

PVRC Newsletter February 2018

President's Letter - Bud W3LL

ello, PVRC - January was the saddest month that I can recall in PVRC history.

On 1 January we lost our former PVRC president Jack Hammett, K4VV. A Celebration of Life service was held on the 20th. A tragic loss was that of PVRC member and past NCDXA president David Collingham on 06 January. Celebration of K3LP David Collingham's Life was held on 15 January.

On 9 January I learned in email correspondence with long time PVRC member Bob W4MYA that he was in home hospice care with untreatable lung cancer. On the morning of 14 January, I received a call from PVRC and NCDXA member Bill Dobson N3WD that his wife Sharon K3DUH, President of the Baltimore Amateur Radio Club and a member of PVRC, had just passed away.

More sad January news: Marty K2PLF lost his brother, Alan WA3EKL lost his mother, and my Kayren lost her brother.

To add to the January misery, we are dealing with ARRL BOD and By-Law concerns. If the sky should suddenly fall I won't be here to report it. On 20 January Kayren and I leave on our annual Baltimore seagoing voyage to the southern Caribbean. I'm biting my nails that we return in time to make some Bouvet Q's.

We'll be back just in time for the 03 February PVRC Circle Wide Galactic Event held in the Center of the PVRC circle in Richmond VA. Thanks goes to Ted W3TB and the Williamsburg PVRC Chapter for again making this event a reality. We'll be manning a PVRC table inside Frostfest then relocating at 1 PM to the Galactic Event restaurant. The purpose of the table is to attract those to the world of contesting and a secondary objective is to organize a PVRC chapter in the center of the circle.

The event location is Roma Ristorante Italiano, 7240 Bell Creek Road, Mechanicsville, VA. That's about 5 miles from the Frostfest and convenient to I-295. A private dining room and convenient overflow space is provided. An opportunity to meet personally with

PVRC members from all over the regions – a chance to make acquaintances rather than just Q's. We'll have awards to present and maybe some gavels.

One week after the Galactic Event is the Orlando Hamfest. I've never been; but after driving **down** to Richmond why not continue **down** to Orlando. Maybe? In case you're wondering I'm writing this column in mid-January before leaving for vacation and projecting the future to the end of the month.

NAQP CW finished up for W3LL a few days ago. Cheerleader Lar K7SV did a masterful job in rallying the troops while Tim N3QE reported on its success. The hard parts are yet to come. NAQP SSB is/was next followed at the end of the month by NAQP RTTY.

PVRC's 70th anniversary special event program ended on 31 December. To say it was a success would be an understatement. Program manager and VP Jay W3MMM reports: "I've gathered all the logs for the callsigns except W3GRF, and there are over 10,000 Q's in there. Roughly 2000 per callsign and spread amazingly evenly, given that we didn't make an active effort to ensure an even number of Q's by callsign. The final number will be about 12 or 13,000-ish. I should have the full stats in another few weeks."

Now let's turn to the **Sports Page** and see what you did during the month.

The new year got off with the ARRL RTTY Roundup, which N3QE says (and he knows these things) there was an all-time high number of PVRC entries. There were several multiops from PVRC. W4RM put up an impressive top 10 world finish with 1417 QSO/170K in M/S HP. Team K3AJ included two RTTY first timers W3GXP and KB3VQC, among others, coming in with a respectable 1067/110K. Dueling OM and XYL multiops by WA3EKL and N3DPB seem to be a regular happening now. Team WA3EKL edged out the XYL's team this time around. And although a limited time entry, the W3DQ multiop was notable for providing the venue to NN3W's first attempt at a RTTY contest. It is reported that Rich was pretty much in the groove quickly. The W4AAW remote superstation was limited by electrical problems and some antennas down, but team W6IHG from there managed 550/575K in M/S LP. KA4RRU has an apparent #3 world finish in SO LP with 1318/143K. KU4V put up a good score in that category as well with 847/76K . K3ZU and N4DXS broke 500 QSO for almost 54K and 47K, respectively.

