



## Potomac Valley Radio Club Newsletter

June, 2003

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and <http://www.pvrcnc.org>

### Thanks to K3DI...

Our thanks to Dick Wilder, K3DI, for his many years of service as newsletter editor and producer. Dick put in many hours over the last seven years producing and editing this newsletter.

This month we unveil the new and evolving PVRC newsletter, temporarily edited by N3OC. We plan on continuing the fine work Dick has started for us, and we welcome your comments, articles, and suggestions.

Our intent is to produce the newsletter in a color electronic PDF format available via email, and a black & white printed format mailed to those who wish. We will give each member the option of receiving the newsletter either, or both ways. Archived editions of the newsletter will continue to be posted on the PVRC web site.

The newsletter needs your input! We would like to run monthly columns covering topics of interest to contesters. We are in need of editors for columns on contest operating, dxpeditions, antennas and contest software. If anyone wishes to volunteer to take on one of these topics for a monthly column, please let us know. With a little help, we can make the newsletter a world-class rag and provide real value to our members.

We are also looking for a permanent newsletter editor. If you are interested, please contact K4VV. See his report on Page 2.

**GO PVRC!**

### IH9P Tikiriki Contest Group Visits PVRC

by N3OC

Last week, PVRC was visited by three members of the IH9P contest group. IH9P is the claimed score winner of the 2002 CQWW SSB, with 53 million points, from Pantelleria Island in African Italy. They were invited to visit us by Ed, K3PN, who is a member of their contest team.



*Giovanni I2IFT, Vinni IK2CIO & Joe IT9BLB  
at the White House*

The group had planned to make a presentation at the Dayton Hamvention, but they were completely booked, so they gave their presentation to PVRC on our regular Monday meeting night instead. They flew in to Dulles Sunday evening, were picket up by K3PN and delivered to N3OC's QTH to stay until leaving for Dayton Thursday morning.

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On Monday, the group toured Washington DC visiting the Museum of Natural History, then joined PVRC members at the Olive Garden for the Central Region meeting. The IH9P group has produced a video showing the setup, operation, and takedown of their world-class contest effort. The video was followed by a power-point presentation covering the great planning and detail that went into their effort, and the presentation was followed by questions from PVRC members.



*Joe IT9BLB takes questions at the PVRC Central Region Meeting*

On Tuesday, IT9BLB, IK2CIO, I2IFT and N3OC returned to Washington DC to visit the Air and Space Museum and the White House. In the afternoon, we visited K3ZO's station, saw Fred's massive antennas, worked some DX, and chatted with Fred. Tuesday's night's dinner was hosted by Roger K1DQV at La Andariego in Ashton, Md.

Wednesday we did some shopping in the area, and visited W3LPL's station in the afternoon. Needless to say, Joe, Vinni and Giovanni were quite impressed with Frank's massive station, and especially his new rotating towers. That evening N3OC treated the group to some Caribbean cooking at this QTH, followed by some Passito Wine from Pantelleria Island provided by K3PN.

Thursday morning, the group headed to Dulles for the flight to Dayton for the Hamvention.

Thanks to Joe IT9BLB, Vinni IK2CIO, and Giovanni I2IFT for a great presentation and a wonderful time!

## PVRC President's Report

By Jack Hammett K4VV

Contesting enthusiasm is vigorous in the Potomac Valley Radio Club! My contacts with you confirm that many of us are seeking to build our stations, skills and operating opportunities. There is real energy to build our competitiveness.

In mid April, Sharon and I traveled to Raleigh, N. C. to welcome a new granddaughter. I called Guy-K2AV, our VP-South, and he suggested a trip to Winston-Salem. With Guy and Jim-WW4M, we visited Henry-W2DZO and Raja-KB6MTH who are the leaders of the contesting and club activities in Winston-Salem. Henry is a vigorous leader who is driving hard to support the growing contesting activity in the community. He has hosted multi-op activity in his vintage shack with four positions and two towers on a city lot. The local team has recently shifted to a new site for the multi-op contesting, and the antenna farm is growing. Raja is the President of one of the local clubs, and he adds energy and leadership. We had a great visit and recognize the obvious good fit for the Winston-Salem contesters with PVRC. Several are already members, active with the Raleigh team. The long drive is an obstacle for frequent meeting participation. Henry let me know this week that their contesting club of 17 members are ready to become a part of PVRC. See the web site at <http://summitschool.com/facility/w4ws.html> for more information. Winston-Salem is on the frontier of PVRC, as our Circle cuts through the community.

