# Silver Anniversary



1947~1972

#### INTRODUCTION

As the Potomac Valley Radio Club ends it's first 25 years of activity and looks toward the 1973-1974 contest activity season, it is appropriate that all of us take note of the accomplishments and past records of our fine organization.

This publication was edited by WAYZC with assistance from many exofficers and charter members. Hopefully it will give both new PVRCers and
old-timers alike insight into what makes our club one of the premier radio
clubs in all the land.

This local membership forms the core of the "big guns" in the Washington, D. C. area. It is this group that contributes to the scores you see in QST and CQ. These same amateurs supply the leadership and talent for club offices, special events such as Field Day and the PVRC-FRC Joint Meeting, and assist others when called upon.

Read on....about the story of your Potomac Valley Radio Club....the past

Presidents who led us....the contest records....the directory of local members..

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anniversary....silent keys....

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Vice-President - Lynn Lamb, W3EWZ
Secretary - Leland W. Smith, Jr. W4YZG
Treasurer - Jim Douglas, W3ZNH

### THE PVRC STORY - 2nd Edition - HOW WE GOT WHERE WE ARE TODAY - 1973

PVRC membership means many things to many people...winning SS and DX Contests, participating in CD parties, Field Day, Contests of all types, BIG signals, super operators, involvement, participating in organizational and regulatory matters relative to amateur radio, pride, fellowship and on and on. Most of all, PVRCers are dedicated to the task at hand...be it winning the contests, assisting each other, and maintaining friendships over the years that binds us all together.

The concept of an amateur radio club specializing in DX and contests is not new; two dominant forces known for years as archivals are the Frankford Radio Club (established in 1931) and the Potomac Valley Radio Club. Clubs come and go but PVRC steadfastly remains interested and active in many aspects of amateur radio.
"Once a PVRCer, always a PVRCer!"

Immediately following World War II and the resumption of amateur operation, a small group of interested amateurs in the Washington area geared up for post-war operation with emphasis on contests and the pursuit of DX. Several hams at the Pentagon Army Signal Center actively sought to form a new type of club...one which would be dedicated to excellence in operating technique and winning contests. This idea grew, and by the end of July in 1947 several men gathered at the home of WAKFT in Arlington, Virginia to form a new club known as the Aurora Hills Amateur Radio Club. The following objectives were established for the club: "the promotion of interest in amateur radio communications and experimentation within the club; the maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of

conduct among members; the fostering of participation in amateur activities." The name Aurora Hills Amateur Radio Club lasted only a few months and upon the suggestion of W9NWX/4 (now WØDX) the name, Potomac Valley Radio Club emerged. This new name has come to be known and respected in amateur radio circles around the globe.

Records indicate that the charter membership included: W4KFT, W4KFC, W3JTC (now W4AAV), W3MTQ, W4KXN (now W3GRF), W9NWX/4, W4JUY (now W7YS), W4LRI, W4RQR, W4MKM, W4BFC, W4CC, and W4IA.

September of 1947 saw the election of the first slate of officers. This pioneer group consisted of: President M. C. Richardson, W4KFT; Vice-President V. C. Clark, W4KFC; Activities Manager R. Mitchell, W4RQR; Treasurer L. Chertok, W3GRF, and Secretary C. E. Van Pelt, W4LRI. Under vigorous leadership these early members began the PVRC tradition: W4CC, W4BFO, W4FF, W4IA, W3RSJ, W4EMJ, W4WI, W4QY, W1MV, W3KZQ, W4KVM, W4WO, W3EIV, W3EIS, W4VE, W4LAP, and W4LUE.

The '47 gang showed its competitive spirit by challenging the larger Washington Radio Club in the SS. The challenge was accepted and PVRC won with a total of 1.15 million points. Under the agreement a gavel was presented by WRC and this same gavel is used by today's PVRC President. In our first year of SS competition we placed third in the nation in the club listings. Not satisfied with this first taste of victory, PVRC challenged WRC in the '48 VHF SS, and...lost! Despite this setback, PVRC in its first two years of existence established a winning tradition in contest activities on the HF bands. A later page will show the track record of the FVRC to date.

