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Prez' propaganda passes political pressures

- De Roy Davis, WK4Y

The April meeting is an important meeting, election of new club officers take place. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate. The slate for officers are; President -NW4V, Ed Moore, Secretary - K4KML, Marie Long, and Treasurer - NK4H, Bob Ladd. Please attend and show your support for your new officers.

Dinner as usual, 5:30 P.M., and the meeting starts at 7:00 P.M.

We will have our business meeting, and after closing, Ed Moore - NW4V, will talk about what he hopes to see the club accomplish during his year.

Ralph Fetty - N4EHJ has made the suggestion for having a club net on the 145.430 Repeater to promote contesting /dxing. Ralph has secured permission to do this from the MRA. This could possibly be good for the club's ability to grow with new membership. Anyone who is interested in serving as a Net Control Station is encouraged to contact Ed Moore - NW4V and work with him on details concerning net operation.

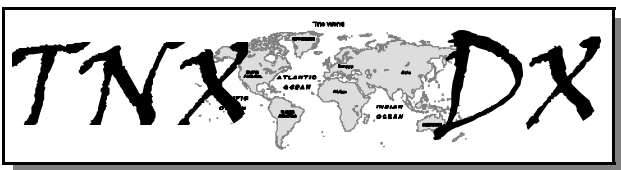
WK4Y and NW4V had the opportunity to be guest operators at K4JA for the CQWW WPX SSB contest. Paul's station is a M/2 HP operation. I must say that we had an extraordinary time. Thank you Paul for the opportunity to work from your World Class Station. At this writing, Paul is number one in USA with 13,390,640 points. Total: 4484 Prefixes = 1180 Total Score = 13,390,640. The call used was KM4M. Operator(s) were: K4JA AJ3M K9GY KD4D NW4V RA3CO W3BP WK4Y. We will ask Paul to expound more on the operation at the meeting.

I would like to thank all of you who have helped to support me this past year. Too many to list here, but those of you who presented programs at the meetings, those who helped with the picnic, Christmas Dinner, securing the picnic and meeting places, writing columns, and of course to the members who attend the meetings. Thank you all.

A special thanks to Bob Morris - W4MYA, and his Wife, Lilly, for all the years of providing a World Class Station from which members had an opportunity to operate. These were truly good times, and we appreciate you Bob and Lilly. Also to Tom Ogburn - N4ZJ, who after many years of doing the Club Newsletter, is stepping down. Outstanding job Tom.

73 and Good Contesting

Roy Davis, Jr. - WK4Y



AND, DX DE 'DR

by W4TNX

As of 3/22/2004, OPDX reported 237 active DX countries for the month. A good catch for the month (and until mid-April) is 3B9C, Rodriguez Island. This is a large DX'pedition and is available on all bands/modes. The SFI, A & K on 3/28/2004 is 128, 19 & 3.

Finally finished a multi-year project at work and glad to have that behind me, as well as having both "kids" now graduated from college with BS degrees. I'm now planning on enjoying a stress free spring and summer of fun activities. My "to do" list this year includes replacing Isabel damaged wire antennas, a fishing trip to Mexico (XE2) and an Alaskan cruise (KL7 & VE7) with XYL Kat.

I made the March CVCC meeting and paid my dues in cash to Bob Ladd (NK4H) in front of witnesses! Speaking of Bob Ladd, the rumor is that he doesn't like CW. I sat to the right of Bob at the pre-meeting dinner (no religious or political interpretations should be made here) and I could have sworn he

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was sending “CQ” with his knife-wielding elbow as he attacked his meal. I thought about answering him with my “fork wielding” elbow, but restrained myself, remembering age old advice “don’t go into a knife fight with a fork” ! Maybe a new “Q” signal could be “**QRE**” (beware of **R**ight **E**lbow, along the lines of **QLF**). Seriously, the meeting was great and it was good to be back and see friends. The program on vertical antennas was well received and the turnout very good on a cold night.