Rich-KE3Q is the leader of the PVRC Circle Team, with the mission to examine and recommend adjustments in the circle that will make us more competitive and inclusive while respecting the current cadre of active members. Guy-K2AV and Jim-WX3B have agreed to support Rich to address the opportunity. The team is planning a June meeting, perhaps in conjunction with the Open House at W3LPL on June 21.

It was good to see many of you at Dayton. I expect to see you at W3LPL on June 21, at K4JA on July 26, and at W3YOZ (Fowlfest) on August 16.

I want to add my hearty congratulations to Dick Wilder for his seven years of great service to *(continued on Page 3)*

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PVRC as the Editor of our Newsletter. Dick pulled it all together--editing, production, and distribution. This is a huge contribution to our club and our members. Thank you Dick!

Please consider who may be a good candidate to lead our Newsletter effort.

## Contest Scores

CQ WPX CW #2  
30-May-03

Call	Band	QSOs	Mults	Score
Single-Op High Power				
W4MYA		2499	772	4,803,384
WR3Z		1985	664	3,584,936
KD4D	15	1480	691	2,324,524
W4YE		1090	521	1,527,051
K2UOP		1210	507	1,505,818
K3WA		969	460	1,072,260
N3OC		1036	462	1,048,740
N8II	20	905	496	1,030,688
K8OQL		1004	436	943,068
N3AM		767	396	818,928
W3AZ		570	369	638,001
W3HVQ		559	353	527,029
W4TNX		558	325	346,450
WC4VA		351	275	266,475
N4MM		199	176	96,800
W4RIM		104	90	20,020
W4ZYT	20	50	50	6,800

Single Op Low Power				
WJ9B		1218	501	1,493,481
NR3X		1114	493	1,237,923
K4EU		676	369	562,725
W2YE		443	280	303,240
W0YR/4	40	300	224	243,712
W4IDX	40	253	174	128,934
N3XL		193	###	67,938
W3CB		184	144	51,984
N3BF		74	68	10,404
K4FTO		33	29	1,073
W3CP	40	10	10	480

## Single-Op QRP

### Single-Op Assisted

WM4RM	1777	674	3,541,870
K3KO	1154	565	1,851,505
K4FPF	545	319	426,184
W4HJ	263	213	171,039
W2GG	###	###	152,100

### TB-Wires

N3UM	1324	563	1,699,697
WF3J	893	459	1,025,406
KO1N	622	359	596,658

### Band-Limited

#### Rookie

#### Multi-One

#### Multi-Two

KM4M	4505	1033	12,946,589
NG3U	1832	702	3,015,090

#### Multi-Multi

NY4A	5225	1052	15,343,420
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### Dxpedition

CW Logs: 39  
CW Club Score: 65,432,424

SSB Logs: 55  
SSB Club Total: 54,309,379

Combined Logs: 94  
Combined Total: 119,741,803

### Operators (non-PVRC):

KD4D: KD4D at N3HBX  
KM4M: K4JA K7SV K9GY N4GG W3BP (K9ZO)  
at K4JA  
KO1N: K1KO  
NG3U: W4EE K3FT K3DI  
NR3X: N4YDU  
NY4A: N4AF K2AV K4QPL W2CS  
WC4VA: K4EC  
WM4RM: W4RM

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Corrections, additions, etc. - email to w2gg@arrl.net

