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**Next Meeting-
Saturday, October 5th – 1PM to 4PM
Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center
Sturbridge, MA**

Captain's Cabin

Tony Brock-Fisher, K1KP

Fall is Antenna Time!

Although the club has been rather inactive this summer, we're hoping that members have been 'out there', working on new and exciting antenna projects. Although the old adage goes that antennas work best when installed in below-freezing weather, there's still time to put the finishing touches on this season's aerial improvements. While this September the weather has been unseasonably calm for sailing, it has been really wonderful for antenna projects with warm sunny days, little rain, and low winds. If you haven't been working on a major tower project, why not go out on a weekend and toss another dipole in a tree, or mount that spare tribander low on the tower facing south for a few quick mults. If you have more than one antenna for a band, one of them is bound to be better than the other! Plus it's a good time to walk the beverages, check the feedlines, swing the rotors all the way around to find problems before time runs out. Above all, BE SAFE when climbing!

YCCC Wins Again (and Again)!

By now the word is probably out that YCCC has successfully defended *both* its CQWW and ARRL DX Contest titles! Our guest speaker for the upcoming meeting writes about our ARRL DX victory:

*"YCCC had once again vanquished all comers with a bazillion points from 13 lucky logs more than last year".**

This makes it four in a row! Thanks up front to all who helped to support this terrific accomplishment. If you were among the nine new members who joined YCCC at the joint WRTC Training/YCCC meeting event in Milford this summer, you probably think YCCC is a pretty quiet club. So far, other than the WRTC activities, no meetings, no newsletters, and pretty quiet on the reflector. Well hang on to your hat, folks, as YCCC is getting ready to swing into high gear for the upcoming contest season! To lead off, we will have a doozie of a meeting coming up on October 5th!

Upcoming General Meeting

To steal a phrase from Jean Shepherd, K2ORS, "You're in for a real treat"!

First, we will be hosting a Special Guest Speaker, Ward Silver, N0AX. We are especially honored that Ward will be able to make an appearance for us on the East Coast. Rumor has it that Dr. Beldar, L1AR, will appear as well!

Additionally, this is our annual Awards Presentation meeting. We will be giving out awards to members for Participation, Improvement, and Achievement. Have you earned your YCCC hat by submitting a log for four majors? If so, you'll want to come to the meeting to pickup your hat! We will also be presenting handsome YCCC coffee mugs for the Improvement Awards. And to top it off, this year we will have the sparkling new YCCC Achievement award pins that feature the Clipper
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Directions to Sturbridge Host Hotel

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.



October Meeting Program Highlights:

Special Guest Speaker Ward Silver, N0AX

YCCC Awards Program*

Propagation Update for the Fall Contests

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Summary of CQWW Rules Changes

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Below are a few general comments and explanations about the new rules.

The basic information about bands, exchange, and scoring has been moved to the beginning. We wanted everyone to quickly grasp the basics so they could get on the air and join the fun. There is no change to the scoring.

The entry categories are substantially unchanged. We still have separate Single Operator and Single Operator Assisted categories for high, low and QRP power levels. The wording for the multi-operator categories has changed, but the definition of the categories is the same.

- **Xtreme Contesting and Team Competition categories have been removed.** The Xtreme Contesting concept, which only began in 2009, had special rules and a very low number of entries. The Team Competition was not attracting many entries and we decided that we would rather put more effort into promoting the club competition.
- **Checklog is now listed as a category.** Checklogs are not a competition category, but we wanted to help everyone understand Checklogs and how they are counted. Checklogs are very important in helping us with the log checking.
- A first for CQ WW, there are now two new Overlay categories. The Overlay categories are a second contest within a contest. Entrants receive a score in their traditional entry category and will also have a second score listed in the Overlay results. It is like entering two contests for the price of one!
- **The Classic Overlay category** is intended for the radio purists who want to participate in the most traditional way. It is one operator, one radio, no outside assistance, and only the first 24 hours of actual operating time (with breaks a minimum of 60 minutes with no QSO) will count for the score. Of course, Classic operators are welcome to operate as much as they want, but only first 24 hours of “on time” will count for the score. It should be interesting to see what the winning strategy of this new competition will be. The traditional single operator categories remain with no time limit.
- **The Rookie Overlay category** is for anyone who received their first ham radio license within three years of the date of the contest. It’s a great opportunity for new operators to compete with others who are also learning. We have enjoyed watching new operators in the CQ WPX Contest build their skills each year and make significant efforts in their final year of eligibility.
- **Award certificates** are now being offered to each category winner in every country plus each call area in the USA, Canada, Japan, and Russia. Plaques continue to be offered for categories where they are sponsored.
- **The Club Competition rules have been changed** to create two separate competitions; one for clubs within the USA and one for clubs in the rest of the world (DX). The concept of a club being defined by a 175 mile circle is well established in the USA, but has not worked so well in other parts of the world where the contesting population is more spread out. The DX club area is now defined as the country where the club is located AND the area within a 275 Km radius of the club’s selected location. For example, the Bavarian Contest club can have members from any part of Germany as well as others that fall within the 275 Km circle around Munich, which may include Austria and Switzerland.
- **The general rules define** some of the specific requirements that govern all entries. Each entry must use a different callsign, only one signal on a band at a time, etc. Entrants are required to log QSOs as they occur and not edit the log after the contest.
- **Log submission instructions are unchanged.** We do ask high scoring stations to include exact frequencies in their log. The log deadline remains at five days after the end of the contest.
- **The judging section** spells out examples that are considered unsportsmanlike conduct, how disqualifications are managed, and the log checking deductions for logging errors. Signals with excessive bandwidth may be considered as being unsportsmanlike and earn disqualification. Red and Yellow cards have been removed in favor of one action – disqualification.
- **The declaration section** reminds all CQ WW entrants of their responsibility to obey the rules and to accept the decisions of the CQ WW DX Contest Committee.

