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Prez' sez "Where did 2001 go?"

- De John Youell, W4TNX

Lerwise "wimpy" sunspot cycle, but we had one of our CVCC members, W4DR (Bob), win both the inaugural DeSotto Cup and get inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame. It doesn't get much better than that! Also, we had two new PVRC 5 Million "winners" in WK4Y (Roy) and WU4G (Ronnie), who were presented their plaques by W4MYA (Bob) at the Christmas Dinner. Way to go all - you are putting CVCC on the map!

Thanks go out to Roy for making the Christmas dinner arrangements. I think we had 35 people present and that may be a record attendance. Also, Roy arranged for FB WX for the evening. I think Roy is also the leading contender for the prestigious "CVCC most new band countries award". I know he has been burning up 6 meters!

The January 2002 meeting will be at the Mennonite Church on Staples Mill Road at 7 PM and the program will be a video of the East Timor DX'pedition. W4DR advises that the Menonnite Church site will not be available after January, as they will be moving the Church to another location. W4DAA (Bill) has offered his work site as an option for meetings (we have used this location in the past – thanks Bill). Let's discuss this at the next meeting.

Lots of new stuff going on with packet. I am not the expert to report on this, but hopefully things are going to improve. The basic "cluster" station has been moved to W4MYA's place. We are looking at using WA4ONG's tower as a 2nd site. Packet will probably be a topic at the January meeting.

The Prez has been bitten by the 6 meter bug! WOW! Six meters has been incredible this last few weeks. I am a "rookie" on this band, so I don't know what I have been missing. From what I have heard, this may have been one of the best seasons ever. I guess "ignorance is bliss", but I have really enjoyed the 6 meter DX the last several weeks. I have only worked about 10 DXCC

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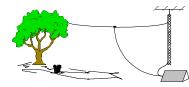


It is time to update your DX Totals to determine who wins the CVCC Championship plaques for 2001 and to make you eligible for the competition in 2002. If you forgot how just go to the W4TNX web site, click on CVCC Home Page, click on DX Totals. Directions for updating are at the bottom of the page. Sadly only 7 members updated on 12/31/00 and are eligible this year. At our January meeting we need to discuss how the program can be revitalized.

For DX'ers 2001 was a wonderful year with excellent conditions just about everywhere. Along with the good conditions there were major DXpeditions to Bouvet, Bhutan, Syria, Chesterfield Island, Agalega, Malpelo, Johnston Island, Nepal, Pratas Island and Eritrea followed by the first sustained activity from North Korea. Although 160 was relatively poor it did produce four new ones for your editor, 3 of which were in deep Asia and the fourth in the Indian Ocean.

On the other hand six meters was fantastic. W4MYA shot from 86 countries to 123. As an index of overall conditions a look at WK4Y's numbers tells the story. With only wire antennas and 100 watts Roy worked 463 new entities with big numbers posted on all 10 bands. For me personally it was probably the most exciting "DX Year" of my half century of activity. In January I worked my 300th country on 160, a long time goal. This was followed by an exciting DXpedition to Syria in February. Election to the DX Hall of Fame and the DeSoto Cup followed shortly afterwards. The last quarter of the year produced 20 new ones on six meters. Please excuse this bragging, I promise not to repeat it!

If 2001 was so good there is a very promising year ahead. Major operations are in the works for Cocos Island (TI9) in