Recent Contest Activity by Members (others shown for reference):

ARRL DX SSB:

M/2:

K4JA – 8.3 M (Paul would have been #4 USA as a M/M – way to go Paul!)

N3RS – 7.2 M

M/M:

K3LR – 12 M

KC1XX – 10.9M

DXploits by Members:

WK4Y: Has worked 16 new band countries in 2004 through Feb. 29. Highlights are:

160M CW: 4v200YH, 8R1RPN, J68GS, RW2F, T98T, LZ1JY, LA0CX

60M SSB: G0HNV, GI4VIV, WA2UGT/KP4, NP2L, V44NE

30M CW: ZK3SB

Needed DX:

Send me your pet DX needs and I will print them here for a possible “one-ringer” at some future date.

W4DR: JT1CO on 160M & ZD7 on 6M

W4TNX: 7O, BS7, FR/G, P5, VU4 & VU7

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

73, John

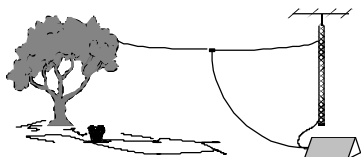
AND, the bonus round From W4DR

March has been an exciting month on Manakintown Ferry Road. Beginning on March 5 I managed a 55 minute WAC on 160 which began at 0401Z with JY9QJ followed by 8R1RPN, ZS6UT, SV3RF, KH6CC and K3HP at 0456Z. My digital modes score inched up from 249 to 253 with 9Q0AR, XF4IH, 6Y5IC, R1FJ and 3B9C. BA4TB was deaf (blind?) to my pleading calls so China will have to wait for another day. Thanks to Don, K7MX I am finally on 60 meters using 160 meter 4 square as an antenna. Although I haven't found all the stuff WK4Y and N4CH have been reporting my first evening on the band netted two G's, MM5DWW and rare OH2R. Maybe we can get Kyle to put VP9GE on when he goes over there next month. March's static levels have been low enough to permit some good low band DX. On the 19th I worked YA8G on 80 cw for a new BMC just at his sun rise. The G's who are at TJ3G were new BMC's on 17 and 12 CW, but they say they are too rare and needed to waste time on 160. A huge mistake, but its their nickel. As I write this our old friend and fellow dxpeditioner, W4PRO is at A52PRO and gave me a rare 40 meter SSB qso. By the time you read this he will be at 9N7PR. Just a little too late in the season for a chance at 80

or 160. Although neither were new it was exciting to work DU9/N0NM and

JD1YBJ (MT) on 160 cw this morning within minutes of each other and just 5 minutes before my sun rise. Amazingly both had just called CQ with no answer. The next big event is a T33 mega-dxpedition so it should give everyone a chance to fill in missing slots on that rare one. WK4Y scored 4 new band entities in March: OH2R 60, YI9ZF 40, TJ3G 20 and XF4IH on 17. Next month I hope to have lots of reports from the membership.

