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Prez' sez "This month's headline is longer than the article - or something like that"

- De John Youell, WA4QDM

Looks like W4DR stole the show in this year's DXCC Yearbook. The cover featured Bob's DeSotto Cup and his DXCC Challenge Plaque. About half of the articles in the magazine were about the DeSotto Cup and an interview of Bob by Wayne Mills. Way to go Bob!

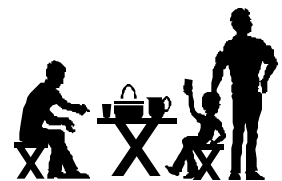
I hope we had at least three Va. QSO Party logs submitted. The deadline will probably have come and gone by the time you read this. We need three logs to be considered a club entry.

Details of the club picnic are elsewhere in this issue. Be sure to give Becky a head count. Also, we will do any Field Day planning at the picnic. If you can't make it to the picnic and have some ideas about Field Day drop me an e-mail.

73, John

Picnic Stuff!!!!

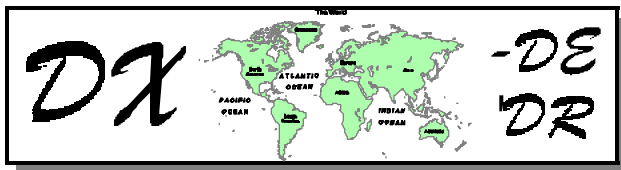
The mostly annual CVCC family picnic is going to be held Saturday, May 12 from 3:00pm (earlier if you want to fish . . . Bring your license) on at A.C. Frame's cousin's river place.



CVCC will furnish the dogs, burgers, buns, drinks, etc. What you need to bring is an absolutely delicious, mouth-watering covered dish to share! Don't forget to bring the rest of the family, too!

Call Becky, KS4RX at her work QTH

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Lots of good reports this month. Starting with W4HZ who got two overall new ones with 3XY6A on 20 and VK9ML on 10. In addition Jonathan got new B/C's V73E 30: HK0M, 3D2 on 20: TR8, KH4, 4X4 on 15. We heard from Bill, W3NS (remember he used to be KD4IFV) for the first time in a long time. Bill is just 3 short of the Honor Roll with 327 mixed which includes a few deleted entities. His new B/C's were HK0M 10: FO/DL7FT 12 and ZD7K on 30 and 40. Bill is happy with his YK9A QSLs for 80/40 & 10. Bill I remember working W3NS on 75, but didn't recognize your new call so you didn't get the 5 DB advantage that all of my other CVCC buddies got! Your signal must have been pretty good. WU4G is tearing down his antennas and towers to

move, but does report a YK9A 40 CW QSL.

K4GAU is nearing the 250 confirmed mark and sports new cards from YJ, A9 and C9. WA4QDM has been busy, but found time for his first VU2 and HK0M on 12. A card from VO2 finished John's 15 meter CW WAZ. W4MYA got VP8CMT on 6, VK9ML on 10 and VP8SDX and ZD7K on 160 for new ones. Bob had a near miss with CE0Y/W7XU on 6 who answered him, but didn't copy a RST so didn't put it in the log...bummer! N4ZJ as usual is a busy boy, but has determined to catch up on his QSLing. He sent 12 pounds to the ARRL outgoing bureau! If my math is right that is \$96. He is starting to use the WF5E QSL service for needed cards and will report on that later. Tom, I think you will like that service especially to stations who have QSL managers. As a manager myself I always liked dealing with WF5E vs

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getting cards from the regular bureau.. the difference being that from WF5E I didn't have to pay to get the cards and I didn't have to pay to answer them. A huge savings. N4DEN got LU2NI on 6 and got a shot at the VP8, but couldn't cut the giant pileup of stations calling VP8CMT..you will just have to add a 6 meter amplifier to your Christmas list, Dennis.

For me personally April was a 6 meter month: CEØY/W7XU and VP8CMT were both new countries. They also were new grids and new grid fields. Additionally LU2NI in FG72 was a new grid and new field as was 4T1SIX in Lima. CE4WJK in FF45 was a new grid. Lastly although YU8/LA5IIA in Kosovo doesn't presently count I predict that someday Kosovo will be a new "entity" so I worked him on 12 cw.

As usual the biggest report came from WK4Y. Roy's 22 new B/C's for April were worked on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10. These bring him to 168 for the year and unless someone gets pretty busy he may be unbeatable again this year. Keep up the good work, Roy!

Rosalie and I had a great time at the April meeting of the Virginia DX Century Club giving the Syria 2001 story. We spent the night at W4PRO's impressive QTH. We are looking forward to Dayton as are W4MYA, W4HJ and WK4Y. Others?

