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News Letter of the Central Virginia Contest Club

Meeting Notice

The May meeting of the CVCC will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at St Martin's Episcopal Church, 9000 St. Martin Lane, Richmond, Va. 23294. The pre-meeting social and dinner will be at 5:30 P.M. at the Golden Corral, Gaskins Road and West Broad Street.

May Program

The main focus of the May meeting will be a discussion of Field Day and the annual picnic plans. No formal program has been planned at this time. Ronnie WU4G, our new secretary for 2010-2011, will lead the meeting. Puck W4PM will be out of town relaxing on a cruise ship in the Caribbean.

Dues

For those of you who have not yet paid your dues and want to remain as active members of CVCC please do so soon either at the meeting or by sending a check to CVCC treasurer, Milt K4OSO. Due to an unanticipated expense for liability insurance this year the treasury is running low. In addition we can use your participation in club sponsored events and contests for the coming year.

Field Day 2010

Field Day plans are coming along. All the paper work for securing the site at Short Pump Park has been completed and a signed permission from the county is in hand. Kyle will be scheduling operators so look for an e-mail from him on this. More information will be given at the meeting.

CVCC Annual Picnic

The annual picnic will be held Saturday the 22nd of May. Please contact Bob, NK4H, to let him know you will be attending and what covered dish you are bringing. In addition to a covered dish be sure to bring your favorite beverage as well as comfortable chairs. The picnic will be at the same place as in past years, James Frame's QTH at 2320 Huguenot Trail on the river in Powhatan County. We will start gathering around 3:00 with eating by 5:00 and leave shortly after clean up. See the directions below. We will try to post a sign at the driveway entrance.

****Directions from Huguenot Rd (Rt. 147) and Robious Rd (Rt. 147) in Richmond**

Go West on Robious Road (Rt. 711) approx. 12.5 miles. Robious turns into Huguenot Trail at the County line.

2320 Huguenot Trail is on the right and is approx. 2 miles past Lucky's service station

****Directions from Goochland Courthouse (Route 6 and Rt. 522)**

Go South on Rt. 522. Cross the James River.

Go East (Left) on Huguenot Trail (Rt. 711) approx. 5.5 miles 2320 is on your Left and approx. 1 mile from Lee's Landing Road.

****Directions from Rt. 60 and Rt. 522**

Go North on Rt. 522 to Rt. 711. Go East (Right) on Huguenot Trail (Rt. 711) approx. 5.5 miles.

2320 is on your Left and approx. one mile from Lee's Landing Road.

Or just key these coordinates into your GPS device: **37.595022, -77.805197**. This should put your right in front of the driveway.

There are stone columns at the entrance. James's access road goes around his home and on down to the river.

PLEASE DRIVE SLOW AND WATCH OUT FOR LITTLE ONES NEAR THE HOUSE.

RANDOM SKIP DE W4DR

Recently I have written about the huge advantage Europeans have over North American stations in working for WAZ on 160 meters. Since there are only 40 zones to work the amount of years a station has been on the band is of much less importance than where they are located. When one looks at DXCC on 160 where there are 338 entities to work North Americans may have a slight advantage as the top scores for this award are slightly ahead of the top European scores, but the difference is rapidly diminishing.

This month I decided to do a little analysis of top 6-meter DXCC scores and attempt to "normalize" or handicap scores from Europe, Japan, North America and South America. I did this by averaging the top four DXCC scores from each continent and then comparing them. In the case of South America I could only use the top two scores as there were very few 6-meter awards from that continent. The results are as follows: Europe = 234, Japan = 204, South America = 196, North America = 168. Thus the average top NA scores are 66 below EU and represent 72% of their scores. Our average scores are 36 below JA or just 82% of theirs. Compared to SA we are down only 28 and our percentage rises to 86%. The JA's top scores are 87% of the EU scores and the top SA scores are down by 38 entities compared to EU and are 84% of their average. I know that PVRC has some formula to "normalize" contest scores for their awards. Perhaps the ARRL should consider this for their 6 meter DXCC. Why only 6 meters? If you look at the bands from 3.5 to 28 MHz it is possible to work the world from just about anywhere given enough time along with better than average antennas. Oh well, who said life was fair? It's a fun game no matter what the rules are.

MAY CONTEST CALENDAR

Araucaria VHF Contest	0000Z, May 1 to 1600Z, May 2
MARAC SSB QSO Party	0000Z, May 1 to 2359Z, May 2
MARAC CW QSO Party	0000Z, May 1 to 2359Z, May 2
10-10 Int. Spring Contest, Digital	0001Z, May 1 to 2359Z, May 2
SBMS 2 GHz and Up WW Club Contest	0600 local, May 1 to 2000 local, May 2
Microwave Spring Sprint	0600-1300 local, May 1
7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 1 to 0700Z, May 2
AGCW QRP/QRP Party	1300Z-1900Z, May 1
Indiana QSO Party	1600Z, May 1 to 0400Z, May 2
ARI International DX Contest	2000Z, May 1 to 1959Z, May 2
New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 1 to 0500Z, May 2 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 2
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, May 3
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, May 4
MIE 33 Contest	1100Z-1500Z, May 4 and 2300Z, May 4 to 0300Z, May 5
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, May 7
VK/Trans-Tasman 80m Contest, Phone	0800Z-1400Z, May 8
EUCW Fraternalizing CW QSO	Party 1000Z-1200Z, May 8 and 1800Z-2000Z, May 9
VOLTA WW RTTY Contest	1200Z, May 8 to 1200Z, May 9
CQ-M International DX Contest	1200Z, May 8 to 1159Z, May 9
Portuguese Navy Day Contest	1500Z, May 8 to 1500Z, May 9
FISTS Spring Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, May 8
Nevada Mustang Roundup	1700Z, May 8 to 1700Z, May 9
50 MHz Spring Sprint	2300Z, May 8 to 0300Z, May 9
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, May 9
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1100Z-1200Z, May 12 and 1900Z-2000Z, May 12 and 0300Z-0400Z, May 13
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	1900Z-2030Z, May 12
QRP Minimal Art Session	1900Z-2300Z, May 13
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW	1200Z, May 15 to 1200Z, May 16
Feld Hell Sprint	1600Z-1800Z, May 15 and 2000Z-2200Z, May 15
WAB LF Phone	1000Z-1400Z, May 16

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, May 17
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, May 20
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, May 20
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, May 21
Slobozhansky Sprint Contest	1800Z-1959Z, May 21 (SSB) and 2000Z-2059Z, May 21 (CW)
UN DX Contest	1200Z, May 22 to 1200Z, May 23
EU PSK DX Contest	1200Z, May 22 to 1200Z, May 23
Manchester Mineira All America CW Contest	1500Z, May 22 to 2359Z, May 23
Baltic Contest	2100Z, May 22 to 0200Z, May 23
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, May 26
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, May 28
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	0000Z, May 29 to 2359Z, May 30
ARCI Hoot Owl Sprint	2000 local - 2400 local, May 30
MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint	2300Z, May 31 to 0300Z, Jun 1

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The big one in May is the CQWW WPX CW Contest. Others that may be of interest are in bold. There are even RTTY and PSK contests if you are in to or want to get your feet wet in digital modes. Give the CWOps mini-test some thought. There are 3 of them each running for just one hour and they can be lots of fun.

This edition of the News Letter is a bit abbreviated this month due to your editor's time being taken up by a major kitchen renovation, plans and preparations for a Caribbean Cruise as well as lack of input from the members.