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## Prez' Pontificates - Promises Potent Prelude (to contest season)

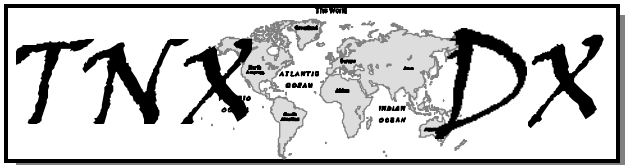
- De Bob Eshleman, W4DR

**S**UMMER IS OVER Things return to normal this month with our no regular "eatin and meetin" schedule. The faithful will gather at the Crazy Greek beginning around 5:30 PM on September 10 and QSY to First Mennonite Church on Staples Mill Road at 7:00 for our meeting. The program will feature a video of the "Ultralight Dxpedition to South Sandwich and South Georgia". I had hoped to have K4UEE in person to give the program, but the change of dates for the Virginia Beach Hamfest ruined that plan. If I come to the meeting with a happy face you can bet that at least several of the following things have happened; Henry's tower service has replaced my 160 vertical, replaced the broken struts on the 40 meter beam, gotten the cranky prop pitch to turn again and/or I have worked P5/4L4FN on 20 meter RTTY for a new "band-entity". If none of the above has happened look for a fairly grumpy presiding officer

Items for discussion include, but are not limited to: possible sponsors for our DX Champion Plaques, a new meeting site after 1st Mennonite is no longer available, ideas for future programs, the treasurer's report and ideas to improve our status in this field, the Christmas dinner and of course plans for the CQ WW phone contest. Come prepared to share at least one tidbit of information about what has happened for or to you during the summer...i.e. new DX worked, new equipment/antennas acquired, strikes my Murphy you have experienced etc...you get the idea. Our August meeting at River City Diner had a nice turnout. Lets get our season off to a great start with a lot of faces at this important meeting.

I have been corresponding with Mel Manning, WB3D who moved to Florida a few years ago. Mel has been going great guns from his new digs with a very modest station. He has now worked 333 of the 335 current "entities" on the DXCC list and is quite active on RTTY where he has worked 177. Mel and his wife Sue are coming to the Virginia Beach Hamfest so this will be a great time to catch up with him. Many of you may recall that he was our in house legal counsel.

Bob W4DR



**H**i all and welcome back for a new CVCC DX / Contest Season! As W4DR (Bob, the new prez) said in the summer newsletter, 6M summer E-skip has been virtually non-existent. As a newly "bitten by the 6M bug" guy, I was looking for at least something in the way of 6M openings, but got zilch! The SFI has run the gauntlet the past couple of months from a high of 241 to a low of around 130. According to the AR-Cluster Network, as reported by the OPDX site on the Internet, there were 240 active DX countries the week of 8/11 thru 8/24. With the exception of YA and P5, there hasn't been any new DX for me to chase. The P5 is supposed to be back on the air at the end of August (he is temporarily out of the country). Unfortunately, I still need the P5, but I did manage to get the YA on a couple of bands and two modes.

Speaking about "modes", I understand that WU4G (Ronnie) has helped our new prez get into the RTTY mode. I

know one of W4DR's first targets on RTTY will be the P5, who is now spending almost all of his time on that mode and is now approved for DXCC for both phone and RTTY. What's the matter with the P5's CW? Maybe he broke his keying finger like I did this summer. Ouch!

For those DX'ers who paper chase DXCC awards and listings, time is "drawing nigh" to get your cards in to the ARRL DX Desk for the 2002 DX Yearbook. Your submittals have to be received at ARRL by September 30, 2002 in order to get into the Yearbook (which will come out in May or June of next year). I may have procrastinated (not a word to use on CW!) too long with a couple of QSL requests that I just made – oh well, there's next year. If you are an Honor Roll Member or have made a DXCC submittal in the previous year, you will be sent a copy of the annual DXCC Yearbook, otherwise, you have to request it for \$5 (I think).

