



THE FRANKFORD RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER

PROFICIENCY THROUGH COMPETITION

CALENDAR

August 2002:

- 10-11 European DX Test, CW
13 Rexy's Meeting B, 8 PM (p. 4)
15 T.I.T.S. meeting, Noon (p. 4)
17 FRC Summer Meeting, N2EE
17-18 NJ QSO Party
27 Rexy's Meeting B, 8 PM (p. 4)

September 2002:

- 7-8 All Asian DX Test, SSB
8 North American Sprint, CW
10 FRC Meeting, Phila, 8 PM
10 REXY'S MEETING B
14-15 European DX Test, SSB
15 North American Sprint, SSB
19 T.I.T.S. meeting, Noon
21-22 Scandinavian Activity, CW
24 REXY'S MEETING B, 8 PM
28-29 Scandinavian Activity, SSB
28-29 CQ/RJ WW RTTY DX Test

October 2002:

- 5-6 Oceania DX Test, SSB
5-6 California QSO Party
8 FRC Meeting, Phila, 8 PM
12-13 PA QSO Party
12-13 Oceania DX Test, CW
26-27 CQWW SSB DX Test

November 2002:

- 2-3 ARRL Sweepstakes, CW
9-10 European DX Test, RTTY
16-18 ARRL Sweepstakes, SSB
23-24 CQWW CW DX Test

February 2003:

- 15-16 ARRL CW DX Test**

March 2003:

- 1-2 ARRL SSB DX Test**

FINAL FRC GENERAL SUMMER MEETING FOR 2002!!!!!!

Sunday, August 17, 2002

Mountain View resort Verkhovyna
369 High Rd., Glen Spey, NY 12737 USA

Editor's note: I highly suggest you go to the web site below for directions. The maps are great, I just couldn't get them to reproduce properly for the newsletter)

Located on the mountain top, 2 miles from the Delaware river, nestled between the Pocono and Catskill Mountains, where NY, NJ and PA meet, just 12 miles west of Port Jervis, NY and Matamoras, PA.

Take Hwy 84 to NY exit 1, or Rt. 23 or Rt. 6 to **Port Jervis, NY** or Hwy 84 to PA exit 11 or Rt. 209 to **Matamoras, PA**.

Go to/through Port Jervis to T junction with **traffic light of Rt. 209, 6, 97, 42**.

Take 97/42 west for 10.8 miles. There is a bridge over Delaware river on the left and motel on the right, **turn right onto High Rd (Rt. 41)**

Go up the steep hill for 1.7 miles, Verkhovyna is on the left, recreation area with lake on the right. Plenty of parking.

www.verkhovyna.com/directions.htm for further directions and maps.

President's Column



Doug wasn't able to provide a column this month, but we can substitute that with a picture of him working the **V26S** station during a contest. Get those rigs and antennas warmed up, sports fans!

FRC/YCCC/PVRC Joint Picnic Photo



Daddy, I just spent 48 hours searching for multipliers during the contest. Can I have my chalk back?

Bob, KQ2M with daughter Melissa

Dayton Photos



N3RD and N2SR



W2CG and K3NZ



N2SS and N2TK



Icom IC-746 without filters \$795
With 3 filters (2x500hz cw filters/1.9 ssb filter) \$1050
Rig is in mint like new condition.
Contact Rick **K300** at rsaeger@fast.net
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News from the ARRL



The FCC has officially set \$14.50 as the cost to apply for, renew or reinstate an Amateur Radio vanity call sign. According to a Report and Order adopted July 3, the new fee will become effective for applications received on or after September 9. The current vanity fee is \$12 for the 10-year license term. The FCC had proposed the new, higher fee in a Notice of Proposed Rule-making (MD Docket No. 02-64) released March 27 to set Fiscal Year 2002 fees.

In its R&O, the FCC took the opportunity to justify its charging the vanity fee for vanity renewals as well as for initial applications. In comments filed in the proceeding, the FCC said, Steven Karty, N5SK, and William J. Hanrahan, W1WH, supported the payment of a regulatory fee to cover the initial administrative cost but questioned having to pay the fee upon renewal.

