



# THE FIRST CLASS CW OPERATORS' CLUB NEWS SHEET 752



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*"A man should keep his friendship in constant repair" - Samuel Johnson*

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JUNE ACTIVITY DAYS	BAND OF THE MONTH	JUNE 2012 CALENDAR
4 June Mon Activity Day, All incl. WARC 15 June Fri Activity Day, All incl. WARC 20 June Wed Straight Key Evening 26 June Tue WARC Activity Day	<h1>6</h1>	G4FOC by G3VTT 9 June Harrogate Dinner 24/25 June Hamradio-Friedrichshafen 25 June Mon Committee Meeting 25 June Mon Windle deadline W4PM 26 June Tue News Sheet deadline V31JP

## CONGRATULATIONS

These members celebrate 40+ years unbroken FOC membership this month:

Yrs	Call	Nr	Joined
64	VE7BS (G3AGQ)	140	1948
62	G3ESY	286	1950
48	F2MA	798	1964
48	W1UU (W1BPW)	806	1964
48	W4QM (W4DQS)	808	1964
43	K1ZZ (K1ZND)	1053	1969

## FROM YOUR EDITOR - V31JP

I am STILL in Texas! I do my pre-op tests, labs and x-rays June 5th. On July 5<sup>th</sup>, unless they get a cancellation and can get me in earlier, "Dar gonna going to cut me troat, matey!" to do a full biopsy on the half of my thyroid that has the nodule that gave them the not so perfect report by removing it. While I snooze, they will play pinochle on my chest and wait for pathology to do the preliminary biopsy. If it is not malignant, they sew my throat up, pat me on the butt and send me off. I will get along fine with half of my thyroid. If it is malignant, they remove it all and we go from there. At first a special thyroid pill and then the thyroid hormone pills will be another pill for the rest of my life. Stan, UU5JZ, had his thyroid removed in December and tells me he is back to near normal already. In the meantime, I had one serious pain attack involving my hips and legs. I had asked about an MRI I had been given last November. Hmm? No reports. (Continued page 3)

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION by N4TY

Members please observe the sponsoring procedure, as posted on <http://g4foc.org> under "About FOC > FAQs", and the sponsorship list below is explained in "Members-Only > Nominations List". Send nominations to Tyler [n4ty@me.com](mailto:n4ty@me.com)

## NOMINATION LIST by N4TY

- 6 ★G4IRN (John): by KC7V, A65BD, G3PJT, ZL2IFB, G3RTE, KY7M, GM3POI, LA5HE.
- 6 ★IK0IXI (also KF1B, Fabio): by I7ALE, G3LIK, DF4BV, K2UFT, VK3DBD, DK1WU.
- 6 ★K9FN (David): by W9VNE, W9RGB, V31JP, JA1NUT, G3HGE.
- 6 ★G3YEC (Rick): by G3ZRJ, DL4CF, G3SWH, SV1AOW, AA3B, K9QVB, G3PJT, GM3JKS, OK1RR, G3LIK, EA8CN.
- 5 ★K5TF (Dick): by K6RB, K2UFT, AC2K, AA3B, N2UU, G4RCG, UU5JZ, V31JP, JA1NUT, LU5OM, G3LIK.
- 5 N6TT (Steven): by JA1NUT, N3BB, JE1TRV. *Steven needs a UK sponsor, plus another sponsor from anywhere to make the Starred List.*
- 5 ★5T0JL (Jean, aka: ON8RA, F3JL, 9Q5LJ, 9X5AB): by ZL2IFB, W9VNE, N8DE, W9KNI, AI2Q, W1JR, G3SWH.
- 5 ★G3BJ (Don): by G3PJT, G4BJM, GM3POI, LA5HE, VE3HX, W3EF, W1JR, 5B4AGN.
- 4 ★K2NV (Tony): by K2ZR, WB2YQH, AA3B, K9QVB, LZ2RS, W5ZR, G0TBD.
- 4 KOEJ (Mark): by K4BAI, N3BB, KU8E, K6VVA.
- 4 GW3VPL (Steve): by G0JWB, G3ZRJ, G0TBD.
- 4 NP3CW (Julio): by KP4P.
- 3 K0MD (Scott): by 8P9NX.
- 3 TF3DC (Óskar): by G4BJM, EA8CN.
- 2 VE3USP (Steve): by VE3BHZ, SM6DHU.
- 1 K2RSK (Peter): by LZ2RS.