### DXploits by Members:

I logged a few good prefixes in August, including CO8 and WP3 on 80M CW (hey! – not bad for my dummy load anten-

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nas in lightning season!), 3V8 8Q7, 9U5 (also 10M), EA9 and S9 (also 10M) on 17M SSB, 9Q1 on 40m SSB and TK/DL8UW on CW, 4J0R on 30M CW and TY9F and VU2 on 20M (Ty on CW and VU on SSB). Nothing really spectacular, but prefixes and band countries (BCs) that we will all appreciate in a few years when the sunspots go south. I also received QSLs from the XR0X (San Felix Island) DXpedition last April for 5 new band countries and 1 new mode (RTTY) country. A sack full of WA4QDM QSLs from the buro came in this month with a J7 card dating back to 1994! Thank goodness Jon (W4HZ) is taking over my QSL duties in 2003 (right Jon?)!

Roy (WK4Y) reports the following August DX: 8Q7ZZ 30M, T88DX and ZK2XX 20M CW, 8Q7ZZ JX7DFA and YA5T on 17M CW, JX7DFA and YA5T 15M CW. The YA5T was an all time new country for Roy. The August close brings Roy's "new band country" count to 186. Way to go Roy!

From W4DR: "With big help from WU4G and some coaching from N4DWK I am finally on RTTY and believe it or not I am having fun with it. Still no P5, but at this writing I have worked 84 countries with the following some of my prize catches: 4L8, 8R1, 9G1, SV5 T92, VK6, FO5, VR2, 5U7, TF3 & RA9 on 20: A45, ZD7, ER27, GU0 TK, EA9, YB4, KH2, HS0, 4Z5, EW3 & EX8 on 15. Haven't decided if I want to try for QSL's, but probably will do so. On a sad note I lost one of the 130 foot Rohn 25 towers to my 160 4 square. Only 4 sections of the tower survived in usable form when a large, hallow trunk oak fell across the guy lines. Henry's Tower Service will put it back up for me within a week or so. So I should be ready for a shot at JT1CO when the prime season arrives." Best of luck to Bob with JT on 160M this fall – WOW, 40 Zones from the East Coast would really be something!

Kyle (WA4PGM) gave me a "ping jockey" report on the recent Perseid Meteor Shower: W0PHD EN18 1193 miles (New grid), K2DRH EN41, WW2R EM13 1070 miles, WA8CLT EN80 (JT44 mode), K4SSO EM48, K0AWU EN37 1030 miles (New grid). All stations were worked on 2 meters using WSJT in FSK441 mode, except the one listed as JT44 mode. Kyle says he has had better results in years past and was somewhat disappointed in this year's showers.

#### Upcoming DX of Interest:

I understand that Virginians K4ZW (Ken) and K4YT (Karl) will be in JT-Land (Mongolia) from September 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> to concentrate on 80M and 160M. This would be W4DR's last zone on 160M – let's cross our fingers for him! September may be a month or two early for optimum propagation on the low bands, but let's hope it works for our low band folks on the East Coast and especially the CVCC guys. Other DX on the radar: P5 and YA back on the air in late August, OJ0 Market Reef 8/31 – 9/7 by LAs, A5 Bhutan by KP2A 9/11 – 9/16 160M thru 6M, XU Cambodia 9/12 – 9/26 by ONs 160M thru 6M, 3XY7C Guinea by DLs 10/30 thru 11/13.

**New QRPp DX Rig: (QRO persons – disregard this! ....** and the "QRPp DX Rig" reference may be a contradiction in terms...)

