

PVRC Newsletter

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President's Letter – Doug AA3S

While the ARRL Field Day is not a contest (e.g. no awards), you might not know that from how groups prepare for and perform during the event! Hope to hear from the many PVRC members who did participate in Field Day 2023 by having their photos and “soapbox” descriptions for the next Newsletter. Start typing!

Many PVRC members will be competing at the World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) in Italy beginning July 8 at 8:00AM Eastern for 24 hours. This event is held only at four-year intervals (Covid delayed the 2022 event to this year) to determine the world champion radio contest team (two ops per team). See the WRTC [website](#).

PVRC has [sponsored](#) WRTC teams in this event, and we can help our PVRC participants by making QSOs in the WRTC event, see the very short list of exchange and scoring rules [here](#).

Some notable rules are:

- The WRTC stations may work each callsign once on CW and once on SSB per band
- SSB contacts with us in the USA are worth 6 points to them in Italy, CW contacts are 5 points.
- All WRTC stations will be saying 59 28 or sending 5NN 28 (no cut numbers allowed other than in 5NN), you will send 59 8 or 5NN 8. 8 is probably your ITU zone, Colorado is 7, but look [here](#) to be sure
- Only English is used in the contact exchange and only the 3.5, 7, 14, 21, and 28 MHz bands.

Concurrent with the WRTC event is the IARU HF World Championship contest in which you can get recognition & awards (the WRTC event awards only the WRTC stations in Italy). The exchange and other rules are similar, see <https://contests.arrl.org/ContestRules/IARU-HF-Rules.pdf>

Go PVRC!

Club Competition – Doug AA3S

5M: The new 2023-2024 Season begins this month with two contests – [CQWW VHF](#) and NAQP RTTY (DOUBLE 5M POINTS) Saturday July 15.

Look [here](#) for a reminder for how to get 5M credit in the NAQP (different than any other 5M contest!!): you must report your score during the contest to the [Online Scoreboard](#), and for a reminder as to how this came about, see the [January Newsletter](#) page 13

Updating the table of 5M contest results from the March Newsletter, of the four contests that were TBD in March, PVRC placed 3rd in the CQWW SSB+CW (which is what PVRC has done for at least four years) and PVRC won the other 3.

State QSO Parties: Big success!

2023 Virginia QSOp “Virginia Club Combined” plaque: PVRC beat the Virginia club that had won this category since at least 2008 (the oldest data I found)!

I examined the sponsor's metadata pdf and found that KK4ODQ was the highest scoring PVRC member who contributed points to the win and did not get a plaque for some other achievement in that QSOp. So at 125,160 points, Nick Clevenger KK4ODQ will receive the plaque for "Virginia Club Combined Score" won by PVRC-VA. See the online pdf results [here](#), especially page 80.

The winning margin was 3,064 points so every log submitted was extremely important to the PVRC win. Also note that 3,064 is 0.14% of the winning score! PVRC members award plaques and their scores in the Virginia QSOp:

- N4CW/M (N4CW & W4TMO) 400,824 points "High Virginia Mobile Multiple Operator Single Transmitter"
- W4GO 383,424 points, two plaques: 1) "High Single Operator Virginia QSOs Only" and 2) "High Virginia Mobile Single Operator Single Transmitter"
- K4IA 348,600 points "Virginia Single Operator One Receiver"

Those top two scores by themselves would have beat the third-place club! Congrats to PVRC members in Virginia who sent their logs to the sponsors for credit to PVRC-VA!

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Donating to the PVRC Scholarship Fund – Ted WA3AER

Some PVRC members may be unaware that we have a Scholarship Fund. It is managed by the ARRL Foundation. In 2023 we have awarded 2 scholarships. The announcement letter from ARRL and the Thank You letters from this year’s recipients are below.

Your contributions to the PVRC Scholarship Fund are tax-deductible because the ARRL Foundation is a 501(c)3 entity. Both Frank W3LPL and I encourage you to donate to our scholarship fund to assist student Amateur Radio operators pursue their higher education goals.

There are several ways to make your contribution to the PVRC Scholarship Fund:

1. Complete the ARRL online form by downloading it and mailing it with your check to ARRL – downloadable form [here](#).
2. Call the ARRL Fund Director, Kevin Beal [K8EAL](#) at 860-594-0317 and give him your credit card number; or
3. Send your donation to the PVRC Treasurer via PayPal to treasurer@pvrc.org, noting your donation is for the PVRC Scholarship Fund.