## NEW MEMBERS by N4TY

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- EI7BA (1989): John Tait, Ballykenefick, Whitegate Co. Cork., Ireland, UK. Email: [johne7ba@eircom.net](mailto:johne7ba@eircom.net)
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- F5IN (1993): Michel Menetrier, Rougemont, 45300 Yevre La Ville, Pithiviers, France. Email: [f5in@wanadoo.fr](mailto:f5in@wanadoo.fr)
- VE3LYC (1994): Cezar Trifu, 410 College St, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 4M7, Canada. Email: [ve3lyc@hotmail.com](mailto:ve3lyc@hotmail.com)

## AMENDMENTS by N4TY

- DJ1YFK (1796): New address: Fabian Kurz, Batschkastr. 7, 81825 Munich, Germany
- SM6CPY (1571): New email: [carl.jonsson7@gmail.com](mailto:carl.jonsson7@gmail.com)

## INVITATIONS SENT JUNE 1

The below nominees will be invited to membership on June 1:

★US9PA (Toly): by OK2CQR, UU5JZ, VK4TT, OK1RR, AA3B, IK0YGG, LY2PX, M0IKE, GM3JKS.

★G3NCN (John): by G3LWI, N2KW, G3VTT, GI3PDN, G3PDH, G3LIK, W3EF.

★G4FAD (Rich): by G0JWB, G0VQW, G3ZRJ, VK3DBD, G4VHH, G3ESY, SV1AOW, WA9AQN, LU5OM, W5ZR.

★GM0GAV (Gavin): by G3SXW, A65BD, G3PJT, DL4CF, ZB2CW, G3RPB, GM3POI, G3RTE, 7Q7BP, LA5HE, K2UR, SM6DHU.

## FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMITTEE by G3SXW

Good discussions at our meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May. Everything is looking really good, but we are facing some serious issues.

Subscriptions for 2013 will be announced next month. These will take into account reduced costs and current exchange rates. A major development will be the facility to renew via the web-site, not yet fully functioning, still being tested. When we are confident that all is well we will strongly request renewal via [g4foc.org](http://g4foc.org) – it will be so much simpler for everyone.

A big issue is of course the unavailability of our Editor, Joe V31JP. We understand that he is undergoing treatment in USA and can but wish him our very best for a rapid return to full health. We will keep the monthly News Sheet running, with the help of Tyler N4TY, but it seems that we have lost a whole issue of FOCUS (April 2012). We are yet to discover whether we can get the next FOCUS (July 2012) out to the members. Let's hope that we all have patience with this unfortunate situation and recognise that Joe's health is paramount.

The other major concern is volunteers for Committee service. It's really disappointing that no-one has stepped up to the plate. It requires such little time, maybe only 2-3 hours per month. If you have the life-experience to help with advice about how the Club should be run then now is the time to join us. As UK members seem unwilling to help we will be very happy to see non-UK members join Committee, and the Constitution allows it. Just let us know that you are available and we will swap notes with you.

November 10<sup>th</sup> is the date for our Annual Dinner, plus visit to Bletchley Park, with its brand new RSGB facility. This should be a cracking event so we all hope to 'see you up there'!

The next committee meeting is Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> June.

## THE G3FXB AL SLATER MEMORIAL AWARD by G3SXW

Members are reminded that nominations are required for this award for 2012. Please send to G3IZD before end June. Nominations should include a full biography of the Nominee, along with full details of the activities for which they may be considered. Nominees can be an individual, a group or an organisation and need not be FOC members. Information on the award and a list of previous recipients can be found on Page 18 of the 2012 FOC Call-Book.

## ACTIVITY by G3VTT

If you took part in the May Straight Key Event then - thanks. We sounded like a vibrant active CW club during the event, certainly on 80m in the evening, where we made a great difference to the overall band activity. Mick G3LIK at G4FOC kept 17m going during the day and I heard many of you working each other during the evening session. I didn't get a chance to work all of you myself, I worked 15 stations and as you all seemed to be having such a good time nattering I left you all to it!

The third Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, is the SK event this forthcoming month, and as we don't have an operator for G4FOC for June, I plan to be active with the club call for that session and will be on HF during the day.