This section of my article is probably a waste of time for the QRO folks, but there is a new QRP rig out there that is generating a lot of commentary and fun on the Internet. Small Wonder Labs has just come out with a new 40M CW QRPp rig called the "Rock Mite". It is a 500mw rock-bound (crystal) xcvr. It has a built-in keyer and a frequency shift function that allows for a +/- shift in frequency of about 700 HZ. I ordered one on 7/17/02 and received it on 8/14/02. They were supposed to be a 2-4 week delivery, and apparently they are very popular, as mine took almost the entire 4 weeks and they now have an additional 3 week delay for the next delivery of crystals. There is a lot of "Rock-Mite" discussion on the QRP Lists (like QRP-L). I was hoping to be one of the first to work some European DX with the rig. Unfortunately, with a Surface Mount Device (SMD) front end (Direct Conversion - DC) mixer IC, my 53+ year old eyes may not be good 'nuff! I put the rig together in about 3 hours on 8/17, but the RX/AF sections are now in the debug mode. The TX and keyer / sidetone / offset functions worked FB first time. The good news is that the kit was only \$25, so I won't ruin my retirement if I can't get the RX working! In any event, I now have a 2" X 2.5" PCB with a keyer good for 5 – 40 WPM and a .5W 40M transmitter for "extreme fun" (or agony!). Hopefully, I will be able to find the Rx/AF problem sometime soon. Dave (K1SWL), the owner of Small Wonder Labs, has been very helpful via e-mail with troubleshooting suggestions. .If I get the rig working in time for the next CVCC meeting, I will bring it for a "show and tell".

#### PVRC 5M Award Standings:

PVRC 5 Million Award - Totals for CVCC members thru July 2002:

W4MYA	40.2M**
W4TNX	15.7M**

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W4HJ	11.5M**
W4DR	8.5M
WK4Y	8.5M
W4HZ	8.4M
K4JA	7.8M*
WU4G	6.9M
KF4QQY	4.2M
N4EHJ	4.0M
N4ZJ	3.5M
N4DEN	3.4M

\*New 5M award

\*\*Endorsements at 5M multiples

If I missed someone, blame it on my eyesight as I just briefly scanned the PVRC list for CVCC member callsigns. It looks like we have several members within striking distance of the 5M award for next year, especially Barry (KF4QQY) and Ralph (N4EHJ). Paul (K4JA) is a “shoe-in” for the 10M endorsement with his M/S+ station, if not the 15M endorsement. Bob (W4DR), Roy (WK4Y) and Jon (W4HZ) are all poised to pounce on the 10M endorsement and Ronnie (WU4G) is “lurking in the wings” as a potential 10M endorsement candidate. Tom (N4ZJ) and Dennis (N4DEN) could also adorn their shacks with the FB PVRC 5M plaque with a full season of contest scores. I have found that I can contribute about 3M+ per season by guest-operating most of the big contests at W4MYA’s place and the others (ARRL SS, ARRL 10M, ARRL 160M, etc.) from my QTH. I will probably miss the 20M endorsement this year, but it should be a “chip shot” for me in the 2003 – 2004 contest season. The message here is \*\*Enter Contests – Make Points – Submit Scores\*\*!

#### Upcoming PVRC 5M Contests thru 2002 - Mark Your Calendar!:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Week #</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Mode/Band</u>
Sept.	2	ARRL	VHF
Oct.	Last	CQDX	SSB
Nov.	1	ARRL	CW
Nov.	3	ARRL	SSB
Nov.	Last	CQDX	CW
Dec.	1	ARRL	CW/160M
Dec.	2	ARRL	Mixed/10M

Anyone want to provide me a chair for the ARRL 160M contest? I usually operate from my home station with 100w and “dummy load” antennas, just to help out the PVRC score and to add a few points to my “5M” standings. I would be happy to operate with my call or yours (love those buro QSLs <<just kidding !!!>>). Top Band really amazes me, as I have worked all states except KL7 in the last few years with 100 watts and really crummy antennas (dipoles as low as 5 feet off the ground on the ends!). My best DX on 160M is KH6 and I have worked “Hula-Land” several times, thanks to the excellent high power and big-eat contest stations that operate from there. **Try 160M – you’ll like it!**

