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'DR Advises we outta eat yet again

- De Bob Eshleman, W4DR

I for one am anxious for fall. One of the few benefits of the hot summer weather is usually frequent E skip openings on 6 meters. The consensus among 6 meter regulars is that this has been the worst E skip season on 6 in 40 years! It certainly ranks at the bottom in my 14 years on the band. Perhaps for the CVCC the two biggest events of the summer were the NA1CW/4 operation and the W4MYA both at our flagship station and both huge successes! I missed the former and darn near missed the latter. Rosalie and I got caught on the Skyline Drive in a big storm and didn't arrive a Bob and Lilly's till almost 4 PM. We figured the people and most of the food would be gone, but wrong on both counts! Although many of the locals had departed there was enough food left to feed the Chinese army and about 25 or so persons still there. Congrats Bob and Lilly on putting on such a big and successful event!

First Mennonite has finally signed a contract with the Gummnic Corporation to sell our property. We now have two years to vacate the property. The hunt for a new location is now in high gear. The Staples Mill Road location has served us well for the past 20 years, but it is time to move on. Although not urgent yet we should be giving some consideration to alternative meeting locations.

A big thanks to Ronnie, WU4G who upgraded my computer and wired my station for RTTY. On my own it would probably have taken about a year if I could have ever gotten it done. I have already made a few QSO's, but it still seems like a fairly inefficient mode to me. Perhaps my attitude will change if I get lucky and work P5/4L4FN on 20 RTTY. This is not likely as we will be away from home most of the next ten days due to the floor refinishing and a beach vacation with out children and grandchildren.

The next meeting will be at the RIVER CITY DINER at Belgrade Tuesday August 13. Lets have a good turnout for the last summer activity.



Conditions are pretty FB as I write this on 7/22/02 at about 2200 UTC, with an SFI of 190! The OPDX Newsletter reports 224 active DXCC "entities" were spotted through the week of 7/14. Not bad, considering the SFI dipped down into the 130 range this month! There are a couple of semt-rare DX operations coming up in August, with XY and V8. Pray for sunspots!

Now, on to some local DX reports: Kyle nabbed the CY9 on 6M and 2M (WOW!). Bob (W4DR) worked YA and XW1IC on 12 M on both modes and also got all of his VP6MI BMOC's confirmed. Bob also snagged the CY9 on 6M. I got a 3V8 tonight on 17M SSB for a new BMC and Roy (WK4Y) landed 9 new BMOCs as follows: 40M 3XA8DX CW, HH2/DL1DA - CW, VK9LO - SSB, 21M BQ9P- CW, 3XA8DX -

SSB, TL8DV - CW, 12M 7Q7BP - CW, 3XA8DX - CW, 6M FP/NA1 - CW & SSB. When are the sleepers out their going to give Roy some competition?

Contesting Ramblings:

CQWW SSB 2001:

I just got my CQ magazine and note that K4JA was the #1 M/S USA in the 2001 CQWW SSB contest and W4MYA was #6 in the USA and won for the 4th call district. Way to go Paul and Bob and all the operators that contributed to the efforts! Great for the CVCC and the PVCC to have such FB contest stations and operators amongst us!

The 2001 ARRL 160-Meter Contest, Medium Category, was won by the PVRC.

Many CVCC scores were noted: K4JA (KE9I op - BIG SCORE), W4ML (W4MYA & W4DAA - BIG SCORE), W4HJ (had fun), W4TNX (had fun).

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WA4PGM is back as a CVCC member! Kyle has helped us out with CVCC web space for years and has been of our premier contests in years past. Kyle has brought out his girl friend's son Jason for the last two Field Days and he has excellent contesting skills at age 14. Good recruiting effort Kyle!

PVRC 5 Million Award:

This is a nice plaque to win, when you contribute a cumulative 5 million points to the PVRC contesting efforts. Endorsements are available in 5M increments, after the initial award. Check out the PVRC web site for more details. I can assure you that this is an achievable award for any CVCC/PVRC member. If you are active in most (if not all) of the major contests, you can count on up to 3M points per year (that has been my experience, guest operating at W4MYA's for the big contests and operating at home for the SS, etc.). Predictions for this year are for W4MYA to get a 35M endorsement, W4TNX to get a 15M endorsement, W4HJ to get a 10M endorsement, K4JA to get an initial 5M award AND a 10M endorsement. W4HJ, W4HZ, W4DR, WK4Y and WU4G are within a year of the 10M endorsement. N4EHJ is at 3.38M points and needs only one good season to join the group! I may easily have overlooked another candidate and, if so, my apologies!