CQ WW DX Contest 2013 Introduces New Overlay Categories

By Randy Thompson, K5ZD (k5zd@cqww.com)

There was a complete rewrite of the CQ WW DX Contest rules for 2013. Most of the changes were to make the rules easier to read and understand. Everyone is encouraged to review the new rules at <http://cqww.com/rules.htm>.

One exciting change to the rules is the addition of two new “overlay” categories: Rookie and Classic. An overlay category is a second competition in parallel with the traditional categories. You submit your normal log, but effectively enter two contests. For the CQWW Contest, the overlay categories are limited to Single Operator All Bands entries.

The Rookie overlay category is for anyone that has been licensed for less than 3 years as of the date of the contest. This is a great opportunity for new hams to compete against each other. The CQ WPX Contest has had a Rookie overlay category for several years and it has been fun to watch new contesters improve their scores in year 2 and compete for a top spot in year 3.

The 2013 survey of CQWW participants revealed many requests for a limited time single operator category. Many operators do not feel they can put in the 36+ hours it may take to be competitive against the top scorers. The Classic overlay category counts only the first 24 hours of **operating time**. Any time periods of more than 60 minutes without a contact are not counted as operating time (i.e. they are off times). This allows participants to pick and choose their operating time throughout the 48 hour contest period. For example, an operator can start the contest at 0800z, operate 8 hours, take 4 hours off, operate 6 hours, take 2 hours off, and then operate the remaining 10 hours. Each operator decides on their own schedule.

What if you finish your 24 hours of operating time and there is still time left in the contest? Classic Overlay operators are encouraged to keep operating beyond the 24 hour time limit. This will improve their traditional category score, while the Classic Overlay score will be based only on the first 24 hours of operating time.

The Classic Overlay has two other important restrictions. Entrants are only permitted to use only one radio and they are NOT allowed to use DX spotting assistance (e.g., DX cluster). This is true “classic” operating where the operator must use just a single radio to find their own DX. Anyone using the DX Cluster is not permitted to enter the Classic Overlay category. If a radio breaks during the contest, you are welcome to switch in another one. The single radio rule is to eliminate the SO2R operators from the Overlay competition.

The Overlay category scores will be listed in their own separate results. Overlay entrants will find their call sign in the results twice: once for the traditional single op category and a second time in the Overlay listings.

Entering an Overlay category is easy. Operate the contest as a single operator all band entry and add one line to your Cabrillo log file.

CATEGORY-OVERLAY: ROOKIE

or

CATEGORY-OVERLAY: CLASSIC

You may only enter one overlay category. If we find both in your log, we will use the last one found.

Rookie entrants are also requested to put the date they received their first ham radio license in the SOAPBOX field.

The purpose of the Overlay categories is to create more opportunities for competition without disturbing the traditional entry categories. The Overlay concept has been well proven and accepted in the CQ WPX Contest and the same is expected to be true in CQWW. It will be exciting to see what the Rookie operators can do and what strategies are used to create competitive scores in the Classic category.

Any questions about the new CQ WW Contest rules can be submitted by email to questions@cqww.com.