DXPEDITION INFO INFORMATION GATHERED FROM MANY DIFFERENT SOURCES

<u>Dates</u>	<u>DXCC</u>	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>QSL Info</u>	<u>More Info</u>
DXpeditions				
12/01/01-01/10/02	Thailand	HSØZCW	Homecall(s)	K4VUD, Charlie, will be active when possible. Dates approximate
12/31/01-01/11/02	Seychelles	S79LC	I5JZP	By I5IHE mainly SSB RTTY, some CW and SSTV
01/05/02-01/08/02	South Orkney Islands	VP8SIG	GMØHCQ	By GMØHCQ fm Factory Cove, Borge Bay, Signy Is
01/05/02-01/15/02	Tonga	A3?	OH6KN	By OH3JR OH1AWW OH6KN; 160-10m; CW SSB
01/06/02-01/13/02	Maldives	8Q7CG	Homecall(s)	By I5JHW
01/10/02-01/11/02	South Georgia	VP8SGK	GMØHCQ	By GMØHCQ fm King Edward Point, Cumberland Bay West - http://www.qsl.net/ gm0hcq/vp8sgk&.htm
01/18/02-01/26/02	Fiji	3D2/VK2IR	Homecall(s)	By VK2IR 80 - 6 meters
01/18/02-01/26/02	Fiji	3D2	VK2IR	By VK2IR as 3D2/VK2IR; 80-6 M
01/26/02-02/12/02	Cambodia	XU7ACE	ES1FB	By ES1FB - QSL buro or direct
01/28/02-02/28/02	Seychelles	S79EU	HA2NM	By HA8EU 40-10m; CW, some SSB; QSL OK via HA Buro or direct
01/28/02-01/30/02	South Orkney Islands	VP8SIG	GMØHCQ	By GMØHCQ fm Factory Cove, Borge Bay, Signy Is - http://www.qsl.net/gm0hcq/vp8sgk&. htm
01/29/02-02/11/02	Niger	5U	TBA	By 160-6 M; CW SSB RTTY PSK31; three stations; dates are not certain at this time - http://www.qsl.net/niger-2002/
02/01/02-03/31/02	Grenada	J37LR	VE3EBN	By VE3EBN; 40-10 M; SSB CW; QSL OK via Buro or direct
02/04/02-02/16/02	Cocos Island	TI9M	See Info	By TI2HMG and others; 160-6 M; CW SSB RTTY; QSL: Grupo Isla del Coco, Apartado 220-6100, Ciudad Colon, Costa Rica http:// www.QSL.net/ti2hmg/cocos.htm
02/04/02-02/11/02	Costa Rica	TI2/HOMECALL	Homecall(s)	By AA1M (CW) W1USN (SSB) likely as TI2/ homecall; QSL OK via US Buro
02/04/02-02/10/02	Sao Tome & Principe	S9LA	LA2N	By an LA/SM Team; 160-6m; CW SSB PSK31 RTTY SSTV - http://www.qsl.net/s9la/
02/08/02-02/11/02	Belau	T88SI	IT6YRE	By IT9YRE IZ1CRR G3KHZ 20 15 10m; mainly SSB
02/09/02-02/11/02	Belau	T88SI	IT9YRE	By IT9YRE IZ1CRR IZ8AJQ - 20 15 10m; mainly SSB
02/15/02-02/17/02	Jersey	GJ6UW	MØBLF	By G3ZAY MØBLF fm EU-013; 160-10m; SSB CW; 160m QRV w/ 160m dipole, on 750'cliff overlooking salt-water
02/17/02-03/01/02	Cocos I.	TI9M	AKØA	By TI2HMG and others; 160-6 M; CW SSB RTTY - http://www.qsl.net/ti9m/
02/18/02-03/08/02	Nicaragua	YN	Home Call	By DL7CM DL2OE DL3DXX as YN/ homecall; 160-6 M; emphasis on low bands; CW RTTY

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02/19/02-03/01/02	Martinique	FM5	F5SGI	By F5SGI fm NA-107 as FM5/F5SGI; HF bands; mainly CW; QSL OK via REF Buro or direct
02/24/02-03/01/02	Easter Island	CEØY	DM5TI	By DM5TI - mainly RTTY PSK31 SSTV PACTOR 1/2, some SSB/CW ;Casual operation
02/27/02-03/02/02	South Orkney Islands	VP8SIG	GMØHCQ	By GMØHCQ fm Factory Cove, Borge Bay, Signy Is
<u>Ongoing</u>				
	Egypt	SU9LL	EA7CHL	Luciano, EA7CHL is now active on 20 -10
	Norfolk I.	VK9AA/9	DL8YR	Bernd, DL1VJ is now active on CW - mostly WARC
	Thailand	HSØZDP	W3VK	Dave will be at the U.S. Embassy for the forseeable future
10/01/01-10/01/02	W. Kiribati (Gilbert Is.)	T3ØES	See other info	By Eric, N1JSY. QSL via operator instructions
10/13/01-03/15/02	Antarctica	KC4/N3SIG	AI3D	SSB 20/18/15 2000 - 2100z. Op. Chris
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	Miroslaw plans to be active on CW, RTTY amd PSK31
<u>Tips</u>				
	Burundi	9U5D	SM5BFJ	15M 0600Z and 1100Z also 20M 1600Z and 1900Z
	Cape Verde	D44CF	SMØCHF	Henryk, SMØJHF will be on for a while
	Kyrgystan	EX8MIO		QRV on 15 around 0300Z
	Madagascar	5R8ET & 5R8GZ	K1WY	Look for 5R4ET, Slofo around 24947 SSB after 1600Z and 5R8GZ, Albert on 24902 CW 1200 - 1500Z
	Mali	TZ6TO	JA6HGB	Look on 15M SSB 0700Z to 1000Z
	Nigeria	5N1BHF	OE6LAG	Look for Frank on 24940 between 1000Z and 1600Z - Aslo 14195 around 0500Z
	North Korea	P5		Look for several operators from N Korea sometime in late winter - more details TBA
	Qatar	A71BY	F5PYI	Look for Jabor on 20M around 1600Z
	Rotuma I.	3D2AG/P	10M 2000 - 2100Z	
	South Orkney Is.	LU1ZA		Look for Claudio on 15M CW around 2200Z
	Tajikistan	EY8MM	K1BV	Look on 80 CW around 0200Z
	Ukraine	UXØFF		Nikolay has been heard on 6M - 50113.6 between 1300-1430Z
	United Arab Emirates	A61AU	Direct	Huraiz has been heard on 20 SSB above 14200 after 0400Z and 28500 around 1400Z