At Hamvention I discussed the idea of being able to submit the scholarship form online and submitting it and payment electronically. Kevin agreed that having the ability to submit the form and donation online would make it easier. After Hamvention I received a note from him indicating that he plans to push that idea forward. So, hopefully one day in the not-too-distant future that option may become a reality. I will continue to push this idea with the ARRL Development staff whenever the opportunity arises.

Thank you, in advance, for your support of the PVRC Scholarship Fund.



June 1, 2023

Potomac Valley Radio Club
c/o Dan Zeitlin, K2YWE, President
1036 Skyview Drive
Annapolis, MD 21409

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the ARRL Foundation Officers and Board, I am pleased to announce the 2023 recipients of Potomac Valley Amateur Radio Club (PVRC) Scholarship.

Ian MacDonnell, N0IAN, Purcellville, Virginia and James Gavrushenko, KB3ZGX, Langhorne, Pennsylvania has been selected for The Potomac Valley Amateur Radio Club (PVRC) Scholarship from an outstanding group of applicants. Scholarship recipients were recently notified of their awards, and we have already had many replies conveying their excitement and appreciation.

Scholarships through the ARRL Foundation would not be available without the support of thoughtful and generous sponsors such as you. Thank you for making The Potomac Valley Amateur Radio Club (PVRC) Scholarship possible, and for aiding student Amateur Radio operators in their pursuit of their higher education. I am confident that these young people will be successful in their future careers, and in representing Amateur Radio as well.

Again, many thanks for your support with this award. If you have any questions, please contact ARRL Foundation Secretary Diane Middleton, W2DLM at ARRL (dmiddleton@arrl.org).

73,

David Norris, KSUZ
President
ARRL Foundation

June 7, 2023

Mr. Dan Zeitlin

1036 Skyview Drive

Annapolis, MD 21409

Dear Mr. Zeitlin:

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Potomac Valley Amateur Radio Club Scholarship. I will be attending my senior year at Temple University continuing my studies in Engineering Technology. I am finding my interest in ham radio continues to open new doors for me. As an example, I was chosen in my current internship to become a licensed drone pilot in the construction industry. I was able to apply my knowledge of APRS, VHF/UHF propagation, and the use of grid squares directly for surveying commercial properties using drone technology.

Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous grant.

73,

James Gavrushenko

Potomac Valley Radio Club,
My name is Ian MacDonnell, and I am an electrical engineering student at West Virginia University. I am grateful to have received the ARRL PVRC scholarship for the 2023-2024 school year. This scholarship will allow me to spend more time focusing on my electrical engineering studies as well as amateur radio. I am the upcoming president of the WVU Amateur Radio Club, W8CUL, where I enjoy getting other students into the hobby and teaching them about radio topics. I frequent VHF/UHF where you can catch me when I am back home in northern Virginia. You also may be able to catch me on HF when I operate using our equipment at the W8CUL shack. Thank you once again for the generous support of this scholarship.

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Ian MacDonnell

FB Contester's Blend Coffee from WB6IVF



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WRTC Countdown is On! - Dave K3ZJ

WRTC2022 -- delayed a year by Covid, dealing with a live war to the East, and wracked by floods last month -- nevertheless is coming to your radio at 1200Z July 8 to 1200Z July 9, overlaying the IARU Championship. A sub-contest for WRTC "hunters" with awards for non-WRTC operators was just announced. See the rules at the link below.

PVRCers who are WRTC participants: NN3W & N3QE; KD4D & KE3X; KU1CW; W2SC (K5ZD teammate) and W4IPC (youth team).

In a first, all stations will be spotted automatically by the organizers, SSB as well as CW, so it should be relatively easy to find all the special stations on both SSB and CW. Logs will be available on the website in almost real time. This is very ambitious, but if anyone can pull this off it is these guys.

Etiquette: no competitor is allowed to say anything that may identify themselves. I strongly suggest that you **Do not** greet by name or show recognition even if you recognize a voice on SSB. Doing so robs the competitor of seconds when seconds count, and the competitors are prohibited from acknowledging you in any fashion. Just a quick "5908" is the best response when your call is recognized, nothing else. Note that there is a referee present and listening at all times, as well as recordings for checking. The operators will have unique callsigns and are supposed to remain anonymous until identified on the website shortly after the contest.

Finally, WRTC requests that you **please submit your log immediately** to ARRL for the IARU Championship. A link for this purpose is on the WRTC webpage. WRTC log checking commences immediately after the contest and the results are announced the next evening (afternoon on East Coast USA), so your log is needed ASAP for cross-checking. The judging committee will have access to logs submitted through the normal ARRL process. Your log will be used for checking the competitors' logs. Your own log checks will be done by ARRL for the IARU Championship using their normal process.