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CQWW-CW Dx-Pedition Alert: Dennis (W1UE) & Paul (K1XM) will be part of PJ4A multi-2 for the CQWW-CW. YCCC will probably get 1/3 of the score.

(Captain's Cabin, Continued from page 1)

Ship in a gold emblem, along with the distinctive colored 'stars' that denote achievement levels. We're working hard to make sure that members who are contributing to YCCC's winning scores are recognized for their contributions, at whatever level! (Remember, you must be current with your dues to receive awards)!

Chuck Counselman, W1HIS, will present a propagation update and revision of his forecast charts.

Last but not least, I'm pleased to announce that we have received another nomination for the YCCC Hall of Fame, which was unanimously approved by the officers, Advisory Council, and Awards Manager. This award will be presented at the meeting as well.

WRTC2014

Speaking of WRTC, I'm very proud to say that at last count, 91 YCCC members volunteered to support WRTC test activities this past summer. That's a significant portion of the club roster that has volunteered their time and other resources (trucks, tools, radios, etc) to support this once in a lifetime event coming up next summer. I'm hoping that we can continue the momentum and enlist the help of even more YCCC members for 'The Main Event' – WRTC needs all the help they can get, and you don't have to be an expert at anything to help out. Beam Team K1KP, with 6 members, installed one station, albeit with a pesky tree in the way. In considering how to install 4-5 stations next year, it's plain that we'll need more help or more time to get the job done. We'll either need to spread the installation over two days, or have some more young muscles to 'sub in' for the more 'Emerly' members of the team. If the installations take place over more days, that still means that WRTC needs more volunteers, as it shifts the burden slightly from Beam Teams to Site Teams which have to keep a watch over installations once they go up until they come down. In short, YCCC is very proud and supportive of our members who volunteer to support this event, and we're looking at ways to recognize those volunteers.

CQWW Rules Changes

As we head into contest season, it's important to catch up on the recent rules changes for CQWW. A summary of the changes is printed elsewhere in this issue of the Scuttlebutt, and Randy, K5ZD has an article in this issue about the new Classic Overlay category which looks really enticing! Being an old single radio op I am very tempted to give the new category a test drive! Another important rules change directly affects the Club competition, which has been broken into separate sections for USA and DX clubs.

Whatever entry category you choose, be sure to reserve the CQWW weekends with your significant others. Note that this is one of those rare years when CQWW CW is the weekend *before* the Thanksgiving holiday. As always,

Sit down, Strap in, and Kick Butt!!

**Ward Silver, NOAX, extended contest results article, arrl.org*

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YCCC Meeting Schedule 2013-2014	
Date	Location
October 5, 2013 Start: 1pm	Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center Sturbridge, MA
December 8, 2013 Start: 12:30 pm	Elks Lodge #2118 Auburn, MA
February 2, 2014 Start: 1pm	Holiday Inn, Springfield-Enfield Enfield, CT
April 5, 2014 Start: 1pm	Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center Sturbridge, MA

WRTC2014 Announces Invitation of Team Leaders

The selection process was managed by Dan Street, K1TO, himself a 3 time competitor and winner of the event. "The competition for a place at WRTC2014 was very close. With qualifying points available from an unprecedented 55 events, it was terrific that a number of the Selection Area races came down to the very final qualifying event -- ARRL DX SSB 2013."

The Team Leaders come from all continents; 27 from Europe, 15 from North America, five from Asia, two from South America, and one each from Africa and Oceania. Ten of the Team Leaders in North America are first time WRTC competitors. By comparison, Europe produced a more veteran group with only eight rookies among the 27 slots.

Two wild card teams were selected from among the remaining applicants. Street explained the selections, "Suad, DK6XZ, finished less than 6 points out of the last Team Leader spot in EU2, thus being the closest non-qualifier. Alex, LZ4AX, is well known for his consistently solid efforts from K3CR, including his first-ever USA Single-Operator All Bands victory last year in the CQ World Wide DX Contest."

The Youth Team is a special category created by the WRTC2014 organizers to recognize contesters less than 25 years of age. Filippo, IZ1L BG, posted a terrific set of qualifying scores to claim the spot.

According to tradition, the previous WRTC champion receives an automatic invitation to defend the title. Vladimir, RW1A, winner of WRTC2010 in Moscow, has already indicated his desire to compete in New England.

WRTC is a competition among two-operator teams. Each Team Leader will select one Team Mate for the competition. Team Leaders must accept their invitation to WRTC2014 and nominate their Team Mate by October 15, 2013. If a Team Leader is unable to accept, the invitation will go to the next highest qualifying applicant from the selection area.

