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News Letter of the Central Virginia Contest Club

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MEETING NOTICE

The November meeting of the CVCC will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 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.

November Program

Hopefully we will have one! A post to the reflector will be made when we know what it will be! Notice the meeting falls on Election Day. Be sure to take the time to VOTE!

October Meeting

Jerry, KJ4IT, presented a short video on Disaster Preparedness developed by FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security. In attendance were WU4G, W4PM, K4OSO, WD4LBR, K4WNW, WB4GVZ, KJ4YKK, N4DEN, KJ4IT, KW4CQ, W4DR, N4CFL, W4HJ & Jo, N3UA, NK4H, and guest W4CRP. We welcomed Bob Cleve, KW4CQ, as our newest member of CVCC!

CVCC Holiday Dinner

The members present at the October meeting approved the Rumble Seat Grill in Goochland, (far west end.) 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.

Attached is a menu prepared for the evening of **Tuesday, December 3rd @ 6:30 p.m.**

(Included with News Letter) Add the following to the menu – “chicken with the BBQ or pineapple salsa”. They have a private banquet room for meetings so we will not be in the public dining area, they have a full bar with lots of local/craft beer.

73, Dennis N4DEN

CVCC DX Report for October

Brunswick Stew:

The C82DX Mozambique DXpedition deserves kudos for working Bruce on 9 band slots and Sheila on 8. Shame they missed that one slot or they would have earned their BS degree.

Bruce – WD4LBR had a spine-tingling month stirring up these new band countries:

Callsign	Country	Band	Mode
4U1ITU	ITU HQ	30m	CW
C82DX	Mozambique	30m	CW
TO2TT	Mayotte	12m	CW
T88EC	Palau	12m	CW
XW0Y	Laos	12m	SSB
H7H	Nicaragua	160m	CW

Z21DXI Zimbabwe 30m CW

Sheila - K4WNW stuck him with her dagger and outdid him with these:

Callsign	Country	Band	Mode
4U1ITU	ITU HQ	30m	CW
C82DX	Mozambique	30m	CW
CY0P	Sable Island	40m	CW
EU7A	Belarus	12m	SSB
TO2TT	Mayotte	12m	CW
SU9AF	Egypt	40m	CW
T88EC	Palau	12m	CW
XW0YJY	Laos	12m	SSB
Z21DXI	Zimbabwe	30m	CW
ZL1BYZ	New Zealand	30m	CW

Bob – KW4CQ, our newest member, cast some warty toads in the pot, reported that his own menacing list of new DX worked:

CY0P on 5 bands
TO2TT on 4 bands
TX5D 12m cw
TU2OF 12m cw
TN2MS 12m cw
9L1JT 12m cw
EX8M 12m cw
XW0YJY 12m cw

He also shared his credits to date: DXCC (mixed): now 265/252

8 bands confirmed

WAZ confirmed

63 cards awaiting processing at Newington

...and as his email signature says: "73 & CW forever"

While C82DX missed their BS award, they still did significant work towards their DOC (Doctorate of CVCC) by working W4DR on seven bands (80-10) and all three modes. **Bob W4DR** brought 106 DX QSOs to the costume party for the month of October, once again putting his incantations on all bands from 160 to 10 meters, but getting bewitched on 6m. He said his best trappings were TO2TT, Mayotte on six bands 160, 80, 40, 15, 12 and 10. YN2PX and VX9MRC were new band-mode entities on 60 meter CW where he is still looking for "my #100 on that band." "It was great to see W4HZ at the Thursday morning breakfast at McDonalds." Jonathan is preparing for the upcoming 160 meter contest in December, an event which the CVCC usually strikes fear in the Small Club category.

Next up is **Frank KN4XJ** who did some creepy crawling out from under his summertime rock and spent some time in the CQ WW this past weekend. He caught some new ones in his 40m web:

JA8WKE, KH6MB, KH6CW, NH7A, E51AAR, AH0K. All were ensnared in about 45 minutes before the 940 finally gave up the ghost, right in time for Halloween. "I got a new 590 out of the weekend too." Only Frank can carve his way straight from Halloween to Christmas.