Manassas Awards – Va. QSO Party:

I accepted the award for the CVCC Club Plaque from SPARC at the Manassas Hamfest (we got an IOU) and thanked the “LARGE” LARG contingent for the competition they gave us! Nice to have some friendly competition and possibly some new Virginia contesters!

Va. QSO Party Club Award – CVCC won and set an all-time record – this was a memorial award for Bill Cox, W4DAA.

Va. QSO Party Award for M/M – W4MYA (W4ML) won

Field Day:

Details elsewhere in this issue on both of these operations, maybe:

W4MYA put on quite a bit of noise with a 14 D (Commercial Power – is it “D”?) operation using the W4ML club callsign. Never again! I had to repeat the category to almost every other station I talked to since they couldn't believe we had that many stations, and/or wanted to rag chew about it!

KC4AUF also had a group doing FD from his place.

NU1AW/4 was the USA M/M IARU station in the IARU contest. Station activities were split between Paul's (K4JA) station and Bob's (W4MYA) station as follows:

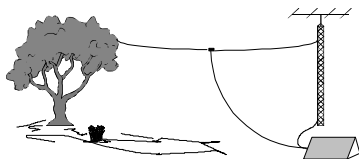
K4JA – NU1AW/4 CW

W4MYA – NU1AW/4 SSB

I was at W4MYA's for the contest and conditions were awful! I worked 1 European and 1 African on 10M and then it got worse! Tom (N4ZJ) and I did discover a couple of rig/antenna/computer/antenna stub problems, but the biggest problem was propagation and maybe some CT glitches. Had fun and good camaraderie and good food as usual (thanks Lilly!), but conditions were awful! I'm sure additional information will be available elsewhere in this newsletter or presented at the open house at W4MYA's.

Early scores on the 3080 reflector show that NU1AW/4 beat the W1AW/5 score by about 7%! FB job to all those participating!!





***DX*PEDITION INFO**

INFORMATION GATHERED FROM MANY DIFFERENT SOURCES

<u>Dates</u>	<u>DXCC</u>	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>QSL Info</u>	<u>More Info</u>
<u>DXpeditions</u>				
06/05/02-08/05/02	Pakistan	AP2AUM	KK5DO	By 9A4NA/T98N fm Peshawar; SSB only; A4S with 40m kit; QRV as work permits; check around 1200z
07/15/02-08/14/02	Benin	TY (see info)	TBA	By F5MOO/TY7Z F5CWU/TY9F F5AOV/TY4DX) F1PJB/TY6FB; 160-6m + satellite
07/16/02-08/06/02	Minami Torishima	JD1/JH1EFP	TBA	By JH1EFP as JH1EFP/JD1 fm Marcus Is; check 18120 kHz
07/29/02-08/11/02	Uganda	5X2A	K4ZLE	By K4ZLE Part-time operation
07/30/02-08/11/02	Maldives	8Q7ZZ	G3SWH	By M0DXR M0TTT K3XC EA2AIJ DJ1YFK (all young DXers); 80-6m; CW SSB + digital modes http://www.8q7zz.com/
08/01/02-08/08/02	Honduras	HR	W4CK	By W4CK fm Tegucigalpa; mainly CW
08/02/02-08/08/02	Myanmar	XY3C/XY5T	See Info	By international team as XY3C (via DL4KQ) XY5T (via IN3ZNR) XY7V (via DL8KBJ) fm Yangon; 80-6m; 1 station
08/04/02-08/11/02	Nepal	9N7AS	JA1ELY	By JH3PAS; all bands/modes
08/05/02-08/11/02	Brunei	V8?	IZ8CCW	By IT9SSI IV3FSG IZ8CCW fm Begawan (OC-088); all bands; SSB CW RTTY PSK31, perhaps SSTV http://www.mdxc.org/v8a/
08/05/02-08/17/02	Guadeloupe	FG/HOMECALL	Home Call	By IK2XDE IK2JYT IK2HAB IW2MVS as FG/homecall fm Les Saintes (NA-114, FG-011); HF + 6m; SSB RTTY; QSL via ARI Buro
08/05/02-08/15/02	Monaco	3A/IZ1DSH	IZ1DSH	By IZ1DSH as 3A/IZ1DSH; 40 20 15 12 10m; QSL OK via Buro or direct
08/06/02-08/23/02	Azerbaijan	4JØFR & 4K7W	See other info	By F6FYD as 4JØFR (QSL via F6FYD) and F2VX as 4K7W (QSL per instructions)
08/07/02-08/09/02	French Polynesia	FO/JJ8DEN	JJ8DEN	
08/09/02-08/22/02	Myanmar	XY3C/XY5T	See Info	By international team as XY3C (via DL4KQ) XY5T (via IN3ZNR) XY7V (via DL8KBJ) fm Ngapali; 160-6m; 4 stations
08/09/02-08/11/02	West Malaysia	9M2/GM4YXI	N3SL	By GM4YXI as 9M2/GM4YXI fm Pulau Ketam (AS-074); 20-10m; CW SSB; 100 W; verticals http://www.gm7v.com/yxi2002.htm
08/10/02-08/14/02	French Polynesia	FO/IK2QPR	IK2QPR	By IK2QPR as FO/IK2QPR fm Bora Bora (OC-067); CW SSB
08/11/02-08/18/02	Malta	9H3KW	EA5KW	By EA5KW fm Gozo Is (ED-023); SSB CW RTTY PSK31
08/11/02-08/19/02	St Pierre Miquelon	FP/HOMECALL	Home Call	By K9OT KB9LIE fm Miquelon (NA-032) as FP/homecall; 80-6m; CW SSB focus on 30 17 12m; QRV in NAQP SSB as FP/K9WM (QSL via NN9K) http://www.mhtc.net/~k9ot/

