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Prez' Produces Practically Puny Paragraphs (Content is fine, tho)

- De Bob Eshleman, W4DR

Our October 8th meeting will feature a guest speaker, Ken Claerbout, K4ZW. Ken will give us a program on his two trips to Mongolia during which he not only operated, but helped install a fine low band antenna system at the country home of Chak, JT1CO. Don't miss this excellent program!

My newly installed prop pitch rotor on the 40 meter tower has failed leaving me looking for a reliable way to turn that monster. This huge disappointment has been tempered by some luck with North Korea and the anticipation of a good low band season and possibly some more 6 meter F2. I believe that DXing and Contesting are the two most exciting sports there are and our club supports both of them!

Come join the fun!

Bob



Hi all and I hope September was kind to your DX and Contesting endeavors. I noticed in the October QST magazine that Virginia contesters were prevalent in the top listings for the ARRL 2002 DX CW contest. Larry (K7SV from the Fredericksburg area, who has op'ed at MYA's) was #2 USA in the SOLP category, Paul (K4JA) was #6 USA in the M/2 category and Bob (W4MYA) was #7 in M/M. Virginia is really making a contesting impact for the PVRC. Steve's (NR4M) new super station in Orange county should be operational by next contest season (fall 2003) and I'm sure his station will start to show up in the top 10 listings also. When I visited Steve's QTH a month ago, I was impressed with all his towers, even though they were still horizontal.

Per the OPDX bulletin, there were 228 DX countries active for the week ending 9/22/02. The SFI has been over 200 for several days this month and 10M was really hopping for the WAE SSB contest. As I put final touches on this column on 9/27/02 the SFI is 150.

The ARRL has announced they will be accepting QSLs for 30M DXCC starting October 1, 2002. This is 1 day after the deadline for the 2002 DX yearbook, so I'm going to wait until this time next year to send in my 30M QSLs. The ARRL will date the 30M certificates, but not number them. I have just over 100 30M DX QSLs, but a few of them are probably no good, as they have "10" listed as the "BAND". I think to differentiate between 10 meters and 30 meters, the DXCC desk wants to see "10.1" or "30 meters". Guess I need to work and

confirm a few more DX stations on 30M between now and this time next year to be safe.

DXploits by Members:

Roy (WK4Y) sent in an early report on his new September Band Countries (BCs), as he will be off the air for the last 10 days of the month. Never the less, he rang up 23 new BCs in his "shortened" month, as follows: 80M PZ5, 40M OJ0, A25, VK9N, C56 30M PA7, A25, 9U0, SV5, 20M 5Z4, TT8 (SSB), V6, 15M XV9, TZ7, XU7 (SSB), 12M A25, OJ0 (SSB), 5Z4 (SSB), 9L1 (SSB) TT8 (SSB),

10M OJ0, XV9, 3B9 (SSB). The XU7 was an "all time" **NEW ONE!** This brings Roy's new BC total up to 209 for this year. Good job, Roy!

Bruce (W3BP) offers the following: 1. best DX of the month was XU7AUM who answered his first call on 15M CW, 2. JT1/K4ZW on 40M CW, 3. VK9YL long path on 15M SSB and 4. worst DX moment of the month: hearing the P5 on 10M SSB and having him QSB into the ether. Bruce has 456 BCs this year, mostly on 40M, 15M and 10M. The 20M beam goes up next month and Bruce will really be off to the races! Late breaking news from Bruce on 9/23: worked P5/4L4FN and ST0F! Fantastic Bruce, but tell the P5 to listen for "TNX"!

Bob (W4DR) wrote: "My drought has finally been broken. I worked P5/4L4FN on 10 meter SSB for a new band/country, the first one since VP6DI in March...now if I can just get Ed on 20. Although not new a 12 meter SSB qso with TT8DX should finally give me a "counter" for that band after having 5 other TT's rejected for, "no documentation". My RTTY score has risen to 110 worked with 25 new ones including the following:

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DU9, CP6, T77, 4J9, T88, AP2, JX7, JY9, C98, SV9, 9H3, 3XY6A and P5/4L4FN (unfortunately on 15 meters where I already had a SSB qso). All in all a great month.” Well Bob, I think that was a super month (I still need P5, see above and below) and also feel having a new DX mode available is energizing “Daddy Rabbit”!