Puck W4PM says he was mainly on 12 and 10 meters tapping for new ones. He enchanted the following new B/Es to respond to him on CW for his contribution to the soup:

CT3AS - 12

EJ0M - 12

ER3GQ - 12

ES0NW -12

HB0/DL2SBY - 12

TU5DF - 12
C82DX - 12
E51NOU - 12
Z21DXI – 10

Ronnie WU4G - Yours truly turned up the heat and cooked up 97 DX QSOs for the month – and unlucky 13 of them were SSB, the rest CW. My wire was smoking as usual on 30M with C82DX, ZS2I, FR/DJ7RJ, ZD8JR, AH6V, and SV5/SM8C. 17M bubbled with 3D2RA Rotuma, and CN2TX, but 12M boiled up a real concoction of TA3AX, EU7A, ES4QR, 4K9W, A61Q, ER3GQ, UA2FCB, and TF4M. Had to check my wire in the trees to make sure it wasn't glowing in the dark. I also worked KG4WV on Gitmo on 12 SSB who said "Hi, Ronnie, this is Bill!" None other than our packet cluster buddy from Va. Beach – W4WV Bill Verebely. I tried to work a few new ones I heard in the CQ WW, but again found that 100w and a wire don't cut it on SSB, and never was able to conjure up a single contact. Finally took my broom and went back to CW on 12 meters. It was more "fangtastic," with no pileups.

Witches' Brew:

KW4CQ got caught by the gremlins of DX with VU2XO on 12m (turned out to be a pirate with a hook).

Jonathan "Zombie" W4HZ – rattled the same old bones: "Nothing new from here." Hopefully he'll clear the cobwebs out in time for the ARRL 10M contest.

WU4G – Besides my CQ WW SSB hex, I found that my wire just didn't have enough black magic in it to hack these that I heard: EY8MM, A73A, 7X4AN, J28NC, E51NOU, VU2BG, TO2TT, 9L1JT, VR2KF, JD1BON Ogasawara, and OD5NJ.

Didn't hear from **Ed NW4V** – I heard you snare one of those black cats I missed, so I know you were trick-or-treating. **KG4W** – Scooby Dooby Doo, where are you? **AC W4HJ** - Are your wires still crossed rebuilding your shack? **John W4TNX** – didn't hear any crackles from your cauldron. How about the rest of you ghouls and goblins? I'm packing up a coffin full of heavy breathing, moans, and groans from the political campaign ads to send to you if you don't participate in November's DX report. That will curdle anyone's blood.

DX Operations for November:

Hang on to your witch hats! November promises a real broom ride on the bands. As I write this, I'm listening to a great signal from TX5RV – Australs on 15 CW. JD1BON mentioned above will still be on, handing out candies. XV2NHL Vietnam, T33A Banaba, XR0ZR Juan Fernandez, 9N7BM Nepal, 9X0PY & 9X0NH Rwanda, S79WDX Seychelles, 3D2R Rotuma and, of course, all the cool ones in the CQ WW CW should fill your goodie bags.

And last, but not least, by the time you read this, K9W from Wake Is. should be on the air trying to earn their "Worked All BS." They have shipped tons of equipment and announced where they will be listening for Bruce & Sheila to show just how serious they are about working them. Once they log all the BS, they should have time for the rest of us.

Hopefully, none of the Wicked Witch's spells will carry over to the November ether!

73 & DX

Ronnie WU4G

Random Skip--A really good day – de W4DR

Rosalie and I attended the DDXG's annual social event on Saturday afternoon October 26. A very excited WK4Y told me about his morning's activity on 10 meters in the CQ WW contest. Roy worked 100 countries all S&P in just 3 hours of operation. The "social" was held at WV4Y, Marcus' place and his deluxe station has multiple transceivers the top of the line being a 19 K dollar German made instrument. I predict it will be a must for every shack owner who aspires to have the very best. Marcus is the US

