



THE FIRST CLASS CW OPERATORS' CLUB NEWS SHEET 768



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

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OCTOBER ACTIVITY DAYS	BAND OF THE MONTH	OCTOBER 2013 CALENDAR
16 October Wed MKE 26 October Sat Activity Day	20	GM4FOC - GM3YTS 22 October Tue Committee Meeting 25 October Fri Windle deadline W4PM 26 October Sat News Sheet deadline V31JP

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Yrs	Call	Nr	Joined
46	OH2EA (OH2BDP)	937	1967
43	PAØVDV (PJ2VD)	1101	1970
43	W9VNE	1104	1970
41	N4WJ (K4KSB)	1183	1972
41	K8MFO	1186	1972
40	W4YE	1217	1973

FROM YOUR EDITOR - V31JP

Typically, it has been busy down here and hotter than normal. I am making progress on the tower with the rotor mounting plate/shelf about ready to go back in place. I had to put a hole in it to allow the mast to go through it when the rotator was pulled out. The rotator will be cleaned, painted and lubricated. My new lathe is still teaching me things I had forgotten and new techniques as well. I sure miss my uncle Stan. He would have me straight away really quick. I hope all the northern folks accomplished their summer antenna tasks. Tom, K5RC did. And for you southern hemi folks, get ready. Your summer is coming. Looks like I bit the bullet and will not have to run to the States until next Spring. 161 de Joe. v31jp1957@gmail.com or k8jp@arrl.net

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

NOMINATION LIST by N4TY

- 6* **DL5YM** (Manfred): by N2KW, SV1AOW, G4HZV, AA3B, K9QVB, OZ4FF, IKØIXI.
- 6* **AK5X** (William): by AC2K, N5KD, K5AX, DK7VW, G3HGE.
- 5 **OZ10XQ** (Vagn): by ZL2AGY. An objection has been lodged against OZ10XQ.
- 5* **K3TF** (Tom): by N3WT, K1ON, G3HGE, DL4CF, WD4LZC, EI5DS, N5CW.
- 5 **W2MV** (Alan): by JA1NUT.
- 5 **BA4TB** (Dale): by W1RM, VE1DX.
- 5 **N4RLD** (Rickie): by WD4LZC, WB4FSF, W9VNE.
- 5* **WØJX** (Dennis): by K8MFO, W9RGB, W8AV, K2ZR, K6XG, G3LKZ, KC7V, DL3AZ, JA1NUT, K8ZH, IKØIXI.
- 4 **HA9RT** (Jozsef): by VE3NE, N9RD, DK2GZ, N4AF, K9WA, SM6CPY, VE3DZ.
- 4 **W2LK** (Leslie): by K2LE, K2SX, K2QMF, W1JR.
- 4 **PA4N** (Frank): by LZ1AF, IKØIXI, GØJWB, K4BAI, SM6CNN.
- 4 **WØVX** (David): by K5NA, W9KNI.
- 4 **AC4CA** (John): by K4LTA, N3BB, N5AW, K4BAI.
- 4 **HA3OD** (Arpi): by VK8AV.
- 3 **G3LDI** (Roger): by G3PDH, G4RCG, W8PBO.
- 3* **OE5MSM** (Mike): by DK2GZ, GØVQW, DK8IT, MØCVR, F5NZY, ZL2IFB, SV1AOW, W1EBM, IK6BAK, W2VT, N2UU.
- 2 **W9YXX** (Robert): by LZ2RS, W9VNE.
- 2 **VK6DXI** (Mirek): by VK6VZ, N5AW.
- 2 **VK6GX** (Phil): by VK6VZ.
- 2 **WB6BEE** (Donald): by N6TT, AC2K, K6ZB, JA1NUT.
- 1 **MJØASP** (Mathieu): by G3SWH.
- 1 **K1SM** (William): by K1AJ.
- 1 **NIKW** (Robert): by LZ2RS.

NEW MEMBERS by N4TY

- W4EDE** (2023) Lee Kerbel, 100 Bay View Drive, Apt. 1626, Miami Beach, FL 33160 USA. Email: w4ede@aol.com
- M0PCB** (2024) Iain Kelly, 261 Bodiam Avenue, Tuffley, Gloucester, Gloucestershire GL4 0XW England. Phone: +44(0)7949 383194
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INVITATIONS SENT OCTOBER 1ST

- WA1FCN** (Robert): by VY2ZM, MD0CCE, WP3C, KU8E, W1RM, VK6VZ.
- DL5YL** (Tina): by N2KW, G0TBD, PA7RA, DL1VDL, G3NKS, AA3B, IKØIXI.
- N5RR** (William): by K6RB, N3JT, N6XI, W5ZR, W1RM, K5ALU, N5CW, GW3KGV, DJ6ZM.