Once all of the Team Leader invitations are accepted, there will only be one other way to gain entrance to the WRTC2014 competition – through a Team Sponsorship. A Team Sponsor donation earns the right to select a team. Only two Team Sponsorships are currently available. Contact Doug, K1DG, or Randy, K5ZD, for details. Sponsored Teams will be announced at a later date.

See <http://www.wrtc2014.org/qualifying/team-selection/> for an explanation of the selection areas and the qualification process.

WRTC2014 TEAM LEADERS					
Selection Area	Team Leader	Name	Selection Area	Team Leader	Name
AF	3V/KF5EYY	Achraf Chaabane	EU5	UR0MC	Roman Tkachenko
AS1	R9DX	Vadim Ovsyannikov	EU5	9A6XX	Hrvoje Horvat
AS2	RC9O	Anatoly Polevik	EU6	RL3FT	Iurii Khmelenko
AS3	5B4WN	Marios Nicolaou	EU6	RX3APM	Sergey Dyachenko
AS4	BA4ALC	Jie Zheng	EU6	UA3DPX	Andrey Melanin
AS5	JH5GHM	Katsuhiko "Don" Kondou	NA1	K1LZ	Krassimir Petkov
EU1	CT1ILT	Filipe Monteiro Lopes	NA2	W2RE	Ray Higgins
EU1	F8DBF	Sebastien Le Gall	NA3	KE3X	Ken Low
EU1	M0CFW	Kazunori Watanabe	NA4E	NN3W	Richard DiDonna
EU1	G0CKV	Olof Lundberg	NA4W	AD4Z	Julio Henriquez
EU1	F4DXW	Stephane Van Langenhoven	NA5	N5DX	Kevin Stockton
EU2	LX2A	Philippe Luty	NA6	N6MJ	Daniel Craig
EU2	IK2NCJ	Luca Aliprandi	NA6	K6AM	John Barcroft
EU2	DJ5MW	Manfred Wolf	NA7	K7RL	Mitch Mason
EU2	IK1HJS	Carlo De Mari	NA8	K8MR	Jim Stahl
EU2	DL1QQ	Sandy Raeker	NA9	W9RE	Michael Wetzel
EU3	ES5TV	Tonno Vahk	NA10	KU1CW	Alex Tkatch
EU3	OH2UA	Toni Lindén	NA11	VY2ZM	Jeffrey Briggs
EU3	LY9A	Gediminas Lucinskas	NA12	VE7CC	Lee Sawkins
EU3	YL1ZF	Kaspars Uztics	NA13	K9VV	Fred Kleber
EU4	OE3DIA	Ivan Dobrocky	OC	KH6ND	Michael Gibson
EU4	OM2VL	Végh László	SA1	PY2YU	Hamilton Oliveira Martins
EU4	OM3BH	Rastislav Hrnko	SA2	CX6VM	Jorge Diez
EU4	OE2VEL	Wolfgang "Wolf" Klier	WILD	LZ4AX	Alexander Avramov
EU4	S50A	Tine Brajnik	WILD	DK6XZ	Suad Zukic
EU5	E77DX	Emir "Braco" Memic	YOUTH	IZ1L BG	Filippo Vairo
EU5	UU4JMG	Andriy Kotovsky	CHAMP	RW1A	Vladimir Aksenov
EU5	4O3A	Ranko Boca			

YCCC CLUB RESOURCE INFORMATION

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP STUFF Dues for the year are payable as of January 1st. 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 - \$15/yr (Eligible for YCCC member benefits and electronic "Ebutt" delivery of Club newsletter)

Full Member - \$30/yr (Eligible for YCCC member benefits and paper 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 member benefits.)

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 "supportive friend of YCCC" - not a member but a possible candidate for future membership. Only receives club newsletter in paper or electronic form. \$10 for electronic "Ebutt" delivery domestically or overseas or \$25 for domestic paper delivery.)

Club members who move out of club territory and so are not eligible to contribute to club aggregate scores can continue to participate in the Club's e-mail reflector and receive the electronic "Ebutt" delivery of newsletter at no cost.

You can tell if you owe dues by checking your 'Butt mailing label or the Club roster in the Members Only section of the website.

NOTE: If your dues are paid to a March 31 date, then you now need to synchronize to the calendar year. Please see the "Dues" area on the Members Only section of the website for the pro-rated dues amount for a partial year.

Mail your dues to the club treasurer, Chet Slabinski, N8RA, 462 W. Hill Rd, New Hartford, CT 06057.

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