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News Letter of the Central Virginia Contest Club

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Meeting Notice

The December CVCC meeting will be our annual Christmas dinner which will be on Monday December 6, 2010 @ 6:30 P.M. at Nick's Roman Terrace, 8051 W Broad St, Richmond, VA 23294. So far Dennis reports we have about 20 folks attending. We have plenty of room for more. Please RSVP to Dennis at n4den@comcast.net so he can get a head count.

A Note from W4PM

Just a note to let you know that I feel honored to have served as your president for the last 20 months. My thanks to all who have given their time and assistance in the various CVCC activities during that time. Without your active participation, this would not be much of a club. We have added some new members in the past few months. This is a positive sign and I hope that this trend continues. Your assistance in searching out hams in the area and inviting them to come give us a look would be of great help. Keep in mind that we still need someone to head up our 2011 Field Day activity and also need folks to step forward to serve in our leadership positions for 2011-2012. I want to wish you all very heartfelt Best Wishes for the upcoming Holidays and a very happy and healthy New Year 2011.

FROST FEST 2011

The CVCC will have a table and display at the Frost Fest in February. Our newest member Ron, W8VZM has secured the table and is heading up this effort. Please bring any CVCC award gavels or plaques you may have in your possession to the December Dinner or to the January meeting. They will make nice display items at the Frost Fest. Some personal plaques or certificates you may have won in contests of any sort would be great too. We will have a CVCC brochure to hand out.

We should have some space on the table for any small items members would like to sell but the main purpose of this is to promote CVCC to the local ham community. We could use volunteers to man the table during the ham fest. Contact Ron about this and also offer any ideas you may have. His e-mail is bowmanr@gmail.com

Random Skip by W4DR

On July 15 last summer I worked CO8LY/B on 6 meters. He was operating in grid square FK19. Cuba is a big island and has portions of a good many grid squares, but only two of them are represented by resident stations.

Collecting grid squares on 6 meters is one of my hobbies and since with over 1000 of them confirmed I only work half a dozen or less each summer via E-skip. It is not a burden to attempt to confirm them by any means possible. Since we have not had direct mail service with Cuba for many years, active Cuban stations often have QSL manager in other countries.

CO8LY was no exception. QRZ.com listed his manager as EA7ADH with a request that \$2 be sent for reply postage. Imagine my surprise last week when I received one of my self-addressed envelopes with a Cuban stamp on it. The stamp was 85 (somethings) and bore a postmark for October 20, which meant it took about a month to get here. Perhaps it came via Canada or some other more neutral country, but I saw no evidence of that. Apparently EA7ADH sent my self-addressed envelope to

CO8LY with or without the \$2 rather than posting a card from Spain. I'm still scratching my head over this, but am delighted to have FK19 confirmed. Anyone else have stories about Cuban QSLs?

Bob W4DR

NOVEMBER DX REPORT

Apologies for the abbreviated edition of this month's DX Report. Hopefully everyone worked the ZL8X operation and had fun in all the November contests. There does not appear to be any rare DX operations scheduled for December. If you need some of the Pacific Islands there will be planned activity from V73, KH0, VK9N, H40, ZL7, and JD1 Ogasawara. Also, some African activity from 5X, 6W, 9Q, Z21, and 9L. See more here: <http://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html>

Have fun and Happy Holiday Wishes to all! Here are your November Reports:

W4PM - Puck had a good month with the following new BE: 40 - BA4ALC, FK8CP, 20 - 8Q7DV, 17 - ZL8X, 15 - OD5NJ, 12 - ZL8X, 10 - 5H3EE, C5A, PJ4A. The FK8CP was a new one overall! Puck made almost 2k Q's in the following contests: SS-CW, SS-SSB, OK-OM DX, CQWW CW. Way to go Puck!

W4HJ - A.C. had lots of fun in CQWW CW and picked up 9J for a new country on 40. Congrats A.C.!

W4HZ - Jonathan was pleased to find the following new BE's given his lack of time operating: ZL8Z 17M CW (NEW COUNTRY!), 5N7M 12M CW, OE5MBN 17 SSB, R1ANP 30 CW. Jonathan's team for Sweepstakes SSB got a clean sweep! Congrats to AI4CM, KJ4IPF & KJ4IT!

W4DR - Bob was a little disappointed this month with not being able to work two new ones on topband. BU2AQ got away and the 9U0 group did not operate on 160. Still, he had lots of fun on topband working KH2/N2NL, RW0CN, UA9MA, C50C, 5R8X, ZL8X and ZD9T. Bob scored new RTTY contacts with T6MB 17, XV2RZ 20, ZL8X 17, and PJ2/K2NV. Nice job, Bob!