The Band of the Month is 6 metres, so good luck to all of you who may be equipped for that band. Activity days are June 4<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> with a WARC Activity Day on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**161, Colin, G3VTT**

## Olympic Games Special Event Station - by G4BUO

**G4BUO** - Dave is HF Manager for 2012L, the London station for the Olympic Games and Paralympics. The station will start operations on 25<sup>th</sup> July and be on the air continuously until the end of the Paralympics, 9<sup>th</sup> September. There will be three HF stations, using mono-banders on 40-10m and wires for the low bands. Two more stations will cover 6m, 4m and 2m but there will be no operation on 70cm due to restrictions associated with the Games.

The station will be located in Eltham which is in the Royal Borough of Greenwich, one of the 'host boroughs' for the Games. Amateurs visiting London for the Olympics are welcome to visit the station any day between 10am and 4pm. 2012L is being organised by Cray Valley Radio Society, the group behind the major special event stations M2000A, GB50 and GB200T. A second high profile station 2012W will operate from Barry Island, in Wales.

For more details check the web site [www.2012l.com](http://www.2012l.com). (Thanks, G4BUO)

## FOC FALL QSO PARTY – by KZ5D

New date set for the the Fall FOC QSO Party: The Spring FOC QSO Party was extremely successful due in part to finally finding a weekend without a lot of other contest activity. This date was selected due to a recommendation received from several members, including N5AW. When I was looking for a similar date for the Fall, I ended up choosing the first Saturday in October, knowing the only major conflict was the California QSO Party. But Rob, K6RB, was extremely helpful in finding another fairly clear weekend. With the Committee's approval, we are following Rob's suggestion to move the Fall FOC QSO Party to Saturday, 22 September. So please put this new date on your calendar and plan to be QRV. It's going to be fun!

## N3BB Blog

To my FOC friends and fellow CW aficionados, please allow me to mention my new author's blog, which is at this URL: <http://reunion.authorsxpress.com>. It's a new experience for me, and a way to interact with people who enjoy reading and writing about books in general, and the topics of my novel, *Reunion*, in particular. I've only posted three blog entries so far, and actually have received one whole reply from a mystery reader. She posed some questions, which I will try to answer (in the blog) in an interesting and informative way. Everyone is so busy these days, and I must confess that getting into the world of writers and thinkers (hopefully) has been interesting and a bit daunting. It's not only a way to promote my novel, but to interact with people who have questions about some aspect of the story, and can express themselves. I have received such extraordinary feedback from the book. Some is fun and expected: who was that character based on?; what a cool story about that car chase, since it brought back a similar experience I had when I managed to escape a tight situation; I loved the dance scenes and music, and it brought back listening to that certain DJ; the '50 Chevy named "The Bomb" was almost exactly the same as my '51 Chevy named "The Tank;" and similar short wave radio experiences of many ham radio buffs. But in addition to those, many readers, primarily male, but also several female readers, were affected by the relationship between the narrator and his father, as well as the extension of that dysfunctional behavior to the narrator's children. That is the real theme of this story. I'm hearing from many who identify with that very personal and difficult aspect of the book. The title is accurate on several levels. Not only does the engaging story of a unique (more than most) high school class reunion provide the bookends of the story as well as the vehicle to flash back to "the days," but also the opportunity to reunite, reconcile, and forgive. Please feel free to check out the blog, and contribute your thoughts and questions as well. All the best, and if you're in the Austin area, I hope to see many of you at the June 2 book signing at Book People. Jim George N3BB

## NEW DX CLUSTER NODE by OK1RR

In addition to the web interface at <http://www.hamqth.com/dxcluster.php> there is also new DX cluster node OK2CQR-1, accessible from: telnet hamqth.com 7300

It can be defined in your logging contesting in the following way:

address: hamqth.com

port: 7300

login: your\_call\_sign (ie. G3ABC)

Congrats to Petr OK2CQR (FOC 1935) who created this very complex project at <http://www.hamqth.com>

## FROM YOUR EDITOR - V31JP (CONT.)

After the attack, I pressured them about the MRI results and they finally found the reading and then the film (disk) and there were no surprises for me. The doctor finally relented to prescribe my proper pain medications; got me two walking sticks when the pain level jumps up and I have an appointment on June 10<sup>th</sup> with neurosurgery. If they do it right, they cut the throat and while they wait for the biopsy, they roll me over in the clover and do it again on my lower spine.

