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Prez' sez - Prez Wins Virginia Lottery, eyes Washington Monument as tower for 160 Meter Stack!

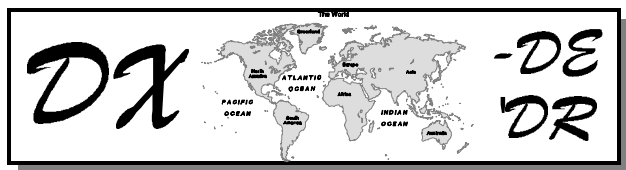
- De John Youell, W4TNX

I'm just kidding (but, it is close to April 1, you know). Seriously, the real "win" I have had, has been being the president of the CVCC the past three years. I have enjoyed the camaraderie of the club and what I see as our many accomplishments. We have had decent programs for our monthly meetings, given many contest points to the PVRC, been a consistent contender / leader / sponsor in the Va. QSO Party, supported the successful nomination effort of W4DR for CQ DX HOF (not that it was a difficult task!), resurrected DX packet radio in the area and acquired new members. Also, the CVCC has supported several DX'peditions and fund raising special events, both as a club and by individual members and we offer two club plaques for DX achievements: 1) The most new band countries and 2) the best percentage increase in needed band countries. As a group, we have had the strength to mourn the loss of three of our members: Jim (W4ML), Bill (W4DAA) and Ellen (KD4DRZ). May these SKs rest in peace.

I just got my April CQ magazine and noticed the really FB contest scores that our PVRC stations (and CVCC) made in the CQ WPX CW contest. KM4M (K4JA's club call) was #2 M/S in the USA and WK4Y (@ W4MYA) was # 5 M/M USA. NR4M (ex-NJ4F - our friend the DX4WIN guy, near Fredericksburg) was nipping at our heels as #6 M/M USA. Unfortunately, the Northern California Contest Club (NCCC) edged the PVRC in the overall CQ WPX Club Category (SSB & CW) by 189M to 149M. Bringing up third place was the Yankee Clipper Contest Club at 142M.

Va QSOP: I think we put in a winning club effort! Tony brought his "Elmer Group" out to W4MYA's and I brought a "new recruit" from the Chester area, Jim (KZ5OH), who quickly got back into the contest swing of things from his days of being DX in the Canal Zone. For relative "newcomers", Tony's group quickly got over "mike-fright" and started pounding out the QSOs - good job Tony and your "Elmer group"! Paul (K4JA) and Bruce (W3BP) put in a great effort from Paul's super station in Callao. Several other CVCC members were heard and / or worked during the weekend. Thanks for the efforts and be sure to put in a log. The CVCC sponsored the Club Plaque this year in the name of Bill Cox (W4DAA).

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It's been fun chronicling the DX achievements of the CVCCers and it is with a twinge of regret that I put it in the able hands of W4TNX. Please give John the excellent input that you have given me over the past years. Last month I predicted a 50% success rate with the two big advertised operations, P5 and VP6D. Turned out I was right, but what I failed to predict was that the ARRL would accredit P5/4L4FN. This was a wise and logical decision based on common sense. I believe a similar line of reasoning and common sense could also be applied to the very fine 701YGF operation of several years ago. Just maybe this will happen.

For me personally March was a great month. Ever since last August Jon Rudy (ex-3DAØCA) and I have been working towards bridging the path between DU9 and Virginia. I loaned

Jon my old Alpha 76 and my friend W4QDC was able to get it running only two days before Jon and his family left Virginia for his home in Colorado. Three weeks later on September 15 the Alpha made it to the Denver airport, but not past the suspicious security guards so it stayed in Colorado along with my hopes for a DU on 160. Jon did manage to take his IC756 however and so I advised him to try to put up a workable top-band antenna on his small lot in Davao City. If he could work the west coast we would figure how to get the amplifier to him. By January he was working W6/7, Europe and Japan on 160 and W8UVZ, of Battlecreek fame, raised the funds and air freighted the amplifier to Jon. It was up and running in early March and on March 12 I copied Jon's CQ on 1828 Khz for the first time. On the 14th and 17th I heard him even better, but he could not hear me or any of the other east coast stations calling him. I did, however, discover that Jon's signal was always coming via the direct path and not the skewed path that I had expected and since Jon had his pennant receiving antenna orientated for the skewed path he was not hearing us. I also

