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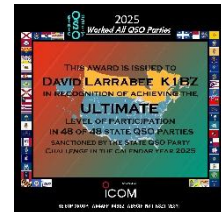
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President's Letter – Bill K3WA

I'll start this letter by asking you all to congratulate Dave K1BZ on his award for achieving the **ULTIMATE LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IN 48 OF 48 STATE QSO PARTIES** sanctioned by the State QSO Challenge in 2025. In the maritime world the signal flags BZ represent Well Done! BZ Dave.



The good words and praise extend to each and every one of you – the members of PVRC. Your willingness to devote your time keeping butts in chairs for contests, even when conditions are less than favorable, make all of us winners. The volunteer efforts of our leadership team including our chapter chairs, the wisdom of our Trustees, and the generosity of your donations fund our club's efforts and outreach lead the charge. That's the PVRC way.

We all know that PVRC is the winningest contest club in the USA – thanks to your efforts. PVRC finished #1 in the North America large club category in the 2015 DX Marathon. Thanks to the 115 PVRC members who submitted scores for PVRC's entry in the DX Marathon club challenge.

We are near the end of the 2025-2026 contest season, but we're not quite done yet. We have a few more this month to end the 2025-2026 contest season. Let's get out there and make some noise.

On a personal note, I have just relocated from Pittsboro, North Carolina to Westminster, Maryland. I look forward to meeting many more of you in the near future.

Lastly, please join me in congratulating Steve Worth, NC4SW as the new Chairman of the PVRC NC chapter.

GO PVRC! 73 and have fun... Bill K3WA

41st Annual W3LPL Open House: Saturday 20 June – Frank W3LPL

The Annual W3LPL Open House will take place on Saturday June 20th at noon, rain or shine. NCDXA and PVRC members and their guests are welcome. Food will be available on site from noon to 2 p.m.

PVRCers (and a few guests) at Hamvention 2026



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PVRC Reunion On The Air 2026

OVERVIEW

Wednesday 10 June 4 to 8 PM

Pre Reunion Zoom Gathering 4 to 5 PM

CW 5 to 6 PM

RTTY 6 to 7 PM

SSB 7 to 8 PM

Thursday 11 June 6 to 9 PM

RTTY 6 to 7 PM

CW 7 to 8 PM

SSB 8 to 9 PM

Friday 12 June 7 to 11 PM

SSB 7 to 8 PM

CW 8 to 9 PM

RTTY 9 to 10 PM

Post Reunion Zoom Meeting 10 to 11 PM

Exchange

A PVRC member's exchange is the year you joined PVRC, your name, your state/country, and your callsign when you joined PVRC

The UDC is published on N1MM+ web site

The Call History is prepared and will be published just before the reunion to ensure all new members are included

Meet and Greet Zoom Sessions

We will hold two meet-and-greet Zoom meeting sessions. The first is at 4PM on Wednesday 10 June and the second Friday 12 June at 10 PM after the third session. The link for the Zoom meeting will be distributed on the PVRC Reflector and our web site.

Please see the PVRC website for details.



2026 North American CW Weekend Jun 12-14 – Don W4ZYT

It's not too late to join your fellow CW enthusiasts for the North American CW Weekend this year! As in the past, the Weekend is primarily aimed at those amateur radio operators

with a particular interest in Morse code (CW) operation - FOC, CWOPS, SKCC, FISTS - but anyone with an interest in Morse code communication is welcome.

We are delighted to welcome regulars back, and look forward to meeting some new players.

There is a nominal registration of \$25 per couple or \$15 per single person. This will help defray costs and fees. Any excess will be donated to the CWOPS Scholarship fund. Please send your check, made out to Don Lynch W4ZYT at
1517 West Little Neck Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23452-4717

QUESTIONS/INQUIRIES: Email any questions to Don at: w4zyt.don@gmail.com

Event Summary: Hotel Rooms

North American CW Room Block

Start Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026

End Date: Monday, June 14, 2026

Last Day to Book at the Group Rate: Friday, May 15, 2026

Hotel:

Fairview Park Marriott (This is the usual for the past several years)

3111 Fairview Park Drive

Falls Church, VA 22042

Phone: 703-849-9400

Reservations: 800-228-9290 (Event is: North American CW Weekend)

Rate: \$ 129.00 plus taxes/night (Friday/Saturday)

Here is the program:

There will be a hospitality suite between 1800-2400 on Friday and Saturday with refreshments and snacks available, plus plenty of collegiality and good conversation.

Pizza - Friday Evening (6/12) at 1800

Ruffino's, 4763 Langston Blvd, Arlington VA.

Salad, beverage (non-alcoholic), unlimited pizza. Alcohol available.

