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Devoted To Amateur Radio Contesting And DXing From 160 Meters To Microwaves

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Prez' sez "DR ain't slept in weeks, so make him give a talk!"

- De John Youell, WA4QDM

GA (does anyone get morning mail anymore?) and I hope everyone logged YK9A and D68C everywhere they needed them. Our program for March will be the YK9A DXpedition by W4DR (hope you don't mind, Bob) and contest war stories by W4MYA and K4JA. Both of these guys were smoking in the last couple of contests – excellent scores!

Many thanks to Bill Cox (W4DAA) for the use of his place of business for our meeting last month. I apologize for not screening the VCR tape beforehand – it was much longer than I planned, but I think everyone got a good night's sleep after the marathon showing!

Remember that we have changed our meeting time to 7:00 PM and we are back to the Mennonite Church on Staples Mill for the rest of the year. The new meeting time will also move up the rendezvous time at the "Greek" for those who want to eat and meet.

Looks like the slate of candidates for the next year will be the current default set:

WA4QDM – Prez, N4ZJ – Sec., W4NM – Treas. We are supposed to have a quorum (15 members) voting at the April meeting for this to be official. I don't see any reason that a "write-in" vote or "proxy" to the Secretary wouldn't count, so if you aren't going to be at the April meeting, please notify Tom of your voting intent *(togburn@wwbt.com or **3211 Whitehorse Road, Richmond - 23235 or 320-4514**)*. Look elsewhere in this issue for details on a proposed Constitutional amendment defining a quorum for regular and special meetings. (Note that a Constitutional amendment will require a 2/3 quorum of the entire membership and is different from the quorum requirement being proposed to conduct normal club business).

I would also like to put the following additional items on the agenda for March:

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I am tempted to write all about our YK9A operation...our trials and successes, but if I do no one might come to the program Rosalie and I are giving on the 13th so if you want that story you will just have to come to the meeting.

The 48 hours before we left for Dulles were some of the most exciting in my DX career. On the 29th at 1203 Z, I worked 9M2AX on 1822 for #299 and that same evening at 0055 Z I worked A52GJ on 1824 for #300. The A5 160/80 QSLs were waiting for me when we returned!

The CVCC invested heavily in the YK9A DXpedition. Did you get your money's worth?

Here is the log search for CVCC'ers and friends:

- AC4OB 40 c,s, 30, 15r (congrats, Joe. only 2 CVCC'ers got a RTTY QSO)
- KK4VN 40 c
- N2QT 160 c, 80 c, 40 c,s, 30, 20 c,10 c,s
- N4CH 40 c, 30
- N4EHJ 160 c, 10 c
- N4EKD 10 s
- N4MXT 80 s, 15 s, 10 s
- N4ZJ 80 c,s, 40 c,s, 15 c,s, 12 c,s, 10 c,s
- NQ4E 40 c
- W3NS (ex-KD4IFV) 80 s, 40 c,s, 10 s
- W4DAA 160 c
- W4HJ 160 c, 80 c, 40 c, 10 c,s

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- W4HZ 160 c, 80 c,s, 40 c, 30, 20 c, 17 c, 15 s, 12 s, 10 s (a band sweep!)
- W4MYA 160 c, 80 c,s, 40 c,s, 30, 20 c,s, 17 c,s, 15 c,r, 12 c,s, 10 c,s
- W4PK 160 c, 80 c, 40 c, 30, 15 c
- WA4QDM 40 c, 30, 10 c
- WK4Y 160 c, 80 c, 40 c,s, 30, 20 c,s, 15 c, 10 c,s
- W4YV 160 c, 80 c,s, 40 c,s, 30, 20 c,s, 17 c,s, 15 c,s, 12 c,s, 10 c,s
- WU4G 15 s, 10 s

W4HZ, W4MYA and W4YV all got band sweeps. YV and MYA tied for top honors with 18 unique BMC QSO's each. Bob got a 15 meter RTTY contact and Mickey got a 15 meter SSB otherwise their records were identical. Congratulations to everyone who made the log..you all had a 5 db pileup advantage because Rosalie and I were looking for you. I know we weren't strong most of the time and we will explain that during our program. For both of us it was a great thrill to hear our friends bust through the pileups.