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08/16/02-08/19/02	Myanmar	XY3C/XY5T	See Info	By international team as XY3C (via DL4KQ) XY5T (via IN3ZNR) XY7V (via DL8KBJ) fm Apaw-Ye Kyun (IOTA NEW); 160-6m; 2 stations; perhaps more than 4 days http://www.dx-pedition.de/myanmar2002/
08/16/02-08/19/02	West Malaysia	9M2/GM4YXI	N3SL	By GM4YXI as 9M2/GM4YXI fm Pulau Babi Besar (AS-046); 20-10m; CW SSB; 100 W; verticals http://www.gm7v.com/yxi2002.htm
08/17/02-08/18/02	Falkland Islands	VP8LGT	VP8ON	By VP8ON and others fm Cape Pembroke Lighthouse (SA-002)
08/17/02-08/18/02	Guantanamo Bay	KG4	W4WX	By W4WX/KG4DX and KG4PK fm the Windward Point Lighthouse (GTM-001); possibly first ever amateur use
08/20/02-08/30/02	San Andres Providencia	HKØ/EA5DX	EA4DX Direct	By EA4DX as HK0/EA4DX fm Providencia (NA-049); SSB only http://www.geocities.com/TheTropics/Shores/4909/new2002.htm
08/25/02-08/31/02	Togo	5V7XO	VE2XO	By VE2XO fm Lomé; 20-10m (perhaps 6m); RTTY SSB; 1 kw; verticals; also perhaps QRV fm TY (TBA)
08/31/02-09/07/02	Market Reef	OJØLA	LA9VDA	By LA5UKA LA6YEA LA8SDA LA9VDA; 160-10m; CW SSB, some RTTY; QSL OK via Buro or direct (SAE + 1 IRC or US\$2); also OJØRJ via OHØRJ, OJØ/LB1NE via CBA http://home.c2i.net/la6yea/
09/06/02-09/13/02	Gambia	C56/G4IRN	G4IRN	By G4IRN as C56/G4IRN; mainly CW, 80-10m; 100W; wire antennas
09/14/02-09/14/02	Liechtenstein	HBØ/DKØCN	TBA	WAEDC SSB
09/14/02-09/23/02	Micronesia	V63VB	W7AVA	By W7AVA fm Pohnpei (OC-010)
09/15/02-09/29/02	Lord Howe Island	VK9YL	VK3DYL	By VE7YL VK4SJ JR3MVF VK3DYL fm OC-004; QSL OK via VK3 Buro or direct
09/22/02-10/08/02	Malawi	7Q7CE	IN3VZE	By IN3VZE; QSL OK via ARI Buro or direct:
10/01/02-10/06/02	South Cook Islands	ZK	VK3DYL	By VE7YL VK4SJ JR3MVF VK3DYL fm Aitutaki (OC-083)

