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## Message from the President

It is with mixed emotion and some trepidation that I write this, my last, newsletter insertion as your president. My tenure has been rewarding and gratifying; filled with memorable events, tough challenges and, most of all, the resurgence of CVCC as we re-claim our position as one of the top local contest clubs in the country. **CVCC Pride!!!**

Our accomplishments are the result of the re-kindling that fed the flames of greatness and warmed the passion we share for our club and its success. The results speak for themselves. When those naysayers who would predict our demise were telling us it was too late to "raise the dead", we stood up, spit in their eye and proved them inequitably, undeniable wrong! We believed in each other and, coupled with the fact that we have the best group of the most the most talented group of people in the area, we were able to accomplish our rather lofty goals. **CVCC Pride!!!!**

Some might say that on or two people are responsible for our successes, but that's just not true. You, the members made it all happen by sacrificing time away from loved ones, pounding brass (or function keys) until your fingers were sore, calling "cq contest" until your voice was gone, waiting for that magic moment where that needed multiplier came calling on your frequency & squirming in your chair because you drank so much soda or coffee that needed to be expelled & put it off until the last second because you didn't want to miss a contact. You suffered fanny fatigue, leg cramps, eardrums that began to hurt as you strained to hear that weak one thru 59 plus static & qrm & loss of sleep. Why???? Because its fun & it's the pride you take in being a part of the best. **CVCC Pride!!!!**

Now we face new challenges. Continued efforts to build our active membership rolls will be a big priority this next year as we move to increase our multi-op participation & generate more contest activity & more multi-op stations within our "circle". We will need to finalize a schedule for "CVCC presents" (our new meeting facility should greatly enhance that project), an event that I believe will assist us in getting new people to discover our club. Topical, interesting programs will also be a target for this year, an area that I regrettably did not perform well in. **CVCC Pride!!!!**

The state of the club is, in a word, excellent. Several new members joined us this year & a few past members have returned to the fold because of the success we had in getting CVCC back in the limelight. Our financial situation is sound & our committee's are functioning as teams, really getting the jobs done. All in all, we are in very good shape, ready to take on the challenges facing us in the future & prepared to take CVCC to the next level. **CVCC Pride!!!!**

In conclusion, let me again thank all of you who pitched in this year to make it all happen. The executive committee who put up with my myriad emails & phone calls, the committee chairmen & their members who performed brilliantly & last, but not least, all of you who supported our contest efforts, both individually & in multi-operations, without which, nothing would have happened.

My very best personal regards to you all. It's been my pleasure serving you & it's been one hell of a good year!! **CVCC Pride!!!!**

Your **proud** president,  
Jonathan/W4HZ

## DX de DR

I am sorry my February column is late, but with so much going on in the "health and welfare" department writing had to take a back seat. Not that January and early February weren't exciting times. J5C provided many of you new band and mode qso's and set a dxpedition record for RTTY qso's...over 8,000. On February 3 Oman finally released 30 meters to its amateurs leaving North Korea and Yemen as the only DXCC entities never to be legally on 30 meters. A45XR, Chris wasted no time getting on the band and has worked the pileups down to size in one week. As I write this equipment and antennas are being setup on Ducie Island for VP6DX and on Cocos for TI9KK. These two will light up the ionosphere for the next 7-14 days. If you still need FJ anywhere (I do on 12, 10,& 6) a group of SP's will be active from Feb 17-26. Greenland and Ireland have recently released 60 meter selected frequencies, but to date no activity has been reported from either country. 9X0R has been licensed to an international group of Europeans and will be active March 16-27. They promise lots of RTTY activity. Kosovo is on the cusp of announcing its independence from Serbia. Although both Russia and Serbia oppose this move it doesn't seem likely either country can stop this from happening. The real question is when our government will recognize the new country as that will probably trigger addition to the DXCC entities list.

The 160 CW DX contest really brought our the CVCC'ers. W4MYA led our pack with 688K, followed by N3UA (at W4DR) with 594K, VP9I (by WA4PGM) 389K, W4HZ (with W4PM & WK4Y) 230K, KG4W 186K, K2WK 166K, N2QT 109K and W4HJ 60K. K3ZM in Charlottesville had an amazing 806K to apparently win the single operator USA crown. I am not sure if Peter is a PVRC member, but he has 160 in his blood as he is the brother of K1ZM.