#### Shameless Requests for DX Countries Needed:

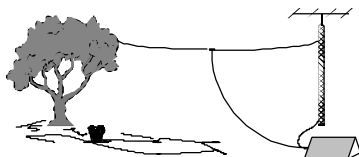
New section of newsletter – let me have your feedback on this one! Let’s limit the “shamelessness” to 10 or less needed countries/bands/modes to preserve paper, ink, postage, etc. You may elaborate with excuses (low power, crummy antennas, TVI, etc.), but only to the extent that they are factual. Example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

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

73, John W4TNX



# **DXPEDITION INFO**

INFORMATION GATHERED FROM MANY DIFFERENT SOURCES

<u>Dates</u>	<u>DXCC</u>	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>OSL Info</u>	<u>More Info</u>
<b><u>DXpeditions</u></b>				
09/01/02-09/30/02	S. Cook Is.	ZK1USA	ZK1CG	By ZK1CG fm Rarotonga (OC-013) in commemoration of the Sep 11 tragedy
09/06/02-09/13/02	Gambia	C56/G4IRN	G4IRN	By G4IRN as C56/G4IRN; mainly CW, 80-10m; 100W; wire antennas
09/08/02-10/04/02	Corsica	TK/DL4FF	DL4FF	By DL4FF fm EU-014 as TK/DL4FF; 160-10m; CW SSB; QSL OK via DARC Buro or direct
09/09/02-09/14/02	Mongolia	JTIFYT &	Homecall(s)	By K4YT K4ZW as JTIFYT and JTIFZW; all bands; QRV for WAE SSB, Saturday only
09/11/02-09/16/02	Bhutan	A52DX	W3HNC	By KP2A; 160-6m; SSB CW <a href="http://kp2a.vi/">http://kp2a.vi/</a>
09/11/02-09/14/02	Sardinia	ISØ/HOMECALL	Homecall(s)	By DL2RMC DM5TI as ISØ/homecall fm nr Castelsardo; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY SSTV PSK31 Pactor <a href="http://www.qsl.net/dm5ti/ISØ/">http://www.qsl.net/dm5ti/ISØ/</a>
09/14/02-09/23/02	Micronesia	V63VB	W7AVA	By W7AVA fm Pohnpei (OC-010)
09/15/02-09/29/02	Lord Howe I.	VK9YL	VK3DYL	By VE7YL VK4SJ JR3MVF VK3DYL
09/15/02-09/18/02	Mariana Is.	KHØ/KJ1C	JT1CYX	By JI1CYX as KJ1C/KHØ fm Saipan (OC-086); 30-10m
09/15/02-09/18/02	Ogasawara	8N1OGA	JARL Buro	Limited operation <a href="http://www.fivenine.com/8n1oga/eng/">http://www.fivenine.com/8n1oga/eng/</a>
09/21/02-09/23/02	Cambodia	XU7AUR	ON5UR	<a href="http://home2.pi.be/on5ur/cambodia/index.htm">http://home2.pi.be/on5ur/cambodia/index.htm</a>
09/22/02-10/08/02	Malawi	7Q7CE	IN3VZE	By IN3VZE; QSL OK via ARI Buro or direct
09/23/02-09/29/02	Reunion I.	FR/F6BLK	Homecall(s)	Mainly CW, some SSB
09/30/02-10/09/02	Mayotte	TO8MZ	F6BLK	By F6BLK. Mainly CW, some SSB
10/01/02-10/14/02	Congo	9Q5(TBA)	ON4ACA	By ON7UN
10/01/02-10/06/02	South Cook Islands	ZK	VK3DYL	By VE7YL VK4SJ JR3MVF VK3DYL fm Aitutaki (OC-083)
10/07/02-10/15/02	South Cook Islands	ZK	VK3DYL	By VE7YL VK4SJ JR3MVF VK3DYL fm Rarotonga (OC-013); Direct QSL w/ RP preferred
10/10/02-10/22/02	Macao	XX9TEP	N1UR	By N1UR (ex-K8EP); 160-10m; CW SSB
10/14/02-10/21/02	Dominica	J7	PA5ET	By PA0ZH PA3EWP PA5EA PA5ET - <a href="http://www.qsl.net/ldxt/">http://www.qsl.net/ldxt/</a>
10/14/02-10/25/02	Montserrat	VP2M	Home Call	By WA3IOU N3LGY as VP2MEB VP2MAB fm VP2MEG's QTH
10/15/02-10/29/02	Chatham Island	ZL7	ZL4HU	By Kermadec Dx Association; 160-10m
10/17/02-10/31/02	North Cook Islands	ZK1	Home Call	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 <a href="http://www.smØwka.com/t48w/">http://www.smØwka.com/t48w/</a>
10/21/02-11/01/02	Montserrat	VP2M	PA5ET	By PA0ZH PA3EWP PA5EA PA5ET PA3GCV PA4WM - <a href="http://www.qsl.net/ldxt/">http://www.qsl.net/ldxt/</a>