Dave Keifer (N4DWK) reports the following new DX for September: 20M 5Z4 OJ0 TU2 6W1 VP8 UK9 A71, 15M JR3 3B9, 10M SV2 EA6 LX, 2M K9HMB EN52 QSL on 9/23/02. Dave also caught a good 6M stateside opening at the start of the month. Good job Dave - lots of good stuff!

This hasn't been a good DX month for me, as I haven't had much radio time. I did get the A25 on 30M for a new BC and the 9U on 17M. I am still keeping an eye open for any YA spots for new BCs and the P5 anywhere, on any mode. I worked VP8DEY and ZD7CY on 10M the weekend of 9/22 and made my annual mailing to the DXCC Desk, sending in 22 QSLs representing 35 QSOs, the most notable of which were all-time new ones VP8 (SSI) and YA5. Wouldn't you know it, but the day after I mailed my cards to the DX Desk, I get two new BC QSLs!

Upcoming (& ongoing) DX of Interest:

P5 (mostly RTTY) and YA are back on the air and 3XY7C (Guinea) will be QRV by DLs from 10/30 thru 11/13. VK0MQI (Maquarie Island) has been sporadically on the air on SSB nets, for those of you who didn't work Alan, the “Penguinator”. 8N1OGA (Ogassawarra) will be on and off for the rest of the year. ZK1 (S. Cook) will be QRV next month by SMs as will XX9 from the 10th thru the 22nd by N1UR. Late breaking announcement is that BI7DX (China) will be QRV 9/27 thru 10/4.

Satellite DX anyone? ...or...

Out with the New, in with the Old:

Many of us experienced our first satellite DX with the Russian RS-12/13, launched on 2/5/91. This “bird” allowed HF radios with split (“spleet, spleet, heez spleet”) capability access to a 15M uplink and a 10M downlink. I think I have over 30 DX countries confirmed thru this bird and about 40 states. Unfortunately, it is now believed that major solar eruptions in July and August have killed RS-12/13. That's the bad news; but now, for the incredibly amazing good news: AO-7 (AO = AMSAT OSCAR), launched on 11/15/74 and declared “dead” in 1981 has come back to life! The first “official” recognition of resurrected AO-7 signals was by G3IOR on 6/21/02, but no telling how long it has been QRV in it's second life, because no one has been listening for it. It apparently is only operating from solar panels in hours when it is in daylight and is missing some of it's original capabilities, but does recognize some commands from earth (change beacon speed, etc.). With many of today's newer radios having HF and 2 meters, “Mode A” is a viable option, with a 2M uplink and a 10M downlink. Speculation is that AO-7 “died” from batteries failing in short-circuit mode, but with years of chemical reactions and cosmic bombardments, the batteries finally “cleared” the shorts, allowing the solar panels to provide the needed power. Truly amazing that this almost 30 year old “bird” is still flying and transponding with early 70's technology – bipolar transistors and flip-flop ICs! There is plenty of information on AO-7 on the web (try AMSAT or ARRL) and in this month's CQ magazine.

Thinking about satellites and space and such, have you noticed the significant ham radio activity by astronauts? It seems like almost all of the MIR and Space Shuttle missions have had some ham radio activity. I have heard stations from the Space Shuttle and I have a QSL from the MIR packet “robot”. I wonder if “Worked All Planets (WAP)” could be a distant future possibility? Let's hope (for the sake of distant future hams) that any WAP DX'peditions use home call QSL addresses, as PRC (you figure it out) costs will certainly be out of sight!

Shameless Requests for DX Countries Needed:

<<Below is a REPEAT from last month – going one, going twice.....(silence means thumbs down!!)>>

New section of newsletter – let me have your feedback on this one! Let's limit the “shamelessness” to 10 or less needed countries/bands/modes to preserve paper, ink, postage, etc. You may elaborate with excuses (low power, crummy antennas, TVI, etc.), but only to the extent that they are factual. Example below:

W4TNX – Need 7: 7O (worked many times – QSLs no good with ARRL), BS7 (kept calling those other guys and too busy keeping his butt out of the water at high tide to pull me out of the noise), FR/G (only heard a few times on CW at very high speed), FR/J (ditto the FR/G comment), P5 (too many others calling the few times I heard him on SSB, including all the Europeans calling when he asked for “USA only”), VU4 & 7 (never heard either of these DX stations in 41 years of ham radio).