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Picnic: AC has offered to investigate the use of his relative's place on the James River for our picnic in May. If this site is available, I would certainly be in favor of using it again. If you haven't been there, it is a super site on the river with a pavilion, fireplace and several sturdy tables.

Field Day: Any suggestions? It will be here before we know it.

New Officers: April is the month to vote in the new Club Officers. The following slate was nominated at the last club meeting:

President: Bob (W4DR), Secretary: Tom (N4ZJ), Treasurer: AJ (W4NM)

I am sure these folks will serve you well!

CQ WPX SSB: W4MYA score heard on 3830 was: 5880 QSOs with 1271 Mults for 18.4M Points

After elections, the new president can "read and weep" the treasurer's report! Seriously, we are low on funds with the recent packet expenditures and could use some user donations. The new packet service is excellent and a lot of sweat equity has gone into providing it.

See you at "The Greek" or the meeting following!

73, John

W4TNX

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learned from K1ZM that Jon was better copy at DU sundown than at east coast sun rise (a 1 hour 15 minute difference). This was contrary to my previous experience. I sent Jon an email and asked him to aim his pennant receiving antenna to 20 degrees and be especially alert for me around 10 GMT. On the morning of October 20 I was up at 10 gmt, the Bolder K=0 and despite a light rain falling outside in Powhatan the 500KV lines were quiet. At 1009 I heard "CQ de DU9/NØNM." and then after my first call a "QRZ". When I unkeyed the second time, "W4DR W4DR RRR Bob 429 429 BK". What sweet music to my ears! Later that morning we celebrated our mutual success on a transpacific phone call, but not before I called W4MYA on the phone. Bob didn't make it through before the pileup from XRØX covered Jon's frequency, but 3 days later at the same time Jon was CQ'ing again and this time W4MYA went in the log.

This month I got reports from 15 stations, probably a record! In addition to the DU, W4MYA got Ducie on 8 bands and a V8 on 30, WK4Y picked up 35 new ones on 9 bands despite the fact that his new linear went kaput, Jerry, K4KJL sent in a carefully worded report which I read between the lines to say that 1) he is quite busy, but did find a little time for DX and 2) his XYL has first dibs on the station. KC4AUF got XRØX on 8 bands and Ducie on 3 but Tony and Becky were much more excited about the new graduates from "Day University". These guys and gals are now making a major impact in our multi-multi operations...thanks Tony and Becky and congratulations to all of the "graduates"! KS4RX did manage to work XRØX on 80 and 40 and got VP6DI on 10 and 15.

WU4G got Ducie on 3 bands and plans to get his CL36 in the air this month. N4CH got PWØT on 160 and 80 and Ducie

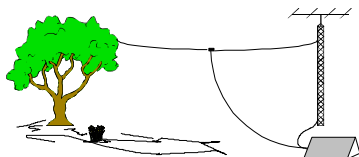
on 8 bands. N4DWK sent in a nice list with VP6DI on 15 and bunch of 20 meter catches including, Z35, UN9, ER1, D44, 9K2, T977 and 3V8. Bruce, W3BP continues to enjoy his new 40 meter vertical and since October 15 has racked up 155 countries and 38 zones with it. He also got VP6DI and XRØX on both 40 and 15. Watch out for Bruce, Roy! N9WMU reports he got "three bags full" of DX, but leaves the contents to our imagination.

