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News Letter of the Central Virginia Contest Club

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## Meeting Notice

The September meeting of the CVCC will be held on Tuesday 4 September 2012 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.

## September Program

Bruce WD4LBR has DVD's of past DXpeditions:

T32C Kiritimati (Christmas Island) 2011

3B7C St. Brandon DXpedition 2007

We will show the one of most interest to the September meeting attendees.

## June Meeting

Final plans and items needed for Field Day were discussed. A pre-recorded presentation by Robert Sherwood of Sherwood Engineering on the subject of Roofing Filters and Receiver Performance was shown. In attendance at the meeting were WU4G, NK4H, N4DEN, W4PM, K3WRY, K4OSO, W4DR, N4CFL, W4HJ and KJ4YKK.

## From The President:

This year we did not have meetings in July and August. Field Day took the place of our normal July meeting and August was the time for many summer vacations and other summer plans. Hopefully you all had a great summer and are ready to participate with the CVCC in the upcoming contest season. We had a very successful 2011 – 2012 contest season with 3 wins in 3 attempts! There is more on that later in the New Letter. As I enter the final six months of my third and final year as President of this fine organization I want to thank the officers and active members who have supported me and the operation of the club. We have reached the point where our results indicate that we are truly a CONTEST CLUB again. That being said it appears that interest and participation is beginning to wane, as is membership! We have too many inactive members. Please do more than just pay dues – come to the meetings, bring your ideas and participate with us in contests! We also all need to seek out and bring in new members who may have an interest in contest operation. We surely have the expertise to Elmer any who have the interest but not the experience. Lack of interest and non-participation has killed many an organization. Let's not let it happen to CVCC.

73,

H. M. Puck Motley, W4PM

## CVCC Wins More Gavels!

These are the final results of the ARRL 10-Meter Contest in which we won a gavel! The final results of the 160-Meter contest in which we also won a gavel was reported in an earlier News Letter.

<u>Station</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>QSO's</u>	<u>Mults</u>	<u>OPS</u>
1 W4HZ	MSHP	1,355	215	844,950 (See below)
2 KI4UDF@W4MYA	MSHP	937	233	785,210 KI4UDF, W4MYA
3 N4DJ@W4DR	MSHP	1,006	243	765,450 W4DR, N4DJ
4 N3UA	MSHP	881	238	733,516 + spotting
5 KG4W	MSHP	929	190	652,080 + spotting
6 W1ZA	SOHP	840	166	307,100
7 WD4LBR	MSHP	420	140	158,200 + spotting
8 WS4WW	SOHP	342	101	68,074
9 NW4V	MSQ	112	58	25,984 + spotting
10 K4OSO	SOLP	112	43	19,092
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				<b>4,359,656</b>

W4HZ ops -W4HZ, W4PM, WK4Y, KJ4IT, KG4QIV, KJ4IPF, N4DEN

Coming in second place was Midland ARC with 4 entries and 1,255,800 points.

Later we learned we had won the gavel in the ARRL DX contest.

We have not done this in a very long time!

<u>Call</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Q's</u>	<u>Mult</u>	<u>Points</u>
<b>Phone</b>				
W4HZ	MSH	1371	396	1,593,108
KG4W	SAH	752	324	727,056
N4DJ	SAH	618	240	443,520
KJ4IPF	SAL	151	101	43,329
W4MYA	SAH	127	82	30,258

TTL Phone 2,837,271

<b>CW</b>				
W4PM	SAH	1241	381	1,408,176
N4DJ	SAH	1316	329	1,286,061
KG4W	SAH	1014	365	1,104,855
W4HJ	SAH	169	89	42,987
WD4LBR	SAH	56	48	7,776

TTL CW 3,849,855

Grand Total **6,687,126** Ist Place

Ops at W4HZ: W4HZ, W4PM, KJ4IT, N4DEN, KJ4IPF, KG4QIV, AA1GW

2nd Place : Iowa DX & Contest Club 4,787,178

For the contest season 2011 – 2012 the CVCC was 100% in winning local club honors for the 3 ARRL contests in which we participate. Let's keep up the good work!

## September and Future 2012 Contests:

Russian RTTY WW Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Sep 1
All Asian DX Contest, Phone	0000Z, Sep 1 to 2400Z, Sep 2
Colorado QSO Party	1200Z, Sep 1 to 0400Z, Sep 2
Tennessee QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 2 to 0300Z, Sep 3
WAE DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Sep 8 to 2359Z, Sep 9
Arkansas QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 8 to 0200Z, Sep 9
ARRL September VHF QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 8 to 0300Z,
Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW	1200Z, Sep 15 to 1200Z, Sep 16
South Carolina QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 15 to 0300Z, Sep 16
FOC QSO Party	0000Z-2359Z, Sep 22
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Sep 29 to 2400Z, Sep 30
Texas QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 29 to 0200Z, Sep 30 and 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 30

Lots of QSO parties and two big DX tests, the WAE DX SSB and the CQWW DX RTTY. I wonder if VHF will have any good openings this year?