In the event that this part of the column becomes highly popular, I reserve the right to limit “Shameless Requests” to those

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that are particularly pathetic.

Will be looking for all of you in the DX pile-ups and the contests!

73, John

W4TNX

Update to DX News! - Marie, K4KML added the following to her DX totals:

YS1EJ, NEW ON 20, S52QM, TU2IG, G3HQQ, T77C, EA4EED, CO8EJ, YS1EJ, LZ1ND, IK2AGN, NEW ON 12, LA7KIA, TU2DP, LA5JX, EA6/W4TWQ, V44KAA NEW ON 15, HJØQGL, NEW ON 10 M, Z22JE, NEW COUNTRY, 4S7BRG, NEW COUNTRY



Central Virginia Contest Club, 2002 Christmas Dinner Tuesday, December 10, 2002 – 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Steak & Ale Restaurant – Glenside & Broad Streets

Fellow Club Members,

W4DR, Bob Eshleman, our Club President, has asked me to handle the Christmas Dinner function for this year. Based on conversation and approval from him, the following is the agenda and form for year 2002.

The club will again this year have our Christmas Dinner at the Steak & Ale Restaurant located at Glenside and Broad Streets. Please note the date and time above. This restaurant and location was selected again based on the convenience, service provided to us in past years, and from the satisfaction expressed from members. Parties are given a two-hour window frame; ours will be from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. For early arrivals if the room is not in use you may seat yourself or you may go to the Bar.

As in the past, we will have ground floor accommodations, individuals may order from the menu, salad bar is included, and separate checks are acceptable. An 18% gratuity tax will be included on each person's check.

There have been some changes instituted since our last visit.

The increase to 18% on gratuity for large parties.

A \$100.00 deposit must be made by December 01. The deposit will be refunded to the contact person at the time of the banquet. If the banquet is canceled within 48 hours of the banquet, the deposit will be forfeited.

Host party will be charged the per guest fee for the number of guests confirmed 48 hours before banquet. If less guests than the confirmed number are present at the time of the banquet the per guest fee will be the lowest priced entree selected.

You may choose from either the Salad Bar or a pre-made Garden Salad.

Please RSVP to Roy Davis, Jr. – WK4Y, at (804-741-9315) **NO LATER THAN - Saturday December 07, 2002** with the number in your party. If you RSVP and later must cancel, notice is necessary. **PLEASE BE ADVISED**, if you RSVP, find that you cannot attend, and **do not give notice** by the time given above, no shows will be charged to the club!

You may email to me your RSVP with the number in your party, but if you use this method of contact, insure that you receive a confirmation back from me within 24 hours. Email is not a positive assurance of contact. I **prefer** a telephone call. If you call and my answering machine takes your message, I will return your call within 24 hours for confirmation.

I do not wish to make this so formal, but there are monetary forfeitures the club could incur.

I look forward to receiving your RSVP.

Roy – WK4Y



CVCC Profiles - John Youell, W4TNX



First licensed on Guam Island at age 12 as WG6AOM in 1962, where I was a military dependent. The Navy Dentist across the street was a ham and had a son about my age. Dr. Riney (KG6AO?) coached his son (Tim) and myself through the Novice theory and code. I upgraded to General at age 13 as WA4QDM when I came back to Richmond in 1963 after typhoon Karen (at the time the worst recorded Typhoon in the Pacific, with winds measured at over 200 mph before the recording instruments failed) blew my school away! Dad finished out his Guam tour and was re-assigned to the Pentagon, so we moved to Northern Virginia, where our family reunited. With my electronics interest, I was able to get an after-school job with a regional Tektronix repair facility, which helped fund my radio hobby. My main rig as a General was a Swan-240 (80, 40, 20 meter SSB rig at 240 watts input) that I modified for CW. My father was career military in the Marines and Navy JAG so we moved every few years between islands (Navy, you know) and the Pentagon. In addition to KG6 (Guam back then), I lived in KH6 briefly, DU (where I finished my senior year in H.S.) and KP4 (where we lived while I was in college at VMI). Dad retired to Va. Beach from his KP4-land assignment in 1971 as a Judge and Navy Captain.

