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## Prez' promises popular pasta pre-meeting

- De Roy Davis, WK4Y

**H**ello everyone, nasty weather we have had for the last of January. No ice damage here to antennas, hope that no one else has either.

I noticed that a few members participated in the CQ 160 CW contest. Good show, and I believe W4MYA is in 3rd place for SOHP.

The thought and conversation for this month's meeting will be on "what type of participation will we be moving towards." This is do to the fact that we no longer have a multi multi operation available. Please give this some thought bringing your thoughts to the meeting.

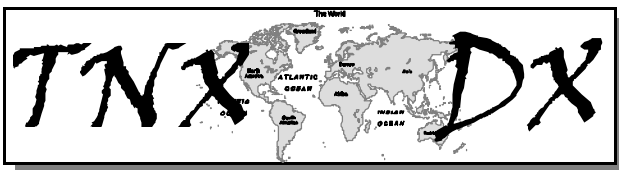
Remember to provide your 2003 New Band Entities / Percentage Worked submissions to W4TNX and W4DR, ASAP. We would like to have this completed and presentation of the awards by the March meeting.

Our program scheduled for this month was canceled. I am still looking and hope to have a program for the meeting.

Again, we are soliciting for those of you who would be interested in taking one of the Club Officer's positions that will be coming up for nomination at the March meeting. Election of Officers will take place at the April meeting. New officers will assume office at the end of the April meeting. If you are interested, please contact Ed Moore, NW4V, Chairman for the nominations committee.

For those of you who intend to meet together for dinner prior to the meeting: Some are meeting at Nick's Roman Terrace, Westland Shopping Center. Several of us have moved to the Italian Kitchen West, in the far West corner of the Westland Shopping Center. Dinner time as usual, 5:30 P.M. Meeting time 7:00 P.M. at the Henrico Doctors Hospital, Parham Road Campus, in the dining room. I hope to see as many of you as possible.

73, Roy - WK4Y



- DE John Youell, W4TNX

**A**s of 1/26/2004, OPDX reported 223 active DX countries for the month. This total included 9N, JD/M, JD/O, SV/A & VP8/H. For newer members, JD/M & /O are fairly rare and you should pounce them if you hear 'em! Your best bet is to "stay tuned" for any band openings.

The SFI is finally going South, for real. Although we recently had a freak couple of months of FB SFI in this declining cycle, we are in for the "pits" now. The possible silver lining associated with declining SFI may be that the low and semi-low bands will pick up. If I can get the time to repair my Isabel

damaged wire antennas, I may put up something resonant on 30M, where I need 14 DX stations to break the 200 barrier. This will be my New Year's resolution – to break 200 DX countries on 30M. Anyone else have a 2004 resolution? See the "2004 New Year's Resolutions" list below and contribute to it for future issues!

Speaking of going South, this describes the M/M situation at Bob's (W4MYA) station, due to lack of operator interest. Without significant operator turnout since 2003 WPX SSB (and less than optimal, then), Bob is downsizing. I'm sorry on the one hand that I missed this past January CVCC meeting (shutdown exhaustion from work, which is finally over), but not sorry I missed Bob's downsizing announcement (what a bummer and glad I missed it, but I understand). Bob had some personal reasons, in addition to the lack of participation by club members. Personally knowing how much "sweat equity" went into Bob's station, I find this the sad end of an era

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(decade, anyway) of CVCC contesting. Thanks for all the M/M fun and memories Bob!

I hope that the CVCC can survive and prosper in 2004. We need to continue to recruit new members and provide contesting guidance and encouragement. Without W4MYA's M/M scores, there could be a case to go back to "Local Club" status (as opposed to PVRC). Politics - I've had my fill and glad I am out of it! The following year will be a real challenge for the next club president and I hope all will support him or her any way they can.