Hanrahan suggested that the FCC should be able to reasonably adjust the fee it charges initial vanity call sign applicants based upon actual administrative costs and that renewals should not incur any additional overhead. "Further, subsequent to the initial license term, no distinction should be made between vanity calls and systemically assigned calls,"

Hanrahan commented. The FCC now distinguishes between vanity and sequential call signs in its database as "HV" and "HA" respectively. The FCC said that because it continues to incur costs related to vanity call signs even after their issuance or renewal, it believes the regulatory fee at renewal is appropriate. "Section 9 of the Communications Act, as amended, provides for the recovery of the Commission's costs associated with its enforcement, policy and rulemaking, user information, and international activities," the FCC said in its Report and Order.

"Every day, Commission staff are engaged in activities involving amateur vanity call signs, such as protecting the assignment of vanity call signs, investigating complaints on the improper or illegal usage of call signs, requests for call signs that are already assigned to someone else, and all related research that is necessary to insure the proper assignment of call signs."

The FCC said it must collect nearly \$218.8 million through regulatory fees to recover its costs for FY2002. That's \$18.6 million--or approximately 9.3 percent--more than the amount designated for recovery through regulatory fees in FY2001. Of the total, the FCC estimated vanity fee revenue for FY2002 at \$130,500. The FCC has estimated that 9000 applicants would apply for vanity call signs in FY2002. A copy of the FCC Report and Order is available on the FCC Web site <http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-02-205A1.doc>.

FRC Meetings

T.I.T.S. meetings



Meetings of the Trexlertown International Transmitting Society (T.I.T.S.) are held every month, including the summer months, at 12 noon on the third Thursdays. The location is the Pied Piper Diner, on PA 222 between PA 309 and PA 100, Trexlertown, PA. The Diner is across the street from the main entrance to Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

Rexy Meeting B

The Rexy's **FRC Meeting B** will continue through the Summer on the usual schedule. That is at about 8 PM on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

The South Jersey Meeting B on 9 July 2002 was a blast! Tony, N2SS's wife, Florence, used the occasion to throw a surprise birthday party for his Big 60 (!). How does Tony look so trim and fit all the time? None of us had any idea of his age. As the **FRCer's** arrived they found our usual place filled with people and family groups. Of course it was Tony's extended family with Florence graciously hosting the event. The **FRCers** were part of the celebration.

Birthday cake, ice cream, pizza, beer, soda, and the most off key "Happy Birthday" ever heard by human ears. Tony got all the candles out with one puff ... a real phone man.

Among the families was a lovely 5 or 6 year old captivating little girl, who looked like a Cellini Cherub. Precocious, outgoing and animated. She stole the show from Tony and he didn't seem to mind a bit. Good show, Flo! Everyone had a ball!

It was also a reminder that the Frankford Radio Club is indeed a group of friends and families who socialize and enjoy each other's company. We are much more than a contest club.

Oh! Yes! The attendance: N2SS, AA2WN, K3GYS, WA3RHW, WA2USI, K2SB, W2OF, K2OWE

Report by John, N2VW

FRC Contest DXpeditions

CQWW SSB

VP5T by FRCers.

WP2Z multi-multi with ops - K300, K3NZ and N2TK

CQWW CW

Bud, AA3B, is planning to return to V2 (as V26B?)

SCHEDULE IT NOW!

CQWW

SSB: October 26-27, 2002

CW: November 23-24, 2002

(Unlike most years, the CW test is the weekend BEFORE Thanksgiving, not the weekend after)

ARRL

CW: February 15-16, 2003

SSB: March 1-2, 2003

From the ARRL



Contest line scores to be shifted from QST to the Web

Starting next January (2003), contest line score results will appear on the ARRL Web site rather than in QST.

