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## News Letter of the Central Virginia Contest Club

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### MEETING NOTICE

There will be no July meeting. The next meeting will be the September 2013 meeting.

### JUNE MEETING

The June meeting was the Annual Picnic held on June 1, 2013. See the June News Letter for a report and pictures of this event.

### JULY CONTESTS

Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest	0000Z, Jul 6 to 2359Z, Jul 7
DL-DX RTTY Contest	1100Z, Jul 6 to 1059Z, Jul 7
Original QRP Contest	1500Z, Jul 6 to 1500Z, Jul 7
<b>IARU HF World Championship</b>	<b>1200Z, Jul 13 to 1200Z, Jul 14</b>
<b>CQ Worldwide VHF Contest</b>	<b>1800Z, Jul 20 to 2100Z, Jul 21</b>
North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Jul 20 to 0559Z, Jul 21
RSGB IOTA Contest	1200Z, Jul 27 to 1200Z, Jul 28
US Counties QSO Party	1400Z-2400Z, Jul 27 and 1400Z-2400Z, Jul 28
New Jersey QSO Party	1600Z, Jul 27 to 0400Z, Jul 28 and 1300Z-2000Z, Jul 28

Not a lot in July, but still something for everyone – RTTY, QRP, VHF, DX, Counties, QSO Parties!!

### CVCC CONTESTING NEWS

#### VA QSO PARTY

The Virginia QSO Party results have been announced. Plaques and certificates have been awarded and/or sent out. K4OSO reports his score of 34,115 in the Virginia QSO Party ranked 58th out of 386 logs submitted and won the VIRGINIA SINGLE OPERATOR CW QRP plaque. Congratulations MILT!

W4PM received a certificate for 4<sup>th</sup> place in high power CW – not much of an effort this year!

Who else received a participation certificate?

## **Field Day**

While CVCC did not do Field Day as a club this year, a number of the members participated:

### **W4MYA**

Greetings,

Out here, Erick and I did put on a bug free, AC controlled environment using W4ML 2D and made:

574 CW

493 SSB

20 PSK31

44 RTTY

Total 1131 contacts on 80-40 and 20 in 14 hours of operation. W4RAT called on SSB and N4MI called in twice on SSB. Worked Puck from home and Milt both on CW, only other folks heard or worked in the area.

### **W4PM**

I visited the joint RATS/RARC field day. They do a nice job of setting up stations and antennas - 2 main stations, one GOTA, and 1 VHF. Antennas consisted of 2 horizontal loops, a pole holding a 2 meter Yagi and 6 and 2 meter horizontal omni-directionals, a two meter J-pole for the talk-in station and a couple of dipoles for the GOTA station. Computers were provided running N1MM and all networked. A very impressive FD set up indeed. I helped a bit with antenna installation and then returned about 11:00 P.M Saturday night for a little CW operating and worked 230 stations in 3 or 4 hours. This more than doubled their total QSO total at that time. I want to express my gratitude to members of the two clubs who allowed me to participate with them for the short time I had available.

In addition I played a bit from home as 1D and made 79 CW contacts.

### **K4OSO**

Bob rattled my windows with his sig..... One of the few chances to use my attenuator.....hee hee

I managed 170 Q's on my lil QRP rig and was able to log on all six bands.

I heard Sejo (weakly) running on one of the higher bands (20, 15, 10 - don't remember which one).

### **N3UA**

I worked 120 Q in 1D category

### **K3WRY**

I spent part of field day at RATS and then went to ARES field day in Goochland at the firehouse.

### **KJ4IT**

Not much happening here. Last week I fell and spent 3-days in the hospital but now seem to be recovering. This pretty much kept me from going to any field day sites since I will not be able to drive until July 2nd. I have finally received a QSL from W1AW/7 when I worked them in the IARU HF Championship in 2012.

Speaking of Field Day, take a look at this link from the Southgate Radio Club --

<http://www.southgatearc.org/news/june2013/arrl-field-day-2013-song.htm#.Ucyz>

Editor's Note: Jerry, I hope you were not injured too severely and have recovered from that fall!