W4HJ picked up XRØX 12M SSB & CW, 17M SSB, VP6DI on 15M CW, 9L1BTB on 80M SSB and 5B4/R3CC on 80M SSB. W4HZ checked in with 18 new BC's despite the fact that his lightening damage of over a year ago is still not repaired. A sample of his best catches include: PWØT 160/80/20/10, EA6 160. 4L3Y 30 and H4ØT on 10. KK4VN worked PTØT on 12, VP6DI on 15 and XRØX on 10 and now only needs 47 to have a DXCC sweep on CW. Pete promises to return to the CVCC meetings in December... great, Pete, we have been missing you!

Our secretary, N4ZJ was too busy to work anyone this month, but reports another great bureau shipment of cards thanks to the WF5E QSL service. Last, but not least our soon to be ex-president, W4TNX found time to work VP6DI on CW, SSB and RTTY. John you may want to consult Bill Clinton on how to spend your time after leaving high office.

Looking ahead: The next major DXpedition will be VK9ML to Mellish beginning around April 12. Other spring/summer activity is promised for KH1, JT1, KH9. XW3, TN and XZ. So keep your powder dry and your muskets loaded. The SFI is above 200 as I write this.

Bob W4DR



DXPEDITION INFO

INFORMATION GATHERED FROM MANY DIFFERENT SOURCES

Dates

DXCC

Callsign

QSL Info

More Info

DXpeditions

02/23/02-03/10/03	St. Peter & St. Paul Rocks		ZYØSAT	PS4JN By PS4JN - small operation
03/25/02-04/25/02	Seychelles	S79MX	HB9MX	By HB9MX
03/27/02-04/13/02	Tunisia	3V8**	DL1BDF	Various calls and ops
04/01/02-04/30/02	Spratly Is.	XV9TH	TBA	Exact dates not finalized
04/07/02-04/20/02	Botswana	A2/G3HCT	TBA	WARC
04/08/02-04/19/02	Haiti	HH4/K4QD	Homecall(s)	By K4QD 80-10 part time operation
04/09/02-04/16/02	Sierra Leone	9L1JT	K4ZIN	By K4ZIN 40-10 limited operation
04/11/02-04/22/02	Lord Howe I.	VK9LT	HB9QR	By VK6CTL
04/12/02-04/22/02	Mellish Reef	VK9ML	By VK4GL + Team;	160-6m; CW SSB - http://www.qsl.net/vk9ml/2002/
04/15/02-04/19/02	Guinea	3XY8A	VE2XO	By VE2XO Mostly 20 and 15 - some WARC
04/17/02-04/22/02	Vietnam	3W		By JA6IEF JI6KVR 3W6LI CW SSB, two stations - http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage25.htm
04/20/02-05/10/02	Laos	XW3ZNR	TBA	By IN3ZNR
04/20/02-04/22/02	Sierra Leone	9L1JT	K4ZIN	By K4ZIN 40-10 full time operation
04/23/02-05/08/02	Greenland	OX/OZ1WQC	OZ5KU	
04/28/02-05/12/02	Ogasawara	JD1/HOMECALL	JARL Buro	Misc JA ops QSL to homecalls via JARL
04/30/02-05/10/02	Baker & Howland Is.	KH1	See other info	By YT1AD and team SSB QSL to RZ3AA other modes to YT1AD
05/01/02-05/05/02	Ogasawara	JD1YBO	Buro	By JD1BKQ and JA1OZK

Ongoing

10/01/01-10/01/02	W. Kiribati (Gilbert Is.)	T3ØES	See other info	By Eric, N1JSY. QSL via operator instructions
11/01/01-05/11/02	Jan Mayen	JX7DFA	LA7DFA	Per, LA7DFA, will be QRV for about 6 months
11/28/01	Ascension I.	ZD8A/ZD8R	Homecall(s)	Glenn K6NA(ZD8A) and Rick N6ND(R) will be active for an undetermined time
12/13/01-04/09/02	Vietnam	3W2XK	W9XK	By Karl - W9XK - QSL to homecall after April
12/31/01-04/15/02	Aruba	P43MR	VE3MR	Martin, VE3MR will be QRV until April
01/01/02-12/31/02	South Shetland Is.	HFØPOL	SQ5TA	Mirosław plans to be active on CW, RTTY and PSK31
01/21/02-07/31/02	Laos	XW3QBR	F5NQL	By IN3QBR
02/17/02-04/28/02	Malawi	7Q7HB	GØIAS	By GØJUM
03/08/02-05/15/02	Chagos Is.	VQ9GB	K7GB	By K7GB
03/21/02-11/30/02	Macquarie I.	VKØMQI	See other info	By VKØMQI - QSL to JA1ELY