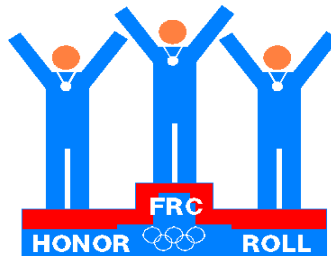
In a resolution approved by voice vote, the Board agreed that the ARRL Web site now provides a better medium to report the results of ARRL-sponsored contests, and line scores no longer will appear in QST. The change does not affect ARRL Field Day results, which will continue to be published in the magazine.

A Web site established earlier this year now includes, among other features, a searchable database of contest line scores for members and the ability to easily analyze individual and club scores.

There's also an on-line Soapbox to post comments and photos immediately after a contest, as well as an expanded narrative for each event. The ARRL also now offers members the free Contest Rate Sheet newsletter, which focuses specifically on contesting.

The palatial digs housing WRTC station OJ8F, operated by W7WA and FRC's KQ2M (Gives whole new meaning to the word "shack")





AUGUST

CONDUCTED BY N2SS

2002

WARC BANDS

<u>30 Meters</u>	<u>17 Meters</u>	<u>12 Meters</u>
K2FL .. 325	K2FL...333	N2TK ..325
N2TK..... 324	N2TK..... 331	K2FL..... 324
N2LT..... 308	K2JLA..... 328	N2LT..... 314
K2RW..... 284	N2LT..... 327	W3BGN... 301
W8FJ..... 284	W3CF..... 323	K2RW..... 290
W3BGN... 281	K2RW..... 318	N2SS..... 289
K2PS..... 270	W3BGN... 315	K2JLA..... 284
W2YC..... 264	N2SS..... 308	W3SOH... 262
WA2VYA... 259	WA2VYA... 286	K2PS..... 257
N2SS..... 255	W8FJ..... 286	WA2VYA... 252
K2JLA..... 237	K2PS..... 284	W2YC..... 250
K3II..... 222	W2YC..... 279	WT3W..... 246
W3SOH... 217	W3SOH... 263	W8FJ..... 222
W2LE..... 205	WT3W..... 259	KS3F..... 217
K2BU..... 175	W3OV..... 234	N1RK..... 200
KS3F..... 166	K3II..... 233	K3II..... 195
AA2WN... 164	N1RK..... 231	W3CF..... 192
WT3W..... 151	KQ3F..... 217	KQ3F..... 172
W3OV..... 150	KS3F..... 206	W2YR..... 171
W2YR..... 120	W2LE..... 196	W2LE..... 161
K2JF..... 111	W2YR..... 188	W3OV..... 160
NA2U..... 103	K2JF..... 168	NA2U..... 138
AB2E..... 101	NA2U..... 155	K2JF..... 135
KQ3F..... 96	K3ND..... 110	WT3P..... 127
K2NJ..... 76	WT3P..... 106	AB2E..... 64
N2VW..... 67	AA2WN... 102	K2NJ..... 37
K2WJ..... 28	K3GYS..... 83	N2VW..... 25
W3CF..... 27	K2NJ..... 80	K3GYS..... 26
N2MT..... 15	AB2E..... 70	AA2WN... 19
K3GYS..... 8	N2VW..... 63	K2WJ..... 17
N1RK..... 3	K2WJ..... 40	N2MT..... 6
KB3FEE..... 1	N2MT..... 26	KB3FEE..... 3

Still looking for that undisputed
KING OF WARC

Rules for FRC Honor Roll Listings.

Provide me with your total IOTAs worked, or countries (including deleted) worked for: WARC Bands, 160 Meters, Digital modes, Mobile, 6 Meters or your total for 80,40,20, 15 and 10 for 1.5K Club. Countries do not count until HQ Awards Committee takes action and announces a start date for a new country.