### Individual Reports:

**NW4V:** Ed worked 7 new B/E's with VP6PR on 80, 17, 15, FJ on 30 & 15 plus Z2 on 30 and FO/M on 17.

**W4PM:** Puck had 766 Q's and entered 5 different contests. His 160 total has reached 91. VP6PR on 40 was a new one all time for him along with 14 other new band/entities. His new ones were spread from 160 through 12, but contained no Asians.

**W4HZ:** Jonathan got 10 new ones on 160 and 18 total. J5C was new on 160-40. He, Roy and Puck managed to blow up two amps during the 160 contest which certainly limited their score.

**N3UA:** Sejo entered the 160 contest from your editor's place. It was his first serious entry in this contest, but probably won't be the last. His score looks to be 7th place nationally and he only operated 21 hours. The scores ahead of him all put in 30 hours. He was particularly proud to be the only NA station to work DL2AA and was one of 3 NA's to work RN9AA...the other two were W8JI and VY2ZM.

**W4MYA:** Bob has been unusually quiet, but his 688K in the 160 contest should go a long way to help the PVRC score and looks like a 4th place finish nationally among Single Operators. He even beat NR4M, another Virginia entry who had 671K with a multi-operator entry.

**WD4LBR:** Bruce worked J5C on 8 different band modes and made 785 Q's in the RTTY Roundup.

**K4WNW:** Shelia had only 6 band mode contacts with the J5, but managed to work VP6PR on 20 RTTY one day when Bruce was at work. She had 350 QSO's in the RTTY contest which means over 1100 contacts from their station!

**W4HJ:** AC enjoyed the 160 contest, but was handicapped by having a loud neighbor. He got FJ on 40 and ZC4 was a new RTTY country worked in the Roundup.

**W1ZA:** Duke worked A45XR on 30 and didn't even realize how rare it was!

**N4CH:** Herman was happy with PW2M and J79SJ on 60 and A45XR on 30. He is recovering from a hip

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replacement.

**VP9I:** Kyle had fun at VP9GE's station on 160, but said it was hard to hold a frequency.

**W4DR:** TO5FJ was new for me on 160, 30, 15 and RTTY. On 30 A45XR was new leaving me needing BS7, P5, FR/G and a 7O which counts for DXCC. On 60 OA, PZ J79 and PW2M were new ones. The PW2 was the first legal operation from Brazil on 60 meters.

Till next month have fun with the good stuff on tap including Clipperton in March which I forgot to mention.  
Bob W4DR



**2008 Virginia QSO Party** - [http://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA\\_QSO\\_Party/2008\\_VQP\\_Main.html](http://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/2008_VQP_Main.html)**SPONSOR**

Sponsored by the Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club, Call Box 599, Sterling VA, 20167.

**OBJECTIVE**

To promote amateur radio activity in the 95 Virginia Counties and 39 Virginia Independent Cities.

**DATES**

1800 UTC on Saturday, 15 March 2008 through 0200 UTC on Monday, 17 March 2008.

**ENTRY CATEGORIES****Operator Categories**

Single Operator - One person performs all operating and only one transmitter may be on the air at a time

Multi Operator / Single Transmitter - Two or more operators with one transmitter on the air at one time.

Multi Operator / Multi Transmitter - Two or more operators with two or more transmitters on the air at one time.

SWL - Short Wave Listener - New category for 2008.

**Station Categories**

Fixed Station

Mobile - Single or Multiple individuals operating Mobile under a single call sign with only one transmitter on the air at a time. A mobile station is self-contained and capable of legal motion (land, water or air) while operating. Motion is optional, and discouraged, during operation.

Expedition - One or more operators of a single transmitter station that moves between two or more Virginia locations during the course of the contest. All equipment, power supplies and antennas must be transported to each operating site.

**Power Categories**

QRP (5 watts or less) or Low or High (High and Low are one category)

**Band Categories**

Multi-Band or Single Band

**Mode Categories**

Phone (SSB/FM), CW, Digital (RTTY/PSK) and Mixed.

**Club Entry**

Club - Minimum of three valid contest entries each indicating club affiliation.

**VALID CONTACTS**

Virginia stations work all stations. Out-of-State stations work Virginia stations only. Work fixed stations once per band/mode.

Work Virginia Expeditions and Mobiles in each Virginia County or Independent City from which they operate. Stations on County or Independent City lines count as one QSO and only one County/Independent City multiplier.

No cross-mode or repeater QSO's. Spotting nets, DX clusters, etc., may be used to locate other stations - no self-spotting permitted.

