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THE FIRST CLASS CW OPERATORS' CLUB

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

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AUGUST
ACTIVITY
DAYS

17th Sun
FOC
Activity
Day

20th Wed
Mechanical
Key Day

G4FOC by G3YXX
Committee Meeting 28th August Thu

AUGUST 2014 CALENDAR

Windle deadline 25 August Mon W4PM
News Sheet deadline 26 August Tue V31JP
FOCUS deadline 31 August Sun S57NW

FIVES & FIFTIES

Congratulations to these members on a 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50 anniversary of unbroken FOC membership this month:

Yrs	Call	Nr	Joined
52	F5VHY	744	1962
45	N3JT	1067	1969

From your Membership Secretary - N4TY

Several members have noticed that they are on the 40+ list at the left of this page every year. So to make this space more interesting and useful, the Committee agreed at the last meeting to only publish those with 50+ years of FOC membership. We are also noting those with 25 years of membership and above, but only on their 5th year anniversary. Therefore, this column has been renamed "Fives and Fifties+". We hope this listing is a more appropriate milestone for members and is suitable

for congratulations when you hear them QRV. 161, Tyler N4TY. Thank you Tyler and our committee. Late note, my replacment computer is in Belize. 161, Joe, your Editor, v31jp1957@gmail.com or k8jp@arrl.net

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION by N4TY

Members please observe the sponsoring procedure, as posted <http://www.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 **K3MD** (John): by N2UU, K6RB, N2ATB, W4MQC.
- 6* **N2NL** (David): by WP3C, K6VVA, KH6LC, K1DG, N2NT, N9RV, VE3EJ, K1AR, N5AW, GØORH, K6NA, S53R, 4X4DK, GM3YTS, K2ZR.
- 6* **RX6CB** (Eduard): by LA3FL, R6AF, HA7AP, AA3B, IKØYGJ, W8FJ, DK1WU, IKØIXI, G3MCK, G3VTT, SV1AOW.
- 5* **JA1GZV** (Motoaki): by JE1TRV, MDØCCE, YO3FRI, GU4CHY, W6CYX, K6RB, DJ6ZM.
- 5* **I1HJP** (Paolo): by LY2PX, IKØIXI, W1FJ, DL3AZ, VK3DBD, MØCVR, G4VHH, K5TF, GI4CFQ.
- 5* **TZ6BB-EA4BB** (Fernando): by W9KNI, N8DE, 4X4DK, HB9QO, WL7E, OK1RR, W1FJ, KR3E, N5AW, W7QC, K8ZH, EI6FR, MUØFAL, 5TØJL, MDØCCE, G3SWH, GM3YTS, G5LP.
- 5 **VE3KI** (Richard): by VE3HX, N4AF, WP3C, G3PJT, K6RB, K4LTA.
- 4* **YB4IR** (Imam): by K6VVA, G3SWH, PA7RA, G3RTE, LA5HE, W9KNI, VE3LYC, SM6CUK.
- 4 **W8ZR** (Jim): by W5ZR, AC2K, JA1NUT, W9RGB, W4MQC.
- 4 **W4CI** (Dave): by N5CW, LZ2RS, WB4FSF, W4VQ, W4MQC, K4LTA.
- 3 **K5OT** (Larry): by N3BB, K2UR, K6VVA, KU8E, OH2KI, KZ5D.
- 3 **KØZR** (Jeff): by LZ2RS.
- 2 **W9UJ** (James): by LZ2RS.
- 2 **GM4EVS** (Dave): by DL4CF, 5B4AGN, DL6LBI, DL3AZ.
- 1 **W4II** (John): by LZ2RS.
- 1 **DF8DX** (Bodo): by K6VVA.

NEW MEMBERS by N4TY

NA6M (2046) Mark Stennett, PO BOX 2283, Georgetown, TX 78627 USA. Email: mark@na6m.com

INVITATIONS SENT by N4TY

The below nominee(s) will be invited to membership this month:

KØVXU (Russ): by GU4CHY, NO5W, KØVBU, K9QVB, N5CW, N8DE, 5B4AGN.

GØIBN (Andy): by G3ZRJ, G3MCK, G4FAD, W3MC, G3VTT, K9WA.