**Frostfest 2004:**

Frostfest is Sunday 2/22/04 from 8:30AM – 3:00PM at the Showplace on Rte. 360. VIP tickets (\$6 if you pay in advance) offer the advantages of not having to wait in line and they let you in a half hour early (8 AM) so you can buy those things you really don't need before the prices drop – what a deal! Seriously, Frostfest is a fun social event for me, as I rarely buy anything significant, but enjoy seeing ham friends from all over the state.

**CVCC DX BAND TOTALS:**

Kyle (WA4PGM) is doing a great job of running our CVCC Webpage at: <http://www.wa4pgm.us> where you can find a link to the DX BAND TOTALS.

Follow the links to CVCC, then DX BAND TOTALS and you will see the current information. To update your DX BAND TOTALS, read the instructions at the bottom of the DX BAND TOTALS listing. To be eligible for prestigious CVCC awards and to have your DXCC TOTALS immortalized in Cyberspace, your end-of-year totals needed to be updated by the end of January, 2004, but running totals can be added anytime. As always, exceptions can be made for late submittals if you have a plausible or clever original excuse, like "my cat ate my mouse and I couldn't e-mail my totals in time". (Maybe I can list best excuses for late DX BAND TOTALS on the website).

**New CW Prosign:**

Rumor is that the ITU has adopted AC (or WR, PN, etc., run together) as the Morse character for the symbol @ in e-mails. I would lobby for the use of AC (with an overscore) for the new prosign, as it reminds me of the acronym "At Com".

2004 New Year's Resolutions:

W4TNX: Break the 200 DXCC barrier on 30M!

Recent Contest Activity by Members:

2003 CQ WW WPX Results printed in the Jan. 2004 CQ:

NW4V (Ed) M/M (at MYA's) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place USA, #7 World

KZ5OH (Jim) 14M LP Certificate Winner 4<sup>th</sup> Call District

2003 WAE DX SSB: K4JA #1 North Am. Multi-Op

**DXploits by Members:**

W4TNX: Received 9J2KC QSL (with Zambia stamps) for a 10M RTTY QSO in October 2003. First QSL in my 2004 "pile" for submission to the ARRL later this year. (A "pile" of 1 is an interesting concept).

**Needed DX:**

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

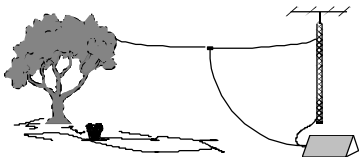
W4DR: JT1CO on 160M & ZD7 on 6M

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

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

73, John



# **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>
<b><u>DXpeditions</u></b>				
02/13/04 - 02/25/04	Tokelau	ZK3	M5AAV Buro	By Italian group QSL also direct via I2YSB <a href="http://www.qsl.net/i2ysb/zk3/index.htm">http://www.qsl.net/i2ysb/zk3/index.htm</a>
02/16/04 - 02/27/04	Lord Howe Island	VK9L	DL7AFS	By DL7AFS DJ7ZG; 80-6m <a href="http://www.qsl.net/dl7afs/Index_VK9.html">http://www.qsl.net/dl7afs/Index_VK9.html</a>
02/18/04 - 02/24/04	St Martin	FS/HOMECALL	Homecall(s)	By K3LP N7DD N3SB K3MM N8II W3ARS N3KS as FS/homecalls - FS5UQ in ARRL DX CW
02/21/04 - 02/28/04	Bahamas	C6ASB	AKØM	By AKØM fm Treasure Cay (NA-080); 80-6m; CW SSB vacayin style operation
02/29/04 - 03/13/04	Norfolk Island	VK9N	DL7AFS	By DL7AFS DJ7ZG; 80-6m; SSB RTTY PSK31 <a href="http://www.qsl.net/dl7afs/Index_VK9.html">http://www.qsl.net/dl7afs/Index_VK9.html</a>
03/01/04 - 03/12/04	Cambodia	XU	ON4AJV	By ON4AJT ON6TZG as XU7AJV and XU7TZG
03/01/04 - 03/08/04	East Kiribati	T32I/T32BI	Home Call Direct	By KH6GMP (T32I) KH6DFW (T32BI); SSB RTTY also in ARRL DX Phone
03/03/04 - 03/17/04	Revilla Gigedo	XF4IH	TBD	By XE1J XE1AVM XE1GRR XE1KOF XE1XR XE1GLL XE2ML fm Socorro Is (NA-030); 160-6m; SSB CW RTTY PSK31 Satellite
03/06/04 - 03/12/04	Togo	5V7C	F5TVG	By French group
03/18/04 - 04/14/04	Rodriguez Island	3B9C	TBA	By large multinational team
03/29/04 - 04/07/04	Gambia	C56JJ	PA9JJ	By PA9JJ fm Kololi; focus on 160 80m + WARC; modes to include RTTY + PSK31; FT-100; G5RV