THE ELMER HOUR

- de KC4AUF

All I can say is "WOW", about a year ago I stood at the podium of the CVCC and said that I would try to find new hams who showed potential and grow "new" contesters. Much to my delight I was able to share the joy, fear and excitement of Rob K4MAU, DAVE N4DWK, GUY K4CNF, MARIE K4KML and JERRY K4KJL as they walked into the contest club station of W4MYA Bob Morris and became "ACCOMPLISHED" amateur radio operators.

I've worked with most of these fine people for the better part of a year on the Elmer Hour with discussions and classes about ham radio concentrating on DXing. Knowing that good contesters come from having been good dxers I thought I would find people who were interested in dxing and after they had accomplished that I would introduce them to contesting. These folks would have probably ended up where they are in the amateur radio community with or without my help. I feel that I made it happen a little faster by being there for them every Wednesday night at 8:00PM on the Elmer Hour.

After having made a test run of multi-multi contesting at Bobs during the VA QSO party I was surprised he invited us back for the "BIG" WPX contest seeing as how this was the Elmer Hour's folks first try at M/M contesting. None the less we were all there nervously anticipating all of the "World Class Action" of contesting. After I felt everyone was at an operating position they could handle with only a "moderate" level of fear, I let them go and spread their contesting wing.

After all was said and done the contest over Bob e-mailed everyone to let us know that our score was the second best "ever". WOW!!!!

I know there were a lot of world class and experienced operators doing the lions share of this work, but I would like to think that we "The Elmer Hour Group" made a significant contribution.

To all of you who are part of "The Group" THANK YOU, I'm very proud of all of you.

Tony KC4AUF

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\$6.00 per person at gate
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\$5.00 per space (plus admission)
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*** VE TESTING ... Contact Bill/K9ZD via Tel: 703/754-7913 -or- K9ZD@arri.net ***

PRIZES

- Hourly prizes beginning at 10 AM for those present
- Major Tailgate & Door Prizes awarded at 3:00 PM (You need not be present to win)

INFORMATION

- ARRL Roanoke Division Officers will be attending
- 4th Call Area QSL Bureau Representatives will be present
- DXCC QSL Card Checking will be available
- "Virginia QSO Party" Awards Ceremony
- Food Vendors must have prior written approval from Hamfest Chairman

Directions/Details/Hotel Info at our Web Site - <http://www.qsl.net/olevahams>

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I have an offer from Flying Horse Radio Amateur Callsign CD to get special prices for club members. 2-5 copies is 20% off, 6-24 copies is 40% off. The normal price is 49.95 and it will be the May 2002 edition.

If anyone wants to order one, let me know and I will get them and pass them out at a meeting in the future. They must all be mailed to the same address.

73,

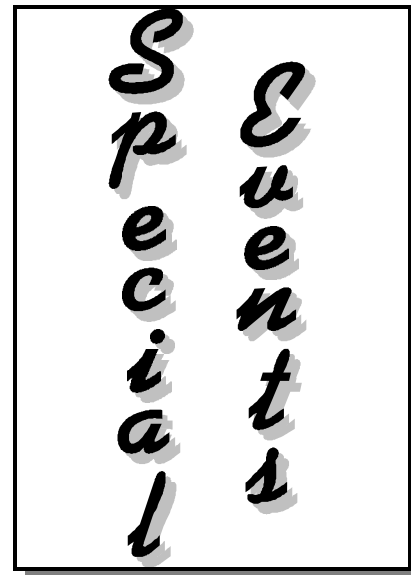
Pat
W4PW

Yer dad blamed dues are now due. That's why they are called "dues". 20 bucks to AJ, please!! Also, any contributions towards the new packet stuff would be appreciated! Thank you V-E-R-Y much!