WD4LBR - Bruce had an awesome month with 57! new BE's. This was a good mix on all bands 10-160M! Outstanding job, Bruce!

K4WNW - Sheila had a great month with 32 new BE's! Congrats, Shelia!

NW4V - I picked up three new BE's with A25 on 12 CW, ZL8 on 20 CW, and ZA on 15 CW.

CVCC Field Day 2010

This information was presented at the November meeting, but for those not in attendance it is repeated here. As you can see from the information gleaned from QST, we were **number one** in Category 2A (by far the most popular category) in both the VA section and the Roanoke Division and number thirteen in the nation. This is a very good showing indeed! If you want to do Field Day in this area, the CVCC is the only place to be!

Section = VA

| # | Call | Score | Cat | QSOs | Power Mult | GOTA Call | Section | Participants | Club |
|----|-------|-------|-----|-------|------------|-----------|---------|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | W4ML | 8,978 | 2A | 2,666 | 2 | W4PM | VA | 28 | Central VA Contest Club |
| 2 | W4XD | 7,592 | 2A | 2,168 | 2 | K4MRA | VA | 62 | Massanutten and Valley ARA |
| 3 | K4OO | 5,620 | 2A | 1,438 | 2 | | VA | 10 | Smith Chart ARS |
| 4 | K4RC | 4,834 | 2A | 1,232 | 2 | K6OWD | VA | 31 | Williamsburg Area ARC |
| 5 | K4CQ | 4,692 | 2A | 1,072 | 2 | | VA | 30 | Lynchburg ARC |
| 6 | W4OVH | 2,604 | 2A | 582 | 2 | W4PVA | VA | 26 | Ole Virginia Hams |
| 7 | W4HZL | 1,840 | 2A | 400 | 2 | | VA | 20 | Middle Peninsula ARC |
| 8 | K4BW | 1,786 | 2A | 336 | 2 | | VA | 23 | Eastern Shore ARC |
| 9 | K4KDJ | 480 | 2A | 115 | 2 | | VA | 4 | Virginia Tech ARA |
| 10 | W4ZA | 458 | 2A | 19 | 2 | | VA | 25 | Richmond ARC |

Division = Roanoke

| # | Call | Score | Cat | QSOs | Power Mult | GOTA Call | Section | Participants | Club |
|----|------|-------|-----|-------|------------|-----------|---------|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | W4ML | 8,978 | 2A | 2,666 | 2 | W4PM | VA | 28 | Central VA Contest Club |
| 2 | K4M | 8,852 | 2A | 2,359 | 2 | W4PQ | NC | 15 | CARS |
| 3 | W4XD | 7,592 | 2A | 2,168 | 2 | K4MRA | VA | 62 | Massanutten and Valley ARA |
| 4 | K4MN | 6,190 | 2A | 1,567 | 2 | KA4ULH | NC | 30 | Cape Fear ARS |
| 5 | K4EG | 6,138 | 2A | 1,533 | 2 | W4VGZ | NC | 30 | Alamance ARC |
| 6 | K4OO | 5,620 | 2A | 1,438 | 2 | | VA | 10 | Smith Chart ARS |
| 7 | W8SP | 4,988 | 2A | 1,310 | 2 | | WV | 23 | Mountaineer ARA |
| 8 | K4RC | 4,834 | 2A | 1,232 | 2 | K6OWD | VA | 31 | Williamsburg Area ARC |
| 9 | K4CQ | 4,692 | 2A | 1,072 | 2 | | VA | 30 | Lynchburg ARC |
| 10 | W4FD | 4,116 | 2A | 922 | 2 | W4APP | NC | 37 | Ashe County ARC |

Overall

| # | Call | Score | Cat | QSOs | Power Mult | GOTA Call | Section | Participants | Club |
|---|-------|--------|-----|-------|------------|-----------|---------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | W1NVT | 14,230 | 2A | 4,565 | 2 | W1PU | VT | 29 | Radio Amateurs of Northern VT |
| 2 | W4KJ | 13,370 | 2A | 4,215 | 2 | W4TE | GA | 9 | Buckhead CC |
| 3 | K5UZ | 12,648 | 2A | 3,981 | 2 | KD5J | AR | 24 | Batesville ARC/NCAARS |
| 4 | N4TP | 11,886 | 2A | 3,550 | 2 | AK4K | WCF | 55 | Tampa ARC |
| 5 | K0GQ | 11,822 | 2A | 3,113 | 2 | KC0MO | MO | 91 | Raytown ARC |
| 6 | W1MOO | 10,736 | 2A | 3,060 | 2 | W1CX | VT | 7 | The Udder RC |
| 7 | W1LY | 10,656 | 2A | 2,985 | 2 | WA1VQY | RI | 24 | The Sakonnet 49'ers |
| 8 | NA4K | 10,414 | 2A | 3,123 | 2 | K4BP | TN | 27 | McMinn Cty ARC |