distributor for the unit should you wish to purchase one. He is also the US distributor for a fine line of clocks which retail for as much as 60 K. The food at this event was one of the best spreads I have experienced with everyone contributing something. I came home ready for a nap and an evening of World Series baseball with a little 160 activity thrown in. I decided to check the contest activity on 160 between innings rather than view the commercials. Not only was the baseball game exciting, my team the Cardinals won 5-4 with the winning run scored with two outs in the last of the 9th inning, but the between innings time was almost as exciting as the game. I always made 3-4 QSO's on 160 SSB during these short windows and usually this included 3 new multipliers. So the final score for the evening was Cardinals 5, Red Sox 4 and W4DR 37 Q's and 27 multipliers. Today (Monday Oct 28) I read that the 10 meter operators at W3LPL experienced the best 10 meter conditions in the last quarter century. Their 10 meter totals were better than any of the other 5 bands...3130 Q's, 161 countries and 39 zones. The numbers at K3LR were even higher. We are indeed getting a double peak and just maybe there will be some F2 propagation at our latitude in November and December.

As most of you know my wife, N4CFL is a casual DX'er, but living with me for 56 years she has been exposed to lots of DX. She got her General in 1979 and ever since then if a rare one showed up in the General Class bands on SSB and the pileup was modest I would invite her to come and work the station. I didn't call her unless I figured she would get through in 5 minutes or less, as that was her attention span for shouting her call. Despite these limitations she has managed to work and confirm all of the current DXCC entities except BS7 and P5 or so I thought. Recently I was scanning her DXCC summary sheet and noticed a blank line for E4, Palestine. I was pretty sure I had alerted her to that one years ago so I checked her paper log and sure enough there was a 17 meter QSO with E4/OM2DX in 2007. I emailed OM3JW, the listed manager for this operation and he said that indeed she was in the log and that his records showed that he sent her a QSL along with the W4DR cards. I asked what postage would be required to send another card and he replied, none, as his records showed that I had sent \$10. A week later Rosalie's card arrived in the mail. Now if you hear a P5 or BS7 working SSB in the General Bands give her a call at 794-7143 and oh, yes tell her to inform me, because I have those on only 2 bands each.

November should be exciting with high SFI numbers. A major VU7 DXpedition is scheduled for Nov 20 to Dec 10 and I believe I have a chance for a new band country on 12 meters with that one. Also another group is going to semi-rare TU5 in November and they promise first ever 60 meter activity. That would also be a new band entity for me.

Good hunting,

W4DR

CVCC Contesting - October

W4MYA, our reigning contest champ, reports – CQWW DX SSB – 1,417 Q's, 2,208,129 points! WOW!

K4OSO - operated casually in the California, Texas and Pennsylvania QSO parties.

W4PM – Very casually operated in Stew Perry and WAG.

W4DR – CQWW DX SSB – casual operation on 160.

NO OTHER REPORTS RECEIVED

November Contests

Ukrainian DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 2 to 1200Z, Nov 3
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 2 to 0300Z, Nov 4
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Nov 3
WAE DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Nov 9 to 2359Z, Nov 10
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, Digital	0001Z, Nov 9 to 2359Z, Nov 10
JIDX Phone Contest	0700Z, Nov 9 to 1300Z, Nov 10
OK/OM DX Contest, CW	1200Z, Nov 9 to 1200Z, Nov 10
Kentucky QSO Party	1400Z, Nov 9 to 0200Z, Nov 10

YO International PSK31 Contest 1600Z-2200Z, Nov 15
LZ DX Contest 1200Z, Nov 16 to 1200Z, Nov 17
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB 2100Z, Nov 16 to 0300Z, Nov 18
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Nov 23 to 2400Z, Nov 24

November is Sweepstakes time with both CW and SSB weekends! Get on and help PVRC win the Unlimited Club honors again. Some dislike the long exchange (001 U W4PM 60 VA) but that just adds to the fun. Since it's a USA/VE contest most of signals will be big and even a 100w and a dipole station can run 'em. Pick your favorite mode and give it a go! The other big one is the CQWW DX CW contest. If you can do CW at all get in there and get some practice. In addition there are some interesting DX contests and one state QSO party. Entry in some of those little DX contests can earn you a certificate. W4PM just received a certificate for 2nd place U.S. and North America for SO LP in the 2010 YO DX contest. QSO total was 296! With low power you have a chance because most N/A stations in these contests run high power! Don't forget ARRL SS CW starts today at 1700 EDST.