View the WRTC2022 [website](#) for award rules and categories, announcements about live streams, and all other information as it becomes available.



W3LPL Open House



Doug AA3S presenting to Mark KD4D



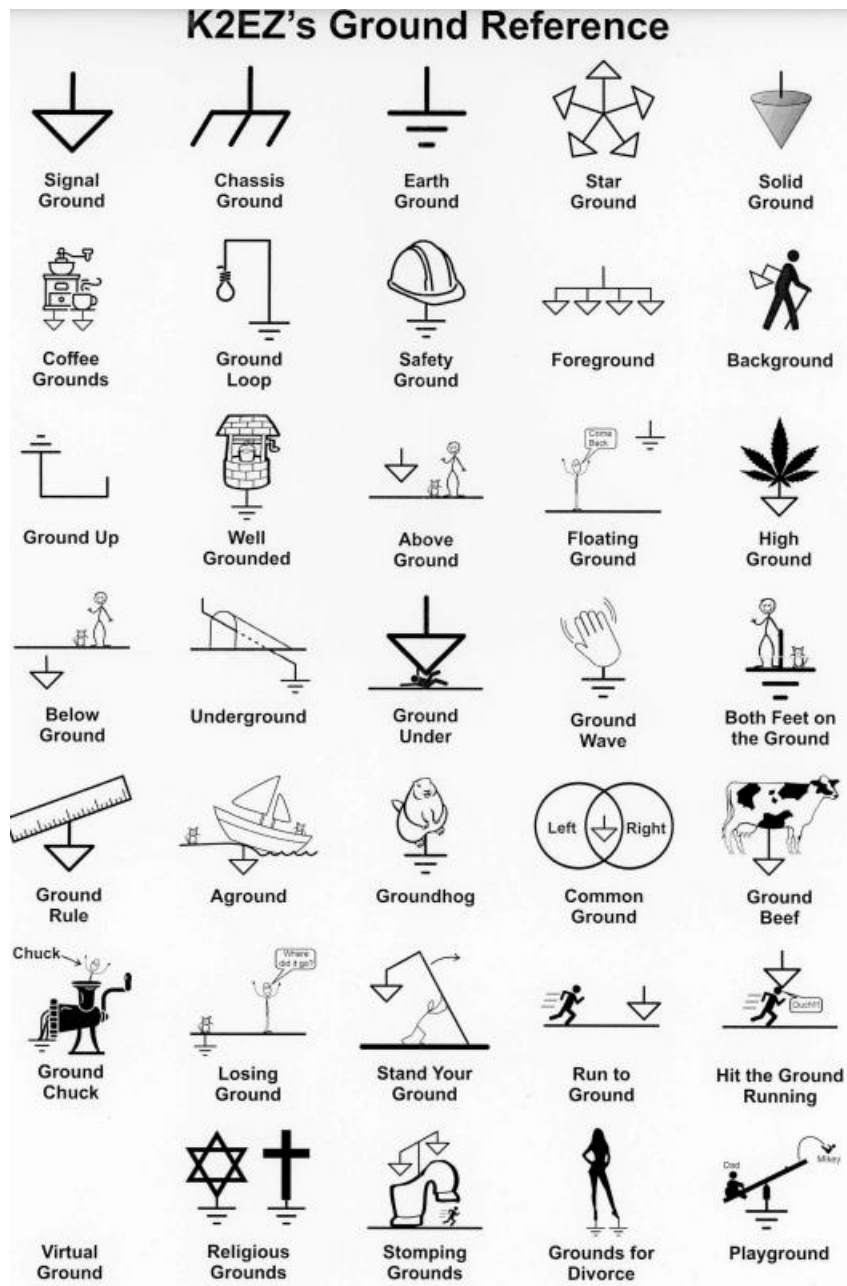
Treasurer Ted WA3AER (via N3JT)

ARRL West Gulf Division Director John N5AUS presenting the ARRL QST Cover Plaque Award to Frank W3LPL



Ground Reference Chart – John N3AM

From Andrea K2EZ, the [Rover Lady](#):



WPX Contest Scores: 3830 Results/Official Scores Shrinkage – John K3TN

YCCC won the 2022 WPX Club competition and their Scuttlebutt newsletter showed some surprising data:

2022 CQ WPX Club Competition - 3830 View						
	SSB		CW		Totals	
	Entries	SSB Score	Entries	CW Score	Entries	Score
YCCC	48	140,967,827	58	112,544,693	106	253,512,520
PVRC	73	108,110,325	86	101,229,780	159	209,340,105
FRC	44	62,179,134	58	82,187,066	102	144,366,200



These scores held up through the final adjudicated results:

2022 CQ WPX Club Competition - Official						
	SSB		CW		Totals	
	Entries	SSB Score	Entries	CW Score	Entries	Score
YCCC	70	147,313,813	79	117,827,846	149	265,141,659
PVRC	92	104,439,161	95	89,216,761	187	193,655,922
FRC	51	74,461,902	73	70,881,935	124	145,343,837



YCCC was the clear winner in scores, it wasn't really close. But I noticed something odd about PVRC's scores: we were the only club whose adjudicated total points after log checking **went down** from the club's reported 3830 scores – even though the number of PVRC logs officially submitted was greater than the number of 3830 scores reported!