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countries, but I have also worked dozens of west coast USA and Canada stations. It's hard to believe how many California QSL requests I have received, so I guess they are as impressed as I have been.

CVCC Web stuff: WA4PGM (Kyle) is changing his ISP soon and is looking for a new CVCC "WebMaster". I am losing my personal web space on "...@home.com" as of 12/27/01. I don't know how the new ISP is going to handle my "web space", so I might not be an option in the short term. Stay tuned – if you know how to handle HTML – let me know. Kyle may be stepping down as the "WebMaster". Maybe the club can use "QSL.NET" as our website. Other suggestions and volunteers are welcome.

I really want to thank all the club supporters during this past year. This includes the people who submitted club scores for CVCC and PVRC, as well as those who supported and helped with packet activities, donations and sweat equity. In many ways, we are a "chapter" of PVRC and there may be some recognition of our score contributions in that respect, in the future. W4MYA and K4JA (Paul) have certainly been major contributors to the PVRC scores. N4ZJ (Tom) has really improved the quality of our newsletter and the speed of it's distribution, via e-mail. W4NM (AJ) has also done a FB job as Treasurer, helping us out with contest gear, packet purchases and rent obligations, as well as handling incoming dues.

I am looking for volunteers for a new "Prez"! I have enjoyed being the "Prez" the last few years, but I am ready for someone else to take over. I have had no success with recruitment! If you are interested, please contact any of the club officers. I really think it is time for some new blood "at the helm".

73 and have a wonderful New Year,

John

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February along with South Sandwich/South Georgia. March looks even better with YT1AD and three friends already licensed for North Korea, a second try at activating Ducie Island and a full scale operation from San Felix. The solar flux should remain high during this period so these goodies should be workable over most of the DX bands.

What do I need to do to get monthly DX reports from more of you? This month I had only five. KC4AUF sent me a report on one of he and Becky's first "Elmerees", Marie Long, K4KML. Marie is already up to 183 countries worked using 10/15/20 SSB. A potential new CVCC member? As usual WK4Y had a good month. Roy once again scored new ones on all 10 bands for 52 counters in December. In mid December Roy put up a 6 meter beam which helped him add 23 entities on that band. On the low bands prized catches include ZD8 on 160 and 80, FR, UA9, JA and JY on 80 and EZ8, YB1 EY8 on 40.

N4CH became active again in December and worked 9N7 on 30 and YO, YL, UR, SV, D44, ES, LZ and 9A on 6. W4MYA spent about half of the month either "bagging" for KG4W or working contests but still found time to work XU7ACB on 160, 9N7 and 9U on 30 plus 7 more on 6 meters to reach 123 on that band. His prize catch for the month P5/4L4FN on 10. I was also thrilled to work XU7ACB on 160 for #302 on topband, added 9N7 on 30 and caught most of the good December days on 6 to add 9 on that band the best of which was OD5/OK1MU.

Postscript: January 1, 2001 was another great day on the "magic band" with many Eastern Europe stations popping through. Just as the opening was dying a spot appeared for JY9NX. W4MYA and pounced on him an both came up with QSO's giving Bob a current total of 125 on 6 and bringing me to 142. Let the good times roll!