As I write this TXØC has just begun a 5 day operation and I have my fingers crossed for a good shot on 160. Since the whole world needs that it will take lots of luck to work them on top band. Just as they go QRT 3B6RF will begin for a run through May 16. You may recall this is one of the CVCC sponsored DXpeditions which was postponed last fall and reset for May. Again a 160 QSO would be great, but very difficult in May. VP8SDX is doing a great job on all bands and will be QRV till May 8. HK3JJH/HKØM is active again from Malpelo and is handing out lots of QSOs, but sadly he doesn't do CW so will not be available on 30 meters where everyone needs him. Fortunately this time his QSLs are via N4AA which should be much more reliable than QSLing to Colombia which uses a Russian type postal system! Translation: most of the international mail is stolen. A savvy group of G3's are putting VK9C on until May 5 and should be workable at this time of year in our mid-frequency ranges.

CU all at the Picnic.

Bob W4DR

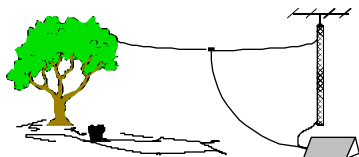
W4L Press Release #...err I lost count. Final press release anyway.

We are still a go for June 8-9th. We have our "preferred" site reserved and can start setup anytime after 4 pm on Friday the 8th. The following have signed up to operate:

W4MYA, N4EKD, N4ZJ, WK4Y, W4HJ, and myself. It's not too late if there are others interested, but you must contact me prior to the event so as to complete the registration form and submit with the \$10 fee. I will be contacting everyone for time slots around mid-May so be thinking about it.

We are only covering a 12 to 15 hour period including setup. N4EKD, being the senior team member, has requested an early evening slot so he can still make his bedtime, which I think we should be able to accommodate. Thank to everyone who has made a donation to the American Cancer Society. I'll be more than happy to collect more if anyone so desires. Hope everyone else will support us by making a contact. QSL via WU4G.

73 Ronnie & Ellen WU4G/KD4DRZ



***DX*PEDITION INFO**

INFORMATION GATHERED FROM MANY DIFFERENT SOURCES

Dates	DXCC	Callsign	QSL Info	More Info
04/23- 05/08	Falkland Is.	VP8SDX	GM4FDM	GM Group operating from SA-002 LF, CW, WARC
04/24- 05/09	Switzerland	HB9/D7NS	DL7NS Buro	By DL7NS fm Glarus Canton @ 1600 metres ASL; all HF bands; CW; dipoles, GP for WARC, loop for 30 M; QRV for H26-Contest (Apr 29-30); QSL via DARC Buro
04/26- 05/09	Italy	IE9/HOMECALL	Home Call	By IE9/IZ8AJQ and IE9/IZ8DBJ fm Ustica Island (EU-051); 80-10 M; SSB CW RTTY PSK31; QSL OK via Buro or direct
04/26- 05/01	France	TM5N	F6KOP	QRV fm Ile St Nicolas (l'archipel des Glénans) (EU-094); 160-2 M; CW SSB FM Digital; also QRV fm Fort Cigogne (DFCF 29004) Apr 28-29
04/26- 05/01	Svalbard	JW5HE	LA5HE	By LA5HE no lowband activity b/c of midnight sun
04/29- 05/09	Bermuda	VP9/AI5P	AI5P	By AI5P as VP9/AI5P fm Hamilton Parish; mainly CW WARC; holiday style operation
05/04 05/11	Ukraine	EM5QRP	UR7IRL	By Ukrainian QRP Club fm Ai-Petra Mountain (Crimea); 5 W (CW), 10 W (SSB); check international QRP frequencies
05/04 05/07	Fiji	3D2NV	JA1NVF	By JA1NVF; 40-6 M; SSB; QSL OK via JARL Buro or direct
05/05 05/21	Agalega & St. Brandon	3B6RF	See Info	By a multi-national team headed up by HB9BXE fm Agalega; QSL: Canada/USA/Mexico via N3SL; all others via HB9AGH
05/05- 05/11	North Cook Islands	ZK1	Home Call	By DL9NDS as ZK1NDS and DL7NFK as ZK1NFK fm Manihiki Island (OC-014); very active in digital modes; plan to stop at Aitutaki (OC-083) (South Cook) also
05/05- 05/11	N. Cook Is.	ZK1NDS/ZK1NFK	Homecall(s)	By DL9NDS and DL7NFK from Manihiki (OC-014), possibly op from Aitutaki (OC-83) (S. Cook) as well. HF and digital modes
05/07- 05/22	Crete	SV9	PA9JJ	By PA9JJ as SV9/PA9JJ fm EU-015; QSL OK direct or via PA Buro
05/07- 05/17	Ascension I.	ZD8Z	VE3HO	By N6TJ - QSL request may use US stamps
05/10- 05/16	St Kitts & Nevis	V47UY	KJ4UY	By KJ4UY fm V44NK's shack
05/11- 05/13	Belau	T88LJ	JH8DEH	By JM1LJS fm OC-009; log search
05/12- 05/19	Italy	IA5/HOMECALL	ON4DST ON-Buro	By ON4BBA and 6 others as IA5/homecall from Elba (EU-028); 160-10 M + 2 M; mainly SSB, also CW RTTY PSK; 800 W; vert, G5RV, slopers; QSL also OK direct to ON4AMM CBA
05/12- 05/18	South Cook Islands	ZK1	Home Call	By DL9NDS as ZK1NDS and DL7NFK as ZK1NFK fm Rarotonga (OC-013); very active in digital modes
05/16- 05/29	South Cook Islands	ZK1EFD	DL1EFD Direct	By DL1EFD fm Rarotonga (OC-013); 80-10 M; mainly CW; 100 W; verts, wires
06/01 06/03	Monaco	3A	See Info	By IK5GQK IK5YOJ IW5BZQ as 3A/homecall; emphasis on 6 + 2 M, but some HF also; VHF QSL via IW5BZQ; HF QSL via IK5GQK; scheds by E-mail: 3a@manneli.com