SO U HP featured a horse race between RTTY mavens W3LL and N3QE both finishing in the top 10. Eyeing each other all the way on cqcontest live scoring, W3LL pulled ahead to finish with 1600 for 198K to N3QE's 1558/190K. Despite a frozen rotator and SteppIR troubles, AB3CV put in the #3 PVRC score in this category with 948 for 115K. Other in this category north of 500 QSO included W4MYA (803/93K), KB1RI (652/59K), K4XL (516/51K) and W1IE (614/50K). K4GMH took the #2 spot in SO U LP with 1200 QSO for 121K. N4NQY braved the ether with QRP in this one. Congrats to K3IRV for giving this a go as his first time ever RTTY contest, making over 200 QSO. WG4M reports this as his first contest in a while and using only attic antennas.

And here we go – welcome to the 2018 running of the NAQP Club Challenge! We are going to try our best to recapture the cup after last year's well-deserved victory by SMC. This year, it is going to be a four-way race with the Dallas-Fort Worth Contest Group joining in. PVRC got off to a good start.

Conditions were great for the NAQP CW – 160, 80 and 40 were exceptional. There was tons of activity. More than a few of the more than 100 PVRC'ers who played reported personal bests. Several PVRC teams memorialized K3LP by using David as their name. Of the "real" M/2 teams, congrats to team NC4KW (at N1LN) who took the #6 spot in the increasingly competitive category (and in NAQP the stations in the middle of the US seem to have a big advantage), followed immediately by team KE3X (KE3X and KD4D are working on their teamwork for WRTC) who came in at #7. Team WA3EKL was there as always, and team W4AAW played on 80 and 20 only as the station undergoes work. K3CCR put up a good M/2 with 767 QSO.

A real trend in NAQP is the number of stations playing as "fake" M/2 (not to be confused with "fake news"). These are really SO with assistance. This time, 15 PVRC entrants played that way to maximize the PVRC score. W3LL made the top ten of all M/2 this way making 889 QSO. K3AU (K2YWE wasn't far behind with 837 QSO. W4MYA put up over 700 QSO. AA3S, N4CF (with only a wire) and AB3CV all put up over 500 QSO in "fake" M/2. Recalling that there is no circle in NAQP, PVRC member from the west WJ9B was #9 overall in SO LP making over 1200 QSO. N4AF and N4YDU scored over 1100 QSO. K7SV broke the 1000 QSO mark. N8II and N3QE came in north of 900 QSO, and N9NB (despite a number of antenna problems), K3TN (with just an OCF dipole), K3AJ and K0ZR all made over 800 QSO. W1IE, K4YCR and AH7U all gave it a go in QRP.

Congratulations to KK4R who has just started his Morse academy L3 course and gave it a go running on CW – successfully! He made 299 QSO. K8GU wasted no time in his short effort putting up over 200 QSO in two hours. We always like to acknowledge those who carry on despite having only very limited antennas. WC4J and his mighty tank antenna and NI1N with a low 40M "FD" dipole had fun. W6IHG tried a few QSO from home using a Tarheel whip. W4GG was not quite QRP, running 10W to indoor antennas, proving that you can always get on no matter what.

Conditions in NAQP SSB were not nearly as good, but PVRC still had a good turnout with 88 logs in as of this writing. It looks like stations to our west experienced better conditions. No PVRC SO scored higher than 35th place – very unusual! There was titanic struggle in progress between team N3QE (at N3HBX) and team WX3B in M/2. N3QE prevailed, taking #3 overall in this very competitive category with 1773 QSO for 369K. WX3 B followed in the #5 spot with 1459/298K. There were three other strong M/2 teams from PVRC: KE3X at #11 with 710 QSO, WA3EKL at #14 with 576 QSO and K3CCR at #18 with 492 QSO. The word from team KE3X, handing out the DC mult while developing teamwork between KE3X and KD4D for WRTC competition, was that KD4D really enjoyed his first exposure to inner city LP SSB contesting ("Gee Toto, I don't think we're in Glenwood anymore").

