or me know if you plan to attend so that we can plan the food accordingly.

Directions to K1TTT are located on Dave's web site:

<http://www.berkshire.net/~robbins/overview.html>

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June Meeting Minutes (6/2/2001)

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The morning began with a swap meet and brunch. The business meeting began with a video extravaganza, "We Are the Champs", produced by club president Jim, K1IR, and Len, K1NU, and continued with introductions of the 45 members and guests in attendance. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$7173.61. Club president Jim, K1IR, introduced Ali, A61AJ, who briefly described his contest philosophy. Ali wants to have top operators from all over the world operate his station to achieve his goal of having A6 no longer be a rare country during contests.

The club welcomed two new members, Jim, KK1W, and Ali, A61AJ (see "New Crew" for details).

A raffle of two Heil T shirts, replacement earpads for a Heil headset, and a genuine WRTC-2000 poster (in Slovenian) raised \$35 for WRTC-2002. N1DD and W1LU won the T-shirts, K1LOM the headset earpads, and N1SV the poster. On exhibit at a side table for members to try out, look at, and check out the manuals were an FT1000 hooked up to both a standard Heil headset and to a new prototype Heil headset. Heil is looking for feedback on its ergonomic design. The new headset will be available in the fall for around \$200. Also on display: a WX0B single-op two-radio (SO2R) box and its manual.

Jim noted that the club incorporation paperwork has been filed. Next, we can apply for tax-exempt status based on our support of international sporting competitions.

N1SR has taken over the Scuttlebutt editing from K1ZO. K1GU has taken on the printing and mailing. K1KI continues as the electronic edition distributor. The club web site has moved and is now stable. The members-only page is a little different and has not yet been updated. Some ideas under consideration for web site improvements include personal profiles pages, web-based score submissions, an automated roster, and ability to get your email at <callsign@yccc.org>. Jim is looking for a technology team to design web-based club applications.

New club badges are now available with the new club logo. Contact K1IR or K1NU to order one. Some members got them at Dayton. Jim is considering a new members' welcome package, which may include a club callsign badge.

George, K2ONP, has volunteered to be in charge of this year's YCCC team challenge. This year's idea is to develop an inter-regional competition instead of having randomly-assigned teams. Instead, the team challenge can develop affinity teams made up of any interested group of members, for example, local club members, operators of a multi-op,

or Dxpediton groups. To start out, by default every member will be assigned to a team based on their YCCC local area, with the local area managers as the team captains. Then others can volunteer to form affinity teams and captain them. The final structure will be a mix of regional teams and affinity teams. Email your ideas to George at k2onp@aol.com.

Len, K1NU, then talked about 2001-2002 YCCC awards programs. His mission is to increase and maintain club participation through a program of awards that members will want to win. He is considering several categories of awards, including regional affinity awards such as team medals, individual operating awards (highest score? most improved score?), recognition awards, and "cool club stuff". To his surprise, some members really appreciate receiving certificates, especially ones that impress other family members. Len then passed out the first round of recognition awards: club gavels to K1ZM and K2KQ for their leadership bringing the club to victory, and plaques to W1WEF for the long-running "Flotsam and Jetsam" column, K5ZD for his work on the web team, K1KI for setting up the web page, W1RZF for many diverse contributions, KQ1F for her years as secretary, K1XM for his leadership as Vice President, and KV1W for his work as treasurer. A volunteer is needed to run a worked-all-YCCC certificate program for DX stations.

Jim then talked about the status of WRTC-2002. The event will take place July 9th through the 16th, and will be sponsored by Contest Club Finland. Jack, W1WEF, will chair our club committee for selecting US teams. Other volunteers N7NG and W1UK are already on Jack's committee. Each US contest club committee (thirteen in all) is to recommend ten team captains, five from the eastern half of the US and five from the western half, from amongst those who submitted resumes on contesting.com. The deadline for submitting a resume is June 8th. Since there are more than ten resumes already, Jack will supply Jim with sealed envelopes for the east and west US team captains, and Jim will draw five of each, from the qualified individuals who submitted resumes. The team captains will choose their own partners. The Finnish sponsoring club will determine the US teams by treating the thirteen US contest club recommendations as votes.