The only DX report I got this month came from Tom, N4ZJ. During February Tom worked an amazing 54 new band countries including D68C on 8 bands, PWØS on 15, T32RD on 5 bands and YK9A on 5 bands. Tom says that his biggest thrill was breaking a huge pileup on 75 meter phone to work YK9A. His "high angle" antenna was surprisingly best on receive and apparently transmit (compared to his delta loop) and it was the key to getting through the pileup very quickly. If Tom keeps this pace up he will be the guy to beat for the plaque(s) in 2001.

March looks like a good DX month with operations scheduled from Mapelo, Pratus, Wake Island, Bhutan, Mozambique and Vanuatu and Lord Howe. April promises Mellish, St Helena, and a second Chesterfield Island operation with a low band emphasis. In May a second attempt will be made to activate 3B6RF which you will recall is a CVCC sponsored dxpedition.

In closing a very special thanks to W4HJ and W4MYA who met a very sleepy N4CFL and W4DR at Dulles on the evening of February 26. Without you guys we would probably have wound up in a ditch somewhere along I95.

Bob W4DR

W4DR is 2000 Clinton B. DeSoto Cup Winner

NEWINGTON, CT, Jan 31, 2001--J. Robert "Bob" Eshleman, W4DR, of Midlothian, Virginia, is the winner of the Clinton B. DeSoto Cup for 2000. The DeSoto Cup--a new ARRL award being presented for the first time--recognizes the station that's on top of the DXCC Challenge List as of September 30 each year. The Cup will be presented in May at Dayton's "DX Dinner" sponsored by the Southwest Ohio DX Association.

Bob retired as a full-time dental school faculty member in 1992 and has used the intervening years "to catch up on the WARC bands" he'd neglected while chasing DX on 6 meters for many years. He's also visited eight different countries, including a two-week dental mission to Guyana. "As I write this," he concludes, "Rosalie and I are packing for a month's trip to Syria and Egypt, during which we will be operators as YK9A."



Millennium award available

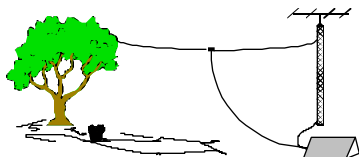
Have you heard about the ARRL DXCC Millennium award? I hadn't, or at least if I had it slipped by me. I stumbled across it on the ARRL website recently.

It is an award for working 100 countries during the year 2000. Certificates are issued—they are dated, not numbered, so it is not the prestigious award that DXCC is.

There is no requirement for obtaining or submitting QSL cards. Verification is based on the operator's honesty and integrity. Forms needed for applying for the award are available from the ARRL website or by inquiring at the ARRL DXCC desk.

I hadn't been on the air much from home in 2000, but the ARRL 10 meter contest put me well over 100 countries for the year. As of this writing, I am waiting for my certificate to arrive in the mail. What the heck, I had a bare spot on the wall, and I still am waiting for a few QSLs on 80 for my 5BDXCC, so it ought to look really nice in that space for now.

Apply for your certificate today!