Ongoing

	Thailand	HSØZDP	W3VK	Dave will be at the U.S. Embassy for the foreseeable future
10/01/01-10/01/02	W. Kiribati (Gilbert Is.)	T3ØES	See other info	By Eric, N1JSY. QSL via operator instructions
01/01/02-12/31/02	South Shetland Is.	HFØPOL	SQ5TA	Mirosław plans to be active on CW, RTTY and PSK31
03/21/02-11/30/02	Macquarie I.	VKØMQI	See other info	By VKØMQI - QSL to JA1ELY

Editor's note: Beginning this month I am expanding the scope of the DX listings as well as providing more information about upcoming events. You will notice in the events listings that I now have more "minor" contests listed as well as contest times and website information when known. It will only be possible to continue this effort if I receive DXpedition, DX tips and corrections to the event listings from the membership. My database is expanding, and most of the information is constantly being verified when possible, but I NEED YOUR HELP to keep everything current. DON'T ASSUME I KNOW ABOUT WHATEVER IT IS I SHOULD KNOW ABOUT (if that makes any sense).

Thanks! - 'ZJ

Special Events

Contests

- Aug-10 - Aug-11 WAE Contest - CW (<http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/fedcw.htm>)
0000Z Sat (Fri night local) to 2359Z Sun
- Aug-10 - Aug-11 Maryland/DC QSO Party (<http://www.w3cwc.org/rules.html>)
1600Z Sat to 0400Z Sun and 1600Z to 2359Z Sun
- Aug-17 - Aug-19 New Jersey QSO Party (<http://pages.infinet.net/ve2pij/njqso.html>)
2000Z Sat to 0700 Sun and 1300Z Sun to 0200Z Mon
- Aug-17 - Aug-18 North American QSO Party - SSB (<http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.html>)
1800Z Sat to 0600Z Sun
- Aug-17 - Aug-18 ARRL 10 GHz Cumul. Contest (<http://www.arrl.org/contests/>)
- Aug-17 - Aug-18 SARTG WW RTTY Contest (<http://home.online.no/~janalme/htmlrules/sartg.html>)
0000Z (Fri night local) to 0800Z Sat and 1600Z to 2400Z Sat and 0800Z to 1600Z
- Aug-24 - Aug-25 TOEC WW Grid Contest - CW (<http://www.qsl.net/toec/>)
1200Z Sat to 1200Z Sun
- Aug-24 - Aug-25 Ohio QSO Party (<http://www.mrrc.net/oqprules>)
1600Z Sat to 0400Z Mon (Sun night local)
- Aug-31 - Sep-01 YO DX HF Contest (<http://www.qsl.net/yo3kaa/contests/dxhfru.htm>)
1200Z Sat to 1200Z Sun
- Sep-07 - Sep-08 All Asian DX Contest - Phone (http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/4_Library/A-4-3_Contests/AADX.htm)
0000Z Sat (Fri night local) to 2400Z Sun
- Sep-08 North American Sprint - CW (<http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.html>)
0000Z to 0400Z Sun (Sat night local)

CVCC Events

- Aug-13 CVCC August Dinner Social (River City Diner at Belgrade)
6:30PM
- Sep-10 CVCC September Meeting (First Mennonite Church - Dinner before at Crazy Greek)
7:00pm

Exams

- Aug-10 Richmond Area Amateur Exams - ARRL VE (Held at J. Sargeant Reynolds CC - Contact Pat Wilson, W4PW at 932-9424)
9:00 AM
- Aug-24 Gloucester, VA W5YI Exams (Contact- Bill Sale AE4RB (804)-694-0690)

Hamfests

- Aug-10 Huntington, WV Hamfest (Email: tarahams@juno.com <http://www.qsl.net/tara>)
- Aug-24 Weston, WV Hamfest (<http://www.qsl.net/WV/Hamfestsarc> <mailto:ka8zgy@arrl.net>)
- Sep-07 - Sep-08 Howard County, MD Hamfest - Sponsored by FAR (<http://www.fall-fest.com/>)



Pictures!!!
More next month.
More than this would
make the .PDF
attachment too large
for email!

If we are what
we eat; I'm
cheap, fast,
and easy.



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