## Central Region Meeting Minutes 5/12/03

By Jack Hammett K4VV

Attendees included Ed-K3PN(program leader for PVRC), Joe IT9BLB, Giovanni I2IFT, Vini IK2CIO, Eric-W3DQ, Bill-K3WA, Mark-KD4D, Ed-K3IXD, Brian-N3OC, Jack-K4VV, Dick-W2YE, John-N3AM, Bud-W3LL, Jerry-K8OQL, John,-N4MM, Jim-W6NRJ, Jim-N3JT, Bob-W8ZA, Dan-W0CN, Marty-K2PLF, Art-W3KHZ, Ben-N3UM, Marty-W3YOZ, KI3O-Bob Lepel-litier(potential new member invited by N3OC), NQ4K-Gordon(invited by W4YE), AF4MO (invited by W4YE), Eric-W3DQ, Ed-W3EKT, Jim-W4EE, Irv-W3IRV, Tom-K3TW, Bob-KC3VO, and guests in town for the FOC meeting: Rick-N6XI, K3QDC-Norm, Mike-KC7V, Bob-5B4AGN, and Leif-OZ1LO.

Bob Gutshall, W3BTX from Altoona, PA was elected to membership.

Special thanks to the IH9P Team for a great presentation and to Bob-KC3VO for providing the screen, projector and audio system to make it all possible.

## PVRC / CARA Field Day 6/28/03

By Rol Anders K3RA

This year's field day will be the weekend of June 28, and once again PVRC and CARA are planning an all-out effort. The location is the Mount View Middle School, on Route 99 just east of Route 32, in Howard County. Setup begins Friday afternoon at 2pm, and the actual event begins Saturday afternoon at 2pm. Take down is Sunday at 2pm.

Members are needed to help in all areas, including transportation of equipment to the site, setup, operating, food and drink, generators, take down and clean up.

There will be an organizational meeting after the PVRC meeting at the W3LPL open house on June 21. The PVRC meeting is usually at 3pm, so the field day group will meet immediately afterwards.

An email mailing list has been set up by CARA. To subscribe, send an email to [majordomo@columbiarar.org](mailto:majordomo@columbiarar.org) with a blank subject line, and the following line in the body of your email - subscribe w3ao your@emailaddress. To post a message to the w3ao reflector, send an email to [w3ao@columbiaara.org](mailto:w3ao@columbiaara.org).

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**PVDXSN Packetcluster**

W3LPL	Glenwood MD	145.590
		441.250
W3IP	Crownsville MD	145.570
WR3L	Baltimore MD	145.610
		440.950
N3RR	Rockville MD	145.510
		441.325
K3SKE	Frederick MD	144.930
		441.125
W3YOZ	West River MD	144.910
W3TOM	Acokeek MD	145.770
N1WR	Lusby MD	145.690
N4OHE	Mt. Weather VA	145.710
		446.025
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K4JA*	Callao VA	145.090

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 (Members only, if your callsign is not part of your email address, send an email to n4af@qsl.net to subscribe.)

**PVRC Dues**

PVRC has no annual dues. In lieu of dues, each member is expected to submit two contest scores for PVRC annually. Donations are gratefully accepted by the Treasurer, Dave Baugher WR3L, 615 Rockaway Beach Ave., Baltimore MD 21221. Please make your checks payable to PVRC.

**Newsletter Editor**

Position Vacant! Contact K4VV.

**Autocall Column Editor**

Dick Wilder, K3DI. Contesting articles for our autocall column are requested.

**PVRC MEETINGS**

**Central Region**

Regional Coordinator Brian McGinness N3OC  
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 Meetings are always the second Monday of each month, except June, July and August. Meetings alternate between MD and VA locations. January, March, May, September and November are in Temple Hills, MD at the Church of the Nativity. February, April, October and December are at the Patrick Henry Library on Route 123 (Main St.) in Vienna, VA.

Pre-meeting dinner get-togethers are held at Topolino's Italian restaurant on Old Branch Ave. before the MD meetings, and at the Outback Steakhouse on Route 123 before the VA meetings, usually around 6pm. Talk in is usually available on the 147.00 repeater.