There are really only two ways this can happen:

1. A small number of ops with large scores reported on 3830 never sent in logs.
2. Log checking found a high level of inaccuracy in a lot of PVRC logs.

(1) Seems unlikely – a quick look didn't seem to show any obvious big scores missing in the CQ WPX official results.

That leaves accuracy. PVRC's total **dropped** by 16M points from 3830 reports to log checked scores, even though the number of logs went up! Most of that (12M) came from CW scores.

CQ WW WPX data shows the overall average score reduction across all 2022 WPX CW logs was 19.7% for single ops, 16% for Multi Singles, 15% for Multi-Twos and 11% for Multi-Multis. Take a look at the Log Checking Report CW WPX sends out to each entrant and see if you have room to improve

WPX is one of the tougher contests from an accuracy point of view – the serial number in the exchange and oddball calls put a premium on accurate copying skills vs. using history files. The April issue of the [PVRC newsletter](#) had ideas and links to info for improving accuracy.

Quoting two prominent SK PVRCers: ***“As my dear departed and deeply missed mentor W3GRF always said: ‘It's a listening contest as well as a sending contest.’ – Fred K3ZO”***

NR4M Dream Team Breaks WPX CW Record - Rick N1RM

I've been to NR4M's magnificent station a few times. I think I've done at least as much eating as operating there! Steve has been a great friend and very generous inviting me to operate. In the previous efforts I was very time constrained. Even this year I only worked the 20M in-band position for 12 hours on Friday night due to other commitments. My partner was Kenny K2KW operating the 20M run position to my left. It was the first time either of us operated in run/mult mode for a serious M/M effort.

KD4D was sitting to my right on the 15M run station and offered lots of good advice prior to the contest. My job was clearly to increase the "point rate" on 20M. In WPX, that is about the same as the Q rate, especially early on. Since the in-band position electrically pre-empts the run position, I started out very cautiously. Even with that caution I stepped on a couple of important exchange elements. After about an hour, I learned all the cues to observe to understand where he was in the QSO without actually hearing his audio. We got into a really satisfying rhythm as I got the hang of it. My Q rate went up and the collision rate went down. I set the Available Mults and Qs window to Mults Only and sorted by beam heading or spot time, depending on what was going on.

Observations on in-band operation:

1. Develop a good rapport with your run partner. Things can get tense otherwise (Kenny was very kind to me!).
2. Watch the amp output meter and especially the "Message" field for the run station in the N1MM Network Status window.
3. Overcome the hesitation to transmit while you see the run operator typing – that's **exactly** when you should be sending!
4. Doing a long shift as an in-band operator is very workable because of the ability to take short breaks without worrying about losing a run frequency.
5. The dynamics and strategy would be different in a contest where multipliers are rarer. They probably also changed late in this contest when I wasn't there.
6. Operating in-band is a fantastic way for less experienced operators to participate, contribute, and observe really good operators.
7. Having the option to listen to the run station audio would be nice. I understand Kراسي has provided that ability (along with about everything else!) at the new K1LZ superstation. (*Editor's note: when I started running as KK3TN in WPX CW, K1LZ was the first to find and work me every time - K3TN*)

Observations on NR4M:

1. The station is staggering in scope. At the in-band position for 20M I had the option of a 3-stack (with selectable stack match) of monobanders on a rotating tower or a transmitting steerable 4-square, all with a simple click of the mouse. These were all "my antennas" – not shared with anyone else!!! The Yagi stack was great for weak signals and DX. The 4-square, since it was farther from the run antennas and vertically polarized, let me operate very close to the run frequency with very little interference.
2. Steve and his crew put an astounding amount of time and effort into maintaining the station. Even so, things go wrong, but seem to get fixed pretty quickly.
3. The atmosphere there is to leave the operating style and rigor to the operators. It is very laid back. Steve keeps everyone well-fed and never yells or corrects anyone.