Jeff, K1ZM, then talked about WRTC-2002 funding. Martti, OH2BH, asked Jeff, K4UEE, and N7BV to be the US fundraising committee. The total budget to raise is \$200,000, considerably more than for WRTC-2000 in Slovenia (\$5). OH2BH hopes to raise \$100,000 from corporate sponsors and the rest from the private sector. For WRTC-2000, AI6V was the US fundraiser, and raised \$40,000.

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The WRTC-2002 effort was introduced at Visalia, with several fund-raising tables at Dayton which raised \$5692. US contributions can be sent through NCDXF via W6OAT and are tax-deductible. A discussion followed of a club donation. A motion was made that the club donate \$1000 and pledge to match up to another \$1000 in member donations made through then end of WRTC-2002 (July 16, 2002). This motion passed. Member donations will be tracked by KV1W.

Art, W1RZF, then talked about ARRL DX Contest team scores. The top five teams by claimed scores were team 2 at 29M, team 15 at 21M, team 16 at 17M, team 6 at 17M, and team 22 at 16M. As noted, K2ONP will handle next year's team challenge. The total claimed scores are 193M on CW and 155M on SSB, for a total of 348M, not counting contributions from new members who joined after the teams were closed for the season.

The October 6, 2001, general meeting will feature a talk by Riley Hollingsworth of the FCC on "What I think about contesters". Invite your friends! Email questions and issues you'd like him to cover to K1IR. Jim will also record the presentation and make it available to other clubs. The meeting will be in a large auditorium at Worcester State College. Also that weekend are the Nutmeg Hamfest in Connecticut and Hosstraders in New Hampshire.

Len, K1NU, had a supply of YCCC lapel pins.

Jim then presented a video "YCCC Does Dayton" by K1DG (with K1NU, W1VE, and K1IR). Doug, of course, has for many years authored a column about goings-on at Dayton for the Scuttlebutt.

Fred, K1VR, then introduced Maury, W3EF (ex-NZ1W), who talked about the ARRL DX CW contest effort during the D68C DXpedition. He was the contest coordinator for the DXpedition. He showed most of the D68C video that was shown at the DX Forum at Dayton. The twenty-five-person D68C DXpedition team made over 168,000 QSOs. Fred also had copies of his new book available.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte L. Richardson, KQ1F, secretary
4 June 2001

YCCC WRTC-2002 Candidate Selection Process

With about a month's notice from Finland, YCCC and twelve other US Contest clubs were each invited to select ten top US contesters as Team Captains to

represent the USA in the World Radio Team Competition to be held in July 2002.

YCCC President Jim Idelson, K1IR, asked for volunteers from the club to serve as a selection team. Understandably, those who were interested in competing did not volunteer, but there was little response from anyone else. The three who did were W1WEF, W1UK and N7NG.

The selection team announced on the YCCC reflector, on the cq-contest reflector, and at the June 2 meeting that we would only consider candidates who submitted a resume on contesting.com by June 8. This way, we would not nominate someone who was not interested in competing, while denying someone else the opportunity.

We were asked to pick 5 well-rounded candidates from the 1,2,3,4,8 and 9 call areas, and 5 from the rest of the country. The Fins would pick the final top ten from the submissions of all 13 clubs. The criteria we used was contest results from recent years, and our own knowledge of operating skills. We found that there were more than 5 top contesters who we felt were qualified from the East and West, and narrowed the field to a list of 22 from a total of 71 who submitted resumes. This included 42 from the East, and 29 from the West. We placed these names in sealed envelopes, and gave them to Jim Idelson. In a blind drawing, Jim selected the following candidates:

EAST: W2GD, K5ZD, K1IG, K1KI, N2NL
WEST: KL9A, N5RZ, N6BV, N6MJ, W2SC

On July 2, the Fins announced the following ten USA Team Captains:

EAST: NT1N, K1AR, W4AN, KQ2M, K5ZD
WEST: N6MJ, N6RT, N5RZ, N2IC, N5KO

Nine of the ten Captains were in the "hat" from which Jim drew our selections; the only one who wasn't did not have his resume in by June 8. The next step for USA Team selection is for captains to pick their partners. There will also be an additional "wildcard" team that the Fins will pick from teams that apply, and another team picked by the Fins.