160 Meters



W3BGN289	KS3F..... 124
AA1K..... 279	K2PS..... 101
K2BU..... 260	K2RW..... 89
WT3Q..... 245	W2YR..... 80
N2TK..... 237	N2VW..... 74
N2LT..... 232	NA2U..... 73
K3NW..... 228	W3CF..... 69
K3SX..... 210	N2SS..... 67
W8FJ..... 188	K3NL..... 62
K3NZ..... 168	K2NJ..... 49
K3JJG..... 165	K2JLA..... 35
W3OV..... 163	KB3FEE..... 38
NO2R..... 159	N1RK..... 37
N3RS..... 156	KQ3F..... 34
K3II..... 149	W2LE..... 27
WA2VYA... 144	AA2WN..... 25
W2YC..... 141	K2JF..... 20
K3NM..... 140	N2MT..... 14
K2FL..... 135	K3GYS..... 12
K3ND..... 133	W3SOH..... 10
WT3W..... 125	K2WJ..... 3

W3BGN continues as the undisputed
Top of Top Band.



Digital

W2UP.....332	W2LE..... 81
N2LT..... 325	K2JF..... 57
K2PS..... 261	WA2VYA... 50
W3SB..... 245	N1RK..... 42
K2RW..... 231	N2SS..... 42
K2NJ..... 196	N2MR..... 28
W2YC..... 164	KQ3F..... 23
AA2WN... 162	K3GYS..... 15
WT3W..... 151	K2WJ..... 12
WT3P..... 133	W8FJ..... 12
W2YR..... 121	N2VW..... 7
W3CF..... 100	



6 METER DXCC

K2JF94	N1RK..... 57
AA1K..... 87	N2SS..... 49
WA2VYA... 75	K3OO..... 48
K2PS..... 72	WT3P..... 39



1.5K Club

K2FL..... 1703	KS3F..... 1375
W3BGN 1685	WT3W..... 1361
N2TK..... 1679	W3SOH... 1355
N2LT..... 1658	K2JF..... 1350
W2UP 1637	K2NJ..... 1345
K2RW 1581	AA2WN... 1295
W8FJ 1577	NA2U..... 1295
N3RS..... 1559	N1RK..... 1251
K2BU 1550	N2VW..... 1240
N2SS 1501	WT3Q..... 1162
K2PS..... 1498	K2WJ..... 1161
K3ND..... 1488	W2LE..... 1115
W2YC..... 1476	W2YR..... 1110
NO2R..... 1462	K3NM..... 1107
K2JLA..... 1428	W3CF..... 1077
WA2VYA... 1424	WT3P..... 1009
N3RD..... 1388	N2MT..... 719
KQ3F..... 1384	KB3FEE..... 231



MOBILE DX

W2YC 268	K3GYS..... 142
AA1K..... 243	AA2WN... 131
N2SS..... 234	WT3Q..... 107
N2MR..... 180	KB3FEE..... 48
K2JF..... 150	W2YR..... 21

W2YC is safely ensconced **MOBILE #1**



Islands On The Air

K2FL..... 928	KS3F..... 263
K2JLA..... 854	N2VW..... 250
W3SOH... 751	K2WJ..... 223
N2SS..... 706	W2YR..... 216
W8FJ..... 530	WT3W..... 203
W2YC..... 481	W3CF..... 200
N1RK..... 473	K3GYS..... 129
W2YC..... 456	KB3FEE..... 23



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Affiliated Club

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FRC FINAL 2002 SUMMER MEETING

CONTEST RESULTS SHIFTED FROM QST TO WEB

VANITY CALL FEES

PHOTOS, PHOTOS, PHOTOS!!!

AND MORE!

Deadline for September issue:

Sunday, August 25, 2002

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Repeater

2 meters, 147.27/147.87
Output PL tone, 114.8

Home Page

www.frc-contest.org

Meetings

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (Sep through May) at 8 PM at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, 43rd and Kingsessing Street, Philadelphia. Summer meetings are held at member homes (one Saturday/ Sunday per month).

Packet Cluster Contest/DX System

144.910	N2MT
144.930	W3FRC
145.650	K2TD
144.950	KD3CN
145.530	K3WW
145.530	AA1K
145.530	K2SG
145.570	WT3Q
145.570	K2TW
145.590	N2NT
144.950	K3GYS
145.710	W3EA
145.730	N2BIM
147.495	W3MM
145.670	W3PP
441.050	W3MM
445.525	K3GYS
445.525	W3EA
445.850	N3BNA
..TBA	N3ED