Bob W4DR



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>	
Dates	DXCC	Callsign	QSL Info	Other Info	
04/03/04	04/18/04	Martinique	TO7HAM	FM5AN	By Radioclub de Martinique
04/04/04	04/16/04	Banaba Island	T33C	F5CWU	By international team fm OC-018; 160-6m http://www.dx-pedition.de/banaba2004/
04/04/04	04/10/04	Svalbard	JW/F8DVD	F8DVD	By F8DVD as JW/F8DVD from Longyearbyen
04/07/04	04/24/04	Belize	V31RG	K4VU	By K4VU K0LAA; 160-6m; CW SSB RTTY
04/09/04	04/11/04	Cameroon	TJ		By F6BUM fm Mondoleh Is
04/10/04	04/14/04	Nepal	9N	W4PRO	By W4PRO
04/18/04	05/01/04	Malawi	7Q7	G3LQP	By British group http://www.malawi.digital-crocus.com/
04/23/04	05/05/04	Greenland	OX/HOMECALL	Homecall(s)	By DL2SWW DL2VFR as OX/homecall fm Maniitsog Is (NA-220) http://www.iota-post.de/01/ox/ox.html
05/01/04	05/21/04	Mauritius	3B8	DL3LBP	By DL3LBP fm AF-049; 40-10m; SSB CW RTTY
05/03/04	05/13/04	Faroe Islands	OY9OY	ON5UR	By ON5DRE ON4QJ; 160-2m; SSB + digital modes; low power; callsign TBD
05/15/04	05/22/04	Aruba	P40KI	N2KI	By N2KI; multi-band; RTTY SSB
05/16/04	05/24/04	Austral Islands	FO/A		By ON4AXU fm Tubuai (OC-152)
05/26/04	05/30/04	French Polynesia	FO		By ON4AXU fm Moorea (OC-146), Huahine (OC-167), Raiatea (OC-167)
06/01/04	09/06/04	Canada	VO2	K2FRD	By K2FRD as VO2/K2FRD fm Labrador (65km WSW of Churchill Falls, CQZ 2); 160-10m; SSB, some CW PSK-31 RTTY; QSL OK via Buro (slow) or direct (fast)
06/01/04	06/14/04	Marquesas	FO/M		By ON4AXU fm Hiva Oa (OC-027)
06/25/04	06/29/04	Jersey	GH8KGC	G3OCA	By G3OCA G6KUI fm Minquiers Is (EU-099); QSL OK via Buro or direct
07/13/04	07/19/04	Niue	ZK2	K8AA	By K8AQM K8AA as ZK2TR and ZK2DL (callsigns tentative); mainly CW RTTY, some SSB
07/19/04	07/21/04	Western Samoa	5WØTR/DL	K8AA	By K8AQM K8AA as 5W0TR and 5W0DL; mainly CW RTTY, some SSB

Three Southerners and three Yankees are traveling by train to the Super Bowl. At the station, the three Northerners each buy a ticket and watch as the three Southerners buy just one ticket.

"How are the three of you going to travel on only one ticket?" asks one of the Yankees.

"Watch and learn," answers one of the men from the South.

They all board the train. The three Yankee men take their respective seats but all three Southerners cram into a toilet together and close the door. Shortly after the train has departed, the conductor comes around collecting tickets. He knocks on the toilet door and says, "Ticket, please."

The door opens just a crack and a single arm emerges with a ticket in hand. The conductor takes it and moves on.

The Yankees see this happen and agree it was quite a clever idea, so after the game they decide to do the same thing on the return trip and save some money.

When they get to the station they buy a single ticket for the return trip, but see, to their astonishment, that the three Southerners don't buy any ticket at all.

"How are you going to travel without a ticket?" says one perplexed Yankee.

"Watch and learn," answers the men from the South.

When they board the train the three Northerners cram themselves into a toilet and the three Southerners cram into another toilet just down the way.

Shortly after the train is on its way, one of the Southerners leaves their toilet and walks over to the toilet in which the Yankees are hiding.

The Southerner knocks on their door and says, "Ticket, please."

(And I'm still trying to figure out how the South lost the war!)

Dear friends at CVCC.

After 15 straight years of doing the newsletter (this time around) I'm having to hang up my mouse. This is not being done lightly, as I've had to give this much thought and consideration (and re-consideration).

Circumstances in my life have changed so dramatically in the past few years that I have had to redirect my energies, and frankly I'm worn out. The reasons for my decision follow:

As most of you know, our daughter Becky was born with Down syndrome. She is a great kid, and I love her more than I can express, and she does need a "little extra" attention, and for those reasons I have needed to devote more time to her, both for her present and for her future. I won't bore you with details, but I have become heavily involved with several organizations that help parents of kids and other folks with special

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needs to whom I've committed a lot of my time. Adding in daily life, work, school activities and other family commitments I find that my time for hobbies is very limited. Ham radio, and especially contesting, has been my mainstay for over 30 years. CVCC has been a HUGE part of my life, and I've made friends I'll never forget. It's something I hate to give up, but something's got to go. I want to stay involved with everyone in a limited capacity as time permits, though.