**Northwest Region**

Regional Coordinator Bud Governale W3LL  
 410-666-9189 w3ll@arrl.net  
 Meets monthly on the third Tuesday. Dinner around 6pm, meeting at 7pm at the City Buffet, 1306 W. Partick St., Frederick MD, located to the rear of the shopping center behind Mountain View Diner.

**North Carolina Region**

Regional Coordinator Jim Price WW4M  
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 See <http://www.pvrnc.org> for more info.  
 PVRC/NC meets the first Tuesday of the month, Sept. through March, 6pm, at Ryan's Family Steakhouse at the Crossroads in Cary, NC. The April meeting is at the Raliegh hamfest.

**Tidewater Colony**

Meeting concurrent with the Virginia DX Century Club at Ryan's Steakhouse, on Battlefield Blvd. In Chesapeake, VA. Take the Battlefield Blvd South (VA 168) exit off I-64. Meetings are the third Tuesday of the month around 6:15-6:30pm. Contact W4ZYT 757-457-5181 or email w4zyt@exis.net for additional info.

**Northeast Region**

Regional Coordinator Dave Baugher WR3L  
 (see Treasurer info at top of page)

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**Southwest VA Region**

Regional coordinator Mike Barts N4GU  
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 Meets Sept-June. Meetings are at the Roanoker Restaurant in Roanoke, VA dates vary, contact N4GU for latest info.

**BWI Region**

Weekly breakfast Weds. 7am at Basil's Deli Port (410-850-4333) on Elkridge Landing Rd 1/4 mile south of Wintergreen Rd. Contact Ike Lawton W3IKE 410-263-2830 or Howard Leake W6AXX 410-465-7008 w6axx1@starpower.net

**Over-the-hill Lunch**

Meetings are held monthly at three locations: Falls Church VA at the Parkview Marriott, Oxon Hill MD, and Beltsville MD. Meeting schedules are available by telephone or email. All are welcome. For info contact Ben Shaver AA4XU 703-534-4740 or Bill Leavitt W3AZ 301-292-5797.

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**Central Virginia Contest Club**

CVCC Pres. Roy Davis WK4Y 804-741-9315 rdd@i2020.net Monthly meetings 2nd Tuesday each month 6pm at the River City Diner on Huguenot Rd (dinner) and 7:30pm at the First Mennonite Church on Staples Mill Rd, Richmond VA (meeting). Talk-in on 145.43, PVRC regional coordinator W4ML.

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**Laurel Region**

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Laurel Region meets concurrently with  
the Laurel Amater Radio club at the first  
LARC meeting of each quarter.

**Summer Meetings**

June 21 W3LPL open house & PVRC/  
NCDXA meetings, 12 noon. Saturday  
before field day.

July K4JA open house July 26 12 noon.

August 16 W3YOZ fowlfest & PVRC/  
NCDXA meetings

September WR3L open house Baltimore  
MD

Decmeber 8 PVRC annual holiday dinner,  
Olive Garden, Tysons Corner VA 6pm.

**5 Million Club Competetion Events**

January ARRL VHF Sweepstakes  
January CQ 160m CW  
February ARRL DX CW  
March ARRL DX SSB  
March CQWW WPX SSB  
May CQWW WPX CW  
August 9-10 DARC WAEDC CW  
September 13-14 DARC WAEDC SSB  
September 13-15 ARRL VHF QSO Party  
October 25-26CQWW SSB  
Nov 2-3ARRL Sweepstakes CW  
Nov 15-16 ARRL Sweepstakes SSB  
November 29-30 CQWW CW  
December 5-7 ARRL 160m  
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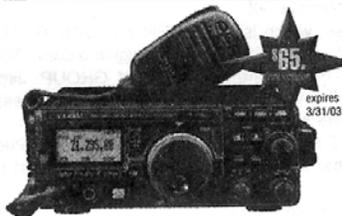
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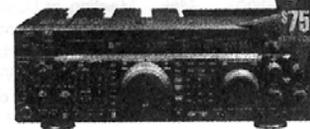
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