NN6T (Glen): by JA1NUT, KH6LC, AC2K, AI2Q, N5CW, K6RB, VQ9JC, DJ6ZM, ZL2AGY, G4RCG, ZL2IFB

AMENDMENTS by N4TY

G8VG (331) - Moved to Associate.

G3IEW (1632) - Please welcome Stan back to Full membership from Associate (see below). Also his email has changed to: stan@gg3iew.plus.com

K1NA (1331) - Silent key.

W1HT (774) - new address: Ralph (Helene) Green, 2024 Wolverton B, Boca Raton, FL 33434.

SMØBDS (908) - Silent key.

W3MC (1739) - New everything: Mike Cizek **WØVTT**, PO Box 616, Saint Charles MN 55972-0616.

Phone: +1 507-421-5495, Email: mgcizek@hbc.com

VE7BS (140) - Silent key.

VE3LYC(1994) - New address: 4986 Bath Rd, Bath, ON K0H 1G0, Canada.

FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMITTEE by G3SXW, Committee Secretary

At the Committee meeting on 17th July the number of members, nominations and finances were reported as stable and satisfactory. N4TY noted that a few members are having difficulty posting to the FOC Members' reflector due to their ISP being blocked by Google Groups. Alternative arrangements are being made. Meantime, any member suffering this problem should contact KR3E. Members are reminded that the reflector is entirely unmoderated, so any such problems are never of the Club's making. As a more general reminder newer members might bear in mind that our official google groups reflector is 'FOC Members' whereas 'cwcw' is not administered by FOC and is open to non-members.

Again this month several important matters were discussed under 'Any Other Business'. All issues raised last month are being progressed. Nominations for the G3FXB Memorial Award and our new, annual Unsung Hero Award are being considered. Committee discussed alternative ways of listing long membership in the monthly News Sheet, to replace the current system of appearing in the same month each year, once having reached forty years membership.

Don't forget: November 8th is our Annual Dinner in Milton Keynes. We hope for a bumper attendance.

The next Committee meeting will be on 28th August.

Election of Committee Members, Chairman GM3YTS

In accordance with paragraph 7 and Annex 3 of the Constitution, Committee advises that Nominations for Committee for 2015 should be sent to the Committee Secretary, G3SXW by 31st August 2014. All current members are willing to serve for a further year but an election for Committee positions is always available.

FOC UK Dinner and AGM, November 8th, Update by G3XTT

We have over 20 potential attendees on the list so far, including Frank PA4N and Marielle and also Riki K7NJ and Becki. Of course, it's very early days. We are not asking for money just yet but it would be helpful to have some idea of whether you intend to come and I can then make a point of mailing further information specifically to likely attendees rather than to the whole membership. Do remember that you are welcome to bring guests.

The deal that Jurys hotel are offering us is £60 for a single room on a bed and breakfast basis, £65 for a double room. To book your accommodation please call reservations on 01908 843700 - Option 1 for reservations or email ukmidlands@jurysinns.com

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For most of you, though, the online booking system will work best and there have been some excellent "special offers" recently:

<http://www.jurysinns.com>

I am told that the new look Bletchley Park is well worth a visit and Ray G4FON is once again available to host tours. We also have the use of the hotel's meeting room from lunchtime onwards. Michael G7VJR has already agreed to run a ClubLog surgery for those of you who would like to know more about this excellent tool. I would welcome offers of talks and/or workshops or I might just have to give the TX6G talk all over again! And how about bringing along your favourite and/or most unusual key and we can have a little display for others to salivate over?

Tom G3HGE will be attending and has kindly donated the very last of his hand-made keys as a door prize. We thank Tom very much indeed for his generosity.

Don G3XTT, don.field@gmail.com

FOC QP Set for Saturday, 13 September, 2014 by KZ5D

The date for the next FOC QSO Party is quickly approaching. Now is a good time to put this on your calendar. Block out some time to join in the fun. Our last event in September had a very high number of members and non-members participate. Please spread the word around to all your ham friends so they can join in. This QSO Party gives the FOC members the opportunity to work each other and non-members. Let's see if we can get every FOC member on the air during this 24 hour period. Even if you have just 1 hour to operate, do get on and make some QSOs. Here are the rules:

The Event: Open to all stations worldwide. FOC members contact members and non-members. Other stations contact FOC members only. Call CQBW to solicit contacts.

Duration: 24 hours. 0000Z to 2359Z on Saturday, 13 September, 2014.