Nothing really exciting radio-wise for a number of years, except that I worked a lot of casual DX and "played" in many contests through high school and college with an emphasis on CW. I was president of the ARC at VMI my senior year in 1971, while my folks were still in KP4 land. Graduated from VMI with a BSEE in 1971 and married Kathy in December of that year, when we moved to Richmond for her graduate scholarship to MCV/VCU. No significant radio activity for a few years more until Kathy finished her PhD in Clinical Psychology and we had "harmonic #1, Blanton", in 1976. We moved to Colonial Heights in 1977 for Kathy's "residency" at Poplar Springs Hospital and I put up 40 and 20 meter dipoles and got back on the air with the early 60's vintage Swan-240. I immediately got back into casual contesting and DXing. I particularly remember really getting into an ARRL SS CW contest with my Vibroplex "bug" that I have had since about age 13!

In 1982, (with a second harmonic, Katie, born in

1979) we moved to our present home in Chester, which was more convenient to my Philip Morris office in Richmond and split the difference with Kathy's work location in Petersburg. I went somewhat inactive during the 1980s with two small kids, worklife challenges, and Kathy's aneurysm in 1986. I bought a 25 watt 10m Radio Shack rig in early 1992 on impulse and had some amazing results while the sunspots were still high during the previous solar cycle. I had never operated 10M before, so this was a real treat. The DX bug bit and 10M didn't stay open long enough to suit my passions, so I bought an FT-990 in about May of 1992. I quickly discovered the frequency limitations of a General Class license chasing CW DX and did a double upgrade (20 WPM CW, Advanced and Extra Class theory tests in one setting) to Extra Class in July of 1992. (Depending on how you look at it, my "upgrade" was either incredibly easy, or I had to

study for 30 years!) I chose to keep my WA4QDM callsign of almost 30 years at that time.

Shortly after the Extra Class upgrade a small tribander went up on a chimney mount and with the addition of packet radio spotting, 10M WAS and several DXCC awards were on the wall in 1993. All of the DXCC mode awards (except satellite), 5BDXCC and WAZ were obtained by early 1995. Many contest awards are now on the wall, including a WORLD "Winner" in a 10x10 CW contest in 1995 and another for 4th in

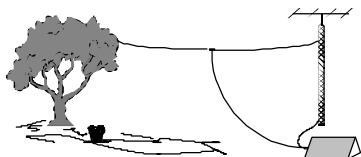
1994. In September of 2001, I finally let the "vanity call" demon strike me and got the W4TNX call, which I love for the CW recognition and sending ease. My ARRL DX Honor Roll was finally attained in early 2002 with BS7 as my last needed entity. I have since worked VP8 (SSI) and YA (one that finally counted). Almost all of this was with 100 watts to very modest antennas. I am especially pleased with my approximately 275 countries on my 40M dipole at 100 watts.

I was the president of the CVCC from the Spring of 1999 thru the Spring of 2002 and have enjoyed several years of contesting from W4MYA's M/M station. I am currently in 2nd place for the CVCC in the PVRC 5 Million Point standings and enjoy contesting from my own humble contest station on non-M/M contest weekends. Presently, I am the DX editor for the "599" Newsletter and looking for a replacement for next year – anyone interested?