It was a fantastic opportunity for me. I hope the score holds up!
 From [3830scores](#):

Call: **NR4M**

Summary: [Compare Scores](#)

Band	QSOs
160:	109
80:	637
40:	1543
20:	2509
15:	2281
10:	550

Total: **7629** Prefixes **1549** Total Score **31,413,720**
 Club: Potomac Valley Radio Club



Operator(s): [K2KW](#) [K2PI](#) [K2WK](#) [K4MI](#) [K4QS](#) [K4ZW](#) [K7SV](#) [KA4RRU](#) [KD4D](#) [KE3X](#) [KG3V](#) [N1RM](#) [N2YO](#) [N3AC](#) [N3QE](#) [N4IQ](#) [NN3W](#) [NR4M](#) [W0IMD](#) [WA4PGM](#) [WN4AFP](#)
 Station: ·NR4M·¶

Comments:

I was busy keeping people fed and fixing things, so I operated very little. Because of that, I can't really comment on propagation specifics. But, I know that it sure would have been nice to have 10 meters be as open as 15 and 20. For a change, we had plenty of operators and NO COVID. Last year, several of the ops picked up COVID at the Hamvention. This would be a new US record for score and mults, if the score holds up to log checking. Would have been nice to have a bit more cushion. A big public 'thank you' to K7SV, N3AC, K4QS, KA4RRU KC4D and N3CW for all the days of antenna help. 10% of the score goes to Swamp Fox Contest Group for the participation of WN4AFP and N4IQ Thanks for all the Q's. 73 de Steve, NR4M

M/M HP

Call	QSOs	Prefixes	Score	Club
CN3A	10726	1746 48	67,809,402	ICC
NR4M	7629	1549 48	31,413,720	PVRC
NH7T(@KH6YY)	5496	1261 48	23,855,598	
DAØBCC(@DP9A)	6042	1466 48	20,818,666	BCC
NR6O(@N6RO)	4548	1238 48	13,501,628	NCCC
VC7G(@VE7UF)	3953	1149 48	13,076,769	Orca DXCC
KQ7I(@K7RAT)	2713	1037 46	7,244,482	WVDXC
JF1NHD	1926	794	3,980,322	No Sleep Contest Club
K3MTR(@N3DPB)	1357	794 32	2,886,190	PVRC



NR4M needs a bigger shelf! (AA2FD)



Funny looking goats! (K2KW)

2023 PVRC Pipe Awards – Tom K3AJ

The number of participants has dropped off a bit, although the propagation was good enough to yield a decent QSO count. Here are the long-term results:

Year	Logs	Total Qs
2017	17	1,142
2018	21	1,000
2019	24	763
2020	26	2,049
2021	32	1,909
2022	26	2,830
2023	18	1,146

Now for the award winners. Note that we still make the traditional awards by type of lousy antenna, as well as the W4MYA award for top HF antenna score and the W3IDT awards for the top three counts of CW/SSB QSO only among the LP entries.

Last year there were no vertical antenna class entries, and I was glad to see at least two PVRC members with bad enough judgment to try that again. Since we make awards to both the winner and runner up, this is a classic case of winning a plaque by being the last person standing.

Scores are shown (QSO/Grid/Score). If someone also operated on the higher bands as well, only their 6M results are shown.

Moxon/Hexbeam Class*

N3KN (121/66/7,986) - First Place
 K3RLW (123/56/6,888) - Runner Up

Dipole/Loop Class

K3YDX (117/71/8,307) - First Place
 NS3T (128/48/6,144) - Runner Up

HF Antenna Class

N3AIU (102/60/6,120) - First Place – W4MYA Award for top HF antenna score
 K2YWE (78/38/2,964) - Runner Up

Vertical Class

WA3MD (60/26/1,674) - First Place
 N8HM (7/5/35) - Runner Up

W3IDT Awards - Top Three # of CW/SSB QSO

K2ACX - 72 QSO K4ORD - 66 QSO WR3R - 22 QSO

K2YWE and K3YDX both had higher CW/SSB totals than K2ACX, and N3AIU and NS3T both had higher CW/SSB totals than WR3R, but since they won category plaques, we move down to the next highest CW/SSB totals

Soapbox

N3KN has won the Moxon/Hexbeam Class for the fourth year in a row. Kay is always at or near the top. She went all digital.

Bob K3RLW took the runner up spot in Moxon/Hexbeam for the second straight year. He used a Moxon at 26 ft. in an all-digital entry from his place on the lower Eastern Shore of MD.

K3YDX is a perennial PVRC Pipe Award competitor who has garnered a few good finishes before, but this year he not only dominated the Dipole/Loop class with his 6M loop at some ridiculously low elevation, but he submitted the highest overall score. Likely the first time a Dipole/Loop entry has done so.