## **RANDOM SKIP - Bob, W4DR**

### **\$500K THEFT SOLVES MISSING QSL MYSTERY**

About a month ago the RTD ran an article which detailed that a former Associate Dean and business manager of VCU's Dental School had been arrested and convicted of embezzling a large sum from University funds earned by the Faculty Practice some years ago. Thursday our present dean ask me if I still had copies of my tax returns centered around 1992 as it was believed that the scam probably occurred during a change over in how Dental Faculty Practice participants were paid. Since I had saved all of my tax records for the past 40 years I was pretty certain I would be able to find my 1099 forms for this period of time. A search of the attic found records from

1970 to 1991 and 1993 to the present, but no 1992 records. Underneath the stack of tax returns was a box, which I assumed, had more records in it including perhaps the missing 1992 record.

To my surprise this box contained several hundred QSL's made out to KC4AB for my 1954 operation. Why not sort through them and relive that trip?

Some of CVCC's old timers might remember that in January of 2000 Rosalie, our sons and their wives hosted a party celebrating my 50 years as a radio amateur. A power point presentation was made, a exact replica of the KC4AB station including some of the original equipment was displayed, tape recordings of the operation were played and lastly a display of my most significant awards, licenses and QSL's were displayed.

Included was my 100th DXCC card as well as #200, the card that completed my 5BWAZ and other significant milestones. I intended to also display the QSL from my very first QSO made on January 10, 1950 with W3TVA. I searched for hours through thousands of QSL's boxed in the attic as well as in scrap books and file cabinets where cards had been stored. Not a trace was found and for the past 13 years I have continued my search. By now you have probably guessed where this tale is going. As I came to the last dozen cards in the newly discovered box I came to several cards which seemed out of place. They were cards made out to W4QCW including a few domestic cards. To my utter amazement the next to last card in the box was from W3TVA confirming a QSO on January 10, 1950, A-1, 3.5 MC with the typed note, "Psd b ur first Qso Bob- Hpe to Ctc agn sn; always gld to Qso. B lkg 4 ur card." signed "Gus". This card will now be carefully preserved along with my JT1CO 160 confirmation received 59 years later.

Back to the missing funds. Although my tax records didn't answer all of the questions surrounding the absconded funds they did prove that during the year 1992 there was a transition in the accounts that faculty members were paid from for their practice activity. My 1099's 1991 and prior all showed the money coming from Virginia Commonwealth University. The 1099's 1993 and onward all came from "MCV Dental Faculty Practice". I gave the dean the names of two other living faculty members who I knew were active in the Faculty Practice during 1992. I feel sorry for our ex-business manager who I regarded as a friend during my tenure as chairman of the Restorative Dental Department. At our church today we had two sessions on "Restorative Justice". Today in most criminal cases the perpetrator is fined, imprisoned or even executed for their crime. This does little or no good for the victim of the crime. When "Restorative Justice" is applied the perpetrator acknowledges his/her crime and then to the greatest extent possible makes the victim whole again. It is my prayer that Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ will be treated in this way.

At least for me finding my missing card was a bright spot during a summer, which is the worst 6-meter E skip season in my memory.

Bob W4DR

## **CVCC DX Report for May - Ronnie, WU4G**

Ahh June with the longest days of the year and yet there still isn't enough daylight to do everything. Radio takes a back seat at WU4G. My "to do" list seems to be never ending.

### **Butterflies:**

**WD4LBR & K4WNW** – Heard first from Bruce & Sheila. Looks like radio took a back seat for them as well: Both got Laos for a new one on 17 CW.

**W4HZ** - Nothing new here. Seems I'm busier since I retired than when I worked! Still planning to have the 160 meter 4-square receive system in full service before the fall, which should give us an edge in the 160 contests.

**W4DR** - I had 44 QSO's in June, all of which were on 6 meters. There were 17 DXCC entities included in the group and 8 new VUCC grids. The evening of June 23/24 (GMT) yielded 7 of the new grids. It was a "Mexican Fiesta" with 5 of the grids in XE and one more in V31 on the Mexican border. My other new grid was provided by YV8AD.