Among the "fake" M/2 ops (aka – SO assisted), W4MYA ran 'em for the #10 spot, beating a bunch of "real" M/2's with 722 QSO for 19K. In SO LP, K7SV had the top PVRC score with 619 QSO for 102K. Other good efforts in this category yielded QSO counts north of 600 for N1LN (using two keyboards with SO2R and extensive voice recordings) and NA3D, above 500 for KB1RI and KU4V, and above 400 for K4XL, N4CW and K3WI (handing out the DE mult in only 4 hours of operation.

QRP'ers K4YCR, K0OO (at W3RFC) and AH7U answered the call as well. K3WI and W3FA played as PVRC Eastern Shore Team 1 – a first from the Eastern Shore, we think. W3UL did his first ever remote operation from CA with a simple set up using

remote access to his shack computer and Skype. Congrats to W3RCO on his second ever contest!

That's it for another month. 73, Bud W3LL

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Silent Keys Jack K4VV and David K3LP



From Mike W4AAW: Jack retired from the Army Signal Corps with the rank of Colonel. He specialized in noise research and held a PhD in Physics. Jack was a past president of PVRC and an active DXer and contester (both HF and VHF). He was a longtime member of the W3SO VHF contesting group in PA and a Life Member of ARRL.

Jack & Sharon purchased a large tract of land atop Catoctin Ridge near Paeonian Springs, VA and moved there (as near as I can remember,) 17 years ago. The land was formerly part of the Arthur Godfrey, (K4LIB) (SK) estate called Beacon Hill.

Shortly after moving to La Belle Vie, Jack began construction of his dream multi-position contesting station. The physical layout included a custom build cabin/shack and a superbly engineered antenna farm with two Telrex Big Berta rotating poles, a 106' monopole and a 120' Pierod self-supporting tower.

About the time Jack's ridgetop station was completed, Jack was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. He and Sharon very graciously allowed a group of Jack's Amateur Radio friends to continue to operate Jack's dream station so Jack could visit and see his dream being fulfilled. His station was for several years, at the forefront of multi-multi remote radio contesting. The station was closed three years ago. The four towers and huge OWA yagis now stand silent on Beacon Hill.

Jack was a kind, happy, brilliant, highly accomplished and generous man.





David K3LP, Fred K3ZO and Alex KU1CW (via W4AAW)

From Jim WX3B: It is with a heavy heart and tremendous sadness that I report one of my closest friends, David Collingham, K3LP has died. I received the news via Facebook from his Wife Rebecca this morning, and confirmed it when I talked with her. David was a great man, larger than life, with a big heart. He loved his wife and his children very much.

David, thank you for taking me on my first DX-pedition, and for educating me and encouraging me to finally find a good YL!! You will be sorely missed. RIP, OM.

Via K3ZO, a video tribute to David K3LP is here

(Editor's note: Rebecca's email address is rcollingham@yahoo.com You can email Rebecca to express your sympathy and you can also use that email address to make PayPal contributions for the scholarship fund set up for David and Rebecca's children.)

Antenna Info – Don N4DJ

I frequently get questions on antennas and Beverages/ BOGs, in particular. I have taken some of my club presentations and uploaded them to YouTube. I have added an Antenna playlist to my YouTube channel and I plan on adding more.

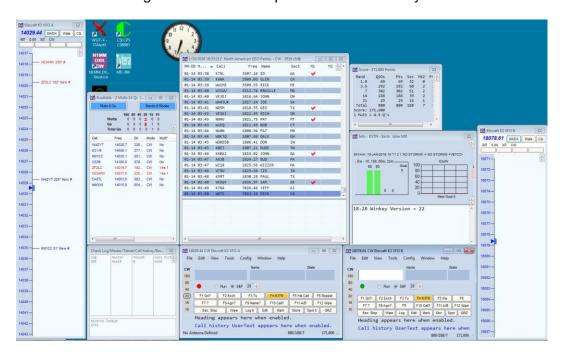
Looking back, I find I have given quite a lot of club presentations in the Hampton/Norfolk/ Williamsburg area so I thought I would post the link that would go to my Antenna playlist on YouTube. I presently have info on 80 meter half square, Beverages and BOGs as well as basic dipole configurations. One series I am working on started as a Blog called Antenna Ramblings. It started as a result of Antenna questions and impromptu talks I tend to give at the drop of a hat. Some people think I talk too much, but maybe that's because I spend most of my operating time on CW?