N3AIU won the W4MYA for top score "running 'em" with an HF antenna. As always, there was fierce competition in this category. Usually, triband yagis seem to win, but his 80M loop at 40m ft. did the job. He was operating from AZ, so he had some different propagation than most (no, there is no circle for PVRC Pipe competition). He did manage to work stations in FM16 and FM17 in PVRC-Land.

K2YWE took runner-up in HF Antenna using a C3 tribander at 50 ft. He went analog only and put up a big number of CW/SSB QSO. Dan had played around with a dipole and quickly realized that the C3 was a better weapon on 6M.

We should probably name the Vertical Class prizes the Futility Awards, since no one in their right mind would try to operate in a VHF contest (except maybe on FM) using a vertical. Nevertheless, this year we had two stalwarts who gave it a go.

WA3MD won the Vertical category using a 6M vertical on a 20 ft. pole leaning up against a tree. This was his first time ever on 6M in his 26 years as a ham. His line score of 60/26/1,674 is likely the highest ever for a vertical class entry. He had a score higher than 7 folks using more suitable PVRC Pipe antennas.

N8HM eked out a plaque for Runner Up in the Vertical category by showing up with a vertical strapped to an apartment balcony at an undisclosed location in DC. I imagine the building blocked at least half of the world from him.

In the W3IDT CW/SSB competition, K2ACX garnered the first of three awards with 72 CW/SSB QSO using an 80M inverted L. This was also a fourth place finish in the competitive HF Antenna category with a line score of 72/33/2,376 in an all-analog entry. Well done!

K4ORD took the second of the W3IDT CW/SSB awards with 66 QSO and a line score of 66/47/3,102 - another analog only entry in Moxon/Hexbeam.

In what will surely come as a shock to Gary, WR3R gets the third W3IDT award for his 22 CW/SSB QSO using a 6M dipole at 35 ft.

K2YWE with 78 CW/SSB QSOs and K3YDX with 71 CW/SSB QSOs actually had more CW/SSB QSOs than either of the top two W3IDT winners. Similarly, N3AIU and NS3T had more CW/SSB QSO than the third-place award winner. The PVRC Pipe contest committee uses the "CQ method" of awarding only one plaque per contest to a given station and since K2YWE, K3YDX, N3AIU and NS3T won category awards, we move down to the next highest CW/SSB totals in determining who gets the plaques for the W3IDT Awards.

Interesting tidbits from the rest of the competitors:

Howard AE3T used a 6M loop in his attic to put up a good score. - **Masa AJ3M** has been a consistent PVRC Pipe guy over the years and this year he was on the field of play once again with his 6M loop antenna at 12 ft. - **K3ORC** put up the third highest score in HF Antenna using an OCF dipole mostly in his attic. People must wonder what those wires going nowhere coming out of his attic are for. He went all digital, but still felt some nostalgia for operating 6M in the 1960's with a Heathkit Sixer. - **N4NTO** deserves props not only for his work with a 160/20 fan dipole at 30 ft. but for making QSOs on 2M and 432 with his Baofeng. - **W3MAM** went analog with his C3 tribander at 50 ft. - **WX3B** faced the difficult decision about which of his HF monobanders to use for 6M. He went with his 4-el 20M beam. I am guessing he didn't model them all in order to decide. He operated analog modes for an hour. - **KD4IZ** was the only entrant who decided that using a lousy antenna wasn't handicap enough. So he ran QRP into an HF OCF dipole. No, we are NOT going to have a QRP category. We just can't do that to people.

Here are the full line scores:

Call Power Class Antenna Class Score Total QSO Grids SSB/CW QSO

K3YDX	LP Dipole/Loop	8,307	117	71	71
NS3T	LP Dipole/Loop	6,144	128	48	48
AE3T	LP Dipole/Loop	3,276	91	36	0
WR3R	LP Dipole/Loop	386	22	13	22
AJ3M	LP Dipole/Loop	144	16	9	?
N3AIU	LP HF Antenna	6,120	102	60	50
K2YWE	LP HF Antenna	2,964	78	38	78
K3ORC	LP HF Antenna	2,664	74	36	0
K2ACX	LP HF Antenna	2,376	72	33	72
N4NTO	LP HF Antenna	792	25	19	?
W3MAM	LP HF Antenna	320	20	16	20
WX3B	LP HF Antenna	187	17	11	17
KD4IZ	QRP HF Antenna	28	7	4	4
N3KN	LP Moxon/Hexbeam	7,986	121	66	0
K3LRW	LP Moxon/Hexbeam	6,888	123	56	0
K4ORD	LP Moxon/Hexbeam	3,102	66	47	66
WA3MD	LP Vertical	1,674	60	26	8 N8HM LP Vertical 35 7 5 0