Unlike most amateur radio clubs PVRC, has not owned a clubhouse or even held a club call. Meetings were held initially at
members homes such as W4KFT, W4KFC, W3JTC, W9NWX/4 and other stations.

1948-1950 saw the meeting place shifted to the WAR transmitter
building at Battery Cove in Alexandria. The Korean War necessitated vacating the WAR facilities and for a brief spell members
homes were utilized once again. Sometime in 1951 and until December of 1952 the PVRC gathering place was the Printcraft Building in
Washington. Through the efforts of W4WBC the club moved to the
Arlington Red Cross Building and remained there until December of
1972. Presently, the club meeting places alternate between schools
in Fairfax, Virginia and Clinton, Maryland. Almost without exception, meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each menth
with summer meetings held monthly at members homes.

Speaking of meetings, what is a PVRC meeting like? Formal and highly structured meetings have never been the order at our club.

While 8 PM is the appointed hour, ragchews usually delay the banging of the President's gavel until 8:15. Attendance has varied over the years from about 20 to over 70 on occasion. Meetings concentrate on the most important order of the day...an upcoming contest or a post-mortem of the same. Tips on antennas, rigs, receivers, operating practices, visits by USA and foreign amateurs, special projects and general involvement in legislative and political ends of amateur radio are the usual topics considered. Our support and involvement in ARRI has been both extensive and meaningful. W3SW currently serves at Atlantic Division Director, while W4KFC is the Reanche Division Director. Several assistant directors such as W4ZE, FEAFDT, and E3JYZ serve the membership. Former SCM's include: Virginia:

W4KFC and the late W4FF. Maryland-District of Columbia the late W3BKE, and K3JYZ. Alabama and Georgia W4AGI. Currently, W6NUT serves as SC M of San Francisco and W3FA for Maryland and D. C.

The highlight of many meetings is visits by "visiting fireman" from afar who bring us the interesting and exciting picture of amateur radio elsewhere. Just a brief scanning of old minutes shows these guests: CX7BF, CE3OK, EP5X, EP2BB, DJ3HC, DL4DX, DL4WA, DL4WE, DL4JN, DL6TQ, DL7ZA, ET3GK, G2AH, G3BXN, G3IZQ, G8VG, G2RO, FP8AP, HB9IA, HB9AW, HC1KA, HA5KA, JA3AF, HL9KF, KP4CRT, KP4VD, KP6AB, KL7ACO, KL7PJ, HS5ABD, KX6AF, KH6YL, KH6DR, KL7GMA, KV4AM, ON5VY, OK1WI, OD5LX, SP5KK, PAØZN, PAØPRT, SV7AA, TA3AA, TI2BX, TF5SV, VK3ACS, VR3A, VP8AO, VE2BX, VE2AWH, VE3NR, VE3CDL, VO6AT, VQ8CC, XV5AC, T12CMP, VUIIRA, YA1AM, YV3JA, XW8CS, ZC6JM, 9M4LP, and at least one UA3.

Special projects or activities in which the club has engaged in since its formation include:

- 1 Novice Night held in 1952, the first in the Washington area with over 50 WN's present, prizes galore and W4WBC became the first Novice to join us.
- 2 Hamfest/Convention Participation Atlantic Division Convention 1948, ARRL National in Washington 1958, Roanoke Division Convention 1973, and attendance by many members at every national convention of the ARRL since our founding.
- 3 Club banquets. The first crowfest was held in 1950 when the W3SS team defeated the W4's! Our annual Christmas Dinner has become a great tradition with over 100 in attendance. Highlight is the awarding of the Cole Award to the member who has contributed the most during the past year.

4 - Joint meeting held annually with Frankford Radio Club which began in the 1950's. These annual get-togethers with the FRC gang alternate between Philadelphia and Washington. Each meeting has been an outstanding success with lively discussions of mutual interests and concerns. A high degree of compatibility and friendly rivalry has been demonstrated over many years.