**WU4G** – 8 QSO's in the log for the month. 30 meters gave me another new one for that band – Cote D'Ivoire TU5DF. He had a pileup 5 kHz wide and he heard me on my second (well-placed) call. Who needs a red wire. Also snagged Turkey TA3AX on 17 CW.

**K3WRY** - Worked several aurora 6m contacts yesterday (June 28<sup>th</sup>).

### **June Bugs:**

**W4DR** – I had high hopes for some European openings and new ones on 6 this summer, but as of June 28 I have not worked or even heard a single European. In my 24 years on the band I cannot recall a year when June did not yield some European openings. Let's hope July is a better month.

### **DX Operations for July:**

Market Reef – OJ0V, Ghana – 9G5AA, San Felix – CE0X, Austral Is – FO, Mozambique – C91GR, Faroe Is – OY. And there's the IARU contest.

73 & DX

Ronnie WU4G

### **W9DYV APPRECAITION DAY by W4HZ**

On Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>, NB4B and I headed to Jonesborough, TN to attend a special Field Day weekend event that honored Wes Schum, W9DYV, who was the pioneer of sideband in the U.S. from the late 1940's into the early 1960's. He was the owner of Central Electronics in Chicago and designed some of the best classic radios of the era. Well known for his leadership in his field, Wes designed, developed and built what are today considered the best of his time and is well respected and revered by those OM's who remember his classic radios. He is a true legend in our hobby.

I first met Wes on the 160-meter band when, at the request of John/NB4B, I occasionally joined in the evening chats and began a friendship with Wes that has endured to this day. He's truly a wonderful gentleman and over the years, provided me with a plethora of historical knowledge and firsthand experience of the "Old Days" of sideband radio regaling me with great behind the scenes stories and antidotes.

Meeting Bob May, K4SE, and Steve Springer, K3NPK, on Friday evening in Jonesborough, we broke bread and made plans to attend the W9DYV Appreciation Day on Saturday. Since Bob has known Wes personally for some years (they lived about a mile from each other), we were invited to visit the Shum family home (now known as Storybrook Farm, a VERY nice Bed and Breakfast overlooking the rolling Tennessee hills) before the start of the festivities. There we met Bob Heil, K9EID, who with Nick Tusa, K5EF, George Maier, W1LSB, and Bob Sullivan, W0YVA, organized the event with the cooperation of Wes' wonderful daughter Diane Vogt who hosted the gala at their beautiful facility. There were people there from as far away as California who came to honor Wes and thank him for his contributions to the hobby. I ran in to one of our own good friends, Herman, N4CH!

The group set up a Field Day station on the property using W9DYV as the Special Event station utilizing only "boat anchors" for the radios including Wes's Central Electronics equipment, and paper logs. As you might imagine, a pile up ensued quite quickly as the event had been publicized in several venues including Hamnation (available at [live.twit.tv](https://live.twit.tv) each Wednesday at 9:00PM EST).

There were many highlights of the weekend, but one I particularly enjoyed was seeing (and got to play with) the very rare, one-of-a-kind Central Electronics Model 100R receiver, a prototype that was in R & D, but never got to market before the closing of Wes' company. It was beautiful! To be able to "fiddle" with a radio that is the only one in the world was a special treat, especially since Wes designed and developed it.

Following are some of the many photos taken at the event that include shots of Wes in the operating position of the FD station and in the kitchen of the Storybrook Farm. It's safe to say this was one of those experiences that one doesn't forget.

Editor's note:

Many of us were introduced to SSB using Wes's Central Electronics equipment. I recall my first exposure to SSB at W4MYA's QTH where we used a borrowed Central Electronic phasing SSB exciter running all of 5 watts. We were amazed at how well the 5 watts of SSB got out on 75 meters in comparison to our 50-100 watt AM signals.

PICTURES ON NEXT PAGE!

## W9DZYV Appreciation Day Pictures:



W9DZYV FD station

W9DZYV – Wes at the Mic



Jonathan and Wes

Central Electronics Model 100R



Jonathan and Bob Heil

W1LSB & K5EF standing, W0YVA at the Mic

## VACATION PICTURES



Allen, N2KW, a friend and contributor of contest information to previous editions of this News Letter sent these pictures from his vacation in Germany.

