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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 the Rumble Seat Grill in Goochland County on Tuesday December 3 at 6:30 P.M. The restaurant is about a mile from the Rockville Manakin exit 173 on I64. Take exit 173, turn left at the light, turn at the 2nd right by the Valero. The Rumble Seat Grill is behind the gas station. At last count we will have 21 members and guests in attendance.

November Meeting

Joe Palsa, K3WRY, presented a very interesting program: EMP –What it is, what it does, and how to protect your station. In attendance at the meeting were W4PM, WU4G, W4HZ, N3UA, K3WRY, WD4LBR, K4WNW, KN4XJ, WB4GVZ, and KJ4YKK.

CVCC DX Report for November de WU4G

Country ham:

I feel like I need to push back from the table after reading Bruce and Sheila's report. It's stuffed!

Bruce **WD4LBR**

1	3A2MW	Monaco	15m	CW
2	5V7TH	Togo	10m	SSB
3	9X0ZM	Rwanda	10m	CW
4	C6AKQ	Bahamas	12m	CW
5	XR0ZR	Juan Fernandez Islands	10m	SSB
6	FJ/DK7L X	Saint Barthelemy	80m	CW
7	J28NC	Djibouti	12m	CW
8	W8A	American Samoa	40m	CW
9	K9W	Wake Island	160m	CW
10	K9W	Wake Island	80m	CW
11	K9W	Wake Island	40m	SSB
12	K9W	Wake Island	20m	SSB
13	K9W	Wake Island	15m	CW
14	K9W	Wake Island	12m	SSB
15	K9W	Wake Island	10m	CW
16	S21ZBC	Bangladesh	17m	RTTY
17	S21ZBC	Bangladesh	12m	CW
18	T33A	Banaba Island	40m	CW

19	T33A	Banaba Island	30m	CW
20	T33A	Banaba Island	10m	SSB
21	VR2XM T	Hong Kong	12m	SSB
22	VU7AG	Lakshadweep Islands	20m	SSB
23	XZ1J	Myanmar	20m	SSB
24	XZ1J	Myanmar	17m	SSB
25	XZ1J	Myanmar	15m	CW
26	XZ1J	Myanmar	10m	CW

Sheila **K4WNW**

1	3DA0NJ	Swaziland	12m	SSB
2	4U1ITU	ITU HQ	12m	CW
3	9X0ZM	Rwanda	10m	CW
4	C6AUM	Bahamas	30m	CW
5	C6AKQ	Bahamas	12m	CW
6	XR0ZR	Juan Fernandez Islands	12m	SSB
7	XR0ZR	Juan Fernandez Islands	10m	SSB
8	D44TXT	Cape Verde	40m	RTTY
9	FJ/DK7LX	Saint Barthelemy	80m	CW
10	5J0R	San Andres & Providencia	17m	SSB
11	5J0R	San Andres & Providencia	15m	SSB
12	J28NC	Djibouti	12m	CW
13	J88HL	St. Vincent	17m	SSB
14	W8A	American Samoa	40m	CW
15	W8A	American Samoa	15m	CW
16	W8A	American Samoa	12m	CW
17	K9W	Wake Island	80m	SSB
18	K9W	Wake Island	40m	SSB
19	K9W	Wake Island	30m	CW
20	K9W	Wake Island	20m	SSB
21	K9W	Wake Island	15m	CW
22	K9W	Wake Island	12m	SSB
23	S21ZBC	Bangladesh	17m	RTTY
24	S21ZBC	Bangladesh	12m	CW
25	S79WDX	Seychelles	17m	RTTY
26	T33A	Banaba Island	40m	CW
27	T33A	Banaba Island	30m	CW
28	T33A	Banaba Island	12m	CW
29	T33A	Banaba Island	10m	SSB
30	T71CE	San Marino	30m	RTTY
31	VK6APZ	Australia	17m	SSB
32	VR2XMT	Hong Kong	12m	SSB
33	VU7AG	Lakshadweep Islands	20m	SSB
34	XZ1J	Myanmar	20m	SSB
35	XZ1J	Myanmar	17m	SSB
36	XY0ZR	Myanmar	12m	CW
37	XZ1J	Myanmar	10m	CW

In addition, K9W, Wake Island, and XZ1J, Myanmar, all time new ones for K4WNW and XZ1J, Myanmar, all time new one for WD4LBR. Great month you two!