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Exchange QSO number and QTH (Virginia County or Independent City for VA stations; State, Province or DX Country for others).

Virginia Mobile and Expedition Stations log QSO's by Virginia Independent City or County of operation.

Identify all QSO's with band/mode, sequential QSO number sent/received and date/time of contact in UTC.

Please follow standard contest practices by making and responding to "CQ Virginia QSO Party" calls.

Multiple Transmitter stations may maintain sequential QSO numbers independently for each transmitter.

**SCORING****QSO Points:**

QSO's count 1 point per Phone, 2 points per CW, 2 points per digital mode (RTTY, PSK31, etc.), and 3 points per contact made with a Virginia Mobile (Phone or CW or Digital).

**Multipliers:**

Multipliers are only counted once, i.e., contacting the same Virginia County, Independent City, State, Province or Country using a different band or mode counts only as a new QSO, not as a new multiplier.

Virginia Mobile, Expedition, and Fixed Stations multipliers are the total number of Virginia counties, Virginia Independent cities, U. S. States (except Virginia), Canadian Provinces and DX Countries. No extra DX multiplier for U.S. (including Alaska and Hawaii), Virginia, and Canada. Mobile and Expedition stations that contact 10 (ten) or more different stations while operating from a county or independent city may claim it as a multiplier, if not otherwise worked.

Outside of Virginia station multipliers are the total number of Virginia Counties (95) and Independent Cities (39) worked.

**Bonus Points:**

Virginia Mobile and Expedition stations receive a bonus of 100 additional points for each Virginia County/Independent City from which they log a valid QSO.

All stations add 500 bonus points for a contact with K4NVA the club station of the Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club.

**Final score**

Final score is the number of QSO Points multiplied by the number of Multipliers plus Bonus Points

**FREQUENCIES**

160 meters and up, except no WARC band QSO's permitted. Suggested frequencies:

CW -- 1805 KHz and 50 KHz up from band edge on others.

PHONE -- 1845, 3860, 7260, 14270, 21370 and 28370 KHz.

Novice/Tech Plus -- 10 KHz up from the edge of the CW band and 28370 KHz on PHONE.

VHF -- 50.130, 144.200 (CW & SSB), 146.580 and 223.50 MHz.

UHF -- 446.00 MHz.

Digital contacts should use normally accepted subbands for these modes. All frequencies plus or minus QRM and nets.

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For award purposes, Fixed, Expedition, and Mobile operation will be considered separately. Please submit separate logs for Fixed, Expedition, and Mobile operation.

Multiple operator stations should indicate all operators by name and call sign.

Electronic (preferred) or paper logs, summary and dupe sheets (200 or more QSO's) are required for all entries. The summary and 'dupe sheet' requirement is waived if recognized contesting software is used. Summary sheets are available at the contest web site.

For Club Competition purposes, be sure to indicate club name on summary sheet and log.

Submit entries by April 15, 2007 by mail to the VA QSO Party, Call Box 599, Sterling, VA 20167 or by email to [nq4k@arrl.net](mailto:nq4k@arrl.net).

A \$1.00 donation to help defray the costs of printing and mailing is encouraged.

**AWARDS**

All participants submitting a log will receive a certificate.

The Plaques to be awarded are identified on the contest web site.

**INFORMATION**

Additional information may be obtained by mail at VA QSO Party, Call Box 599, Sterling, VA 20167, from the SPARC website [www.qsl.net/sterling](http://www.qsl.net/sterling), or by contacting Gordon, NQ4K, at [nq4k@arrl.net](mailto:nq4k@arrl.net).

**WA4PGM/m - VQP****2008 Virginia QSO Party Mobile Plans - WA4PGM & KA4RRU****Call: WA4PGM/m**

- **Starts 1800z March 15**
- **Ends 0200z March 17**

Our efforts are to run all counties listed below with 80/40/20 meter CW being the primary band/mode. In order to complete this long trip most of the counties will be run on the fly. Exchange QSO number and QTH (Virginia County or Independent City for VA stations; State, Province or DX).