AMENDMENTS by N4TY

- W3MC** (1739): New email: mike@w3mctower.com
- K2TT** (675): Phone correction: +1-914-325-5911 (cell)
- W8XM** (1560): Silent Key.
- G3ZRJ** (1774): Change of name: Tony Butler-Roskilly
- PJ4LS** (1982): Address update: Hans van Hese, Kaya Berilo #20, BONAIRE, (Curacao)

FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMITTEE by G3SXW

The September monthly meeting lasted over an hour and updated everyone on major recent developments.

We are ready to implement the Opt-Out of printed FOCUS, systems all in place for the two subscription levels. Subscription renewals will commence on 1st October. Treasurer, G4FNL, reported a healthy bank balance even after the FOC75 expenditures for MagPads, FOCUS75 magazine and free lapel badges – each of which are considered by Committee to be excellent investments of Club funds and have been warmly received by members.

Arrangements are in hand (thanks G4FNL and G4FON) for the CW Pile-Up Competition at the RSGB Convention on October 12th.

Some pleasant surprises are planned for the Annual Dinner at Milton Keynes on 9th November. Bookings are flooding in, on the back of a thoroughly successful event last year. Members are strongly encouraged to attend, also for the AGM and EGM – this is THE big weekend in the FOC social calendar.

The next Committee meeting will be on 22nd October.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS by G3SXW

While the FOC75 activity period in May is now only a memory our celebrations continue throughout the year:

- **MagPads:** three have already been given away at W5FOC, ConDin and Harrogate Dinners as free door-prizes. A further four have already been delivered by member Tom G3HGE to be given out during the rest of the year, including one at the Milton Keynes Dinner, of course. The final one will be a drawing of all members who were unable to attend any of the dinners - so they are still in with a chance! It really is a beautiful paddle with the FOC logo and numbered.

Lapel Badges: 291 badges have now been sent to all members who asked for one. They include the text: “75th Anniversary 1938-2013” and look really classy!

SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENT - IMPORTANT by G4FNL

For 2014 the membership subscriptions are changing to a universal rate. The rates are as follows:

£18.00 or \$29.00 or €22.00 (if opting to continue to receive FOCUS via the postal system)

£14.00 or \$22.00 or €18.00 (if you have ALREADY opted out of receiving FOCUS via the post - but please note that THIS OPT-OUT MUST HAVE BEEN CHOSEN ON THE WEBSITE BEFORE 1ST OCTOBER 2013)

The details for how to renew are on the FOC website www.g4foc.org - see "Subscription Payment Information" There is also another reminder in the August 2013 Newssheet. Graham G4FNL FOC Treasurer

FOC QSO PARTY REPORT By KZ5D

High Turnout for the FOC QSO Party 14 September.

Plenty of activity and decent conditions on 14 September accounted for a very large turnout in the FOC QSO Party. As of this writing, I have received reports from 120 members and 59 non-members. During the March event, 129 member reports were received which is the highest total to date. However, the 59 reports from non-members in September is a new record.

This September date, the second Saturday in September, was relatively free of conflicting CW events. Perhaps that was one reason for so much activity. It was interesting to note that the member comments reported varying band conditions. Some of the comments spoke about how poor conditions were, yet many said that they thought conditions were good to excellent. Hopefully, all of you who did manage to find some time to participate had an enjoyable time meeting fellow club members and contacting non-members.

The highest score reported was by a very familiar call: N3RS. Sig had 660 total contacts, and of those, 449 were with members. He reported operating a tad over 17 of the possible 24 hours. The second highest worldwide report and the highest from Europe was turned in by Vic, R6AF, with 432 QSOs. Of those, 307 were with members. Curt, N5CW, had the third highest report of 425/267. West Coast US honors claimed by Dick, K4XU with 381/234. A new twist to the event was the remote operation by Allen, N2KW, as DL1A. Allen finished with 340/204 for second highest score from Europe. It was VK2BJ with the top score from Oceania. Barry reported 100/52 QSOs and John, 9V1VV, had the highest report from Asia with 171 QSOs. He reports being inundated with non-members calling him, so only managed 15 Qs with members.