Next up is Jonathan **W4HZ** who woke up from his nap and put some gravy on his mashed potatoes:

K9W	10, 15, 17, 20, 40
T33A	20, 40
XR0ZR	10, 12, 15, 17, 20, 80
SU12BC	15
S21ZBC	10
XT26DJ	10
J87GU	12

Good to hear from Don **N4DJ** this month! Don worked a few new countries: T33A, XZ1J, XR0ZR, S21ZBC, Z81X, ZM90DX, which brought his total up to 284 worked. He also got K9W for a new one on 15 CW and the CQWWCW also gave him a few new "Band Countries". Don reported: "For the first time I have more worked on 15 meters than 20. I would say this was a good month. It's been a long time since I worked six new ones in one month. As I approach my last 100, I do not expect them to continue come at that rate!"

Bob **KW4CQ** only reported one catch due to amplifier problems (see below). Bob reported: "Luckily however, with 100 watts I was able to get VU7AG in my log on 80m."
"PS: Is it just me or has anyone else noticed how ugly the pileups are becoming lately?"

Frank passed along that the **KN4XJ** super station netted several this month:

Along with the usual South American stations that seem to be pretty easy pickings and therefore already logged and/or confirmed he logged:

8R1AK and 8R1Z
XR0ZR
V51WW

Bob **W4DR** said his log shows 104 DX QSOs in November. The month's highlights were working XZ1J on 10 SSB for a new BMC. VU7AG was all time new one on 12 meters and he also got him on CW and SSB. Bob says, "Now I need only 4 on that band to have them all (FT-W, VK0/H, BS7, and P5); not much hope for those anytime soon. The Club Log leader board shows me as the leading station in NA with 14 slots band-mode with VU7AG. Since then I have added two more trying to stay head of N1UK who trailed me by one. Bruce and I had a head to head with K9W leader board standings and I beat him by one. He, Sheila and I occupied 3 of the top 4 PVRC slots with K9W. Another high point for me was working TU5NK on 60 meter SSB for #100 on that band. Now if the ARRL would give me credit for those I could top EA8AK and I4EAT on the DX Challenge standings. Not likely!

Ronnie **WU4G** – November was not a productive for me as October was. I was under the weather for a good 2 weeks plus some with sinus issues and just didn't feel like doing much. Log shows 41 DX QSOs. Got the 5J0R (30 & 80) and XR0ZR (10 & 17) DXpeditions. Only managed to get one contact with K9W and that was on 17 CW. Got the Z81X on 30. The got a bunch of the contest stations mostly before and a few after the contest.

Sejo **N3UA** joined us at the table this month with some good tidbits:

10m K9W, XR0, FJ
12m K9W, 4U
15m K9W, T33, XR0
20m ZS8 (all time new) , XR0 , T33
30m Z8 , JY
80m XR0
160m J8

Turkey leg:

Bob **KW4CO** says that the vacuum TR relay in his brand new ACOM-1000 linear went west November 1. It took over three weeks to get it back and by then most of the DXpeditions went QRT and he missed out on the DX Contest. Bummer!

Frank **KN4XJ**'s super station wasn't so super when it came to these:

5B4AIF, 5J0R, CE1FSM, & A92HK

Bob **W4DR**'s big disappointment this month was sleeping in two mornings when HS0ZKX worked 15 east coast stations on 160 via the long path.

Ronnie **WU4G**: The K9W DXpedition was a real bust for me. Most of the time their signal was just too weak here for me to even try calling. The few times it was decent, the pileups were impossible. I made only 6 contacts in the CQWW. Pileups on anything I needed were horrendous and I just couldn't get through.