What is the typical PVRCer like? First, he is not typical and contrary to the Amateur Code he is not balanced! Our members range in age from 14 to over 80! The majority are married and many work for Uncle Sam. All types of occupations are represented in our ranks: Military officers, MD's, lawyers, teachers, electronic engineers, salesmen, and just about every occupation you can name. The common element is that each member has an uncommon zeal for competition and strives for bigger and better achievements. The typical PVRC station is not very typical at all. Super stations such as W3AU, K1LPL/3, W4BVV, W4KXV, W3GRF and W4KFC, to mention a few, sport multi-element antennas, several transmitters and receivers, and station design and lay-out oriented for contest operation. The 1960's saw the advent of multi-operator stations such as W4SVV, W3AU, K3JYZ, W4KXV, and K4CG. These stations run up millions of points in CQ and ARRL DX contests.

If there is a typical single operator station, it consists of dipole antennas for 80 and 40, a wire for 160, and a trap tri-band beam for 20-15-10. Many members utilize the full KW input but several manage with far less power input. Many members keep in touch locally by using the 147 MHZ net.

In the early years it was common for the PVRC station to have

all home brew gear sprinkled with a surplus receiver. ARC-5's, ART 13's, BC-348's, and the like were most typical in the late 40's. Only a few stations had commercial gear. Today's PVRCer generally has Drake, Heath, Collins, or Swan gear. Many of us still continue to build their own KW amplifiers.

One of the high points in being a PVRC member is fellowship, of a kind rarely found in other clubs. Through mutual help, members have licked the problems of TVI/BCI/RFI; towers and antennas have been erected by the dozens (including efforts to overcome restrictive ordinances in the area). Rigs and receivers have been debugged, modified, and generally tuned to perfection by mutual help. A very special thanks must go to the many who have donated gear to the cause. W3GRF, W4KFC, and others have donated many choice items of equipment plus many hours of expert technical assistance to members.

Thus, the PVRC story to this date recalls the many individuals who have helped to make our club what it is today. As the membership continues to grow and our members move in and out of the Washington area, we annually renew friendships during the on-the-air PVRC Reunion Activity held in the spring of each year.

PVRC celebrates its 25th anniversary with renewed dedication to maintain excellence in terms of competitive amateur activities of all descriptions. Our enthusiasm in promotion of the "Greatest Hobby in the World" continues steadfastly.

There is little doubt that when the 50th anniversary of PVRC is recorded it will be another chapter of firsts for the POTOMAC VALLEY RADIO CLUB.

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#### Special thanks to:

- the XYLS who have tolerated/assisted/encouraged us and have generally exhibited unbelievable patience over the years!
- the remaining charter members in this area, W3GRF and W4KFC, who supplied much material in the writing of this history.
- our country and the American Radio Relay League for giving us the privilege of being radio amateurs.

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE POTOMAC VALLEY RADIO CLUB CHARTER PVRC MEMBERS

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1947-48	W4KFT	WAKKN (now W3GRF)
1948-49	WAKPC	W3JTC (now W4AAV)
194 <b>9-5</b> 0	WALRI	MTIKN
195051	WAVE (now WANO)	WДКРС
1951-52	W3GRF	WAKFT
1952-53	W4N TZ	W/LRI
1953-54	WAKEC	<b>W</b> Д <b>ИКМ</b>
1954-55	w3GRF	MTMMD
1955-56	WAGF	W4BFO (now K4TJ)
1956-57	M3EIV	WARQR (now W9DD)
1957-58	W42M	W9NWX/4 (now WØDX)
19 <b>58-59</b>	W3EIS (now W3IN)	PTIEW
1959-60	MTKXA	
1 <del>9</del> 60-61	WAJNE	
1 <del>961-6</del> 2	W3GRF	
1 <b>%</b> 2 <b>-</b> 63	W3MCG (now W3FA)	
1963-64	WAKFC	
1964-65	W4.7M	
1965-66	w3GRF	
1966-67	K3JYZ	
1967-68	W4ZM	
1968-69	WENTE (now WIZM)	
1969-70	W3CRF	
1970-71	W3CRF	
1971-72	W3IN	
1972-73	W42M	

LCCAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY - These local members responded to the request for information and it is presented in a condensed form telow. 40/47 indicates year first licensed and year joined PVRC.