## Events!

### Contests

Feb-14	Asia-Pacific Sprint - CW ( <a href="http://jsfc.org/apsprint/">http://jsfc.org/apsprint/</a> ) 1100Z to 1300Z Sat
Feb-14 - Feb-15	CQWW/RJ WPX Contest - RTTY 0000Z Sat (Fri Night Local) to 2400Z Sun
Feb-14 - Feb-15	Dutch PACC Contest ( <a href="http://www.dutchpacc.com/">http://www.dutchpacc.com/</a> ) 1200Z Sat to 1200Z Sun

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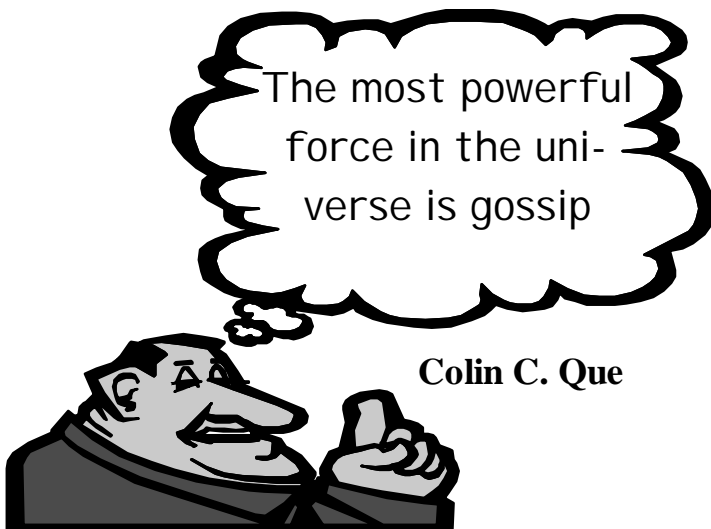
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- Feb-14 - Feb-15 RSGB 1.8 MHZ Contest - CW (<http://www.rsgb.org.uk>)  
2100Z Sat to 0100 Sun
- Feb-14 - Feb-16 YLRL YL-OM Contest - CW (<http://www.qsl.net/ylrl/ylcontests.html>)  
1400Z Sat to 0200Z Mon
- Feb-21 - Feb-22 ARRL DX Contest - CW (<http://www.arrl.org/contests/>)  
0000Z Sat (Fri Night) to 2400Z Sun
- Feb-28 - Feb-29 CQ 160 Contest - Phone (<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq160rules.html>)  
0000Z Sat (Fri night local) to 2359Z Sun
- Feb-28 - Feb-29 Mississippi QSO Party  
1500Z Sat to 0300Z Sun
- Feb-28 - Feb-29 UBA CW DX Contest (<http://www.uba.be/>)  
1300Z Sat to 1300Z Sun
- Mar-06 - Mar-07 ARRL DX Contest - Phone (<http://www.arrl.org/contests/>)  
0000Z Sat (Fri Night) to 2400Z Sun

the Raleigh Hamfest  
**RARSFest**  
**2004**  
Hamfest, NC ARRL Convention &  
Huge Electronic Flea Market  
Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
[www.rars.org/hamfest](http://www.rars.org/hamfest)