CVCC needs a newsletter editor that can stay current with DX, expeditions and contest activity. I've tried to stay current, but at this point it's getting pretty much impossible to do. It became very apparent to me the other day when I realized I had not received QST in 3 months and hadn't noticed my ARRL membership had lapsed! Hopefully there will be someone else that can take over and stay more current.

I've been unable to participate in any CVCC activities in over a year now. As stated above, CVCC needs a newsletter editor who is current with CVCC.

I really need to get myself in better physical shape, and moving a mouse endlessly around a desktop during all of my waking hours won't accomplish that.

So with all that having been said, I hope to be back someday soon. I WILL get an antenna back up before the next century and WILL be back in the pileups. I WILL cause someone to have heart failure when I stroll into a meeting one night, and I WILL participate at a multi-op thing someplace with you guys (and ladies). I WILL miss W4MYA's operations – they were what kept me going this long – I WILL turn in an amazing score with wire antennas again and I WILL miss the friendships and the Christmas dinners and the picnics and pool parties.

I do want to thank everyone who has faithfully sent me columns and info regularly for the past 15 years including, but not limited to, W4MYA, W4DR, W4TNX, WU4G, WK4Y, KG4W, W4HJ, KC4AUF and many others. I couldn't have done it without you.

I would especially like to thank my wonderful wife Elaine, the best Mom a kid could have, for encouraging me, tolerating me, proof-reading for me (not this issue) and listening to me bemoan the fact that yet another contest weekend had gone by without me.

If y'all get desperate for a newsletter editor, gimme a holler after a while and I'll reconsider – but for now, I need a break. Once I get caught up with life, I think I will be ready and able to breathe again and take a much needed plunge into the ionosphere.

73, good DX, and lots of multipliers and runs!

Oh, yeah Bob Ladd won't have Colin C. Que to kick around any more unless someone else gives ol' Col a good home. Consider it, somebody!

Colin C. Que Bonus:

Why isn't phonetic spelled the way it sounds? Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii? Why are there flotation devices under plane seats instead of parachutes? Why are cigarettes sold in gas stations when smoking is prohibited there?

QRZ Contests!