My YouTube channel can be found here.

Maximizing Multipliers Without Cluster Spotting or SO2R - John K3TN

The recent NAQPs and the Stew Perry 160 contest are examples of contests that don't have a Single Op Assisted category – if you use spotting, you are competing with the multi-op stations. I often enjoy operating Sweepstakes in "classic" mode, as well, and I've evolved my own personal strategy for maximizing multipliers at my home single op, 1 radio/1 antenna station.

My rig is an Elecraft K3 with the second receiver installed, so I usually set up N1MM for SO2V (Single Op 2 VFO) operation, with 2 entry screens and ability to have VFO A in left ear and VFO B in right ear and bandmaps on both sides of my screen.



I have the F11 key set up as a SWAP VFO macro and I have the Elecraft KPOD remote knob thing. There are keys N1MM has set up for this "swap focus" kind of thing (like PAUSE and \) as well as other 2 key combinations, like ALT-F10. They may have advantages for SO2R, but for SO2V using the F11 macro seems to have less delay and is just easier for me.

1. At the start of the contest, as well as for every band change and after every rest period, I spin the knob to S&P up to the top of the band and down back down once. Any station ready to be worked, I work. If I hear the exchange, and it is a mult but not ready to be worked I'll hit A=B (VFO) to have that freq in VFO B. If the mult is ready to be worked before I've started calling some other station, I hit F11 (SWAP) work them or not (only 1 try), hit F11 to go back to calling CQ with one hand turning VFO A knob with the other. If I don't work them on first try I'll enter the call before hitting SWAP - they are now on the band map and I can start using the CTRL Up and Down arrows later to quickly look in on them.

I do that once up, come back down - then find a freq and start running.

2. Once running, I start with only VFO A in both ears, concentrating on owning the frequency and getting the rate up (and dealing with the RBN/cluster induced starting spike that usually hits), then I'll go to stereo mode and start tuning between CQs looking for mults on the same band. In domestic contests where the mults are states, I usually don't listen for the exchange from 2/3/6/8/9 call districts or VE3 – sooner or later going to get them no matter what. But in tests where mults are sections, have to listen through on 3s if need DE, 6s, etc.

Then I pretty much do (1) above on VFO B while CQing on VFO A. If the rate on VFO A gets really low, I'll start working Qs (vs. only mults) on VFO B to boost the rate. If the rate gets really high (which usually means someone/something spotted you) I turn stereo off and focus on working out the spurt.

Later in the contest, I'll change the strategy a bit - many of the rare states/sections will show up way high in the band, so will just sweep back in forth up there on VFO B. In NAQP, found VY1AAA on several bands that way.

I almost never try more than twice on a new mult - even in NAQP, a new mult is only worth 4-6 Qs. For either (1) or (2) scenario above, I'll just wait until the timing is right to hit F11 and come back.

Occasionally, I get discombobulated (usually when trying to fight off a frequency raider on VFO A while trying to work a mult on VFO B) and honk up both VFOs so that neither one is on my run frequency anymore. Usually ALT Q will get me back - if not, I look up at the log see my run freq and enter the last 3 digits (045) in the callsign box, hit enter and adjust from there.

Notes:

- 1. In N1MM, SO2V is selected in the Configurer Menu, Hardware tab.
- 2. The K3 macro for SWAP A/B is {CAT1ASC SWT11;}
- 3. The stereo receive toggle in N1MM is the accent or `key, usually under ESC
- 4. The K3 has options in the CONFIG menu for how you control VFO A/B relative AF gains. I set L-MIX-R to "A b" and SUB AF to "Balance"

Here's the approach Tom KG3V uses for single radio S&Ping:

- Start at the top (or bottom, if you prefer) of the Band with BANDMAP displayed
- Work my way down, listening for any CQ or QSO
- If CQ try to work 'em
- If **not** CQ, or I failed to get response from the CQ-er
 - See if I can quickly tell who owns the freq, and enter that call into the ENTRY WINDOW, then move on (this will put the call of the RUN Station on the BANDMAP and it will be RED if it is a new MULT)
- Keep moving down the Band
- If I find a nice clear freq, may switch to RUN Mode
- if I get to the end of the Band, either try working the BANDMAP spots (all of which I created - no external assistance) - new MULTS first
- Do it again, and again....

