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News Letter of the Central Virginia Contest Club

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Meeting Notice

The December meeting of the CVCC will be our annual Holiday Dinner. This year it will be held at Nicks' Roman Terrace, 8051 W Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23294 on Tuesday December 6th at 6:30 P.M.. As you may recall this is the place we had the dinner last year. Please RSVP to Dennis at N4DEN@comcast.net if you have not yet done so.

November Meeting

Don Johnson, N4DJ, showed us how to get low angle radiation for better DX on the low bands by using low cost wire half square antennas. Our thanks go to Don for his excellent and very informative presentation. Attending the meeting were WU4G, N4DEN, NK4H, K4WNW, WD4LBR, KJ4YKK, KJ4IT, N4DJ, N3UA, W4HJ, W4DR, W4TNX, KJ4IPF, K4OSO, W4PM, K3WRY and visitor Cary Hughes, WA4KBG.

New Member

At the November meeting Don Johnson, N4DJ, having attended his second CVCC meeting, requested membership in the CVCC. He also gave the program that night. Due to a lapse in my memory I forgot to put his membership to a vote before I adjourned the meeting. Don will be unable to attend the December Holiday Dinner so I will propose him for membership at that event and take a vote to comply with the club constitution and by-laws.

Monthly Program

Christmas dinner. See Above

Dues

Dues in the amount of \$20.00 are due January 1st to be paid not later than the March meeting. You may send a check to Milt our treasurer or bring a check to any of the meetings.

Random Skip by W4DR

MONTHLY DX REPORT

November, 2011

The higher bands continue to perform well with good sunspot numbers. I have seen a few European six meter F2 openings to New England, but to my knowledge they haven't made it to the mid-atlantic.

I'm getting ready to go striper fishing this week and am reminded of an analogy the late Ted Matherson (W4FJ - an early mentor in my ham career) made to calling CQ and tossing out a lure. You never know what is going to happen, but the excitement is always there.

Upcoming Dxpeditions of interest:

Clipperton Island is scheduled for a week in March 2012 – I don't think Clipperton has had any major activity since 2000, so this would be a good opportunity for any needed band/modes.

Online DX and propagation resources :

<http://dx-world.net/>

<http://ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html>

<http://www.vhfdx.info/spots/map.php>

<http://aprs.mountainlake.k12.mn.us/>

Here are the reports:

Jonathan has had some nice catches on 12m:

W4HZ - Jonathan

I've been spending a few hours on the weekend mornings filling in my 12 DXCC count & worked a few new BC's on 10, 15 & 17 as follows:

12 Meters=

EY8,T6,4O4A,TA1,CU7,TI2,UN7,VA6,C91,J68,HI3,V01,OS0,GI7,YO9,GD6,EU6,SP2,FJ.

10 Meters= TJ3,TU7.

15 Meters= T2T

17 Meters= TU2

20 Meters= SU9

Lots of 12 Meter contacts so far this year & have enough for DXCC there....now if I can just get off my lazy, procrastinating duff & get them confirmed!!

Conditions are getting much better on the high bands, so the ARRL 10 Meter contest should be a barn burner as compared to previous years. I hope everyone will try to work a few hours at one of the M/S operations as well as their own stations.

Thanks to N4LSB, WK4Y & NB4B, the 4 Square is working very well, so that should help Puck during the ARRL 160 contest. Many thanks again, guys!!!!

Jonathan

The Blackleys continue to bust up the bands! Bhutan was a new one for both of them plus a ton of new band mode stuff:

WD4LBR - Bruce

Number	Callsign	Date	Band	Mode	Country
1	A92GR	11/17/2011	40m	SSB	Bahrain
2	7Q7GM	11/3/2011	30m	CW	Malawi
3	7U1MA	11/22/2011	30m	CW	Algeria
4	DW8WE	11/11/2011	30m	RTTY	Philippines
5	JY5HX	11/19/2011	30m	CW	Jordan
6	TU2T	11/2/2011	30m	RTTY	Cote d'Ivoire
7	9N7MD	11/14/2011	20m	CW	Nepal
8	7Q7GM	11/2/2011	17m	CW	Malawi
9	8Q7CC	11/8/2011	17m	SSB	Maldives
10	9N7MD	11/21/2011	17m	CW	Nepal
11	HC8GR	11/3/2011	17m	SSB	Galapagos Islands
12	DS3HWS	11/17/2011	17m	CW	South Korea
13	A52DL	11/11/2011	15m	SSB	Bhutan
14	4U1ITU	11/8/2011	12m	SSB	ITU Geneva
15	7Q7GM	11/9/2011	12m	CW	Malawi
16	HC8GR	11/14/2011	12m	SSB	Galapagos Islands
17	7Z7AA	11/18/2011	12m	SSB	Saudi Arabia
18	T2T	11/12/2011	12m	CW	Tuvalu
19	4K9W	11/11/2011	10m	CW	Azerbaijan
20	7Q7GM	11/1/2011	10m	CW	Malawi
21	DU7AL	11/15/2011	10m	SSB	Philippines

22	P29TL	11/14/2011	10m	SSB	Papua New Guinea
23	T2T	11/12/2011	10m	SSB	Tuvalu
24	TT8PK	11/7/2011	10m	SSB	Chad
25	V63KZ	11/8/2011	10m	CW	Micronesia
26	VK9CM	11/7/2011	10m	SSB	Cocos-Keeling

K4WNW - Sheila

Number	Callsign	Date	Band	Mode	Country
1	TU2T	11/2/2011	30m	RTTY	Cote d'Ivoire
2	9N7MD	11/15/2011	20m	SSB	Nepal
3	VK9CX	11/7/2011	20m	SSB	Cocos-Keeling
4	9N7MD	11/21/2011	17m	CW	Nepal
5	DS3HWS	11/17/2011	17m	CW	South Korea
6	HZ1MD/P	11/8/2011	17m	SSB	Saudi Arabia
7	ZD8ZZ	11/10/2011	17m	CW	Ascension Island
8	XV2RZ	11/23/2011	15m	SSB	Vietnam
9	A52DL	11/11/2011	15m	SSB	Bhutan
10	T2T	11/19/2011	15m	CW	Tuvalu
11	7Q7GM	11/9/2011	12m	CW	Malawi
12	HC8GR	11/14/2011	12m	SSB	Galapagos Islands
13	7Z7AA	11/18/2011	12m	SSB	Saudi Arabia
14	LX1NO	11/7/2011	12m	CW	Luxembourg
15	OE5HWN	11/7/2011	12m	SSB	Austria
16	T2T	11/12/2011	12m	CW	Tuvalu

17	3B8FP	11/12/2011	10m	SSB	Mauritius
18	4K9W	11/11/2011	10m	CW	Azerbaijan
19	DU7AL	11/15/2011	10m	SSB	Philippines
20	FP5BZ	11/11/2011	10m	SSB	Saint Pierre & Miquelon
21	GD4WBY	11/13/2011	10m	SSB	Isle of Man
22	P29TL	11/14/2011	10m	SSB	Papua New Guinea
23	T2T	11/12/2011	10m	SSB	Tuvalu
24	ZK2V	11/1/2011	10m	CW	Niue

Maybe the Blackleys could cook on the amp and RF dry clothes on the wires, since the rig stays so busy? Way to go Bruce and Sheila! (RF drying is widely used in the textile, food and paper industries – fortunately at 40 MHZ).

Bob is mining 60m - any bets on Bob making 100 on 60 meters by spring?

W4DR – Bob

October has been a good month for me. I am nearing my goal of 100 on 60 meters with 3D2R (Rotuma) YJ0VK and OM1II. A92IO had a great signal one evening, but he couldn't hear me. He would have been my #92 on that band. The T32C dxpedition was lots of fun to chase and I managed 28 "band slots" two behind the Blackleys who both had 30. The T32 group used cw, ssb, rtty, fm and psk63 and set a new record of 213K qsos during their one month long operation. 160 is open again for some good dx and I was pleased to work H40KJ, TL0CW and TX7M in addition to T32C on top band. I am hoping for a shot at BU2 and VU2 this winter.