Congrats to those who were selected, and Good Luck to those seeking to be partners. As of this writing, there has been no announcement of partners but YCCC is off to a good start with three Team captains! Your selection team tried to be fair; it was not an easy task. We did our best and thank you for your support.

Jack, W1WEF Wayne, N7NG Jim, W1UK

Flotsam & Jetsam

Please send your input for this column to wlwef@arrl.net. I'm thinking of dropping my ISP of several years, if for no other reason than to get rid of spam! I have now been using Earthlink on Cape Cod for about a month, and realized quickly that I'm not getting any spam here (yet) because my address hasn't been sold as it has on my Ct ISP where spam is outnumbering my real mail by ten to one!

When I tried to subscribe to the YCCC reflector from my Cape computer, I had great difficulty. Since others have told me they too have had difficulty, I'll pass along the solution in my case, thanks to K1MK who straightened me out. I'm using Outlook Express here, and it turns out that "out of the box", Outlook express sends email in HTML. The YCCC reflector will only accept plain text! Make sure That you subscribe and send messages to the reflector in plain text.

Chuck, K8CH keeps SWR records on all his antennas so he can tell when something goes awry."Some antennas may change SWR depending on the ground water, time of year (sap in the trees...it is the sap not the foliage as the US military discovered in 3W), etc." Chuck finds that beams tend not to vary much, but suggests that if the swr seems to be improving, it may be because your coax losses are getting worse. Chuck also offers that he keeps both paper logs and computer logs; computer logs for contests but in his routine QSO paper log he notes significant station changes.

Dennis, N1DS keeps the radials coiled up off the lawn to keep his wife happy when not using his vertical antenna. He has an outlet box with AC receptacles at the base of the antenna, and he just plugs in extension cords uncoiled to a premarked length where he knows his antenna tunes.

Ira, K2RD showed me a neat homebrew black box he built recently, with Datamark dry transfer labels from Ocean State Electronics in Westerly RI. He also mentioned MIXW32 software that can be found on the internet to do some neat things w/o hardware, like packet and PSK31.

Ever look at QTH.net? There is a list of reflectors there on all aspects of Ham Radio.

When I recently mentioned to K1IR that I was going to buy a better come-along, Jim told me about a McMasters-Carr catalog product that he uses, called a worm-gear puller/hoist. I'm thinking about getting that instead...but would like to see the real thing at the next meeting Jim! It

looks like it has definite advantages over a come-along, with a crank that you turn instead of a ratchet handle that can be a bit tricky to use.

Finally, I'd like to pass the following along from Dean Straw. I don't recall if I included this before, but with growing interest in SO2R (Single op two radios), there may be renewed interest in reducing QRM between radios:

To operate two radios successfully in a single op all band station (or a multi-transmitter station), you've got to be able to hear! On CW especially, the second harmonic of 80M can kill reception on 40M, 40M can kill 20M, and 20M can hurt 10M. The first step is to prevent the front end of the second radio (the mult hunting radio) from generating its own harmonics due to front end overload. This mandates the use of bandpass filters of some sort. Dean uses Dunestar 600 filters, automatically switched with Top Ten Devices decoders from each radio.

The second step is to knock down the transmitted harmonics from the main radio (the one used to call CQ mainly in a single op station). Shorted quarter wave stubs made of RG213 will typically reduce the second harmonic by 25 db. The principle is simple: at the fundamental frequency the shorted quarter-wave stub is an open circuit, but at the second harmonic it is a shorted half wave long--ie a short circuit at the second harmonic. The stub is placed at the output of the linear amplifier directly in parallel with the coax...or if you use monoband antennas you can place dedicated shorted quarter wave stubs across each coax at the bandswitch. If you use tri-banders as Dean did at the time he wrote this, you need a set of switched stubs, probably selected through relays. Dean used his Top Ten decoder to also select his stubs automatically through a homebrew relay box. The Top Ten decoder has provision for isolating diodes for more than one set of relays.