70th Anniversary Celebration Wrap-up - Jay W3MMM

2017 was the 70th anniversary of PVRC, and we celebrated on the air with a special event. We put six callsigns on the air: N4P, N4V, N4R, N4C plus W3GRF (Len Chertok's callsign) and W3AU (Ed Bissell's callsign). The calls were activated from Dec 24- Dec 31, providing a fitting end to our 70th year.

Special QSL cards were created and the goal for those working our stations was to get "the sweep" of all six callsigns. The six QSLs fit together to form a montage of PVRC history.



Event Commentary:

The event was fun and offered a few surprises, mainly in the fervor in which people chased us. Some quotes and notes:

Pip, WB4FDT, activated W3GRF using W3GRF's bugs, a fitting tribute. And Frank, W3LPL, activated W3GRF on 630 meters, a first!

K3AJ: It is amazing how these special event things develop a life of their own. Now that the word is out, there are many stations chasing all six of our calls. As the word has gotten out, I am finding the CW activity has picked up a lot, although the SSB pileups are still pretty good. And some have even made their own challenges by trying to work all of us on CW, all on a single band, etc. Great fun for everyone and great publicity for a great club!

CX1EK: Good morning from the Southern Hemisphere - I congratulated to all the operators that took the time to be on the bands celebrating the 70th anniversary. This morning I have pleasure to exchange reports with W3AU on 14047.1. Was emotional for me to be able to contact Ed's call and thinking good memories from the middle 70's at that great station. Hope to work more stations on 14 MHz before the 31st.

W3MMM: Getting a call from KW2FLY/AM was really cool, that's only happened to me a few times before. He was 37,000 feet in the air over Lincoln Nebraska and heading to Newark Airport. He had it on autopilot ("hands free"!) and was just scanning the bands.

W3IUU: Lenny came up with the plans and permits, and did much of the building of my 60-foot tower in 1982, on a 55 x 100-foot lot. K4FJ, my father K0DYK and my brother W6PR did parts of the construction.

N3QE's "best of":

- 1. You're the last one I needed, now I have all 6 special event calls worked! (Dozens of these).
- 2. You're the last one I needed to get a sweep on phone, or CW, or band-mode, or whatever! (A few of those). This is a challenge created by the searcher themselves:-)
- 3. I just got my license and you are my first QSO! (Two of those).
- 4. I just got a new rig for Christmas, and you're my first QSO on my new rig! (A dozen of these).
- 5. I just got my old Swan rig out of the garage after 25 years, you're my first QSO in 25 years! (A couple like this. The Swan must've been old when it got relegated to the garage in the first place!).
- 6. I'm an out-of-circle PVRC member, great to hear you guys on! And then I tell them how they can find our website and earn PVRC 5M points in 13 contests every year: http://www.pvrc.org/5M/5milrules.pdf (At least a dozen of these).
- 7. I'm a member of SMC, or FCG, or CCO, or DFW, thanks for helping promote contest activity, see you in the NAQP's! (At least a dozen of these)
- 8. Boy is it cold here! (Hundreds and hundreds of these!) I have a very distinct feeling that folks deciding to play with the radio indoors rather than go out in the cold, in the midwest, were a big boost in our activity.
- 9. Congratulations on the 70th Anniversary! A thousand plus of these!!!!

A handful of videos were recorded:

N3QE as N4C, as recorded by an SWL here.

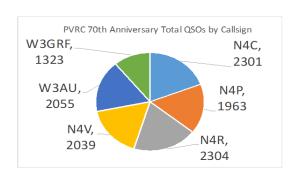
Daniel G3VM records WX3B operating as N4V here. More N4V here.