Ed put in a good effort for PVRC in the CQWW DX CW contest as SOSB(A) 20 LP:

NW4V – Ed

Totals: 161 29 98 Total Score = 57,277

Good going OM!

W4TNX – John

No new DX, but a lot of 10 meter contacts on all continents.

KJ4IPF – George

Worked the CQ WWW SSB Contest from home with 100W and logged the following new entries:

VK4MA – Australia

E51Z – S. Cook Islands

KH7Y – Hawaii

KG6DX – Guam

XP1A – Greenland

ZD80 – Ascension Island

YE2R – Indonesia

JR1MQT – Japan

RW0CWA – Asiatic Russia

All on 12 and 10 Meters. Quite exciting for a small station op.

73s and tnx for the submittals,

John W4TNX

Monthly Contest Calendar by W4PM

December Contest Calendar

ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Dec 2 to 1600Z, Dec 4
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 10 to 2400Z, Dec 11
Russian 160-Meter Contest	2100Z-2300Z, Dec 16
RAC Winter Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 17
Croatian CW Contest	1400Z, Dec 17 to 1400Z, Dec 18
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 17 to 1500Z, Dec 18
ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	1800Z-2359Z, Dec 18

The CVCC will be entering the ARRL 160 and 10 meter contests in an attempt to win gavels in the small club section. Sejo will be activating W4DR in the 160 contest and W4PM will assist W4HZ at his station for that contest. Any others that would like to participate at Jonathan's QTH for the 160 test please step forward. I hope other members will be getting on for the 160 contest. While it is CW only you don't have to be a CW expert to get on and make a 100 or so contacts!

The 10 meter contest will be extremely exciting this year because the band will be open for DX. W4MYA made over 500 contacts in the CQWW CW contest on 10 meters in a single band entry with a dipole at 30 feet! W4PM used 100 W and a CF Zepp for 130 contacts in 3 to 4 hours on 10 meters during that same contest. That just goes to show that there will be lots of contacts to be made with modest antennas and/or low power. N4DJ will be at W4DR and a number of folks will be at W4HZ. W1ZA could use some ops at his station. Give Duke a call if you would like to operate from his station. Remember the 10 meter contest is SSB as well as CW!

NOVEMBER CONTESTS - CVCC CLAIMED SCORES

<u>Station</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Pwr</u>	<u>QSO</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>OPs at Multi</u>
<u>SS CW:</u>								
W4MYA	SO	HP	1,020	--	--	80	163,200	
KG4W	SO	HP	728	--	--	80	116,480	
N4DJ	SO	HP	621	--	--	80	99,360	
WA4PGM	SO	LP	505	--	--	80	80,800	
N3UA	SO	HP	406	--	--	76	61,712	
<u>SS Phone</u>								
W4MYA	SO	HP	1,420	--	--	80	227,200	
W4ML at W1ZA	MO	HP	1,307	--	--	80	209,120	N3UA,NW4V,WA4PGM
N4DJ	SO	HP	735	--	--	80	117,600	
<u>CQWW CW:</u>								
W4MYA@KI4UDF	SOSB10M	HP	557	133	33	--	265,434	
W4PM	SOAB	HP	323	121	32	--	143,667	
NW4V	SOSB 20M	LP	161	98	29	--	57,277	

These scores were gleaned from 3830 and the PVRC reflector. Please let me know any contest scores you have in the future. "Congrats" to those listed above on some nice scores. We are a "contest" club and it's good to see some contest activity from our members. Let's all turn out for the ARRL 160 and 10 meter contests in December. I have not been able to enter contests lately because my computer will no longer run contest programs (N1MM, SD, Etc). I did get in the CQWW CW contest using my general logging program and a memory keyer.

73,
Puck W4PM