How do you make a shorted quarter wave stub? You must take into account the velocity factor of the coax you use. RG213 has a rated velocity factor of .66, but can vary +/- 5%. You should cut each stub a little longer than the computed value of $246 \times VF / \text{freq}(\text{mhz})$ and then prune to frequency. Dean finds it easiest to use an swr analyzer like the Autek RF-1 or MFJ equivalent (one with a resistance meter as well as SWR). Start out with the stub open-circuited. This is because it's easier to snip off 1/2 inch pieces of coax, leaving an open circuit than it is to establish a short each time a piece is snipped off. Tune the analyzer to the fundamental frequency (since an open quarter-wave is a short at the fundamental) and snip off 1/2 inch pieces of the coax looking for the lowest impedance or resistance on the analyzer. Then, when you're close, short the end of the coax and measure at the second harmonic. The impedance should be very low at

the second harmonic. Seal up the shorted end of the coax with tape and you're done! Happy listening! (WEF note...include any lengths of coax or relay box wiring that might alter the electrical length when making your measurements. It might also be a good idea to monitor the frequency of the analyzer in your receiver so you know for sure where you are if your analyzer doesn't have a frequency counter)

Thanks to those who provided hints this month. Keep 'em coming. What might seem routine and simple to you might help someone else!
 JACK W1WEF

Ed note: K1TTT has extensive notes/analysis on stubs:

K2TR Coax Stub Filters

<http://www.berkshire.net/~robbins/technote/k2trstub.html>

Single Coax Stub Analysis

<http://www.berkshire.net/~robbins/technote/onestub.html>

Analysis of Pairs of Coax Stubs

<http://www.berkshire.net/~robbins/technote/stubpair.html>

Autoswitching Stubs

<http://www.berkshire.net/~robbins/technote/stubsw.html>

W&J on Stubs

<http://www.berkshire.net/~robbins/technote/w8jstsub.html>

Team Scores ARRL DX

ARRL team	DX 2001 score cw	claimed score ssb	scores score total
2	14,528,681	14,845,049	29,373,730
15	13,526,290	8,441,160	21,967,450
16	7,758,141	9,670,994	17,429,135
6	9,835,549	7,331,515	17,167,064
22	8,708,620	8,102,953	16,811,573
26	11,683,960	5,082,423	16,766,383
12	8,706,078	7,000,115	15,706,193
21	9,859,220	5,138,971	14,998,191
19	8,397,904	6,374,076	14,771,980
18	9,677,913	4,812,605	14,490,518
10	6,311,480	7,014,711	13,326,191
5	6,915,626	6,266,052	13,181,678
20	3,973,866	8,821,486	12,795,352
14	7,309,385	5,054,324	12,363,709
1	6,582,146	5,551,333	12,133,479
9	5,546,407	6,096,227	11,642,634
11	7,344,877	4,127,997	11,472,874
4	8,683,771	2,441,711	11,125,482
23	6,066,714	4,265,222	10,331,936
25	5,793,247	4,459,869	10,253,116
7	4,950,994	4,321,035	9,272,029
17	2,764,410	6,338,044	9,102,454
24	6,344,034	1,905,815	8,249,849
13	4,843,233	3,107,116	7,950,349
8	2,527,689	5,355,195	7,882,884
3	4,378,431	3,021,558	7,399,989
	193,018,664	154,947,556	347,966,220

New Crew

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Ali notes that he has a large multi-multi station which YCCC members may guest operator upon application.