Leading non-members was K0RF with 316 QSOs. G3SJJ had the highest report from Europe with 240. South America high score was reported by PY4ARS with 39 and Asia honors won by JA1GZV with 31.

Look for the full report on our website in the next two weeks and in the Winter edition of FOCUS.

FUTURE DATES SET: Mark your calendars for 2014 now. The FOC QP will be held on Saturday, 22 March and 13 September, 2014. Starting in 2015, we have scheduled the FOC QP to be held on the last Saturday of March (opposite of the CQ SSB WPX contest) and the second Saturday of September (opposite of the WAE SSB contest). By establishing firm dates we hope to avoid conflict with other CW events.

MEMBERS' NEWS by V31JP

5X1NH - Nick, G3RWF, will be active once more as 5X1NH from September 24 until November 16. QSL via h/c, LoTW.

A65BD – Fred as A65BD went QRT on 9 September after about 5-1/2 years of fun. The K3 12V PSU was sold and he took down the antennas later that day. Fred made just over 30k QSOs, but is sorry that he never really got going on 80 and 160. His thanks to Lionel, G5LP for being his QSL manager and carefully chasing down his logging errors and NILs. He has already volunteered for Fred's next posting! Guess what, Lionel! He may have sold most of his stuff, but Fred received a job offer, again in Dubai, which he accepted. Fred and Yee Li will return to Dubai after a short break in the UK on 14th October to take up his new post, and hopefully be QRV as soon as possible afterwards. It appears now he was lucky not to have sold his Hexbeam.

AA3B - Bud has been back on Antigua since Saturday, 14 September as he is there for the "resurrection of the V26B station after the fire last November". He was able to get the station on-the-air yesterday, as he was QRV as V26K. QSL via AA3B.

AA3B/V26K Bud will be active from Antigua between 21 Nov and 25 Nov using the call V26K. This includes the CQ WW CW contest, SO AB LP category. This will be an all CW operation. Please QSL via AA3B. Bud hopes to work many members.

DL/N9RD - Jürgen and Kathy left on Monday, 30th September for Germany. They will be there until the 26th of October and will spend most of the time in Coburg, Bavaria with his sister. They will also spend a little time at the October fest and on the 18th, they will be at his old DOK A14 Club meeting in the Black Forrest. If he can find club stations, Jürgen will try to operate a little as DL/N9RD, so keep an ear open. Otherwise it will only be 2m and 70cm with his Yaesu VX6R He will keep in the loop via e-mail with his Laptop.

G2HKU Ted and Colin G3VTT had a trip out to the Blue Town Museum café on Sheppey plus a check of the Minster sea front sea defences earlier this week! Ted is looking fine and he and Stella celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary recently. Stella remains in hospital and Ted is still active daily. He was recently heard supporting the Mechanical Key Day on 80m with an excellent fist on the straight key. (G3VTT)

G3ROO - condolences to Ian on the passing of his wife, Margaret M3ROO, after suffering illness for the past two years. (Tnx G3YXX).

G3XTT – Don and Janet will be attending the Florida dinner this year, his first "official" function after being inducted as our new FOC president!

G3ZRJ - Sally my XYL wanted to keep her name Butler when we married and became Sally Butler-Roskilly. For our 12th Anniversary on 8th September we had a rededication service of our marriage and I decided to change my surname to be in line with Sally's.

G4BUE/N4CJ – Chris will be QRV 16 October to 18 December as N4CJ from their Florida QTH and will attend the Florida W4FOC dinner.

GM3WUX – Terry missed the BWQP because he went to his university radio club reunion, their 40th!

HB9QO – Bruno got his badge when Rita brought it to the hospital just when he woke up from surgery. They took out his gall bladder. It was full of "rocks". (none colourful enough to become a jewel in a ring or necklace, he said). Thanks to Roger SXW and to all involved for an excellent looking badge that he will wear with pride.

IK6BAK – XYL, Stefania is not his new XYL, but the one he has been happily married to for 22 years and Eliseo considers he is very lucky. Stefania is just newly listed as Eliseo's XYL.