Bob W4DR

Special Events

<u>Contests</u>	
Jan-11 - Jan-13	Japan Int. DX Contest CW Low Band (http://www.jzap.com/je1cka/jidx/jidxrule-e.html)
Jan-12 - Jan-13	North American QSO Party - CW (http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.html)
Jan-12	Midwinter Contest - CW (http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/midwintc.htm)
Jan-13	NRAU Baltic Contest - CW (http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/nrau.htm)
Jan-13	DARC 10-meter Contest (http://www.shindengen.de/dlcj/darc_10m_contest.html)
Jan-13	NRAU Baltic Contest - SSB (http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/nrau.htm)
Jan-13	Midwinter Contest - SSB (http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/midwintc.htm)
Jan-15 - Jan-06	ARRL RTTY Roundup (http://www.arrl.org/contests/)
Jan-19	LZ DX Contest - CW (http://www.qsl.net/lz1fw/contest/)
Jan-19 - Jan-20	North American QSO Party - SSB (http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.html)
Jan-19 - Jan-21	ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes (http://www.arrl.org/contests/)
Jan-25 - Jan-27	CQ 160 Contest - CW (http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq160rules.html)
Jan-26 - Jan-27	Kansas QSO Party (http://www.ksarrl.net/qso/2002ksqso.htm)
Jan-26 - Jan-27	BARTG RTTY Sprint (http://www.bartg.demon.co.uk/)
Jan-26 - Jan-27	REF French Contest - CW (http://www.ref.tm.fr/)
Jan-26 - Jan-27	UBA SSB DX Contest (http://www.uba.be/)
Feb-02 - Feb-03	New Hampshire QSO Party (http://www.nhara.nhradio.org/qso_soft.html)
Feb-02 - Feb-03	Ten-Ten Winter Contest SSB (http://www.ten-ten.org/rules.html)
Feb-02 - Feb-03	Vermont QSO Party (http://www.ranv.org/vtqso.html)
Feb-02 - Feb-04	YLRL YL-OM Contest - CW (http://www.qsl.net/ylrl/ylcontests.html)
Feb-02 - Feb-03	Mexico RTTY International Contest
Feb-02	Minnesota QSO Party
Feb-02 - Feb-04	Delaware QSO Party (http://www.fsarc.org/)
Feb-03	North American Sprint - Phone (http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.html)
Feb-09	Asia-Pacific Sprint - CW
Feb-09 - Feb-10	RSGB 1.8 MHZ Contest - CW (http://www.rsgb.org.uk)
Feb-09 - Feb-10	Dutch PACC Contest
Feb-09 - Feb-10	CQWW/RJ WPX Contest - RTTY
Feb-09 - Feb-11	YLRL YL-OM Contest - Phone (http://www.qsl.net/ylrl/ylcontests.html)
Feb-10	North American Sprint - CW (http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.html)
CVCC Events	
Jan-08	CVCC January Meeting
<u>Examss</u>	
Jan-26	Gloucester, VA W5YI Exams (Contact- Bill Sale AE4RB (804)-694-0690)
Feb-02	Portsmouth, VA ARRL Exams (Contact-Art Thiemens AA4AT 484-2857)
Feb-09	Richmond Area Amateur Exams - ARRL VE (Held at J. Sargeant Reynolds CC - Contact Pat Wilson, W4PW at 932-9424)
<u>Hamfests</u>	
Feb-02	Charleston, SC Hamfest (Details http://www.QSL.net/wa4usn/index.html)
Feb-10	Frostfest at the Richmond Showplace (Details at http://www.frostfest.com)

The Elmer Hour

- de Tony, KC4AUF

started the Elmer Hour on May 22, 2000. I selected a number of new folks just getting into amateur radio or returning after being away for a spell. I limited it to those who had an interest in DXing, contesting, antenna building, portable HF operations, VHF sideband and those wanting to learn or increase their Morse code ability. I keep the number to about 12. This way the number of students is appropriate for one Elmer and I can devote my time to an area of Ham Radio that needs it the most.

The by-product of all this is potential contesters for the CVCC, knowing that all good contesters started out being good dxers.

Since it's beginning the Elmer Hour Group has done an ARRL Field Day, a DXpedition to an island (K4L New Point Comfort Lighthouse), several portable operation exercises to Wisconsin, Florida, Europe, Myrtle Beach and a few local jaunts here in Va. My very first Elmer Hour "elmeree", Marie Long, served two terms as president of the 146.880 RATS repeater club. Within the same organization are other members of the Elmer Hour Group, TJ Johnston N4UYQ (President), Guy Carlsen K4CNF (Vice President), Parke Slater N4KFT (Director), and Mike Billie WD4CHP (Director).

Aside from our weekly Amateur Radio learning sessions on the air we have several informal and social gettogethers to discuss amateur radio topics and enjoy each others company.

In future columns I will introduce you to the members of the Elmer Hour group and give you a brief synopsis of their progress since they started and their many achievements in the "real world of amateur radio".