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10/30/02-11/13/02	Guinea	3XY7C	DL7DF	By DJ6TF DJ7UC DK1BT DL4WK DL7UFR DL7BO DL7DF; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY PSK31 SSTV; QSL OK via Buro or direct  <a href="http://www.qsl.net/dl7df/3x/">http://www.qsl.net/dl7df/3x/</a>
11/01/02-11/13/02	South Cook Islands	ZK1		By W7VV W7TSQ AA7PM VE7XF KT7G fm Rarotonga as ZK1VVV ZK1TSQ ZK1APM ZK1AXF ? respectively
11/20/02-12/01/02	Gambia	C56R	OH4AB	By Team; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY PSK31; QRV for CQWW CW as C53M



## FLORIDA MAN IMPRISONED, FINED FOR DELIBERATE INTERFERENCE

Florida Citizens Band enthusiast William "Rabbit Ears" Flippo will spend a total of 15 months in federal prison--including two months already served--and pay a \$25,000 fine for jamming Amateur Radio communications and transmitting without a license. He'll also spend a year on supervised probation following his release, during which he cannot own radio gear or firearms.

Flippo was convicted in federal court earlier this year on eight misdemeanor counts. The sentence is believed to be a record for convictions of this type. "It's sent a shock wave across the Amateur Radio and CB communities in South Florida," said Ed Petzolt, K1LNC, who was among the amateurs targeted by Flippo and who testified at his trial. "The CB guys are running for cover. You can buy an illegal CB amplifier pretty cheap right now," he quipped. Hams were surprised by the severity of the sentence. Federal District Court Judge Daniel T.K. Hurley imposed the sentence August 29 on Flippo, of Jupiter. He had been found guilty June 19 of four counts of operating without a license and four counts of deliberate and malicious interference. Flippo has remained in custody since the guilty verdict and underwent a psychiatric evaluation prior to sentencing. The judge also said he wants a full financial disclosure from Flippo, who may face other legal actions unrelated to his radio operation convictions.

At the sentencing, Flippo reportedly wept, said he'd turned over a new leaf and claimed he was sole support for his wife and two daughters. None of his family members was in the courtroom for the sentencing, however. The judge was not persuaded, telling Flippo, 60, that he was old enough to have considered the consequences of his actions. Hurley also alleged numerous incidents of perjury during the course of Flippo's testimony during his June trial, which ran six-and-one-half days. The jury took about a half hour to determine that he was guilty on all counts. According to trial testimony, Flippo primarily had targeted members of the Jupiter-Tequesta Repeater Group for jamming and regularly interfered with amateur operations, especially on 10 and 2 meters, over an approximately three-year period. Following up on the amateurs' complaints, personnel from the FCC's Tampa District Office visited the Jupiter area at least twice in 1999 and reported tracking the offending signals to Flippo's residence.