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at 230-2405 and let her know how many are coming and a general idea of the mouth-watering treat you will be bringing as well. That number is a work answering machine, so just leave the info . . Or, say, here's a swell idea! You could drop her an email at tbday@louisiana.net and give her the info

***** Here's how to find the place*****

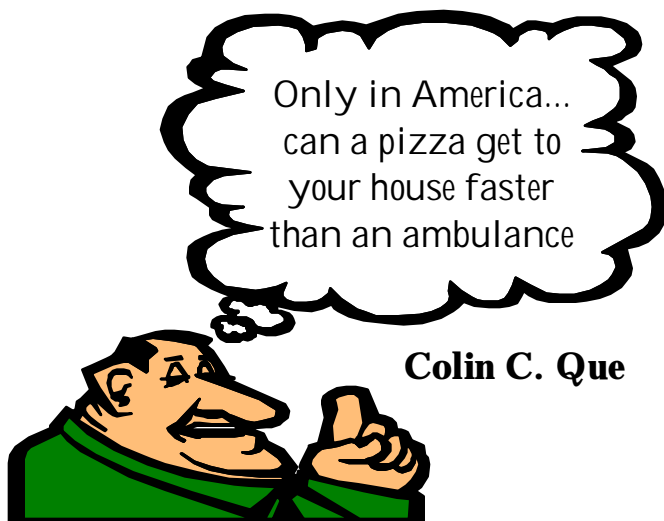
From Huguenot Road, take 147 (Robious Road) west to 2320 Huguenot Trail. That is the driveway to Jame's Frame's place. The distance is 12.4 miles from the intersection, and the driveway will be on your right, towards the river.

Or . . from Rt 522, go east on 711 at the intersection of 522 and 711 (at the BP station) 5.7 miles to the driveway on the left (2320 Huguenot Trail) Please note that Robious Road becomes Huguenot Trail when it crosses into Powhatan County from Chesterfield.

****Please drive slowly past the house and outbuildings down the hill to the river****

There will be water and electricity available at the picnic area. A bathroom will be available at the top of the Hill.

Unofficial talk-in frequency 145.43!



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

Special Events

May 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		

- 05/05 - 05/06 Indiana QSO Party
- 05/05 Grasonville, MD Hamfest
- 05/05 - 05/05 Massachusetts QSO Party
- 05/05 - 05/06 ARI Int'l DX Contest
- 05/06 Hagerstown, MD Hamfest
- 05/06 Ripley, WV Hamfest
- 05/12 - 05/13 Volta WW RTTY Contest
- 05/12 - 05/13 Oregon QSO Party
- 05/12 - 05/13 Nevada QSO Party
- 05/12 **CVCC Summer Picnic**
- 05/18 - 05/20 Dayton, OH Hamfest
- 05/19 - 05/20 Baltic Contest
- 05/26 - 05/27 CQWW WPX Contest - CW
- 06/01 Manassas, VA Hamfest
- 06/09 Franklin, VA Hamfest
- 06/09 - 06/11 ARRL June VHF QSO Party
- 06/09 - 06/10 ANARTS WW RTTY Contest
- 06/16 - 06/17 All Asian DX Contest - CW
- 06/23 - 06/24 ARRL Field Day



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THIS MONTH.....

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- Picnic May 12
- DX Nuz
- The Newsletter Editor has spring fever