K1JD – John and Betsy will be heading out 2nd October and return circa 6th November. John will have the KX3 with him and may operate from any of the subject locations, but most likely from VK2 where they will be staying with his cousin and his family, NE of Sydney for the last 2 weeks. He will try to alert when active. Also, he plans on activating a few SOTA peaks in KH6 and VK2. He had hoped to activate Haleakala in Maui, but timing is such that making it back to the tendered cruise ship before it departs may be too risky

K2LE & K2SX - This year for CQWW CW, they will be going to PJ7 with W2LK and their spouses. During the contest, they will be operating as PJ7W (QSL via W2LK). Outside of the contest, they will be operating as PJ7/home call. They are hopeful of doing better than last year as V31AO/V31SX. Actually, this could be a real challenge since there will be at least two other operations on PJ7/FS including one operating 1500' away from them. It should be a good test of roofing filters. (Thanks, K2SX)

K2SX – Dennis and Betty enjoyed a two week cruise at the end of August around Italy beginning in Rome and ending in Venice. Before starting, they had a very nice meeting in Rome with Carlo, IK0YGJ where he showed them how to play cards, Italian style. Dennis' card playing will never be the same. Fortunately for Dennis, there was no money involved.

K2TT - Bill says that he's setting up a remote station in NY to overcome the severely restrictive stealth antennas. We hope to hear him by month's end. GL with that project, old chap. (Tnx G3SXW).

N2KW - Allen just completed his last "Contesting" column for FOCUS and wants to thank his readers for their loyalty. The new Contest Editor will be N9RV. Please join us in welcoming Pat, and give him your full support.

MEMBERS' NEWS (cont.)by V31JP

K4UEE – Bob was elected to INDEXA's Board of Directors for fiscal year 2014. (Thanks, INDEXA)

OUT of FOCUS - The book by N2KW and edited by S57WJ, "Out of Focus" is now available via mail order. Europeans, wire 20 Euro to IBAN: DE50 7007 0024 0546 9465 00 - BIC (SWIFT - CODE): DEUTDEDBMUC or else, send a check for \$25 (US) to: Allen Singer - Village Station, Box 382 - New York NY 10014-0382 USA Requests from non-FOC members, please send a Postal Money order, in lieu of a cheque. Follow-up with an e-mail. to: N2KW@ymail.com The First Printing is individually signed, and sequentially numbered. There is a strict limit of 700 copies. There probably will be a Second printing, but there will never be a second FIRST printing.

OZ4FF – Karsten will be one of the operators for special event 5P14EHC station, EUROPEAN HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MEN 2014. Danish radio amateurs will be QRV with a special event call, 5P14EHC, in the period from 1st January to 31st January 2014.

PJ4A – John, **K4BAI**, will be QRV again this year M/2 HP in CQ CW WW DX Contest from the rental QTH on Bonaire. Ops will be **K4BAI**, W1MD, K1XM, W1UE, PJ4LS, and **KU8E**. The first group will fly down on November 18 (others will arrive on November 19 and 20) and all will return on November 26. They will be active outside the contest as PJ4/home calls. QSL PJ4A, PJ4/K4BAI and PJ4/KU8E via K4BAI, PJ4/K1XM via KQ1F, and the others via their home calls.

PJ4/G3TXF - Friday September 20th world traveler G3TXF, Nigel, is "off to Bonaire" (SA-006, WLOTA 1279, WWFF PAFF-024) where he will be QRV as PJ4/G3TXF "for nine days (21-29)" including the Scandinavia Activity Contest-CW and the CQ WW RTTY. He has a Webpage at <http://www.g3txf.com/dxtrip/PJ4-Sep-13/PJ4.html> and will be posting his log and OQRS on Club Log at <https://secure.clublog.org/charts/?c=PJ4/G3TXF>

S53R – Robert was in Juba, for a work assignment and was involved with a preparatory phase of Project Goodwill South Sudan. He signed Z81R from September 10 to September 14, while the activity will be sporadic because of his professional duties. QSLs for this operation will be handled by Martti, OH2BH. Robert also made a "very short stay" in Ethiopia for three days, where he was QRV on CW from the ET3AA club station. Next he headed to Kenya (5Z4), but no reports that I caught yet -JP. He worked some 2500 W's at Z81R in South Sudan. QSL ET3AA via N2OO, Z81R via OH2BH. (Thanks, Daily DX)

WØZR – Tom is going to be spending January, February, and March of 2014 in Hobe Sound, Florida. Hobe Sound is on the Atlantic side about 35 miles north of West Palm Beach. Are there any members in that vicinity?