Contests

- Apr-06 - Apr-07 SP DX Contest
Apr-06 - Apr-07 EA RTTY Contest
Apr-13 EU Spring Sprint SSB
Apr-14 UBA Spring Contest - SSB (<http://www.uba.be/>)
Apr-15 Uncle Sam Wants YOURS
Apr-20 - Apr-21 Michigan QSO Party
Apr-20 - Apr-21 YU DX Contest
Apr-20 EU Spring Sprint - CW
Apr-20 - Apr-21 Holyland DX Contest
Apr-20 - Apr-21 Ontario QSO Party (<http://www.odxa.on.ca/oqphome.html>)
Apr-27 - Apr-28 SP DX RTTY Contest
Apr-27 - Apr-28 HB9 (Helvetia) Contest
Apr-27 - Apr-28 Florida QSO Party (<http://www.qsl.net/fqp/>)
May-04 - May-05 Connecticut QSO Party
May-04 - May-05 Ten-Ten Spring CW Contest (<http://www.ten-ten.org/rules.html>)
May-04 - May-05 Massachusetts QSO Party
May-04 - May-05 ARI Int'l DX Contest
May-04 - May-05 Indiana QSO Party



CVCC Events

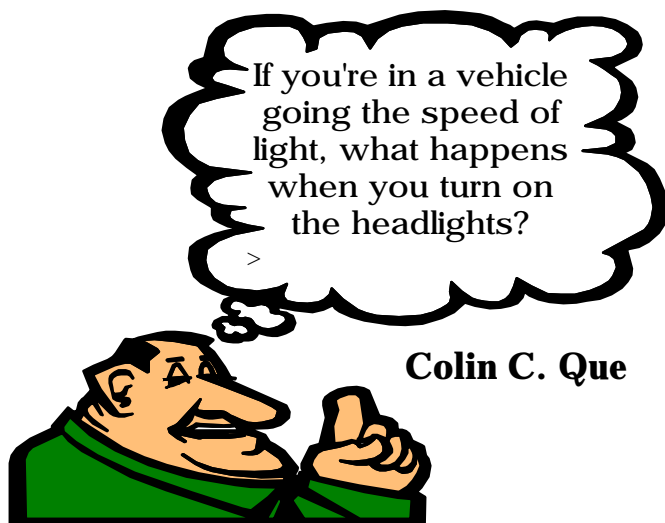
- Apr-08 CVCC April Meeting

Examss

- Apr-13 Richmond Area Amateur Exams - ARRL VE (Held at J. Sargeant Reynolds CC - Contact Pat Wilson, W4PW at 932-9424)

Hamfests

- Apr-06 - Apr-07 Timonium, MD Hamfest (<http://gbhc.org> Email: w3ft@juno.com)
Apr-14 Raleigh, NC Hamfest (<http://www.rars.org> Email: k4hf@arrl.net)
Apr-20 Morganton, NC Hamfest (<http://cvhamfest.linuxham.org> Email: kc4qpr@vistatech.net)
Apr-20 Chesapeake, VA Hamfest (<http://www.qsl.net/cars> Email: melody@norfolk.in)
May-05 Hagerstown, MD Hamfest (<http://www.qsl.net/w3cwc> Email: morriscw@cvn.net)



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The deadline for submission of news or articles for the May newsletter is May 1, 2002.

April 2002

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THIS MONTH.....

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- CVCC Meeting April 09 at First Mennonite
- DR's Last DX Column (for now anyway)
- VAQSO/WPX Success
- DX/Event Info