KILPL/3 Frank Donovan, 59/69, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, 5BDMCC,
FOC, top ten cw SS '67, '68, '71, '72, top ten ARRL DX
'71, '72, phone '67, USAF officer, great antennas, likes
swimming and boating.

K2QBW/3 Ray Soifer, 55/71, Extra Class, WAC, DXCC, WAZ, A-1 Op, Public Service Award, Satellite DX 1000, 12 BPL's, eight QST articles, AMSAT Director, Oscar 6 fan, goes for politics and finance.

K2UYG/3 William Schneider, Jr., 56/71, Extra Class, WAS, WAS, DXCC, WAZ, A-1 Op, FOC, 00, also holds G5ALY, OY7W, FØGV, likes politics and military affairs.

W3ABC Hugh Turnbull, 32/70, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DXCC, 00, ex W2CTT, holds CElAGI, HD8IG, ZD8HT, 5R8AC, QCWA, enjoys being on the other end of DX pile ups.

W3AEL Charles Marshburn, 30/48, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DXCC, WAZ, A-10P, former secretary PVRC, ex W4AEL.

W3AFM Paul Rockwell, 31/60, Extra Class, DXCC, chases countries, QST author, ex W4AUE, W1PDP, CE3EC, KC6AT, KC6ZZ.

K3ANA John Bokoles, 56/57, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DXCC.

W3AU Ed Bissell, 34/50, Extra, DXCC, WAS, WAC, WAZ, FCC, ex W3MSK, W8MSK, VK5QA, SVØWA, VU2MSK, former President PVRC, beam antennas for all bands, contest and DX station supreme.

W3AXW Charles "Buck" Lewis, 22/64, Extra Class, WAS, FEWAS, WAC, DXCC, 5BDXCC, WAZ, FOC, former SCM Kansas, QCWA, WAVE, WACAN, ex W9CCS, K2DNA, K1PNN, hunts and fishes.

W3AZD Don Search, 55/64, WAS, 5BWAS, WAC, DSCC, 5BDXCC, WAZ, Op at W3AU, DXCC Honor Roll, CQ DX Honor Roll, 3rd world high CQ WPX 7 and 21 Mhz, op PJØ, VP7NA, likes amateur rocketry.

W3BQV Gene Zimmerman, 56/64, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DMCC, WAZ, former Vice President PVRC, op at both W3AU and W4BVV, op at PJØ's CC, DX, member ARRL Contest Advisory Committee, enjoys politics.

W3BWZ	Lynn Lamb, 54/68, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DXCC Honor Roll, WAZ, Assistant Director, DX Advisory Committee, former Secretary and Vice President PVRC, XYL WA3NGS, holds W4HZI also. Likes camping and big game hunting.
K30Q	William Hall, Extra Class, former W3GCT, W4NHX, op W4BVV.
W3CRE	Burt Cohen, 54/69, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DXCC, 5BDXCC, WAZ, ORS, WPX, goes for SSTV, ex W9DIK.
W3CSZ	Joe Johnson, 31/66, Extra Class, A-1 Op, OO, IW, MYS Races, also holds W2DW, ex W2JBQ, W8FLX, FD op at W2AB for 25 years.
W3EZT	Jerry Horwitz, 54/70, Extra Class, ORS, OPS, RM, '71 ARRL DX MDC winner phone, '62 ARRL SS section award phone (SNJ), ARRL Public Service Award, ex W4HBO and WB2BGH.
W3FA	Karl Medrow, 31/53, Extra Class, A-1 Op, SCM MDC, former President PVRC, Public Service Awards, ex W3MCG, W9AKT, W9NR.