Thanks to all the ops and other help: AC8Y, K2YWE, K3AJ, K3EW, K3KU, K3RV, K4SO, K7SV, KG4USN, KK4ODQ, KK4R, KK4RWB, N3QE, N4RV, N4YDU, N8II, N9NB, ND3D, NN3W, NR4M, W1IE, W2CDO, W3IUU, W3LL, W3LPL, W3MMM, W3TB, W3XOX, W4JAM, W4MYA, W4VIC, WA3RWP, WB4FDT, WF3C and WX3B.

John, W4JAM, wins the "hardest working man in show biz" award with 1551 QSOs in the logs - but make no mistake, everyone able put in a heck of an effort, individually and collectively. Thank you ALL for the work!

Thanks to N4KW (W3AU trustee) and W3LPL (W3GRF trustee) for permissions and participation. And thanks to Nick KK4ODQ for the primary assist, Ulis K3LU for the QSL duties, and all the advice from folks like WX3B, K3AJ, N3QE and others.

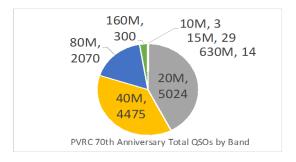
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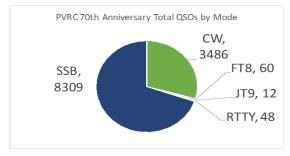


Total QSOs: 11,985
Total Unique Callsigns Worked: 6,415
Total Known Sweeps: 229

States Worked: 50
DXCC Entities Worked: 91

Most entries in all logs:
US: W4MYA - 50 entries. Dude!! Way to go, Bob!
VE: VE1AOE - 23 entries
DX: XE2AU - 12 entries



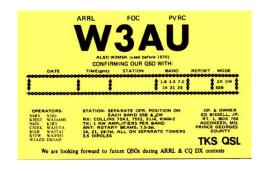


QSL Envelopes received so far: Over 200 and counting

Now on to getting QSLs printed and out the door! We will take the opportunity to identify non-members (particularly in-circle) and promote PVRC and the fun we have.

As Bob Hope would say – thanks for the memories!





Blue Ridge Chapter Meeting – Mike W4AAW

The Blue Ridge Chapter had a big turnout at the January lunch at the newly refurbished Smokin' Willy in Purcellville VA. Stuart WB3FDL is a prospective member from Shepardstown WV who discovered PVRC and the meeting from the PVRC Facebook page.



Clockwise from lower left: Paul N4PD, Mike W3IP, Dick W2YE, Steve NR4M, Jerry W6IHG, Dave KE4S, John W5ODJ, John N4MM, Dick N4RA, Pete N4ZR, Robert W8ZA, Barry WR3Z, Stuart WB3FBL, Rick N1RM, Mike W4AAW (K3TN photo)

February Is Real ™ Contest Month – John K3TN

Two of my favorite contests are in February:

- Feb 4th, 0000 0400Z NA Sprint CW: The <u>Sprints</u> are not everyone's cup of tea but I think it is the most fun you can pack into four hours. Note: <u>DC</u> has been added as multiplier to the CW Sprint!
- Feb 17th/18th ARRL DX CW: 20M will be a zoo but the low bands will likely be in great shape. You can download the PVRC ARRL DX Contest Cookbook here

The NAQP RTTY also falls in February – details here.

Membership News – Tim N3QE

PVRC did not add any new members in the latest reporting period.

Chapter leaders please remember to complete the <u>Meeting Attendance Report</u>. Members can check and update their roster details via the <u>Roster Lookup</u>.

Upcoming Contests and Log Due Dates

Contests This Month

- Feb 4 NA Sprint CW
- Feb 10 CQ WW RTTY WPX
- Feb 10 PACC
- Feb 17 ARRL DX CW
- Feb 23 CQ WW 160 SSB
- Feb 24 NAQP RTTY

Logs Due This Month

- Feb 1 ARRL VHF
- Feb 2 CQ WW 160 CW
- Feb 4 HA DX
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See WA7BNM's Contest Calendar for more detail and the latest information.