For complete VQP Rules see:[http://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA\\_QSO\\_Party/2008\\_VQP\\_Rules.html](http://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/2008_VQP_Rules.html)

**LIST OF COUNTIES - See Route Map**

1. Buckingham
2. Cumberland
3. Prince Edward
4. Charlotte
5. Lunenburg
6. Halifax
7. Mecklenburg
8. Brunswick
9. Greensville
10. Emporia
11. Sussex
12. Southampton
13. Franklin\*
14. Suffolk\*
15. Isle of Wight
16. Portsmouth\*
17. Chesapeake\*
18. VA Beach\*
19. Norfolk\*
20. Hampton\*
21. Newport News\*
22. Poquoson\*
23. James City
24. York
25. Williamsburg\*
26. New Kent
27. King William
28. King and Queen
29. Gloucester
30. Middlesex

31. Mathews
32. Lancaster
33. Northumberland
34. Richmond
35. Westmoreland
36. Essex
37. Caroline
38. Hanover
39. Richmond\*
40. Henrico
41. Charles City
42. Prince George
43. Hopewell\*
44. Chesterfield
45. Colonial Hgts\*
46. Petersburg\*
47. Surry
48. Dinwiddie
49. Nottoway
50. Amelia
51. Powhatan
52. Goochland
53. Louisa
54. Orange
55. Culpeper
56. Rappahannock
57. Madison
58. Greene
59. Albemarle
60. Nelson
61. Charlottesville\*
62. Fluvanna
63. Waynesboro\*
64. Augusta
65. Staunton\*
66. Rockbridge
67. Lexington\*
68. Buena Vista\*
69. Amherst
70. Bedford
71. Lynchburg\*
72. Campbell
73. Pittsylvania
74. Appomattox

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Start in Buckingham Route 636 at county line 1800z.

Leave running Cumberland into Farmville.

Run Prince Edward through town following Route 15 South.



Charlotte near Keysville and stop on Route 40 for Lunenburg.

Route 360 West through Charlotte to Halifax.

Route 92 through Charlotte.

Route 47 through Mecklenburg.

Route 58 East through Brunswick, Greenville, Emporia.

Route 611 to Sussex.

Route 58 through Southampton, Franklin City, Isle of Wight, Suffolk.

Route 460 East to Chesapeake take I-264 Portsmouth to I-464 to I-64 Virginia Beach, Hampton, Newport News.

Route 17 to Route 171 to Poquoson.

I-64 West to York, Williamsburg, James City, New Kent.

Route 33 to King William, King & Queen, Gloucester, Middlesex, take Route 3 to Mathews.

Route 3 to Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, Westmoreland.

Route 360 West through Essex, King & Queen, King William.

Route 30 to Caroline.

I-95 South to Hanover, Richmond City.

Charles City Road to Henrico, Charles City.

Route 106 to Prince George.

Route 10 to Hopewell, Chesterfield.

I-95 South through Colonial Hgts, Petersburg, Prince George.

Route 460 East to Sussex.

Route 602 to Surry.

Route 460 West to Prince George, Petersburg, Dinwiddie, Nottoway.

Route 153 North to Amelia.

Route 360 West to Route 13 North to Powhatan.

Route 522 to Goochland, Louisa, Orange, Culpeper, Rappahannock.

Route 29 South to Madison, Greene, Albemarle, Charlottesville.

I-64 East to Fluvanna.

I-64 West to Albemarle, Nelson, Waynesboro, Augusta, Staunton.

I-81 South to Augusta, Rockbridge, Lexington.

Route 60 East to Buena Vista.

Route 501 South to Rockbridge, Amherst, Bedford, Lynchburg.

Route 29 South to Campbell, Pittsylvania.

Route 24 to Appomattox.

Route 460 East to Prince Edward.

Route 15 North to Buckingham.

Route 636 to Cumberland.

HOME AT LAST!!!!!!!!!!

## **W4MYA - 100 Million points**

Dear PVRC Members;

I am delighted to announce that Mr. Robert Morris, W4MYA has completed the 2007 calendar year in style with PVRC and will be the first member in our history to earn the 100,000,000 5m point award at the end of this season!

Please join me in a hearty round of applause on this amazing achievement for Bob!.

Bob is extremely skilled as a single-op and he also hosts his Multi-Operator/Multi-Transmitter station capable of generating impressive multi-op scores.

Quite a few of PVRC's Alumni have been trained and/or operated at W4MYA over the years.

What a great achievement - just in time to be celebrated with the arrival of 2008.

Congratulations, Bob!

73 & Happy new year to all.

Jim WX3B

## Next CVCC Meeting

We welcome you to join us on the Meets the first Tuesday of the month at St. Martins Church located at 9000 St. Martin Lane, Richmond VA between W. Broad St. and N. Parham Road. Meeting begins at 7PM.

The Club conducts formal business meetings, including radio related presentations, each month January through December.

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suggestions, stories, and photos  
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