So, what do you do when they mess with you? I have been moving, sorting and cleaning up files on the computer and new flash card memory. I have been working on my keys, paddles and bugs. I am packing up a "care package" to send to Ronnie and the boys. And, I have been getting on the air on occasions, usually on or around 10120 with a bug, until I get one or both paddles back together. And, I have been doing some small chores for my daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter. We have been having fun in the kitchen, teaching her some things about cooking and managing a house. Beverly used to do that, but... Maybe, I will try to implement an idea I have regarding improving my antenna situation here given a good day with low pain and my home brewed 'E Z Launch' works as planned. So, I am keeping active, but sometimes I can only sit, stand or move about for just so long at one thing. This is rather distracting and I apologize for my lapse of performing my editor's duties properly. 161, Joe, v31jp1957@gmail.com

## MEMBERS' NEWS by V31JP

**G3RTE, G3SXW, G5LP** - Three intrepid adventurers operated for two days in May as ISØ/ Sardinia and for an hour or so from TK/ Corsica, a fun side-trip, totalling some 500 QSOs. The Elecraft K2 is ideal for these little trips. Plans were interrupted by storms which cancelled our ferry between the islands but we all had great fun, including working many members. (Thanks G3SXW)

**GM3WUX - NFD**: "Just to say that I'll be one of the operators of GM4AGG/P in this weekend's NFD." (Thanks GM3WUX)

**G4XRV**: Rupert and Judy were married on 26th May in beautifully sunny Hertfordshire. Many congratulations both. The FOC was well represented on the big day. We hear that they will honeymoon on Field Day (joke!). (Thanks, G3SXW)

**DK4LX** - My son and I will be making a holiday trip to the U.S. east coast in July starting in Boston and going down to Wash, DC via NYC. Our itinerary will be as follows:

4/7 July Boston - 8/12 July and New York - 14/17 July Wash, DC

Although our schedule will be quite tight, it would be nice to intersperse some ham radio related events as we roam around, such as having a coffee or beer with a radio pal. Anyone interested in having a "quickie" eyeball QSO should contact me at my email <dk4lx@t-online.de> for further arrangements. We hope to see you then! (Thanks, DK4KX)

**Condin**: The Condin in Undelhoh (27 May) was a great success. A big thank you to Klaus (DK8EI) and Angelika for a perfect dinner in a perfect setting! The next Condin will be in Amsterdam, the Netherlands on 18 May 2013. Don't say you haven't been warned! Details will follow. (Thanks PA5XM Kees, PA3CVV Miles)

**OK1WF**: "...from 1.5.2012 I have also OK5WF, but only for QRP 5W activity." (Thanks OK1WF)

**K5NA**: The Waiting Game. Susan is keeping us updated on Richard's treatments, tests and the constant monitoring for changes caused by the treatments and then adjusting such as the Coumadin (blood thinner), up or down. A change in anti-nausea medication, a pill, is working and Richard can keep food down. Then there is the waiting for results of tests after a series of treatments. Susan will let y'all know when the PET scan is finally scheduled. Go to <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/k5na> (Thanks, Susan)

## WPX Alias:

M3I was GØORH	NE6LE was K4XU	NY4A was N4AF
GM5A was GM3WUX	NN1AA was K2LE & W1VE	VE7SV was VE7CC
KGØF 15M was WØUA	WF6C 15M was N6XI	
NN3L 15M was N3RD 20m N3RS 40m W8FJ (Maybe a new M/2 US record 23.2M)		

See News Sheet 749 2012 Hamradio-Friedrichshafen, June 22/24 Contact, DL4CF, joe@dl4cf.com

Northwest FOC Weekend – 27/29 July 2012 Contact Alan, AC2K, akomenski@comcast.net

Preparations for the first NWFOC weekend are progressing smoothly.

**Event Date:** July 27-29, 2012

**Location:** Bellevue (WA) Hilton hotel

**Activities:** A fun schedule has been planned for everyone. Do as much as you wish. See [www.nwfof.com](http://www.nwfof.com) for list of events.

**Hospitality Suite:** The beautiful top floor Presidential Suite and adjoining radio room have been reserved for our event. The

K7FOC antennas will be installed on the roof, and should guarantee many QSOs in all directions.