W3FZV Phil Battey, 51/54, WAS, WAC, DXCC, ORS, OTC, CP 25, one of first ten Novices to make WAS, won Hallicrafter rx in '52 for this feat, Dad - W4IA, enjoys music, slides, travel.

Roland Anders, 58/70, Extra Class WAS, WAC, DXCC, WAZ, ORS, trustee for WA3EPT, op at W4BVV, likes fishing.

K3GKU Owen McReynolds, 35/72, also W4DPS, WAS, DXCC, WAZ, ex K2JCD, W2QWM.

W3GN Larry Fadner, 36/56, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DXCC, Al Op, 00/OVS, CP-50, owns Fadners Point, Michigan, enjoys genealogical research and classical music. Ex W3MSR, W9WJV, W2TQK.

W3GRF Leonard Chertok, 36/47, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DXCC, WAZ, A-1 Op, ORS, held every PVRC office, President many times, many time winner of section award ARRL DX, US high ARRL DX Contest, US and World High in CQ DX Contest, former chairman Contest Advisory Committee ARRL, ex W4KXN, has helped countless members with antenna and technical expertise.

WA3GUI Tom Clancy, 66/69, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, A-1 Or, or at W3AU and K3JYZ, pre-Med at U. of Md., likes autos, bicycling, traveling.

WA3HRV Carl Kratzer, 67/69, Extra Class, WAC, WAZ, DXCC, OBS, WPX, also LU3AU, 3AØFH, VP2DAE, PYØZAA, CQ author, likes DXpeditions, contests, propagation.

W3HVM Rube Chernikoff, 33/49, DXCC, 10 meter fan, ex W9HVM and W2GON.

WA3IAQ Ray Terkoski, 67/69, Extra Class ORS, op at WSAT, biggest thrill working 124 JA's in one hour, 15 m at W3AU.

Don McClenon, 34/47, Extra Class, WAS, DXCC, A-1 Op, former President, V-P, Treasurer of PVRC, 9 Md section. SS winner certificates, QCWA plaque 1972, 1957 Atlantic Division SS trophy, 1952 PVRC SS Gavel, ex W3EIS, HClAGI, HClDC, worked Asia on 160, likes chess, gardening, and bridge.

WA3IYS Bob Weinstock, 67/69, Extra Class, WAS, A-1 Or, CRS, 00, 25 BPL's, CP-60, attends Gallaudet College, or at W3AU.

W3JPT Charles Dorian, 39/66, WAS, WAC, OTC, DXCC, Assistant Director, former PVRC Secretary and Treasurer, 00, ex W1LXO, W4KZW, W6JPT, biggest thrills working W6 on 6 m, op at 4U1ITU during contest, likes propagation, amateur satellites.

WA3JXJ Robert Schlauch, 67/69, WAS, WAC, DXCC, op at W3AU, K3JYZ and K4CG. Presently in U. S. Navy.

K3JYZ Carl Anderson, 53/60, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DMCO, RM, ORS, Assistant Director, former SCM MDO, former FVRO President, BPL Medallion, ex K6BCG, biggest thrills working KC4USM and clean sweep in SS, Public Service Awards, trailer mobile.

W3KA Ralph Ladd, 24/62, WAS, WAC, DXCC, WAZ, A-1 Op, FOO, former PVRC Secretary, likes building gear, ex W4CK, W9CK, KS4AZ, visited 9N1MM, VU2GS, worked first DXCC with 100 watts.

W3KMV William Tynan, 45/65, Extra Class, also W4GKM, author QST articles, op PJ9AF, interested in Oscar 6, WHF, and contests.

K3LYW Norman Jeweler, 60/62, WAS, WAC, WAZ.

W3ML George Reifenstein, 26/68, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DWCC, WAZ, FOC, Naval Reserve Rear Admiral, op. PJØCC, ex 8CRC, 8CLS, W8UXG, W2UXG, K6LZI, K6SXP, W3CKI.