Object: FOC members – Contact as many members and non-members on all amateur bands, excluding WARC bands.

Non-Members – Contact as many FOC members as possible on all amateur bands including VHF. However, the WARC bands are excluded.

Exchange: For **FOC members:** RST, Name, & FOC Number. **Non-members:** RST & Name

Frequencies: CW portions of all appropriate bands, from 015 to 040. Top Band: Avoid the DX Window

Activity Report: FOC members – Report total QSOs and total FOC QSOs, counted once per band.. For example: 302/177 where the first number would be total QSOs, followed by the total FOC member QSOs. **Non-Members** – Report total QSOs with FOC members, counted once per band.

No logs as we are only using the honor system. Handsome certificates presented to top scoring members and non-members on each continent. Send your report to: KZ5D@aol.com no later than 7 days after the contest.

Complete details and results published on the FOC website: www.g4foc.org

FOC at WRTC-2014 by G3SXW

Some 500 contesters gathered in Boston in July 2014 for the latest 'Ham Radio Olympics'. Competitors were 59 two-man teams each with a full-time referee. This massive undertaking was superbly managed, a hugely successful competition and social event.

FOC members were much in evidence, in every role. See below and apologies if we have missed any members.

ORGANISERS: K1DG President; K1AR Director, Lodging and Hospitality; N2NT Director, Competition; S50A President, Sanctioning Committee

JUDGES: K1ZZ Chief Judge; G3XTT Judge

COMPETITORS: GI0RTN, LY9A, M0DXR, N3KS, S50A, VE3DZ, VE3EJ, VE7CC, VY2ZM

REFEREES: G3SXW, G4BUO, G5LP, K4BAI, K6NA, KC7V, N3RD, N5AW, S50A, S53R, VK2IA, VK4CT, W6RGG

VISITORS: K2LE, K3NA, K3ZO, N6XI, N9RV, W1EBI, W1FJ, W1RM, WA1FCN

MEMBERS' NEWS

- **CONDIN 2015** - The CONDIN 2015 is in Paderborn/Germany. More see: www.pileup.de.com "FOC". (Thanks, DJ6SI)
- **DK2GZ** – Hello. We are travelling within a group to Vilnius, Klaipeda, Riga and Tallin, Lithuania in August. Harry's mobile-phone number is: +49 170 330 2308 The dates and hotels are:
13.08. - 15.08, Vilnius, Radisson Blu Lietuva 15.08. - 17.08, Klaipeda, Radisson Blu Klaipeda
17.08. - 19.08, Riga, Radisson Blu Latvija 19.08. - 21.08, Tallin, Radisson Blu Olympia
- **EA8CN** – Andy Just finished his FOC WAS with Nebraska and he made it with Dennis WØJX/M. Andy wants to thank Dennis, WØJX and Red, K5ALU for their /M activities from the "rare ones". It wouldn't be possible without them and their "good ears". Being in Sweden during the summers working NA is VERY difficult. He only has wire antennas and 100W, he imagines how weak his signals were. FOC can be proud of those good /M operators! **A BIG YEAH** after 14 years of chasing. He thanks Kjell, SM5CCE and Anders, SM6CNN, for spotting the weak signals and prodding him on.
- **G2HKU** – on 31st July, Colin, G3VTT, visited Ted at his new digs. Colin is pleased to report that Ted is looking better and starting to move around at his special care home on the Isle of Sheppey. He is eating more and is currently devouring another book on spies and radio and has requested mandarin oranges to supplement his diet! The plan is to get him back to his bungalow in due course. I had quite a long chat with Ted and took notes on his activities as a VI and other radio matters from the Sheerness Dockyard which I've passed to a couple of FOC members with interests in the Voluntary Interceptors history.
- **G3IEW** - Stan's medical people changed their minds and say: it is OK for him to resume operating.
- **G3SXW** - July, 20, Roger spent some time in the RSGB Low Power contest, CW only on 80m and 40m. He finished with 101 QSOs, currently the high claimed score in the three watts Fixed category. So, he may have retained the Trophy for that section which he won in 2013. Roger reported FOCers were much in evidence. I worked (in QSO order): G5LP, G3BJ, G3TBK, G3RVM, G4HZV, GM3POI, DK8IT, F5VHY, G3OLB, DL6LBI, GW3KDB, G3KTZ, G3IAF, DK2GZ, G3ZRJ, PA0LOU, G3PDH, G3NKS, DL4CF, GM3JKS, almost all using ten watts or less. He thanks all for the QSOs and hopes he hasn't missed anyone. QRP really is fun, every QSO gives a small thrill!
- **G3TXF** - Nigel, has posted some snaps from his RSGB IOTA TF-Iceland trip at <http://www.g3txf.com/dxtrip/TF-Jul-14/TF-Jul-14.html> He notes the weather was "excellent", as you will be able to see.