## Coming up later in the year are some to put on your calendar now:

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 27 to 2400Z, Oct 28
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 3 to 0300Z, Nov 5
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	2100Z, Nov 17 to 0300Z, Nov 19
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 24 to 2400Z, Nov 25
<b>ARRL 160-Meter Contest</b>	<b>2200Z, Nov 30 to 1600Z Dec 2 (Note start date!)</b>
<b>ARRL 10-Meter Contest</b>	<b>0000Z, Dec 8 to 2359Z, Dec 9</b>

We only enter the 10-Meter and 160-Meter contests as CVCC. How about more multi op operations this year in the 160 and 10 meter contests. I understand Jonathan suffered some lighting damage to his station. I hope he is able to fix up everything at not too great an expense. His station has lead us to many gavel in the last few years! Do we have others who can step up?

We also like to support PVRC in the CQWW Contests and the ARRL November Sweepstakes. Perhaps we can get a little local competition going for these events.

## Field Day 2012

Field Day results have been posted previously on the CVCC reflector. To summarize here we made 1,907 QSO's and 7,972 points. That was 700 Q's less than last year but only 538 points less due to a greater number of CW and digital Q's versus SSB Q's. Participation was way down from 2011 and the club wants to thank the following members for their participation: (ALPHABETICAL ORDER ONLY)

K2WK  
K3WRY  
K4OSO + Trey

KI4UDF  
KJ4IT  
KJ4YKK  
NK4H  
NW4V + Melanie  
W4HJ  
W4MYA  
W4PM  
WB4GVZ  
WU4G

It has become apparent that interest in CVCC's participation in Field Day has certainly waned in the last few years. We need to think long and hard about the future and start preparing now if we intend to do this again in 2013!

See Pictures, which follow.





## DX REPORTS

Hi All,

Another poor DX month at this QTH – hope others had better luck.

I see Swain's Island has a big Dxpedition scheduled for 2 weeks in September.

Still looking for a replacement to write this column – any takers?

### **Online DX and propagation resources :**

(Note: You can change the date in the aurora forecast and note also the DX Sherlock site has moved to the dxmaps.com link below)

<http://www.gi.alaska.edu/AuroraForecast/Alaska/2012/08/28>

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

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

<http://www.dxmaps.com/spots/map.php>

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

### **Here are the reports:**

#### **WD4LBR and K4WNW**

##### WD4LBR

CW1R	Uruguay	30m	CW	CX
D64K	Comoros	12m	SSB	D6
D64K	Comoros	15m	CW	D6
D64K	Comoros	10m	SSB	D6
D64K	Comoros	20m	CW	D6
D64K	Comoros	30m	CW	D6
JX9JKA	Jan Mayen	12m	SSB	JX
RI1ANF	South Shetland Islands	12m	CW	VP8/H
VU7M	Lakshadweep Islands	17m	SSB	VU7

##### K4WNW

CW1R	Uruguay	30m	CW	CX
D64K	Comoros	12m	SSB	D6
D64K	Comoros	15m	CW	D6
D64K	Comoros	10m	SSB	D6
D64K	Comoros	30m	CW	D6
D64K	Comoros	20m	CW	D6
JX9JKA	Jan Mayen	12m	SSB	JX
VU7M	Lakshadweep Islands	17m	SSB	VU7

## **W4DR:**

D64K on both 30 and 20 meter RTTY were #327 on the Digi mode. I made a real try for 9M4SLL (Spratly) on RTTY, but didn't make it although I did manage 30 M CW and 15 M SSB with them. I was surprised to work VU7M on 40 cw, but was disappointed not to find them on 12 meters where they would have been a new band/country.

## **KG4W DX REPORT FOR AUGUST**

CALL	QTH	BAND
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YB0AKM	INDONESIA	12
MJ0CFW	JERSEY	12 CFM LOTW
JX9JKA	JAN MAYEN	12
VU2PAI	INDIA	12
PJ5/K3TRM	SABA/ST EUST	12
J68HZ	ST LUCIA	12
D64K	COMOROS	12
E51AIU	S. COOK	12
JX9JKA	JAN MAYEN	15
CY9M	ST PAUL	17 CFM LOTW
JX9JKA	JAN MAYEN	17
9M6XRO	E MALAYSIA	17 CFM LOTW
EX2F	KYRGYZSTAN	17
JT1CO	MONGOLIA	17
9M4SLL	SPRATLY	17 CFM LOTW
D64K	COMOROS	17
9M2FB W MALAYSIA	17	
A92IO	BAHRAIN	20 CFM LOTW
CY9M	ST PAUL	30 CFM LOTW
EY8/UA4WHX		
	TAJIKISTAN	30
D64K	COMOROS	30
E51AIU	S. COOK	30
5T0JL	MAURITANIA	30
GT4AAF/P	ISLE OF MAN	30
V63PR	MICRONESIA	30

## **W4TNX:**

Crummy condx all month for me – sad 6 meter DX season. Maybe fall fishing will be better! 73 and TNX for the input, John