Jim Graham Building  
NC State Fairgrounds  
Raleigh, NC  
\$5.00 Pre-registration  
\$6.00 at the door  
Free Parking!  
No Smoking/No Pets



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If you would like to get in touch with one of the club officers, please contact:

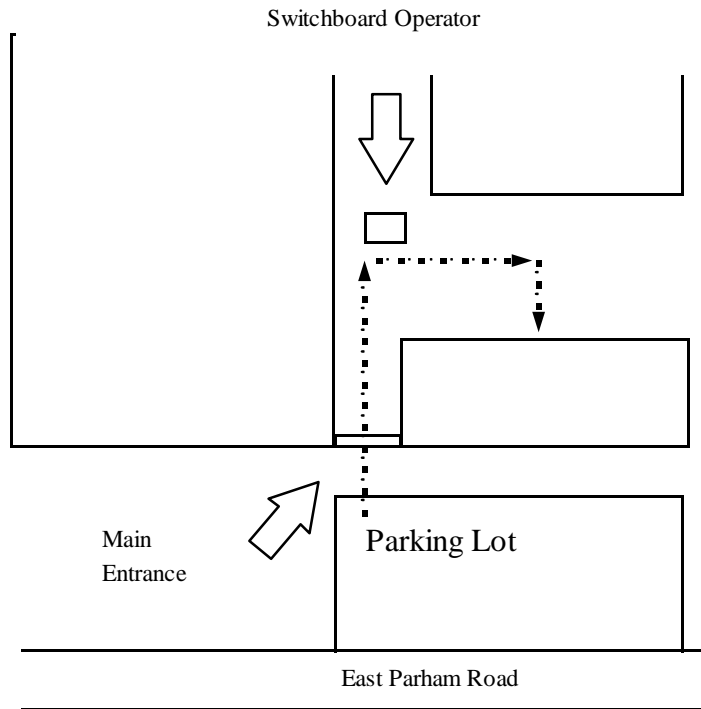
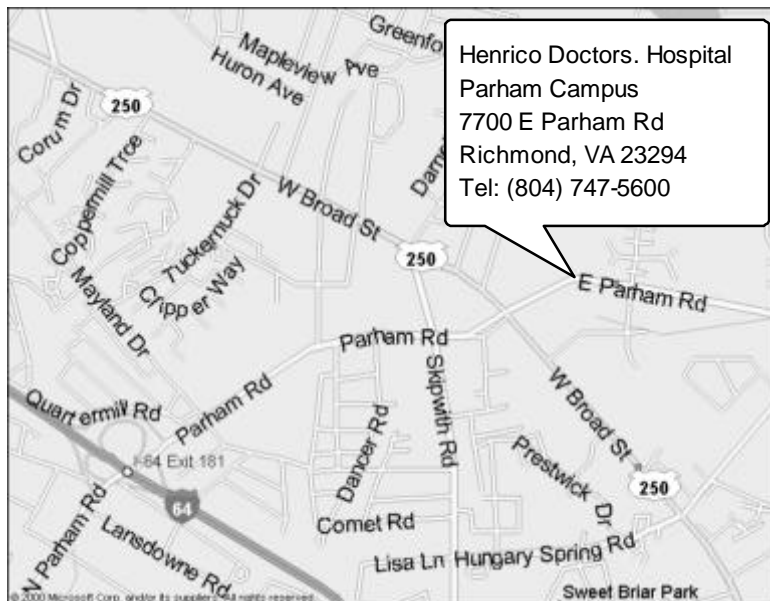
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The deadline for submission of news or articles for the March newsletter is March 4, 2004. N4ZJ can be reached at 320-4514 or togburn@wwbt.com

# 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

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- ? TNXcellent DX Column
- ? Dxpeditons/Events
- ? Meeting February 10 at Henrico Doctors Parham
- ? Raleigh Hamfest