73, John

W4TNX





DXPEDITION INFO

INFORMATION GATHERED FROM MANY DIFFERENT SOURCES

Dates

DXCC

Callsign

QSL Info

More Info

DXpeditions

10/05/02 - 10/11/02	Isle of Man	GB2IOM	GØPSE	By G3WNI GØPSE M5RIC fm Point of Ayre Lighthouse (EU-116); 160-10m; CW SSB RTTY; QSL OK via Buro or direct, also E-mail requests for Buro cards
10/05/02 - 10/12/02	Jersey	GJØWFH/P	GØDBX	By GØWFH as GJØWFH/p; 160-10m; SSB only; QRP
10/07/02 - 10/15/02	South Cook Islands	ZK	VK3DYL	By VE7YL VK4SJ JR3MVF VK3DYL fm Rarotonga (OC-013) http://www.qsl.net/sm7eq1/travel/zk1/zk1.html
10/08/02 - 10/13/02	French Polynesia	FO	JA4GXS	By JA4GXS fm Rangiroa (OC-066); 160-6m; CW SSB
10/08/02 - 10/11/02	Marquesas	FOØSAI	Homecall(s)	By JI1JKW JI1WTF; HF-6M
10/08/02 - 10/16/02	Ogasawara	8N1OGA	JARL Buro	By 7K3EOP, WA1S http://www.fivenine.com/8n1oga/eng/
10/08/02 - 10/13/02	Western Sahara	SØ7L	EA4URE	By XE1L N8SHZ + EA Team fm Bir Lehlu; 40-10m; SSB RTTY PSK31; perhaps 80 & 6m + CW
10/10/02 - 10/22/02	Macao	XX9TEP	N1UR	By N1UR (ex-K8EP); 160-10m; CW SSB
10/11/02 - 10/27/02	Guernsey	MU	Homecall(s)	By DL2MDZ DL3NBL fm EU-114; 160-10m
10/14/02 - 10/21/02	Dominica	J7	PA5ET	By PAØZH PA3EWP PA5EA PA5ET http://www.qsl.net/ldxt/
10/14/02 - 10/25/02	Montserrat	VP2M	Homecall(s)	By WA3IOU N3LGY as VP2MEB VP2MAB fm VP2MEG's QTH
10/15/02 - 10/30/02	Congo	TN	ON4ACA	By ON7UN
10/17/02 - 10/28/02	Austral Islands	FO	Homecall(s)	By I2YSB IK2GNW as FO/homecall/p fm Rurutu (OC-050); possibly also Maria Island (OC-NEW)
10/17/02 - 10/28/02	Chatham Island	ZL7C	ZL4HU	By Kermadec Dx Association; 160-10m, some 6m http://www.qsl.net/zl7c/
10/17/02 - 10/31/02	North Cook Islands	ZK1	Homecall(s)	By W7VV W7TSQ AA7PM VE7XF KT7G fm Manihiki as ZK1VVV ZK1TSQ ZK1APM ZK1AKX ? respectively; QRV in CQWW SSB as ZK1MA
10/18/02 - 11/10/02	Cuba	T48W	SMØWKA	By SMØWKA; 160-6m; SSB CW RTTY PSK31; QSL preferred via SM Buro http://www.sm0wka.com/t48w/
10/19/02 - 10/28/02	Benin	TY	I8ACB	By I8QLS I8CZW I8ULL; focus on low +