W1RAN Ned recently sent Colin G3VTT a large package containing what seemed to be the last of the western world's stock of octal plugs and sockets! This was greatly appreciated and has permitted Colin to now wire up his portable inverters for his homemade equipment. Current tube activities are on 60m from G3VTT on 5260 and 5262KHz. (G3VTT)

W8XM - It is truly with a heavy heart that I must tell you that Dick Moser - W8XM, FOC #1560, became a silent key 8 September. Dick was 92 years old and is survived by his wife Evelyn, also 92 years of age. Dick was my closest FOC neighbour, living only 8 miles away. We've been friends for the 40 years that I've lived in Ohio. The funeral was on Saturday September 14, 11 A.M. at Dalton Presbyterian Church, 163 West Main Street, Dalton, Ohio. Here is a link to the online obituary:

http://www.zakmonbarrenfh.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=2228662&fh_id=10756 (Thanks K8MFO)

W9RGB – On 24th September, Vic and Red, **K5ALU**, finished their 50 state challenge on 14.025 at 1615Z. They have now had a QSO when Red has been in every one of the 50 US states. It took them 8 years to do it. Vic received a beautiful plaque, also.

THE 2013 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

EUROPE		EUROPE		EUROPE		NORTH AMERICA		NORTH AMERICA		N/A - WEST	
R6AF	1237/427*	DL4CF	324/222	G5CL	102/ 79	W4PM	505/278*	K4JJW	261/186*	W7QC	137/113
DK5AD	742/318*	SM5COP	314/226*	SM1TDE	101/99	N3RS	495/304*	N5CW	244/166	N9RV/7	95/88
G3LIK	691/336*	DL1VDL	302/204*	G4AFU	100/100	K9FN	488/234*	V31JP	222/176	OCEANIA	
G3KTZ	665/339*	SV1AOW	294/192	G8VG	66/57	N2KW	460/320	K4OSO	222/164*	ZL2IFB	288/189*
LY2PX	644/337*	G3KOJ	277/188*	GØCHV	57/47	KR3E	459/249*	W1AAX	209/113	VK2BJ	167/138*
G4BUE	589/323*	G3LHJ	267/200*	MØPIE	24/24	K1SA	452/207	W4YE	205/137*	VK4TT	163/142*
SM5CCE	579/302*	PAØLOU	256/177	G4BWP	10/10	W1RM	448/261*	N3WT	195/148*	ZL2AGY	81/69
US9PA	461/268*	DL3AZ	255/167	NORTH AMERICA		N2UU	396/198*	WB2YQH	174/174*	ZL1AH	50
DL8PG	446/263*	G3VTT	240/134*	W8FJ	1122/372*	W3YY	386/239*	K5ALU	174/122	ASIA	
LZ1AF	444/271*	HA7AP	238/168*	AA3B	851/352*	K5TF	368/247*	W1AO	133/116*	7Z1HL	471/264*
G5LP	416/262	DJ4KW	225/188	W9RGB	838/361*	W1JR	343/232	A12Q	129/90	4X1FC	311/211*
DJ5IL	415/274	OH2EA	205/160*	KZ5D	833/369*	W5SG	335/206*	K9QVB	111/111	A65BD	139/116
SM6CNN	401/245	G3ZRJ	202/151	W5ZR	750/335*	K2QMF	331/227*	K4WJ	27/25*	HSØ/OZ1HET	108/90
GØØRH	394/275	GM3YOR	171/126	AD8P	724/340*	VE1DX	315/212*	VE3USP	18/18	VU2PTT	90/87
OK1RR	375/241*	GØGKH	166/127*	K2NV	638/327*	K1JD	310/188*	N/A - WEST		AFRICA	
DL6LBI	370/248*	F3AT	152/121	K2SX	635/310*	WA9AQN	309/227	K4XU/7	462/258*	EA8CN	493/288
PA7RA	361/225*	IKØYGJ	151/121	NA5G	605/297*	K2ZR	300/170*	AC2K/7	385/226*	SOUTH AMERICA	
G4HZV	359/233*	OH2KI	142/112*	AC5K	553/265*	K5AX	291/203*	K6AR	365/177*	no reports	
DK2GZ	359/222*	IK6BAK	113/102	W1EBM	551/277*	OX3XR	285/172*	K6RB	310/150*		
G3ZGC	351/229*	ZB2CW	111/111	N5AW	543/285*	N2ATB	269/176*	K8RD/6	284/183		
G2JL	349/228*	LA3FL	106/88*	W1FJ	618/314*	N3BB	263/171	KF7E	203/153*		