KC4AUF "Elmer" Tony Day



ARLB055 ARRL Study Panel Recommends Eliminating Novice Bands (REVISED)

The ARRL Novice Spectrum Study Committee has recommended that the ARRL petition the FCC to eliminate the Novice CW subbands and allow Novice and Technician with Element 1 credit licensees to operate CW on the General 80, 40, 15 and 10-meter CW allocations at up to 200 W output. The panel suggested recognizing portions of those bands for "slow CW operation" to aid new CW operators in enhancing their skills. The committee recommended refarming the current Novice/Tech Plus subbands, in part to allow expansion of the phone allocations on 80, 40 and 15 meters.

The committee's complete report will be presented to the ARRL Board of Directors for consideration during its annual meeting in January. The committee's determinations were based on opinions expressed by 4744 respondents to an ARRL Novice Spectrum Study survey launched in June. Those expressing their opinions included ARRL members and nonmembers. Nearly 61% of those responding were Extra class licensees.

The committee, chaired by ARRL International Affairs Vice President Rod Stafford, W6ROD, has been studying the status and usage of the Novice/Technician Plus HF bands with an eye toward determining appropriate changes in usage of that spectrum now that the FCC no longer issues new Novice licenses. A guiding principle was that no class of licensees would lose any privileges as a result of refarming.

The committee recommended expanding the phone bands in accordance with the most popular of the survey choices offered--three for 80, 40 and 15 meters and two for 10 meters. Here's a summary:

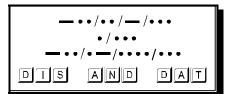
* On 80 meters, nearly 40% of those responding opted for a plan that would extend the US phone allocation to 3700 kHz, with Extras permitted on the entire subband, and with Advanced and General class subbands starting at 3725 and 3800 kHz respectively.

* On 40 meters, nearly half of the respondents picked the plan to extend the primary US phone allocation to 7125 kHz, with Extra and Advanced licensees allowed on the entire segment and Generals from 7175 kHz and up. (The committee's report suggested no changes to the special allocations for amateurs on certain Pacific or Caribbean islands and in Alaska.)

* On 15 meters, nearly half of those responding wanted the US phone allocation extended to 21175 kHz, with Extras permitted on the entire allocation, and Advanced and General subbands beginning at 21200 and 21250 kHz respectively.

* On 10 meters--where Novice and Tech Plus licensees already may operate CW, RTTY and data from 28100 to 28300 kHz, nearly 55% of the respondents favored a plan to retain the US phone allocation from 28300 to 29700 kHz and to extend CW access to Novice/Tech Plus operators to 28000 kHz--an additional 100 kHz. The current Tech Plus 28300 to 28500 kHz phone segment would be retained.

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Just a quick reminder . . .

January 8 - ARRL 160 meter contest log submission deadline

January 15 - CQ WW CW contest log submission deadline

January 16 - ARRL 10 meter contest log submission deadline

73, Bob - W2GG

Dear fellow ham:

I (we all) need your help! Our 10-week school, coach classes for FCC licensing, starts Thursday, January 3 at 7pm. We use basement rooms of the old Westhampton School in the middle of the 5800 block of Patterson Avenue. Park in the rear: walk down the

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Everyone has a

photographic

memory. Some don't have film.

ramp, and you're there. Classes for all three levels of license and five word per minute code!

How can you help? Tell every ham you meet, on the repeaters and elsewhere. Ask them to spread the word to new people and to hams who want to upgrade. Get more information by calling Helen, KC4KHH, at 272-7167.

Thanks and 73

Mike KC4AHE

From: Kyle Chavis [wa4pgm@hovac.com] Subject: ARRL160 WA4PGM QRP 2001 ARRL 160-Meter CW Contest Class: ORP QTH: VA Operating Time (hrs): 6

QSOs Sections Countries Total: 250 43 3 = 23.552

Club/Team: Long Callsign Club

Murphy struck, having not setup CT for the 160 contest and getting home late from work, I too ran into the "Out of Band" error and had to download the update. Then on the 18th contact my feedline crapped out and I had to grab the flashlight and toolbox to run some new coax to the Inverted L. This only took a few minutes being the L is feed only a couple feet above ground level. It was very tough working West of the Mississippi River this year, I did manage to work Utah(one call) for my only W7, No W6's worked. I heard several W6/W7 stations strong but they didn't hear my 5 watts, conditions were strange. I called and called ZF2NT the first night with no luck, the second night I worked them the first call. Had a pretty good S&P rate but could not get a run going either night, it was fun to operate the 160 contest again after a few years off. Ran into lots of friends, good luck to all.

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

January 2002

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This Month.....

- 599 VA • CVCC Meeting January 8 at First Mennonite
 - DX Nuz/Many Xpeditions
 - Elmer Lives!
 - Frostfest Moved To February 10! A.C. Hopes to have advance tickets at meeting!