Movers & Shakers

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KR1G	N6BV	W1WFZ
W3SM	WF2B	NT1N

YCCC Intramural Team Competition Program to Undergo a New Look

George D. Wilner, K2ONP, Area Manager NNY

The concept of YCCC intramural competition among the membership has certainly proved successful. Not only is it lots of fun, but also serves to further motivate our membership to make more points for the YCCC. Without question, our intramural competition program has been an important element contributing to our recent series of wins over FRC. One criticism of the YCCC Team Program as it is presently constituted is a concern among participants of

their inability to relate to teammates with whom they have little contact on a day-to-day basis. Discussions with Saul K2XA and other local YCCC'ers suggested that allowing YCCC'ers the freedom to compete intramurally as regional affinity groups of their own choosing (such as local radio or contest clubs, Dxpedition groups, multi-multi groups or whatever) might significantly enhance program participation. I proposed the idea to Jim K1IR, who thought it was a good idea. After some discussion, Jim proposed that I run with it (proving once again that no good deed goes unpunished!)

Here's what we are proposing:

1) The formation of Regional /Affinity Teams will replace exiting YCCC intramural team structure. All participants must be YCCC members whose dues are no more than 2 years in arrears.

2) The default teams are Regional (Area) Teams based on dues-paid information from Charlotte. Default Area Team Captains are the Area Managers, since they know their constituents best.

3) Individual YCCC'ers are encouraged to form their own "Affinity Teams" with any other YCCC member. These may be local clubs, coffee klatches, multi-multi groups, etc. The "Affinity Teams" can be for any or all of the individual major DX contests.

4) Members of Affinity Teams will be subtracted from their respective Area Team. Therefore, what we will end up with is a variable mixture of Area and Affinity Teams whose composition may change from contest to contest.

5) The advantage of this system is that NO ONE IS LEFT OUT! Every YCCC'er will be part of some affinity team or the default area team.

4) There will be no handicapping of any of the intramural teams. Rather, all teams will be stratified (i.e., small, medium or large categories) based on the number of valid logs each team submits after each contest.

5) Side bets with other affinity teams for cases of beer are encouraged

6) Winners will be judged and prizes awarded after each contest.

7) All information on Affinity and Area Team structure will be coordinated through me via e-mail.

To give you a concrete example of how this could work, let me show you what was done in my area (NNY). According to my figures, the number of eligible (i.e., dues not more than 2 years in arrears) YCCC members residing in the NNY YCCC area is 20. Seventeen are members of the Albany Amateur Radio Association (AARA), while the remaining 3 individuals (Fred K2TR, Mike N2MG, and Ben W2PS) live close by and regularly attend the YCCC Regional Meetings that AARA sponsors. I canvassed this group and all indicated that they would like to compete intramurally as a single YCCC Affinity Team which we will call "Team Albany". Since John (WE2F) and Mike (N2MG) are putting up towers and aluminum this summer, we plan to give all of you Bostonites a run for your money. Any one interested in any bets?

Other small groups within YCCC have also shown interest. Rich AA2MF and his gang down on Long Island have formed the Empire Contest Club. This is a group of locals who get together, are enthusiastic DX'ers/contesters, and will be competing in the fall as an YCCC Affinity Team. Similarly, Frank N2FF and the YCCC members of his group, "The Boiled Owls" want to go to war this fall as an affinity team

So, please help yourselves, the YCCC and me, and talk this up with the people in your area. Encourage them to form Affinity Groups, because this is surely the most fun!

George K2ONP

Guest speaker - October 6, 2001 Riley Hollingsworth FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio

This will be the first time Riley has a chance to directly address the contesting community. What should he talk about? What key issues should we ask him to cover?

Please email me your thoughts. I will compile your input and forward it to Riley to help him prepare his remarks.

Think big. We will be recording this important presentation and we'll make it available to the rest of the contesting community over the internet, etc. de K1IR

WRTC – 2002 Fundraising Program

I have been asked by OH2BH to be the USA East Coast Fundraiser for WRTC 2002.

Our goal is to raise \$100,000 by July 2002.

We got off to a good start by raising \$5,652 or so at Dayton....YCCC was very visible there and we got some GREAT PR by really helping out with the manpower at the donation tables. Thanks to all who made that such a successful weekend.....

Lot's still to do though.