Flippo had faced a maximum of eight years in prison--one year on each count--and up to \$80,000 in fines. Available opinions were mixed on whether the sentence Hurley imposed was appropriate. Petzolt, who assisted the FCC in gathering evidence and, at one point, had his car rammed by Flippo's vehicle, said he felt Flippo should have received at least three years. "I thought it was a slap on the wrist," said Petzolt, the 1999 ARRL International Humanitarian Award winner who also testified at the trial. John Criteser Jr, KC4JLY, agreed. "I think he should have gotten more--at least five years," Criteser said outside the courthouse. Other amateurs who attended the sentencing session, including Jupiter-Tequesta club member Bert Moreschi, AG4BV, were satisfied with the penalty, however.

Last year, Flippo was convicted in state court of criminal mischief--also a misdemeanor--after ramming Petzolt's vehicle. He was sentenced to a year's probation and ordered him to dispose of his radio equipment. A ban on possessing radio gear also was a condition of his federal bond, which Hurley revoked during the trial. Federal authorities arrested Flippo in July 2000. The criminal charges of which he now stands convicted covered violations allegedly committed between June 1999 and April of 2000.

The defendant already faces a \$20,000 fine levied in 1999 for unlicensed operation, willful and malicious interference to Amateur Radio communications, and failure to let the FCC inspect his radio equipment. Hurley ordered Flippo immediately back into custody to start serving his sentence. Flippo reportedly was led into and out of the courtroom in shackles and leg irons.



# Special Events

## Contests

- Sep-14 - Sep-15 WAE Contest - SSB (<http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/fedcw.htm>)  
0000Z Sat (Fri night local) to 2359Z Sun
- Sep-14 - Sep-16 ARRL September VHF QSO Party (<http://www.arrl.org/contests/>)  
1800Z Sat to 0400Z Mon (Sun night local)
- Sep-15 North American Sprint - Phone (<http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.html>)  
0000Z to 0400Z Sun (Sat night local)
- Sep-20 - Sep-22 YLRL Howdy Days (<http://www.qsl.net/ylrl/ylcontests.html>)  
1400Z Fri to 0200Z Mon (Sun night local)
- Sep-21 - Sep-22 Washington Salmon Run (<http://www.wwdxc.org/salmonrun/>)  
1600Z Sat to 0700Z Sun and 1600Z to 2400Z Sun
- Sep-21 - Sep-22 Scandinavian Act. Contest - CW (<http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/sacnsc.htm>)  
1200Z Sat to 1200Z Sun
- Sep-22 Panama Anniversary Contest  
1200Z to 2359Z Sun
- Sep-28 - Sep-29 Scandinavian Act. Contest - SSB (<http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/sacnsc.htm>)  
1200Z Sat to 1200Z Sun
- Sep-28 - Sep-29 CQ/RJ Worldwide Contest - RTTY (<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/RTTY%20Rules%202002.pdf>)  
0000Z Sat (Fri night local) to 2400Z Sun
- Oct-05 - Oct-06 Oceana DX Contest - Phone  
0800Z Sat to 0800Z Sun
- Oct-05 EU Autumn Sprint - SSB  
1500Z to 1859Z
- 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 Thur
- Oct-12 EU Autumn Sprint - CW ([http://loja.kkn.net/~i2uiy/eu\\_rules.html](http://loja.kkn.net/~i2uiy/eu_rules.html))  
1500Z to 1859Z Sat
- Oct-12 - Oct-13 Oceana DX Contest - CW  
0800Z Sat to 0800Z Sun
- Oct-13 North American Fall Sprint - RTTY (<http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.html>)  
0000Z (Sat night local) to 0400Z Sun
- Oct-19 - Oct-20 Worked All Germany Contest (<http://www.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 RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest - CW (<http://www.rsgb.org.uk>)  
0700Z to 1900Z Sun
- Oct-23 - Oct-25 YLRL Anniversary SSB Party (<http://www.qsl.net/ylrl/ylcontests.html>)  
1400Z Fri to 0200Z Mon
- Oct-26 - Oct-27 CQ Worldwide Contest - Phone (Multi-op avails at K4JA and W4MYA - reserve your seat now!)  
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