From the PVRC Treasurer – Tom K3AJ

PVRC has chosen not to implement an annual Dues requirement. We depend on the generosity of all of our club members to finance our annual budget. In addition, active PVRC members are expected to participate and submit logs for at least two PVRC Club Competition contests per year.

When contemplating your donation to PVRC, each member should consider the benefit you are receiving from PVRC and its many opportunities for your personal growth in our wonderful hobby, then donate accordingly.

Direct donations to PVRC via Credit Card or PayPal may be made by clicking this "Donate" button and clicking the next Donate button that appears on your screen:



Eyeball QSO Directions

The latest info on local club meetings and get together will always be sent out on the PVRC reflector and posted on the PVRC web site.

NW Region: Meetings are generally held on the third Tuesday of each month at: <u>Chef Lin</u>, 417 S Jefferson St. Frederick, MD 21701 Phone #: 301-620-0664(2675) The meeting begins at 7:00 PM.

Contact: Jim WX3B

DC Metro: Meets monthly the second Monday of each month, except June, July & August). The location alternates between the below MD and VA locations. Pre-meeting dinners start at 6:00 pm and meetings start at 7:30 pm.

VA LOCATION: Anita's, 521 E. Maple Ave, Vienna, VA. Tel: 703-255-1001. Meets at this location during the months of February, April and October. Contact: Rich NN3W

MD LOCATION: Max's Café. 2319 University Blvd W, Wheaton MD 20902. Tel: 301-949-6297 People usually begin arriving at the restaurant around 6:00. Meets at this location during the months of January, March, May, September and November. Contact: Art K3KU

The Laurel, MD Region: Bill N3XL The PVRC get-together is held at the first <u>LARC</u> meeting each quarter at the clubhouse.

The Annapolis Crew: Dan K2YWE Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at Broadneck Grill in Annapolis. We gather at about 5:30 PM and order dinner about 6. We break up usually before 8 PM. E-Mail <u>K2YWE</u> to be put on the e-mail reminder list.

PVRC-NC: The **PVRC-NC East** chapter meetings are held at Manchester's Bar and Grill on the 9100 block of Leesville Rd. in North Raleigh, with "QRM" beginning at 6:00pm and the dinner meeting following shortly thereafter. The meeting is held monthly on the 1st Thursday of most months, cancellations or changes usually announced on the PVRC-NC website.

The **PVRC-NC West** chapter meets the 3rd Monday of each month (except December) at about 7:00 PM at Hams Restaurant, 414 S. Stratford Rd., Winston-Salem on the south end of the Thruway Shopping Center. We meet in the front meeting room of the restaurant. A wide variety of cold 801s and Sports bar menu available. Contact Henry Heidtmann W2DZO, full info at http://www.w4nc.com

Over the Hill Bunch: The group meets for lunch at noon alternately in Maryland at the Sir Walter Raleigh Inn 6323 Greenbelt Rd, Berwyn Heights, MD or in Virginia at Anthony's restaurant in Falls Church. Meetings generally are held on the last Wednesday of the month and are subject to change. Meetings are announced by email.

All PVRC members, non-members interested in membership and guests are welcome. For information contact Roger Stephens, <u>K5VRX</u>, 703-658-3991 for Virginia meetings; or Cliff Bedore <u>W3CB</u> or get on 147.00 for Maryland meetings.

Downtown DC Lunch Group

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Contact either Chapter Chair: Don Lynch, W4YZT, or Ron Young, W8RJL

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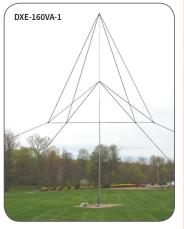
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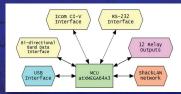






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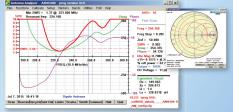


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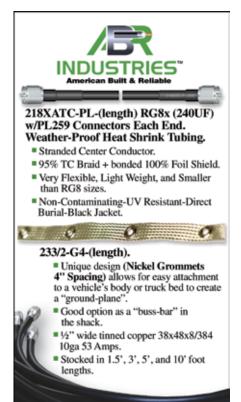




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