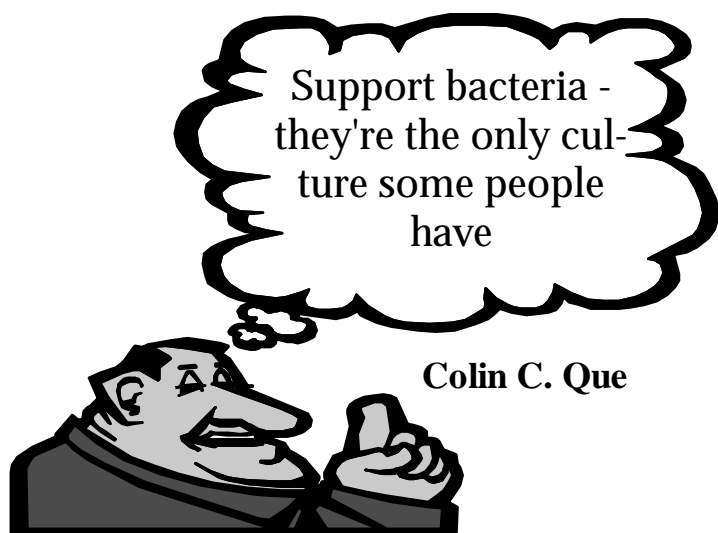
Contests

- Apr-13 222 Mhz Spring Sprint
 1900 to 2300 Local time
- Apr-17 - Holyland DX Contest (<http://www.qrz.co.il/4xradio.php?pid=99>)
 0000Z to 2359Z
- Apr-17 - Apr-18 Michigan QSO Party (<http://www.miqp.org/>)
 1600Z Sat to 0400Z Sun
- Apr-17 - Apr-18 Ontario QSO Party (<http://www.odxa.on.ca/oqphome.html>)
 1800Z Sat to 1800Z Sun
- Apr-17 - Apr-18 YU DX Contest (<http://solair.eunet.yu/~yu1ab/awards/rules.htm>)
 1200Z Sat to 1200Z Sun
- Apr-21 432 Mhz Spring Sprint
 1900 to 2300 Local time
- Apr-24 - Apr-25 Florida QSO Party (<http://www.qsl.net/fqp/>)
 1600Z Sat to 0159Z Sun and 1200Z to 2159Z Sun
- Apr-24 - Apr-25 HB9 (Helvetia) Contest (<http://www.uska.ch/html/en/contest/reglement2002e.pdf>)
 1300Z sat to 1300Z Sun
- Apr-24 - Apr-25 Kentucky QSO Party (<http://www.critterbob.net/BARS/kyqsopartyrules.html>)
 1600Z Sat to 0400Z Sun
- Apr-24 - Apr-25 Nebraska QSO Party (<http://www.qsl.net/hdxa/neqso/neqso.htm>)
 1700Z Sat to 1700Z Sun
- Apr-24 - Apr-25 SP DX RTTY Contest (<http://home.online.no/~janalme/htmlrules/spdxrtty.html>)
 1200Z sat to 1200Z Sun
- May-01 May-02 2 GHZ and Up Contest
 0600 Sat Local to 2400 Local Sun
- May-01 - May-02 ARI Int'l DX Contest
 2000Z Sat to 2000Z Sun
- May-01 - May-02 Indiana QSO Party (<http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/>)
 1500Z Sat to 0300Z Sun
- May-01 - May-02 New England QSO Party (<http://www.neqp.org/>)
 2000Z Sat to 0500Z Sun and 1300Z to 2400Z Sun
- May-01 - May-02 Ten-Ten Spring CW Contest (<http://www.ten-ten.org/rules.html>)
 0001Z Sat (Fri night local) to 2400Z Sun
- May-08 May-09 50 Mhz Spring Sprint
 2300Z Sat to 0300Z Sun

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- May-08 - May-09 Mid-Atlantic QSO Party (<http://www.qsl.net/maqso/>)
1600Z Sat to 2400Z Sun
- May-08 - May-09 Oregon QSO Party (<http://home.online.no/~janalme/htmlrules/qsoor.html>)
1500Z Sat to 0300Z Sun
- May-08 - May-09 Volta WW RTTY Contest
1200Z Sat to 1200Z Sun
- May-29 - May-30 CQWW WPX Contest - CW (<http://home.woh.rr.com/wpw/>)
0000Z Sat (Fri night local) to 2400Z Sun
- Jun-12 - Jun-14 ARRL June VHF QSO Party (<http://www.arrl.org/contests/>)
1800Z Sat to 0300Z Mon (Sun night local)
- Jun-12 Asia-Pacific Summer Sprint - SSB (<http://jsfc.org/apsprint/>)
1100Z to 1300Z Sat
- Jun-19 - Jun-20 All Asian DX Contest - CW (http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/4_Library/A-4-3_Contests/AADX.htm)
0000Z Sat (Fri night local) to 2400Z Sun
- Jun-19 - Jun-20 West Virginia QSO Party
1600Z Sat to 0200Z Sun
- Jun-25 - Jun-26 UK DX Contest - CW
1400Z Fri to 1400Z Sat
- Jun-26 - Jun-27 ARRL Field Day (<http://www.arrl.org/contests/>)
1800Z Sat to 2100Z Sun
- Jun-26 - Jun-27 Marconi Memorial HF Contest (<http://www.qsl.net/ik6ptj/marconi.htm>)
1400Z Sat to 1400Z Sun