Dress casual. Individual checks

Brunch – Saturday (6/13) from 0900 to 1200

Home of Nina Lane and Jim Talens (K4NML and N3JT)

6017 Woodley Road

McLean, VA 22101 Phone 703-241-1144

Dinner - Saturday Evening (6/13) from 1800 until...
Metro 29 Diner
4711 Lee Highway
Arlington, VA 22207
703-528-2454

Don't be put off by the "Diner" moniker. Take a look at the menu at their website at <https://metro29diner.com/>. This is an informal place with a class kitchen and a full selection of meal options which should suit every taste. Cocktails, beer, and wine are available. Dress casual. Individual checks.

We are looking forward to a nice weekend and good participation. This is a nice time of year in the DC area, and there are plenty of shopping or other places of interest to visit in your free time.

Mike KA4RRU and Steve N2FT Visit WB4BMQ

Steve helped Mike pick up a used antenna from WB4BMQ in Boaz Alabama on an overnight road trip. We were impressed by Loyd Richey's shack which features a 189 foot rotating Luzo self-supporting tower. (*Versions of that behemoth used to be the star of the show at Dayton every year – check out WB4BMQ's [QRZ page](#) for installation photos. K3TN*)



KA4RRU, WB4BMQ, N2FT



The behemoth

PVRC 6 Meter 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
N4BAA	190	K5EK	140	ZP6CW	116
K1HTV	181	N4TL	134	K1GG	115
AE3T	174	KG7H	133	N4DB	113
W3UR	173	K4SN	131	W3EKT	111
W4DR	173	N3OC	128	W4VIC	111
W3BTX	172	N3NT	127	K5ESW	111
W3LPL	169	W0VTT	126	K3AJ	110
AB3CV	164	W3XY	126	W4PK	109
K4SO	159	K3XA	125	K6ND	107
W3IP	157	K5VIP	124	W2YE	106
W3KX	154	KM3T	123	N4VA	106
W3LL	152	N4PY	123	N3DB	103
K4CIA	152	N4JQQ	123	W3OR	103
N4MM	152	W3DF	121	K3ZO	103
N2QT	150	AK3E	120	W4FQT	102
K3SX	148	N3MK	117	W3XO	100
WX4G	140	K3WC	117	W4TJ	100

Six Meter DX



Guide

Membership News – Steve NC4SW

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](#)

June 2026

<u>+ ARRL Inter. Digital Contest</u>	<u>1800Z, Jun 6 to 2400Z, Jun 7</u>
<u>+ PVRC Reunion</u>	<u>2100Z-2400Z, Jun 10</u>
<u>+ PVRC Reunion</u>	<u>2200Z, Jun 11 to 0100Z, Jun 12</u>
<u>+ PVRC Reunion</u>	<u>2300Z, Jun 12 to 0200Z, Jun 13</u>
<u>+ ARRL June VHF Contest</u>	<u>1800Z, Jun 13 to 0259Z, Jun 15</u>
<u>+ All Asian DX Contest, CW</u>	<u>0000Z, Jun 20 to 2400Z, Jun 21</u>
<u>+ His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB</u>	<u>1200Z, Jun 27 to 1200Z, Jun 28</u>
<u>+ ARRL Field Day</u>	<u>1800Z, Jun 27 to 2100Z, Jun 28</u>

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

Editor’s Last Word – John K3TN

Thanks to N2FT, W4ZYT, and W3LPL for contributions to this issue of the PVRC newsletter.

It was nice to have many eyeball QSOs at Hamvention and to see increasing levels of youth participation in the Contesting forum and activities. The Hope hotel could use a refresh and I sure would like to see Ohio finish the seemingly endless construction on I-70 east of Columbus.

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.

From the PVRC Treasurer – Ted WA3AER

PVRC has chosen not to implement an annual dues requirement. We depend on the generosity of all 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.

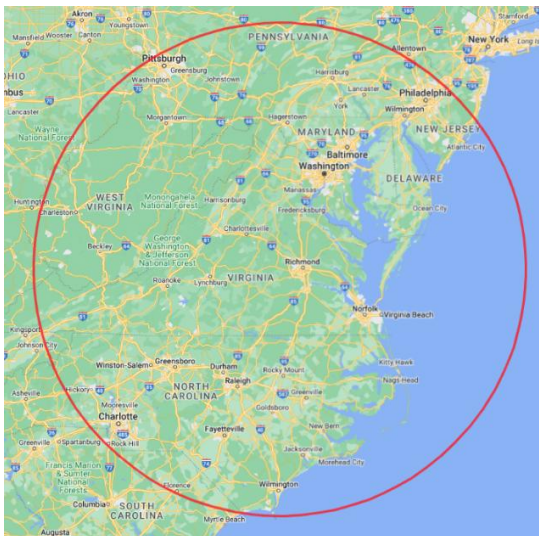
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Eyeball QSO Directions

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