## CVCC Events

- Sep-10 CVCC September Meeting (First Mennonite Church - Dinner beforehand at the Crazy Greek)  
7:00pm

Oct-08 CVCC October Meeting (7:00 - Location TBA)

### Exams

Sep-22 Gloucester, VA W5YI Exams (Contact- Bill Sale AE4RB (804)-694-0690)

Sep-22 Virginia Beach, VA ARRL Exams (Contact- John Errington K2JE 430-3948)

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)

### Hamfests

Sep-28 - Sep-29 Virginia Beach Hamfest (<http://www.vahamfest.com/> - NEW LOCATION - PEMBROKE MALL See info in newsletter)

### QSO Parties

Sep-28 - Sep-29 Louisiana QSO Party (<http://www.tchams.org/users/contest/laqp/>)  
1400Z Sat to 0200Z Sun and 1400Z to 2000Z Sun

Sep-28 - Sep-29 Texas QSO Party (<http://www.k5vuu.com/tqp/>)  
1400Z Sat to 0200Z Sun and 1400Z to 2000Z Sun

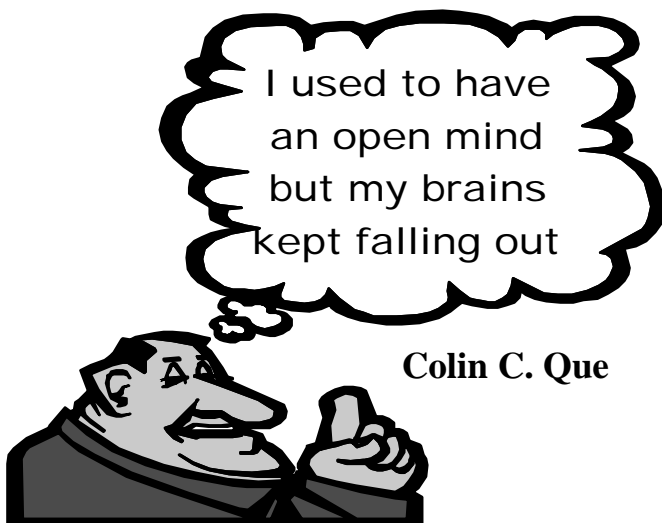
Sep-28 Alabama QSO Party (<http://web.dbtech.net/~dxcc/rules1.htm>)  
1800Z to 2400Z Sat

Oct-05 - Oct-06 California QSO Party (<http://www.cqp.org/>)  
1600Z Sat to 2200Z Sun

Oct-05 - Oct-06 QCWA QSO Party (<http://www.qcwa.org/qsoparty.htm>)  
1800Z Sat to 1800Z 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-20 - Oct-21 Illinois QSO Party  
1800Z Sat to 0200Z Sun



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**VIRGINIA BEACH  
HAMFEST  
And Electronics Flea Market  
SEPTEMBER 28 & 29, 2002  
ARRL Roanoke Division Convention  
NEW LOCATION AND DATE CHANGE**

PEMBROKE MALL  
RT 264 EAST . EXIT 17 B NORTH  
GO 4 STOP LIGHTS . TURN RIGHT IN FRONT OF SEARS AUTO CENTER  
FIRST LARGE BUILDING ON RIGHT AFTER SEARS  
SHOW SATURDAY 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM  
SHOW SUNDAY 9:00 AM TO 3:30 PM

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Tickets : \$5.00 each  
(Children under 12 years free if accompanied by paying adult).

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- VA Beach Hamfest - New Location
- 'TNX For The DX
- Meeting With Video - September 10 at First Mennonite