- **G3VTT** – Colin was on Radio Kent a mid-July in the group “Swinging The Lead.” Good show, but the URL has expired.
- **G3YXX** - You might want to blame David if you get an early winter, this. Seems our shanty singer, Colin, G3VTT, helped David get up a centre fed E/W trap dipole. Now, David is already wishing winter propagation on us! (Tnx, G3SXW)
- **GW3KDB** – The August RadCom reports Pete reached 50 years of continuous RSGB membership. Congrats! (Tnx, G3SXW)
- **IKØIXI** - Just back home from Lake Trasimen where Fabio worked 130 CW QSO during the free time available (swimming pool, Jacuzzi, BBQ and relaxing were the main jobs over there, HI!) Rig FT-857D, Pixia Antenna and 20m GP. Interesting contacts with; W, JA, CO, PY, OH0, 6V, 4X, EU, BY, 4L, VE, Nice at 03:00z on 20m during CWT: Worked 25 U.S. stations. Had long CW chats with FOCs: KF3B, G3SCD, W3YY and 4Z4KX. Worked 2XQRP with: SM, G, S5, I, DL, F. Special Guest: [Fabio Andrioli](#) IZ0QPO and his son who reached us passing 4 days together.
- **K1DG** - The Radio Club of America (RCA) has announced its [2014 award winners](#) and one of our own, Norman “ Doug” Grant, K1DG, received the Barry Goldwater Award.
- **K1NA** - Jim Power became a Silent Key on July 15, 2014 at 70 years after a long illness. He leaves his wife, Mary Ellen, two daughters and 5 grandchildren and his brother Matt, KA1R. Jim was an electrical engineer and worked for many years until his retirement in sales for the Hewlett Packard Corporation. He enjoyed Ham Radio as K1NA and PJ5NA mostly on CW with particular interest in 160 meters and 6 meters. He enjoyed biking and snorkeling. (Tnx W1JR)
- **OQ3R/ON4BF** - Mar has become the president of the new local HAM Club Radioclub des radioamateurs de Beauraing - Famenne, **ON4BF**. Presently, he is the unique CW operator and he has enjoyed uring the last months CW contests like IARU-R1 Field Day, WWSA, IARU HF Championship. He contacted many FOCers, a warm hallo has been sent even during these contacts. For all those chasing Windle points, all the contacts with **ON4BF** shall be considered as contacts with Mar, **OQ3R**. For the coming months, Mar will activate ON4BF during other major contests only on CW. Because he cannot put up any decent antenna at home, his activity from his local club is available.
- **SV5/G2JL** – Mort was going home the week of the 28th July and will return in September.
- **S57NW & WJ** - Jelks and Gabor will be QRV from St. Pelegrin, near Umag as **9A**/home calls between August 1st and 16th. The equipment will be an old TS450 and a vertical dipole (2x 5m wire) on 12m long fibreglass pole.
- **TR4W** – Howie, **N4AF**, reports they are in the process of adding support for the Bill Windle QP to the TR4W logger. It is still in test, he should be making it available in a few days to all TR4W log users via an announcement to the TR4W group on Google <http://tr4w.com/group/index.html> <http://n4af.net/TR4W>
- **VK6VZ** – Steve has been great enjoying himself by refurbishing an old Atlas-215X 160m – 15m solid state transceiver. In a similar vein, he is very keen to buy a Ten Tec Corsair II and wonders if any members have one they are prepared to part with – these transceivers are hard to find in Australia. In order to keep postage costs down, Steve is interested in simply purchasing the transceiver itself. Please email him at vk6vz@arach.net.au if you can help.
- **VP5/G3SWH** - Phil and Georg, **DK7LX** will be QRV from Grand Turk Island in the Turks and Caicos Islands as **VP5/G3SWH** between 1st and 9th October 2014. They will have two stations with wire antennas & operate CW only all bands from 80 to 10 metres except 60 metres and no 160 or 6 metres. This DX-pedition is fully funded by the operators and they have not sought any sponsorship. Grand Turk is one of the Turks Islands and counts as NA-003 for IOTA. The IOTA web site indicates that it is needed by over 60% of IOTA participants. There will be a log search facility at: www.g3swh.org.uk/vp5-g3swh.html which will be updated daily depending on the internet.. The log will be uploaded to the ARRL's Log Book of the World (LoTW) and Club Log. Proper QSLs will be available via the OQRS facility at www.g3swh.org.uk/decision.html (preferred), direct via snail mail with adequate return postage or via the RSGB bureau. Note that IRCs are NOT accepted. For more information: www.g3swh.org.uk/vp5-g3swh.html.
- **VU2PTT** – Prasad is about to put up the antennas in the his new place as he just has a 15m vertical now.
- **W1FJ**- Ruth and Al had a great time at WRTC and met a lot of the FOC gang. While there, Al ordered a KX3 which he has received and is having lots of fun with it. Al plans to take it on their upcoming cruise.
- **W3MC/WØVTT** - Mike & Susan have escaped the east coast after 25 years and returned to their Midwestern roots to be closer to our families. Most of them are within a half day's drive and we are enjoying regular visits. The tower seeds are planted at the new location, and they should grow to full height by the end of summer. Perhaps they will grow tall enough to permit QSOs with the elusive Mort! Maybe he can pretend I'm an Augie when he works me with my new callsign. For now, I am on the air with a low dipole at low power.