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				WARC bands, 6m; CW; QRV in CQ WW SSB
10/21/02 - 10/28/02	Bahamas	C6	Homecall(s)	By W5UE K5NY KK5EW N5ID W8JE as C6/homecall fm Treasure Cay, Abaco Is (NA-080); 160-10m; CW SSB; QRV as C6ARB for CQWW SSB (QSL via W5UE)
10/21/02 - 11/01/02	Montserrat	VP2M	PA5ET	By PA group http://www.qsl.net/1ldxt/
10/24/02 - 10/27/02	Micronesia	V63	IT9YRE	By IT9YRE IT9GAI I1SNW as V63RE V63GH V63WN fm Nomwin Is (OC-NEW) http://www.ddxc.net/v63/
10/25/02 - 10/31/02	Micronesia	V63DX	JA7HMZ	By JA7HMZ fm Pohnpei (OC-010); 160-6m
10/26/02 - 11/04/02	Ogasawara	8N1OGA	JARL Buro	By JA1MRM JA1LZR http://www.fivenine.com/8n1oga/eng/
10/28/02 - 11/08/02	American Samoa	K8T	GWØANA	CW SSB RTTY PSK31 SSTV http://www.ukdxers.co.uk/
10/29/02 - 11/07/02	American Samoa	K8O	AH6HY	CW SSB RTTY PSK31 SSTV http://www.ukdxers.co.uk/
10/30/02 - 11/13/02	Guinea	3XY7C	DL7DF	By DJ6TF DJ7UC DK1BT DL4WK DL7UFR DL7BO DL7DF; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY PSK31 SSTV http://www.qsl.net/dl7df/3x/
10/30/02 - 11/04/02	Micronesia	V63	IT9YRE	By IT9YRE IT9GAI I1SNW as V63RE V63GH V63WN fm Etal Is (OC-NEW) http://www.ddxc.net/v63/
11/01/02 - 11/13/02	South Cook Islands	ZK1	Homecall(s)	By W7VV W7TSQ AA7PM VE7XF KT7G fm Rarotonga as ZK1VVV ZK1TSQ ZK1APM ZK1AXF ? respectively
11/04/02 - 11/22/02	Nauru	C21RH	VK4AAR	By VK8RH; focus on 6m, but also HF fm OC-031; check ± 14260 18125 28885 50110 kHz http://www.users.on.net/rpearson/
11/08/02 - 11/11/02	Ogasawara	8N1OGA	JARL Buro	By JO1RUR JP1JFG http://www.fivenine.com/8n1oga/eng/
11/10/02 - 12/02/02	Netherlands Antilles	PJ2	PAØVDV	By PAØVDV as PJ2/PAØVDV fm Curacao; 80-10m, focus on WARC; CW only; NOT active for CQWW; QSL OK via Buro or direct
11/12/02 - 11/22/02	Grenada	J38AA	WA1S	By WA1S; also NØWBV KTØF as J3/homecall (QSL via home call)
11/15/02 - 11/25/02	Sable Island	CYØMM	TBA	By VE3NZ VE3EY VE3NE; HF-6M http://www.dipole.com/
<u>Ongoing</u>				
01/01/02 - 12/31/02	South Shetland Is.	HFØPOL	SQ5TA	CW, RTTY and PSK31
04/21/02 - 11/30/02	Macquarie Island	VKØMQI	See other info	By VKØMQI; JAs QSL to JE1LET, all others to JA1ELY; begin and end dates uncertain

Special Events

Contests

- Oct-05 - Oct-06 California QSO Party (<http://www.cqp.org/>)
1600Z Sat to 2200Z Sun
- Oct-05 EU Autumn Sprint - SSB
1500Z to 1859Z
- Oct-05 - Oct-06 Oceania DX Contest - Phone (<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests/oceania/>)
0800Z Sat to 0800Z Sun
- Oct-05 - Oct-06 QCWA QSO Party (<http://www.qcwa.org/qsoparty.htm>)
1800Z Sat to 1800Z Sun
- Oct-06 RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest - SSB (<http://www.rsgb.org.uk>)
0700Z to 1900Z Sun
- Oct-09 - Oct-11 YLRL Anniversary CW Party (<http://www.qsl.net/ylrl/ylcontests.html>)
1400Z Fri to 0200Z Mon
- Oct-10 Ten-Ten Day Sprint (<http://www.ten-ten.org/rules.html>)
0001Z to 2400Z Thu
- Oct-12 EU Autumn Sprint - CW (http://loja.kkn.net/~i2uiy/eu_rules.html)
1500Z to 1859Z Sat
- Oct-12 - Oct-13 Oceania DX Contest - CW (<http://www.nzart.org.nz/nzart/update/contests/oceania/>)
0800Z Sat to 0800Z Sun
- Oct-12 - Oct-13 Pennsylvania QSO Party (<http://www.qsl.net/narc/paqso.html>)
1600Z Sat to 0500Z Sun and 1300Z to 2200Z Sun
- Oct-13 North American Fall Sprint - RTTY (<http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.html>)
0000Z (Sat night local) to 0400Z Sun
- Oct-16 - Oct-18 YLRL Anniversary SSB Party (<http://www.qsl.net/ylrl/ylcontests.html>)
1400Z Fri to 0200Z Mon
- Oct-19 - Oct-20 Worked All Germany Contest (<http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/fedcg.htm>)
1500Z sat to 1459Z Sun
- Oct-20 Asia-Pacific Sprint - CW (<http://jsfc.org/apsprint/>)
0000Z to 0200Z Sun (Sat night local)
- Oct-20 - Oct-21 Illinois QSO Party (<http://my.core.com/~jematz/rams.html>)
1800Z Sat to 0200Z Sun
- Oct-20 RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest - CW (<http://www.rsgb.org.uk>)
0700Z to 1900Z Sun
- Oct-26 - Oct-27 CQ Worldwide Contest - Phone
0000Z Sat (Fri night local) to 2400Z Sun
- Oct-26 - Oct-27 Ten-Ten International Net Fall CW Contest (<http://www.ten-ten.org/rules.html>)
0001Z Sat (Fri night local) to 2400Z Sun
- Nov-02 - Nov-04 ARRL Sweepstakes - CW (<http://www.arrl.org/contests/>)
2100Z Sat to 0300Z Mon (Sun night local)
- Nov-02 - Nov-03 Ukrainian DX Contest (<http://www.qsl.net/ucc/>)
1200Z Sat to 1200Z Sun
- Nov-03 DARC 10-meter Digital Contest (http://www.shindengen.de/dlcj/darc_10m_contest.html)
1100Z to 1700Z Sun
- Nov-08 - Nov-10 Japan Int. DX Contest - Phone (<http://www.jzap.com/je1cka/jidx/>)
2300z Fri to 2300Z Sun
- Nov-09 - Nov-10 OK/OM CW DX Contest (<http://www.radioamater.cz/okomdx/>)
1200Z Sat to 1200Z Sun
- Nov-09 - Nov-10 WAE Contest - RTTY (<http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/fedcw.htm>)
0000Z Sat (Fri night local) to 2359Z Sun