**International Flavor:** JA1NUT, Shin, will be on hand for eye-ball QSOs.

**Weather:** Traditionally this is the best weekend weather-wise for Seattle.

**Hotel Reservations:** We recommend that you book your rooms **ASAP\*\***, since the FOC weekend runs concurrently with the

huge and very popular Bellevue Arts & Crafts Fair nearby. Top floor F.O.C. rooms are reserved for us, but are expected to go fast,

and will not be held after a certain date. \*\* Last year the hotel's 353 rooms were completely booked during this weekend. And as

of March 22nd this year, **250** of the 353 rooms have already been reserved.

**Registration:** Go to [www.nwfof.com](http://www.nwfof.com) for both NWFOC *sign-up* and *hotel booking*.

We look forward to welcoming you to a wonderful Northwest experience.

AC2K, Alan, W7GKF, Bill and Anne W7QC, Steve

### 2011 WINDLE CERTIFICATES

All certificates have been sent via e-mail except GM3YOR who has no e-mail! I did not write any notes on the e-mails to save time so I'll do that here.

Congratulations to W9RGB, SM6CMM and EA8CN for reaching the gold level with 429, 426 and 401 members worked respectively. 55 other members also earned certificates - 15 silver level and 40 bronze level. That's up from a total of 51 last year.

Thank you all for taking the time and making the effort to participate in the Windle Award Program for 2011. In all we had 137 members who did so. For 2012 to date we have 83 participants and I certainly hope this number will increase before year end.

Remember to e-mail your score directly to me by the 28th of each month. I do not have a way to access information posted to your profile on our web site so you need to send it to me.

73, H. M. "Puck" Motley, W4PM

Windle Awards Administrator

### THE 2012 WINDLE AWARD by W4PM

Scores to W4PM only. An asterisk against the call indicates the score has been updated this month. The scores are the total points / total number of different members worked. Puck, hmmjr@comcast.net

NORTH AMERICA	NORTH AMERICA	NORTH AMERICA	EUROPE	EUROPE	OCEANIA
W9RGB 658/332*	N5AW 153/118	W4ZYT 12	DK5AD 420/247*	DL1VDL 139/133	ZL2IFB 277/191*
W8FJ 606/291*	W1JR 148/109*	W4PRO 9	LY2PX 325/197*	DJ5IL 137/121*	VK4TT 88/82*
AA3B 478/281*	WA9AQN 147/115	WD4LZC 6	G4BJM 279/207	F3AT 132*	VK2BJ 73/65
KZ5D 323/212*	W1FJ 126/99	<b>N/A -WEST</b>	HA7AP 277/160*	G3VTT 127/85	ZL1AH 38/37*
W5ZR 308/208	K1SA 125/108	N9RV/7 220/167*	PA7RA 246/177*	DK1WU 122/98	<b>AFRICA</b>
NA5G 298/212*	W5SG 106/88	K4XU/7 217/164	SM5CCE 239/137*	G3LHJ 111/102*	EA8CN 423/260*
N5CW 255/243	K2SX 104/90*	W7QC 135/99*	G2JL 236/184*	G5CL 105/81*	ZS1EL 76/76
KR3E 252/187	A12Q 100/87	AC2K 124/93*	SV1AOW 214/124*	IK0YGJ 97/69*	<b>ASIA</b>
VE1DX 229/171*	N3BB 97/57*	K8RD/6 113/99*	D4KW/31YN 212/167*	G0GKH 88/73	4X1FC 131/92*
W1RM 227/154*	WB2YQH 71/71	K6RB 105/75*	G4HZV 208/156*	DK2GZ 84/74	A65BD 102/91*
AD8P 201/176	K2ZR 71/52*	NL7G 42	LZ1AF 171/137*	OH2EA 81/81	OZ1HET 70/61*
N2ATB 192/130*	K2QMF 62	KC7V 26/25*	SM5COP 164/120*	G4AFU 64/61	VU2PTT 45/42*
N2UU 179/118*	K5NA 59/59*	<b>EUROPE</b>	PA0LOU 153/119*	G3VCN 23	
K4JJW 174/124*	W3YY 55/51	G3KTZ 445/272*	G3LWI 150/127	OH2KI 17	
N2KW 171/154	V31JP 32/29*	G3LIK 437/268*	IK6BAK 148/115		
W4PM 168/143*	W1HL 29/26		GM3YOR 141/117		