Yesterday, YCCC pledged a donation from the Club Treasury of \$1,000. This will be paid NOW and garners YCCC a place as a GOLD LEVEL sponsor of WRTC 2002. (It doesn't get much better than that as the TOP level is PLATINUM at \$5,000...so we were most generous and the OH guys are gonna be mighty grateful.)

We also pledged a YCCC matching gift program which will be paid next year.

It works like this:

For each dollar donated to WRTC 2002 by a YCCC member (and this includes Dayton 2001 donations already made for which I am still awaiting the specific details) - YCCC will match with an additional dollar up to \$1000 total.

So, if YCCC members find it in their means to come together in total with \$1000 dollars of their own (and not out of the club treasury), then we will match those dollars 1 for 1 from the Club treasury bringing YCCC up to a possible level of \$3,000 for WRTC.

I'll bet OH2BH will be *****ecstatic***** to hear this.....

So far, K5ZD (Randy) and K1LOM (Seth) have contributed via this route and their dollars will be matched - under the program assuming they want them to be....

Thanks guys - it is much appreciated. And thanks to those who gave at Dayton - I just do not know who you are yet as W6OAT has the data and still has not returned from HC8A yet following WPX CW.

As an additional incentive, here are a few tidbits that may be of interest to YCCC members:

1) I have about 6-7 really cool WRTC 2000 posters donated by S56A and K1DG. For anyone donating \$10 to the cause, you will get one - and I will pay the cost to send it to you in a tube....but the early bird gets the worm here - I only have 6-7 of these. Hurry if you want one.....

2) Anyone donating ANY size gift can PURCHASE a really cool WRTC 2002 tee shirt with the WRTC logo on it - for (either \$30 or 35). This will be available shortly

from W6OAT - (we are awaiting some of the final details on the shirts - and the logo design is still in the works etc) - but this one is coming.

3) Anyone donating a personal donation of \$100 or more, will GET one of these shirts FREE from W6OAT - you will need to specify size desired when you mail in your check - so don't forget to indicate Sm Me Lrg or XL or XXL on ur check if you go this route.

4) All donations are to be mailed by check payable to NCDXF - with the phrase "for WRTC 2002" written in on the lower left side of the check.

5) ALL donations made in this fashion are tax deductible under IRS law and may be claimed on your itemized deductions Sched A, form 1040, charitable contributions.

W6OAT will mail out a receipt for all donations.

Donations greater than \$200 REQUIRE a receipt as part of IRS law - and, since all donations will get a receipt, you will get what you need for IRS tax time - Clear?

6) Donations to W6OAT should be mailed to:

Rusty Epps - W6OAT
651 Handley Trail
Redwood City, CA 94062

7) If you can remember to send me an email telling me of your gift, we will see what we can do to periodically publish a list of donor's calls only - not sizes of gift (match) - in the BUTT - and perhaps on the website if this proves feasible.

8) Additionally, in the WRTC Handbook to be produced by the Finns, all donors will be listed - at least that is the plan - so we are trying to ensure all gifts and donors are recognized publicly - with thanks for their support.

Remember - a YCCC member (or former member) has WON WRTC each time it has been held - so we in YCCC have a special relationship & kinship with this unique activity.

Please do what you can - no hard sell.....and thanks for anything you can do to help.

Obviously, this is a voluntary program - there is no obligation whatsoever here.

Thanks for reading this message and for your support.

73 JEFF - K1ZM@aol.com

YCCC CLUB RESOURCE INFORMATION

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP STUFF Dues are payable as of the April election meeting, which begins our club "contest year". The YCCC has adopted a multi-tiered membership format as follows: Please note that payment of dues IS NOT a prerequisite for contributing scores to the Club aggregate, but IS for the various YCCC Awards Programs

Full Member - \$20 (Eligible for YCCC awards programs and paper delivery of Club newsletter)

Full Member - \$15 (Eligible for YCCC awards programs and electronic "Ebutt" delivery of Club newsletter)

Family Member - \$0 (Grants full membership to all amateurs residing at one domicile on payment of one member's "Full Member" annual dues and entitlement to one Club Newsletter sent to one domicile or email address. All members of said family are eligible for YCCC awards programs.)