W4KFC Memorabilia from K3ZO's Collection – Dave K3ZJ



OBITUARIES



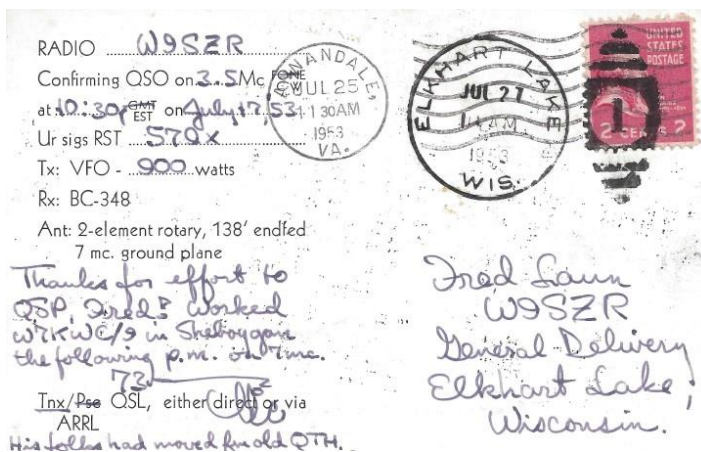
VICTOR C. CLARK

Ham Radio Buff
Victor C. Clark
Dies at Age 66

Victor C. Clark, 66, president of the American Radio Relay League who was director of the Coast Guard Electronics Laboratory from 1963 to 1974, died Nov. 25 at Commonwealth Doctors Hospital after a heart attack. He lived in Clifton. He had worked for the Federal Aviation Administration, and its predecessor agencies, for more than 20 years before joining the Coast Guard. His last FAA post was chief of its navigational aids office in Washington.

Mr. Clark, whose call sign was W4KFC, had received his amateur radio operator's license in 1933. Over the years, he held a variety of posts involving this hobby. He had been a regional president of the International Amateur Radio Union. Before becoming president of the ARRL, his offices in that organization included the vice presidency and the directorship of the Roanoke division. He was a charter member of the American Radio Relay League and life member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association. He was a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and had belonged to the Clifton Lions Club. He had participated in the 1979 World Amateur Radio Conference at Geneva.

Mr. Clark was born in Falmouth, Mass., and was reared in Phoenix. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration at George Washington University. Survivors include his wife, Hester, of Clifton; three sons, Andrew, of Japan, Kenneth, of Centreville, Va., and Roger, of Appomattox; three daughters, Jennifer Warner of Reston, and Beth Schang and Miriam Hudgins, both of Manassas, and seven grandchildren.



Fred K3ZO obtained his first FCC license in mid-1952. In mid-1953 he QSOed with PVRCer W4KFC. Fred kept this QSL card and Vic's obituary in his files.

The design may look familiar. In the 1970's/80's some PVRCers duplicated the design of the early PVRC cards.



Also via K3ZJ: Spotted at Friedrichshafen, on the way to WRTC in Bologna. Photo by Champ, E21EIC. Fred donated to sponsor the ASIA6 site that will be assigned to the competitors from Thailand.

PVRC 6M DXCC Standings – Frank W3LPL

Below are the 6M DXCC totals for PVRC members, transcribed from the ARRL DXCC data as of the 20th of each month or so. Thanks to Frank for the data each month to make this a regular feature. Please report any omissions or errors to [Frank](#).

Call	DXCC	Call	DXCC	Call	DXCC
K1HTV	172	KG7H	133	K5ESW	111
W3BTX	172	K3SX	131	K3AJ	110
W4DR	172	K4SN	131	W0VTT	110
AE3T	163	W3IP	126	N3MK	109
W3LPL	161	N4PY	123	W4PK	109
W3UR	160	NW5E	123	K3KO	108
N4BAA	159	N4TL	122	N3NT	108
N4MM	152	AK3E	120	N3OC	107
AB3CV	143	W3XY	120	N4VA	106
K4SO	142	K3XA	119	W2YE	106
K4CIA	141	K3WC	117	K3ZO	103
W3LL	141	K5VIP	117	N3DB	103
N2QT	140	ZP6CW	116	W3OR	103
W3KX	139	N4JQQ	114	W4FQT	102
WX4G	137	W3DF	113	W3XO	100
K5EK	137	N4DB	112	W4TJ	100
K2PLF	133	W3EKT	111		



Membership News – Tim N3QE

Chapter leaders please remember to complete the [Meeting Attendance Report](#). Members can check and update their roster details via the [Roster Lookup](#).