CVCC Name Tags (Badges)

Rick the Signman <http://www.thesignman.com> can make CVCC Badges for us. The design would be two color, light blue over white. Your name and call will be on the top blue section in black and the CVCC logo and either "CVCC" or "Central Virginia Contest Club" on the lower white section. The CVCC Logo will be dark blue and the lettering next to it in black. The cost is \$10.50 each with a pin fastener or \$13.25 with magnetic fastener. There is no minimum order nor is there a price break for an order greater than one. I'll send the high-resolution logo, which some of you provided to me, to Rich and he will provide a sample design. I'll forward that to all members. Hopefully there will be some of you interested.

Puck W4PM

FIELD DAY 2014

We discussed this a bit at the October meeting but no decision was made. We therefore state the options again here. Be prepared to address this subject at the November meeting.

(1) We received an invitation to participate with RATS and RARC in Field Day 2014. I was at their FD site this past June and assisted with antenna erection and operating. They did an excellent job of setting up stations and antennas. The only shortcoming I could see was a shortage of serious operators and a lack of any commitment to maximize points from their operation. I think we can help in those areas. We need to discuss what we could bring to the table and how we could assist in a joint effort.

(2) Another option is to do a CVCC Field Day again as in the past at Short Pump Park or similar location.

(3) OR we could throttle back a bit and do a smaller 1A at another location. I would host a simple one antenna, one station set up in my back yard. I have a generator and could provide a tent. I have a grill for grilling, a lake for fishing or boating, plus all the facilities of home!

(4) OR we could go to James Frame's QTH (picnic location) on the river with a simple set up.

That's four options. We just need someone to step forward and volunteer to head up whichever route we, as a club, decide to take. Since the attendance at the meetings is about 1/3 of our membership please advise W4PM via e-mail which option you think we should take! There will be a notice on the reflector to this effect also.

(5) Of course option 5 is to continue our latest, "who cares" attitude and do nothing again.

Puck W4PM

UPCOMING CVCC CONTESTS

ARRL 160-Meter Contest 2200Z, Dec 6 to 1600Z, Dec 8

ARRL 10-Meter Contest 0000Z, Dec 14 to 2400Z, Dec 15

We need to try to get at least one Multi-Single station going in each contest (hopefully W4HZ) but two would be great. Duke, while not officially a current member, mentioned in an e-mail that his station might be available. We need people to man any multi-stations we put on the air. We also need someone to volunteer to be the contact for each station and arrange for operations, schedules and coordinate with the station owners!

Please let W4PM know if you will play in the 160 contest.

For 10 meters advise Dave WB4GBZ of your intentions.

CVCC 2014-15

We need to start thinking about the leadership of CVCC for next year.

I know for sure that for President:

If nominated I will not run!

If elected I will not serve!

I think 5 consecutive years is quite enough. Start thinking about serving next year. The fact that you may have served in the office before doesn't hack it as an excuse. Did you do 5 years? If you have never served as President then give it some thought - it's your turn!

Puck W4PM

FOR SALE (posted on CVCC reflector 10/16/2013)

Sold many items at Dayton and Manassas but still have some goodies left over. Was laid off in June, found another job but now that company has run out of work so I could use the money. I have decided to let the 6N2 go. I know a couple hams were interested but I forgot your calls. The 6N2 is pick up only very heavy, FT990 and AL84 I can meet if reasonable distance unless you pay for shipping.
73 Kyle, WA4PGM

Ameritron AL84 amplifier - 300.00

Autek QF1 filter - 20.00 plus shipping

Heathkit AM2 SWR meter - 25.00 plus shipping

Johnson 6N2 amplifiers with manual, spare tubes and assorted parts.

650.00 pick up only

K1EA DVK cards with cables - make offer

microHAM DB15 FT1000MP DB15 IC8 - New - 30.00 each plus shipping

microHAM DB37 cables for FT-950, K3, and K2 - 40.00 each plus shipping

Yaesu FT990 AC/DC, ROM 1.3, all filters 2.4, .8, 500, Inrad 250hz,

manual, and factory box. No microphone. - 800.00