Student Member - \$10 (Grants full membership to students at a reduced level. Eligible for YCCC awards programs and paper or electronic delivery of the Club Newsletter.)

Subscription - \$** (A "friend of YCCC" - not a member but a possible candidate for future membership. Receives club newsletter only in paper or electronic form. Fee basis is \$20 for overseas paper delivery, \$15 for domestic paper delivery and \$10 for electronic "Ebutt" delivery domestically of overseas.)

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**

SCUTTLEBUTT ARTICLES should be sent to the Scuttlebutt editor, Steve Rodowicz N1SR, preferably by E-mail at n1sr@arrl.net or on 3½" disk (in MSWord format or text file) by snail mail to Steve Rodowicz, 809 Pendleton Avenue, Chicopee, MA 01020. The deadline for each issue is the 10th of the preceding month. **CONTEST SCORES** should be sent to the club scorekeeper, Dave Hoaglin, K1HT, preferably by packet or by E-mail at dave_hoaglin@abtassoc.com. Please include details such as numbers of QSOs, QSO points (if appropriate), and multipliers (all types); entry category; and power.

CLUB GOODIES BADGES YCCC badges are available from Ric, KV1W. Send \$2, name and call desired on the badge, and your mailing address to: Ric Plummer - YCCC Badge, PO Box 1158, Berlin, MA 01503-2158. **APPAREL** Contact Brad, W1NT bradld@bellatlantic.net **QSL CARDS** are ordered through John Dorr, K1AR. To order, send John packet mail, or E-mail at k1ar@contesting.com, detailing exactly what you want the card to say. There are 2 lines of text available for awards, etc. You will receive a proof by return mail. Approve the proof, making any corrections, and return to John *with payment* (make checks out to John, not YCCC). Current price is \$68 (delivered) for 2000 cards. Normal turnaround is 30 days after approving proof. **MEMBERSHIP ROSTER** is mailed annually with the August issue of the Scuttlebutt, and to new members when they join. Updates are published in 'Movers and Shakers' when members move or change callsigns.

COMPUTER STUFF INTERNET REFLECTOR There is an Internet mailing list for YCCC members. To subscribe, send mail to yccc-request@yccc.org. Include the word "subscribe" in the body of the mail message. **WWW HOME PAGE** Come visit us at <http://www.yccc.org>. Our Webmaster is Doug Scribner, K1ZO. **CT CONTEST LOGGING SOFTWARE** is available from Matt, KC1XX. Orders: 603-878-4600. Support: 603-878-4200 Internet: <http://www.k1lea.com>. There is an Internet mailing list for CT users. To subscribe, send email to CT-USER-REQUEST@contesting.com, and put only the word SUBSCRIBE in the message body. The web site is the best way to get CT country file updates, which are regularly announced on the reflector. These updates may also be obtained by sending a blank formatted disk and \$1.00 for postage to Jim Reisert, AD1C, 7 Charlemont Court, North Chelmsford, MA 01863-2306.

ADMINISTRATIVE STUFF The W1 QSL BUREAU is sponsored by the YCCC. Keep your account up to date by sending a check. Stamps are sold at face value, envelopes are 10 cents each. Address: W1 QSL Bureau, PO Box 7388, Milford, MA 01757-7388. Email address: w1qsl@yccc.org. **PACKET NETWORK** information is available from Charlie Carroll, K1XX, Candlelight Rd., Rindge NH 03461.

ARRL COMMITTEE REPS are **CAC New England** Dave Hoaglin, K1HT; **CAC Hudson** Rich Gelber, K2WR; **DXAC New England** Ken Bolin, W1NG **DXAC Hudson** Rich Wujciak-K2RW. **ARRL LIAISON** is Tom Frenaye, K1KI

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Type	Place
July 28 (Sat)	YCCC/FRC/ PVRC Picnic	New Jersey
Sept 8	Contest U	K1TTT - WMA
October 6	General Mtg Riley Hollingsworth	Worcester, MA

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**The next general meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club will be held Saturday October 6th,
at 1:00 PM in the Student Union on the campus of Worcester State College.**

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