Upcoming Contests – from [WA7BNM](#)

July 2023

+ RAC Canada Day Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Jul 1
+ DL-DX RTTY Contest	1100Z, Jul 1 to 1059Z, Jul 2
+ Marconi Memorial HF Contest	1400Z, Jul 1 to 1400Z, Jul 2
+ IARU HF World Championship	1200Z, Jul 8 to 1200Z, Jul 9
+ CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	1800Z, Jul 15 to 2100Z, Jul 16
+ North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Jul 15 to 0559Z, Jul 16
+ YOTA Contest	1000Z-2159Z, Jul 22
+ RSGB IOTA Contest	1200Z, Jul 29 to 1200Z, Jul 30

RED – scores count towards PVRC 5M Awards or Challenge Program

Editor’s Last Word – John K3TN

Thanks to N1RM, AA2FD, N2YO, NR4M, K3ZJ, K3AJ, WA3AER, N3JT and N3AM for contributions to this issue of the PVRC newsletter.

The newsletter takes August off to focus on boating and bicycling before summer slips away – see you in September!

The quality and usefulness of the PVRC newsletter depends on contributions from members. If you have photos from club meetings, screenshots of new contest software, or writeups on station improvements or contest war stories, send them in any format to [jpescatore at aol dot com](mailto:jpescatore@aol.com).



From the PVRC Treasurer – Ted WA3AER

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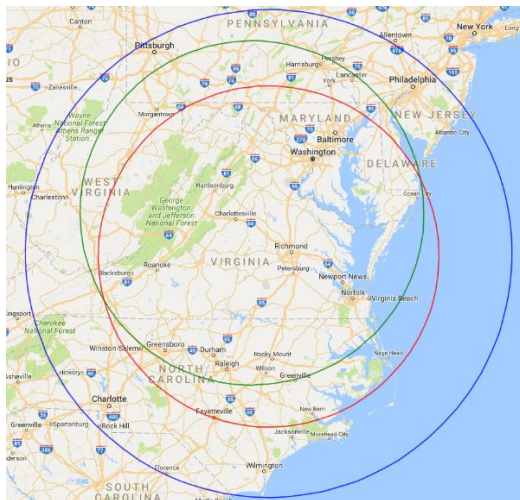
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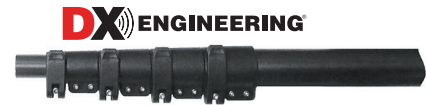
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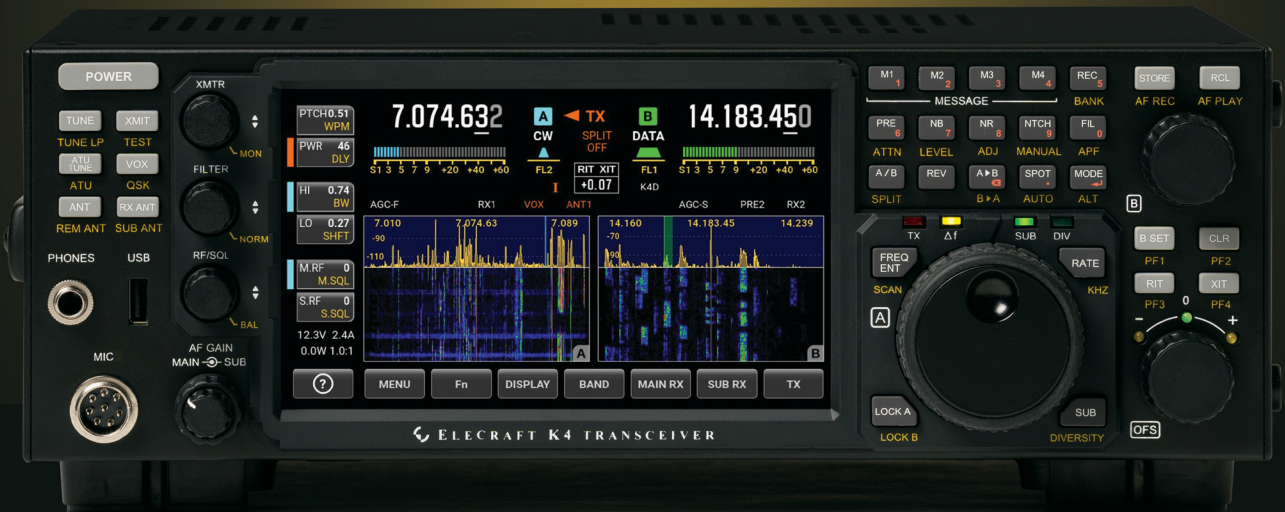


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