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|-----------|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| 9 | N3IC | 10,174 | 2A | 2,933 | 2 | K3MZ | MDC | 16 | Randallstown ARC |
| 10 | W5YD | 10,108 | 2A | 2,471 | 2 | N5F | MS | 9 | Mississippi State University ARC |
| 11 | W5ZR | 9,278 | 2A | 2,107 | 2 | KF5EID | LA | 9 | LA Cane Field CC |
| 12 | KK5I | 9,066 | 2A | 2,413 | 2 | KE5UIU | OK | 17 | MARC |
| 13 | W4ML | 8,978 | 2A | 2,666 | 2 | W4PM | VA | 28 | Central VA Contest Club |
| 14 | N4OX | 8,938 | 2A | 3,109 | 2 | | NFL | 6 | Redneck Riviera Radio Sport |
| 15 | K4M | 8,852 | 2A | 2,359 | 2 | W4PQ | NC | 15 | CARS |

December Contest Calendar

ARRL 160-Meter Contest

TARA RTTY Melee

Wake-Up! QRP Sprint

TOPS Activity Contest

CWops Mini-CWT Test

ARRL 10-Meter Contest

AGB-Party Contest

OK DX RTTY Contest

RAC Winter Contest

Croatian CW Contest

Stew Perry Topband Challenge

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest

DARC Christmas Contest

2200Z, Dec 3 to 1600Z, Dec 5

0000Z-2400Z, Dec 4

0600Z-0800Z, Dec 4

1600Z, Dec 4 to 1559Z, Dec 5

1100Z, Dec 8 to 0400Z, Dec 9

0000Z, Dec 11 to 2359Z, Dec 12

2100Z-2400Z, Dec 17

0000Z-2400Z, Dec 18

0000Z-2359Z, Dec 18

1400Z, Dec 18 to 1400Z, Dec 19

1500Z, Dec 18 to 1500Z, Dec 19

0200Z-0400Z, Dec 20

0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26

Send comments and corrections about this page to Bruce Horn, WA7BNM

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Permission was received from Bruce Horn to use his contest calendar. It can be found by following links on www.contesting.com

December does not have a great number of contests but it does have two of the ones of most interest to our club. We participate as a local club in both the ARRL 160 and 10 meter contests. I hope all have plans to participate at one of our multi-single efforts or to get on from home for these. In addition the Stew Perry Topband Challenge is great. The distance between the two stations based on their grid squares determines points. The RAC (Radio Amateurs of Canada) winter contest can also be a lot of fun.

NOVEMBER CONTEST PARTICIPATION BY CVCC MEMBERS

| <u>Station</u> | <u>QSO's</u> | <u>Sections</u> | <u>Countries</u> | <u>Zones</u> | <u>Score</u> | |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| ARRL SS CW | | | | | | |
| W4PM | 888 | 80 | -- | -- | 142,080 | |
| N3UA | 737 | 80 | -- | -- | 117,920 | |
| KG4W | 693 | 80 | -- | -- | 110,880 | |
| N4DWK | 71 | 59 | -- | -- | 8,378 | |
| OK/OM DX CW | | | | | | |
| KG4W | 210 | 170 | -- | -- | 107,100 | |
| W4PM | 160 | 145 | -- | -- | 69,600 | |
| ARRL SS SSB | | | | | | |
| W4MYA / KI4UDF | 1,428 | 80 | -- | -- | 228,480 | Multi-op |
| W4PM | 315 | 80 | -- | -- | 50,400 | |
| N4DWK | 262 | 80 | -- | -- | 41,920 | |
| NW4V | 251 | 80 | -- | -- | 40,160 | |
| N3UA | 253 | 75 | -- | -- | 37,950 | |
| W8VZM | 129 | 69 | -- | -- | 16,560 | |
| CQWW DX CW | | | | | | |
| WA4PGM @ VP9I | 2,882 | -- | 302 | 95 | 2,657,915 | |
| KG4W | 911 | -- | 400 | 128 | 1,356,432 | |
| W4PM | 616 | -- | 277 | 88 | 635,830 | |
| NW4V | 109 | -- | 93 | 31 | 38,926 | |

The above information was found on 3830, the PVRV and the CVCC reflectors. W4MYA was active in all except the OK/OM test but his other scores were missed or could not be located. There may well be others also. Please post future scores on 3830, the CVCC reflector or e-mail them to

hmmjr@comcast.net.