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- Nov-16 - Nov-18 ARRL Sweepstakes - Phone (<http://www.arrl.org/contests/>)
2100Z Sat to 0300Z Mon (Sun night local)
- Nov-23 - Nov-24 CQ Worldwide Contest - CW (NOTE: NOT Thanksgiving Weekend!)
0000Z Sat (Fri night local) to 2400Z Sun

CVCC Events

- Oct-08 CVCC October Meeting (7:00 PM at First Menonite Church - Dinner before at the Crazy Greek)
- Nov-12 CVCC November Meeting

Exams

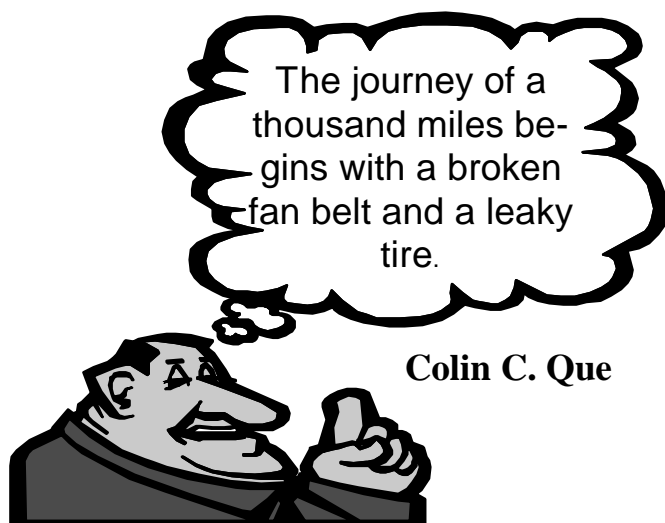
- Oct-05 Williamsburg, VA ARRL Exams (Contact- Mike Conte W4NYY 566-8015 (Walk-in only))
- Oct-10 Chesapeake, VA Exams (Thursday eve tests. Contact Pat Phelps AF4FR 421-9598)
- Oct-12 Richmond Area Amateur Exams - ARRL VE (Held at J. Sargeant Reynolds CC - Contact Pat Wilson, W4PW at 932-9424)
9:00 AM
- Oct-26 Gloucester, VA W5YI Exams (Contact- Bill Sale AE4RB (804)-694-0690)
- Nov-02 Portsmouth, VA ARRL Exams (Contact-Art Thiemens AA4AT 484-2857)



The following have said they will be operating at W4MYA's for the CQWW SSB contest on October 26/27:

N4ZJ, W4TNX, N4DEN, W4HZ, N4EHJ, N4DWK, WK4Y, WU4G, W4HJ, K4KML, K4WMA, OA8V, W4DR, W4MYA.

If you are not on the list and wish to operate, please contact W4MYA ASAP and reserve a chair and some headphones for yerself!



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- *DX Info/Events*
- *'TNX For The DX*
- *K4ZW Guest Speaker at First Mennonite October 8 - 7pm*