W3NL Dick Propst, 33/68, Extra Class, DXCC, ex W8KCG, W5QNY, W2LAY, W4LWH, K3VAB, likes fishing, boating, dx.

W3MFJ Bill Leavitt, 36/50, ex W9YFD, likes photography and antenna farms.

K3NPV John Wilson, 47/65, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DXCC, FOC, ex W8ZWX, PJØDX, 9H3C, op at PJØDX for world high score in CQ DX phone contest.

W3PZW Dick Young, 49/51, WAS, WAC, A-1 Op, FOC BPL Medal, ex KB6BJ, KL7BPG, SVØWH, biggest thrill being lost at sea on KS4BB expedition.

W3TN Dave Fell, 14/62, Extra Class, WAS, ORS, enjoys traffic work, ex 3TR.

WN3UHO Robert Teitel, 57/73, ex K2YMZ, K1RNM, likes building gear and mountain topping.

K3WUW Dallas Carter, 62/64, Extra Class, A-1 Op, former Secretary PVRC, ORS, Public Service Award, chief op. at K4CG, likes racing horses, volunteer fire work.

W3ZKH Jack Reichert, 54/60, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DXCC, WAZ, Public Service Award, also holds PJ9JR, likes civil war relics, volunteer fire department.

W3ZNH Jim Douglas, 54/69, WAC, DXCC, WAZ, Honor Roll, President National Capitol DX Association, treasurer of PVRC, likes golf, farming, and photography.

W3ZSR William Shepherd, 54/69, WAS, WAC, DXCC, WAZ, 00, Public Service Award, likes VHF, gardening, dx.

WB4BGY Mike Sullivan 59/69, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DXCC, enjoys antennas and construction.

W4BVV Tom Peruzzi, 51/61, Extra Class, ex W3GMD and W6GHY, great multi op station, biggest thrill operating PJØDX in '69 CQ Phone Contest for all time high score of 17 M. points.

Prose Walker, 24/54, Extra Class, First Phone and Second Telegraph commercial tickets, WAS, WAC, DXCC (5 times for 5 locations), WAZ, Al Op, FOC, fellow IEEE, QST cover plaque award, member or head of delegation to 17 international ITY conferences, Chief, Amateur and Citizens Radio Division, FCC. Ex NU8AVQ, W8AIE, W2BMX, W2FDG, W2FKY, W3LJM, W3BMX, W4CXA, W5KZA, K6UUT, WØDCA, W1NJA. Op at many foreign stations. Likes cw, piano, gardening.

K4CFB Steve Jarrett, 55/68, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DXCC, WAZ, award for CQ WW '57 21 mhz cw, CQ WW SSB DX Test '69 and '70, ex WA9KDC.

W4CRW Robert Sommer, 53/58, Extra Class, WAS, 5BWAS, WAC, DXCC, 5BDXCC, WAZ, WPX, likes QRP, contests, DX, Photography, and model rockets.

Dale Harris, 40/57, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DXCC, ORS, CQ Article on DSB '57, member of Syracuse gang that handled tfc for first IGY from Antarctica, ex W9PCN, W1PTR, W4PTR, K2KID, K3CBQ.

K4EBY Nick Tidd, 56/73, likes traffic work, camping, photography, ex K3UGG and WN7CNI.

Pete Raymond, 57/70, Extra Class, DXCC, WAS, WAC, WAZ, 4th call area winner of CQ DX SSB for 20M, CQ WWDX '65 as XW8BD, likes antenna parties.

W4EZ Al Gugler, 32/57, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DXCC, WAZ, 00, ex W4DKU, WA2TJA, K3CIO, W9IHL, WAC in one hour '72, on 5 meters in '33.

WB4FDT Phil Sager, 67/69, Extra Class, WAS, ORS, OBS, OPS, Assistant Director, BPL, Public Service Awards, editor Va. Ham, traffic work, Eastcars, Army MARS, likes stamp collecting and politics.