***DX*PEDITION INFO FOR MARCH**

INFORMATION GATHERED FROM MANY DIFFERENT SOURCES

Dates	DXCC	Call	QSL	Info
02/27- 03/15	St.Maarten, etc	PJ7/W3HNK	KU9C	By W3HNK
02/27- 03/15	Saint Martin	FS/W3HNK	KU9C	By W3HNK
02/27- 03/12	Niger	5U7(TBA)	I2YSB Direct or Buro	By Italian group. Calls issued on arrival
03/01- 03/30	Panama	3E5ØØ	HP1RCP	Special prefix commemorating 500 years since the discovery of the Isthmus of Panama; Radio Club de Panama, P.O.Box 10745, Panama 4, Panama
03/01- 03/07	Spratly Is.	9M0M	K7XN	By various USA group 80-10M.
03/02- 03/09	Niue	ZK2BQI	I6BQI Direct	By I6BQI
03/04- 03/19	Easter Island	3GØY	DK7YY	By Chilean-German Team fm SA-001 (CQZ 12); all HF bands; mainly CW RTTY; emphasis on low bands + WARC
03/06- 03/15	Pratas	BQ9P	KU9C	By various International group
03/07- 03/16	S. Cook Is.	ZK1EPY	Direct/F6EPY	By F6EPY 80-10 + warc
03/10- 03/11	British Virgin Is.	VP2VI	W6RKC	By various 160-10 ck +24 from band edge
03/11- 03/16	Belize	V31GI	PA3GIO Buro	By PA3GIO fm Southwest Caye, Glovers Reef (NA-180); 80-10 M; SSB only; IOTA + DX frequencies
03/11- 03/25	Vanuatu	YJ0BQI	I6BQI Direct	By I6BQI
03/15- 03/21	Bhutan	A52CO	UA9DD	By RA9CO
03/16- 03/25	Guantanamo Bay	KG4IZ/KG4MO	Homecall(s)	By WA5PAE/K4ZLE 160-10 maimly cw
03/17- 03/18	Honduras	HR(TBA)	Radio Club de Honduras	By Various Club ops. 40-20 ssb
03/17- 03/23	Martinique	FM/HOMECALL	IV3TVM	By Italian Group IV3TDM, IV3FHH, IV3JVJ emphasis on low bands
03/17- 04/25	Mozambique	C93/HOMECALL	JG6BKB	By JA6SJN, JG6BKB, JJ6VOV, JR6XIW hf+6
03/18- 04/16	Niue	ZK2GEO	DL1EMH DARC Buro	By DL1EMH hf+6
03/20- 03/28	Ascension Island	ZD8	GWØANA	By GW4BVJ GØWMW GW0ANA; 160-6 M - mostly CW
03/21- 04/04	East Malaysia	9M6BAA	G4SHF	By G4SHF
03/26- 04/05	Western Samoa	5W0BQ	I6BQI Direct	By I6BQI
03/28- 04/02	Juan Fernandez Is.	CEØZ	N6XQ	By various on 6m
03/28- 04/02	Sint Maarten	PJ6	PA3GIO Buro	By PA3GIO fm Saba Island (NA-145) as PJ6/PA3GIO/m; 20-10 M; SSB only; IOTA + DX frequencies
04/01- 04/15	St Helena	ZD7	GWØANA	By GW4BVJ GØWMW GW0ANA; 160-6 M mostly CW
04/05- 04/24	Conway Reef	3D2	TBA	By SM6CAS SM7PKK SMØDJZ OH1RY TF3CW G4EDG fm OC-112; POSTPONED - 4 stations; 160-6 M; CW SSB RTTY; 7x24; emphasis on EU -POSTPONED
05/05- 05/21	Agalega & St. Brandon	3B6RF	HB9AGH	By a multi-national team headed up by HB9BXE fm Agalega
05/31- 06/10	Svalbard	JW	TBA	By LA3OHA and others from Prins Karls Forland (EU-063)
08/09- 08/31	Benin	TY	F5CWU	By F5CWU F5MOO F5AOV; 160-6 M; SSB CW + digital modes; quads on 20-10 M; verticals on low bands; yagi on 6M; 500 watts; suggestions for bands/modes to emphasize go to F5CWU



Proposed CVCC Constitutional change

Proposed CVCC Constitutional change to be discussed at the March meeting and voted on at the April meeting:

Reason for change:

The current wording is arbitrary and not indicative of the average attendance we have been experiencing at recent meetings. The new wording will allow for membership dynamics, either up or down, and will allow for the special case where there is not a "quorum", but when there are no dissenting votes and at least two club officers in attendance. Please note that "special" meetings require advance written notice to all members.

The following is how the current CVCC Constitution reads:

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MEETINGS: ARTICLE IV

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of fifteen members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business except as provided in Article VI hereof or as otherwise specifically provided for amendment of the By-Laws.”

What is proposed is:

“

MEETINGS: ARTICLE IV

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of one-fourth of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum, or in the absence of a quorum, a unanimous vote with at least two club officers present will be required for the transaction of any business. Exceptions are as provided in Article VI hereof or as otherwise specifically provided for amendment of the By-Laws.”

2001 Richmond Amateur Volunteer Examiners Schedule, coordinated by Pat Wilson, W4PW

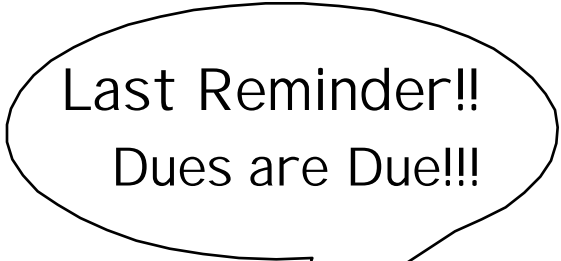
Dates:

- Apr. 14,
- Jun. 9,
- Aug. 11,
- Oct. 13,
- Dec. 8

Time: 9:00 am (advance registration required)
Must visit www.w4pw.org to register

Contact: Patrick Wilson, W4PW (804-932-9424)
ARRL VEC

Location: J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
1651 E. Parham Road, Building B, room 201
Richmond, Virginia



Please remit your \$20 (no IRCs, please!) To AJ, W4NM ASAP:

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ARRL CW Multi-op score rumors

-de K4JA

<u>Multi-2</u>	<u>Points (mil)</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>
K1AR	13.450	7186/624	106/55	771/84	1516/113	1566/127	1507/123	1620/122
N2RM	12.721	6965/609	156/58	572/82	1395/112	1623/122	1615/121	1604/114
N3RS	11.644	6480/599	85/52	431/80	1270/114	1514/123	1662/120	1518/110
K1KI	11.389	6593/577	101/52	613/77	1078/103	1363/113	1725/120	1713/112
K4JA	11.050	6352/580	108/52	342/73	1433/109	1342/114	1673/119	1454/113
K1ZR	10.660	6243/570	89/49	385/76	1433/111	1460/109	1638/120	1238/105
K8AZ	9.645	5594/576	98/52	257/75	892/104	1433/116	1468/116	1446/111
NY4A	9.116	5700/553	93/48	595/78	1123/101	1092/106	1491/119	1305/101
W8AV	8.331	4924/564	112/58	299/73	924/96	1036/111	1388/113	1165/113
N0NI	6.885	4436/521	54/36	262/70	893/101	880/105	1171/106	1176/103
NR4M	6.091	4061/501	91/48	210/59	668/83	915/101	1066/106	1103/104
N5TW	5.677	3921/485	61/28	145/61	640/87	661/94	1158/110	1256/105

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W3LPL	17.504	8693/672	291/67	1001/93	1668/123	2043/134	1899/131	1791/124
KC1XX	17.385	8798/662	324/66	1206/102	1661/115	2080/129	1777/127	1750/123
K3LR	16.375	8311/657	219/63	733/91	1595/119	2183/133	1870/129	1712/122
K1XM	14.592	7859/619	212/61	966/86	1347/108	2103/129	1648/121	1583/114
K9NS	14.297	7540/635	216/63	556/84	1451/116	1599/127	1806/122	1912/123
W4MYA	12.189	6749/603	186/59	665/80	1178/110	1745/126	1601/118	1374/110
K1TTT	11.888	6736/598	151/55	724/83	1153/106	1731/119	1648/113	1329/113
K1RX	11.100	6374/582	138/56	651/79	1085/103	1778/124	1578/118	1144/102
W3PP	10.960	6300/580	132/55	527/80	927/97	1707/124	1537/114	1470/110
W4KZ	9.641	5744/540	89/45	391/76	1044/101	1185/115	1463/116	1572/107
K0RF	9.881	5640/584	122/49	302/75	1240/109	1059/116	1450/117	1467/118
K3NM	7.795	4771/546	71/44	300/74	839/99	1127/113	1141/110	1293/106
W0AIH	7.515	4550/553	95/54	219/65	601/94	1149/113	1275/112	1211/115



W4L – “Walk 4 Life” – Hanover County unit of the American Cancer Society Relay For Life

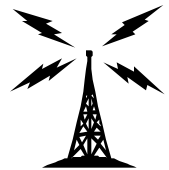
- de WU4G

The Relay For Life event is an overnight community celebration of life... dedicated to present and former cancer patients, their families and friends. Relay For Life raises funds for the American Cancer Society while declaring that cancer *can* and *will* be beaten. The celebration will be held Jun. 8-9th, 7 pm – 7 am, at Patrick Henry High School in Ashland.

The Team – An 8 to 15 member team registers to collect donations and/or participate in the event itself. The team concept is a very effective method of maximizing donations because it encourages team camaraderie, goal setting, and competition between teams. With the W4L team, there are 2 ways you can participate and you can do either one or both:

#1 – Collect donations from friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, fellow church members, fellow club members, etc. Contact me (WU4G) and I will provide collection materials and instructions. It’s easy and again, it’s for a good cause. Very few of us have escaped the closeness of this disease, either by family or acquaintance. I will have materials at our next club meeting, Mar 13th.