THE 2014 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		N/A -WEST		EUROPE		EUROPE	
W9RGB	875/370*	N2UU	311/175*	K5AX	111/90	W7QC	196/145*	PA7RA	290/193*	SV1AOW	128/107
AA3B	726/349*	WA9AQN	273/200*	W1AO	106/94	K6RB	185/81	DL1VDL	282/225	US9PA	117/108
KZ5D	497/285*	W4PM	272/205*	W1JR	101/83	KF7E	169/120*	G4HZV	266/190*	OH2KI	115/101
W0JX	491/262*	K5KV	262/187*	K1SA	99/91	EUROPE		DK2GZ	265/185*	LA3FL	107/89*
W8FJ	449/240	N5AW	241/161	VE1DX	94/82	SM5CCE	698/328*	DL3AZ	259/179*	IK6BAK	97/77
AC5K	435/256*	W3YY	218/170*	W5SG	90/73*	DK5AD	562/296	G5LP	255/193	IK0YGI	89/75
W5ZR	430/253	K9FN	214/150	AD8P	77/77	DL5YL	555/278*	LZ1AF	252/190	G5CL	64/53*
W1FJ	423/261	K2QMF	180/150*	AI2Q	65/54	G3LIK	525/296*	G3ZRJ	240/168*	OH2EA	55/53*
K2SX	405/225*	W4YE	169/134	K5ALU	64/56	G4BUE	481/301*	G3ZGC	211/162*	G8VG	36/35
N5RR	403/240	N3BB	169/122	W4ZYT	49/39*	G2JL	459/131*	SM5COP	202/143*	R7KZ	27*
K5TF	363/256*	W1EBM	161/122*	K4WJ	20/19	LY2PX	433/248*	MØPCB	195/180	ASIA	
W1RM	353/206*	N2ATB	145/124*	V31JP	19/18*	G3KTZ	425/246*	G3VTT	184/108*	A65BD	151/112
K2NV	351/231*	WB2YQH	141/141*	N/A -WEST		GØORH	418/278	G3LHJ	160/142*	4X1FC	104/91
KR3E	341/224*	K2ZR	134/97*	K4XU	416/279	DL6LBI	379/235*	PA4N	152/111	HSØZLM	82/69
NA5G	339/199	WB6BEE	131/105*	AC2K	274/169*	OK1RR	373/244*	G3KOJ	152/108*	AFRICA	
N2KW	334/276F	K4JJW	129/92*	K8RD	236/165	DL8PG	329/209*	DJ4KW	149/124	EA8CN	446/271
WØVX	316/183*	K4OSO	121/108	K6AR	229/162*	HA9RT	300/216	GØGKH	130/112*	OCEANIA	
										VK4TT	55/47*