Sejo **N3UA**: Missed XZ, never heard them :-(-

DX Operations for December:

VU7AG is on the air as you read this with some really good signals. I might actually get through if they stay on through Dec 10th as planned. Not many turkey leftovers for the month though. T32RC from East Kiribati, V63XG Micronesia, H40FN Temoto and E6RQ Niue should be around.

73 & DX

Ronnie WU4G

CVCC Contesting – November

November is sweepstakes month and these CVCC scores went to support PVRC:

ARRL SS CW

<u>Call</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Contacts</u>	<u>Sections</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BIC Time</u>
W4ML (MYA)	SO (U) HP	1,056	83	175,296	23:30
W4PM	SO (U) HP	850	83	141,100	20:45
N4DJ	SO LP	322	83	53,452	?
KG4W	SO (U) LP	316	83	52,456	12:00
WA4PGM	SO LP	204	68	27,744	4:00
NW4V	SO HP	34	20	1,360	?

Total SSB				451,408	

ARRL SS CW

<u>Call</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Contacts</u>	<u>Sections</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BIC Time</u>
W4MYA	SO (U) HP	1,372	83	227,752	22.5
KG4W	SO (U) LP	368	83	61,088	?
W4PFM	SO LP	271	78	42,276	?
N4DJ	SO LP	210	80	33,600	?
KI4UDF	SO (U) HP	45	19	1,710	03:00

Total CW				366,426	

In addition the CQWW CW contest had the following CVCC players:

<u>Call</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Contacts</u>	<u>Zones</u>	<u>DXC</u>	<u>Score</u>
W4MYA	?	1,713	147	571	3,459,324
N4DJ	SO AB HP	981	100	298	1,114,002
KG4W	SOA AB HP	725	108	341	917,756
NW4V	SOA 20M LP	351	33	104	138,370

MYA's score is awesome!

December Contests

ARRL 160-Meter Contest

VU International DX Contest

Ten-Meter RTTY Contest

2200Z, Dec 6 to 1600Z, Dec 8

1200Z, Dec 7 to 1200Z, Dec 8

0000Z-2400Z, Dec 8

ARRL 10-Meter Contest

Russian 160-Meter Contest

OK DX RTTY Contest

Croatian CW Contest

ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW

DARC Christmas Contest

RAC Winter Contest

Stew Perry Topband Challenge

Original QRP Contest

RAEM Contest

0000Z, Dec 14 to 2400Z, Dec 15

2000Z-2400Z, Dec 20

0000Z-2400Z, Dec 21

1400Z, Dec 21 to 1400Z, Dec 22

1800Z-2359Z, Dec 22

0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26

0000Z-2359Z, Dec 28

1500Z, Dec 28 to 1500Z, Dec 29

1500Z, Dec 28 to 1500Z, Dec 29

0000Z-1159Z, Dec 29

The ARRL 160 and 10 meter contests are very important for the CVCC. We compete in the local club category and have won many gavels in each over the years. This year we hope to repeat in both.

In the 160 W4HZ, K4OSO, and W4PM will activate Jonathan's station as a multi-single and Sejo will guest op at W4DR. We hope for outstanding efforts from W4MYA, KG4W, N4DJ and NW4V and any other members who can do CW! How about Bruce and Sheila - they do CW when they are working all the DX in the world!

On 10 meters we have a full schedule of ops at W4HZ on both CW and SSB. As memory serves me we will have W4HZ, WB4GVZ, KJ4IT, N4DEN, KJ4IPF, W4PM and K4OSO. In addition W4PM will go to W4DR for one day and operate Bob's station on CW. Hopefully we will have good efforts from our other members. This contest is both CW and SSB so if you don't like one mode do the other!

In addition to these big ones there are a number of smaller contests. I didn't know there was a VU International DX Contest! If you are like me, VU is a very tough part of the world to work. There is a CW Rookie Roundup, A DARC Christmas Contest and a couple of RTTY contests. A couple of fun contests are the RAC (Canadian) Winter Contest and the Stew Perry Top Band Challenge. There's literally something for everyone!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!