#2 – Participate on-site at the event by activating the special event station, W4L. The “Walk 4 Life” team will set up and operate the 12-14 hours. This will also be an opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the public. We plan to have a display showing the various aspects of Amateur Radio, a map showing where we have contacted, information about how to get started and hopefully a “live” display showing our log as contacts are entered. We need both operators and display staff. To participate on-site, you must complete a registration/waiver form and submit a \$10 registration fee. Why a fee to participate/operate? The Hanover Unit uses the fee to pay for the midnight all-you-can-eat pizza party; a juice, coffee, pastry breakfast; insurance costs; and most importantly, other miscellaneous expenses so that hopefully ALL of the donations received can be forwarded to the American Cancer Society. Again, see me at the meeting to sign up. We have 4 participants signed up so far. (WU4G, W4HZ, W4HJ, WK4Y) Obviously, if you wish to get some exercise in, you can take part in the walk around the track! W4MYA & WK4Y have volunteered to supply equipment. N4ZJ & WK4Y have volunteered to help with antennas. Others?



Lastly, those of you who don’t wish to actively participate in either collection of donations or the special event station, please consider making a donation to the cause. Please see me, or any one of the other team members to make a donation.

This is a great public service event for us, with very minimal effort required. Please consider how you can contribute. It would be great to publicize that we were one of the best teams based on theme and/or contributions.

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Disposition of future Club plaques/awards, should we win

Packet Update

Dues – for a vote in April

Dayton ?

Va. QSO Party Plans

June picnic

Special event Station – Ronnie (WU4G)

Field Day Activities

Possible future programs: Donnie Hensley (AC4HB) – keys, Packet Stuff, K4JA's station, Corrosion (Cathode, Anode, Electrolyte es Galvanic Series Stuff – U Know?)

Misc. stuff:

WA4QDM CQ 160 SSB Contest: 100 Qs, 28 states, 3 DX => 7,099 Points

Has the sunspot cycle peaked? Check out this site:

<http://www.sec.noaa.gov/SWN/>

73 es Gud DX ,

John WA4QDM

CQ 160 SSB Contest Results

Call: W4HJ

Operator(s):

Station:

Class: SO HP

QTH: VA

Operating Time (hrs): 6.0

QSOs: 282 States/Provinces: 38

Countries: 4 Score: 25,914

Comments:

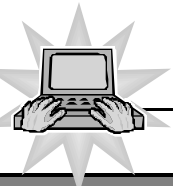
Should have stayed on Friday nite!! rather than bed at 1:30AM est. Noise Saturday nite was BAD! TOPBAND still the best. Thanks to all for the Q's.

W4HJ

599 Virginia available electronically.

The CVCC newsletter is now available electronically. Some of you have received it as a .pdf file the past two months via email as an experiment. If all goes well, that will be the primary means of distribution, in order to save CVCC lots of mailing costs. I haven't heard from some folks I sent it to last month. Please let me know if you received it and found it OK for your use. If I don't have your email address, please get it to me ASAP to:

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Do pediatricians
play miniature golf
on Wednesdays?

Colin C. Que



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The deadline for submission of news or articles for the April newsletter is April 2, 2001.

Special Events

March 2001

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- 03/03 - 03/04 ARRL DX Contest - Phone
- 03/10 - 03/11 RSGB Commonwealth CW
- 03/10 - 03/11 Charlotte, NC Hamfest
- 03/11 UBA CW DX Contest
- 03/13 **CVCC March Meeting at First Mennonite @ 7pm**
- 03/17 - 03/18 Russian DX Contest
- 03/17 Charleston, WV Hamfest
- 03/17 - 03/18 Bermuda Contest
- 03/17 - 03/19 **Virginia QSO Party**
- 03/17 - 03/18 Alaskan QSO Party
- 03/17 - 03/18 BARTG Spring RTTY Contest
- 03/24 - 03/25 CQWW WPX Contest - Phone
- 03/24 Beckley, WV Hamfest
- 03/25 Kinston, NC Hamfest
- 04/06 - 04/07 Timonium, MD Hamfest
- 04/07 - 04/08 EA RTTY Contest
- 04/07 - 04/08 SP DX Contest
- 04/08 Raleigh, NC Hamfest
- 04/10 **CVCC April Meeting at First Mennonite @ 7pm**



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THIS MONTH.....

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- Meeting March 13, 7pm - Syria DXpedition Recap
- By-laws change proposed
- W4L - The latest info
- DX News, DXpedition info