This was taken from a Cable car, descending from Zugspitze. At 1000m A.S.L. this is the highest body of water in Germany. The peak at Zugspitze is another 2000m up.



This is the peak at Zugspitze, taken from the parking lot at the bottom. If you have sharp eyes, you will see a railway on the left, and a Cablecar pylon on the right. Both go to the summit.

## ITEMS FOR SALE

**KJ4IT:** I have the following equipment for sale. I have tested all items and they seem to be working but there is no warranty. Please make an offer. All reasonable offers will be considered. Please contact Jerry Williams at 804-357-2190 voice or text or at e-mail [kj4it.jw@gmail.com](mailto:kj4it.jw@gmail.com)

Yaesu FT-817 5-watt QRP HF/VHF/UHF All Mode Transceiver and a LDG Z-11 QRP HF Auto Tuner (<http://www.ldgelectronics.com/c/252/products/7/30/3>). Transceiver and tuner have been tested and appears to work ok. Radio comes with factory user guide, a “Nifty User Guide”, dc power cables for the transceiver and the Z-11 and a hand microphone. PRICE: \$525.00

Ameritron Model RCS-8V Remote Antenna Switch: Unit is brand new in the box – never used. HF thru VHF. PRICE: \$135.00

SWAN Electronics SWR Power Meter Model WMM-200. Frequency range 50 -150 MHz. Power rating is 200 watts. Comes with the original manual. The unit is in its original box and looks like new. PRICE: \$ 50.00

AN/GRA-4 40’ Guyed Antenna Mast (Military) – This is a popular antenna with portable and field day operators. The mast set appears to complete with all sections, guys and guy ropes. Please refer to the following link [http://www.ontariosurplus.com/pdf/tm11\\_2651.pdf](http://www.ontariosurplus.com/pdf/tm11_2651.pdf) which is an example for setting up three AN/GRA-4 sets. Masts are in good condition (not bent). PRICE: \$225.00

Tripod Supported Military Style Fiberglass Mast approx 31’ tall self-supporting similar to those at [www.goverticalusa.com](http://www.goverticalusa.com) . Comes with two guy rings all in a rubberized tote bag. In very good condition. Picture available on request. PRICE: \$110.00

MFJ-1910 33’ Black fiberglass telescoping mast . Collapses to 4’ length. PRICE: \$40.00  
<http://www.mfjenterprises.com/Product.php?productid=MFJ-1910>

MFJ-1661 Manual Screwdriver Antenna in like new condition although it will require a base mount. Please cut and paste manufacturers URL in your browser for full specs. Picture of the actual unit is available on request. <http://www.mfjenterprises.com/Product.php?productid=MFJ-1661> PRICE: \$65.00

Radio Shack PRO-2045 Scanner s/n 65001512 . The Radio Shack PRO-2045 200-Channel Weather Alert Home Scanner. (NOTE: This is not a P25 receiver.) Preliminary spec overview is at this link [http://support.radioshack.com/support\\_electronics/doc33/33681.htm](http://support.radioshack.com/support_electronics/doc33/33681.htm) and a complete download of the owners manual is at this link [http://support.radioshack.com/productinfo/DocumentResults.asp?sku\\_id=20-418&Name=Radio%20Scanners&Reuse=N](http://support.radioshack.com/productinfo/DocumentResults.asp?sku_id=20-418&Name=Radio%20Scanners&Reuse=N) PRICE: \$75.00

**W4HZ:** I've been charged with the task of selling W4RYQ/Marty's station as listed below:

Kenwood TS 940 SAT \$1000 Matching speaker and Mic included

Kenwood TL 922 AMP \$1,200

Nye Viking Tuner \$250

The equipment is almost pristine as it was used very sparingly over the years & will be thoroughly tested prior to the sale. It will be available by July 15th. Contact Jonathan Payne <[w4hz@verizon.net](mailto:w4hz@verizon.net)>