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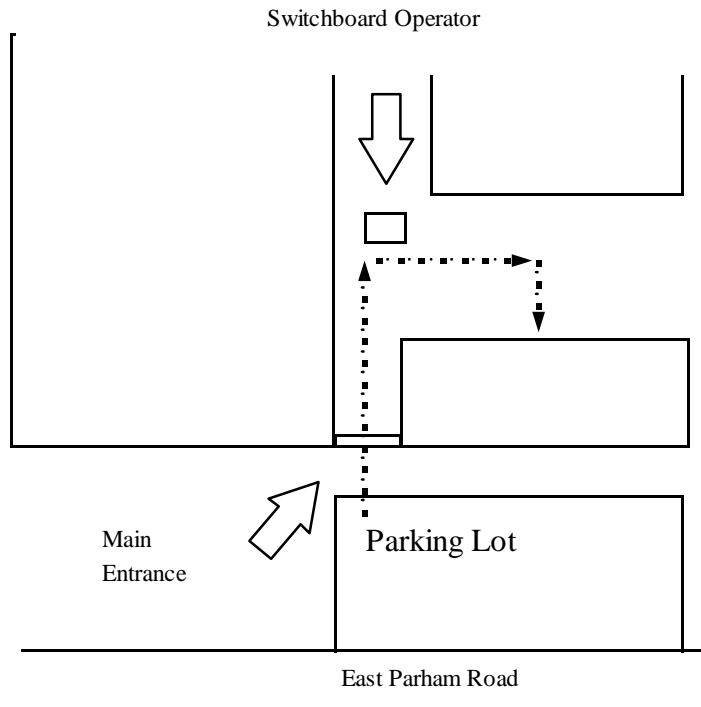
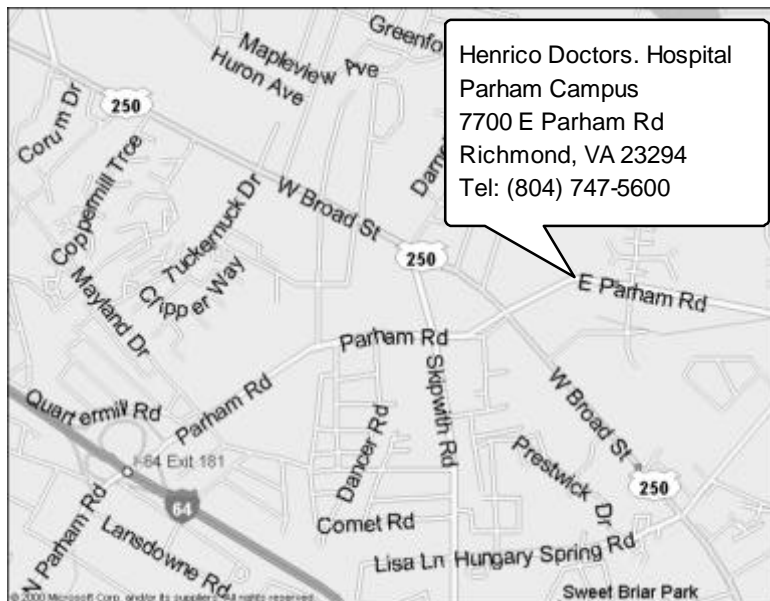
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New Meeting Location



Henrico Doctor's Hospital, Parham Campus, 7700 E Parham Road. Park in parking lot, come in main entrance and go to switchboard operator station. Ask for directions to the cafeteria and meeting room, and mention that you are with CVCC. The cafeteria is down the hall to the right of the operators station. The main phone number is 804-747-5600.



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THIS MONTH

Double whammy DX Column

Dxpeditons/Events

Meeting April 13 at Henrico Doctors Parham

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