W4GF William Grenfell, 30/53, Extra Class, WAC, DXCC, WAZ, A-1 Op, FOC, Op PJ3CC '67, PJØCC '68, PJØCW '69, PJØFC '70, several articles in CQ and QST, operated KW SSB aeronautical mobile in '60 aboard SAC KC-135 tanker on 18,000 mile trip, ex W7GE, PJ9GF, PJØCW, former President, Secretary and Treasurer.

K4GKD Dick Klein, 58/68, WAS, WAC, DXCC, ex K90PF, op at VP7NA, XV5AC, W4BVV, W3AU. Enjoys sports car racing.

WB4HQE John Shew, 60/73, Extra Class, ex WA20AE and Klams, likes biking and camping, operated from XW8.

WA4HQW Mike Dodd, 62/72, Extra Class, WAS, ORS, likes experimentation, constructed contest memory and automatic station logging machine.

Jenny Beyer, 57/73, CQ WWDX World Record for Asia, our first YL member, likes cw and contests, ex K6RQB, 9NlRA, VU2IRA, biggest thrill was operating in Repal, teaches deaf and languages.

W4JK Ellis Marshall, 32/48, Extra Class, DXCC, WAZ, ex W4MOJ, W9PGU, goes for nets, ragchewing, 2m FM, astronomy.

W4JVN David Klimaj, 60/72, DXCC, WAS, 5BWAS, WAC, USA-CA, likes DX, county hunting, SSTV, mobile, camping, playing organ, ex W1YK President, ex K1NIJ.

K4KA Frank Mitchell, 39/72, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DXCC, ex W5IIB, W4NUK, KA1ABA, loves cw, philately, woodwork, organ music, gardening, traffic nets.

W4KFC

Vic Clark, 33/47, Extra Class, Charter PYRC member, held all offices except treasurer, WAS, WAC, DXCC-304, WAZ, A-1, FOC, Director Roanoke Division, public service awards, Hiram Percy Maxim Award in '37, CP-50, ex SCM Ariz. and Va., ex W6KFC, W7IXH, W9DVO, W4JIZ, PJØFC, QCWA, BPL, Trustee of K4CG and WA4TDW, several articles in CQ and QST, logged over 200,000 QSO's, world high score ARRL CW DX Test and CQ WW DX Test, National high in CW SS, Phone SS, and CD Parties (Phone and CW). Recognized as one of the outstanding amateurs in the world and an inspiration to all. XYL-WA4PAE, sons K4OKZ and WA4PRF.

WA4KJR

Chet Moore, 62/70, Extra Class, WAS, DXCC, Chief op at K4CG, enjoys DX and contests, naturally.

W4KXV

Dick Phelps, 34/54, Extra Class, former PVRC President, V-P, and Treasurer, Contest certificates for ARRL, CQ, WAE, SP, VK/ZL, all Asian, USSR-medals, QSO Raem and Kon-Tiki raft '47, likes building, antennas, experimenting; interests other than amateur radio? "you're kidding". Ex W3PDX, VO2CJ, VP9BF, W2WYS, W9TEM.

WB4MRI

Will Orman, DXCC, WAS, WAC, won '72 FD class 1B.

K4LDR

Pete Shaw, 56/71, WAS, WAC, DXCC, Public Serve Awards, lst place Fla QSO Party '72, 8 years with 2 man FD group, worked WAS, WAC, DXCC in '60 with 20 watts! Goes for contests and DX.

W4NW

Ken Langenbeck, 34/59, WAS, WAC, DXCC, WAZ A-1 Op, ex K4AEV K3JQU, W5PKF, K2GYJ, W6LVB, goes for hf cw dx and vhf mobile, Extra Class.

K40D

Carl Bethel, 35/72, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DXCC, WAZ, ex W4TKN, W2IWP, currently holds OA4DX, HP1XOD, PY1ZAL, QCWA, single band WAC in 31 minutes March '73 all 599 reports, contest and DX.

K40RQ

Hal Leith, 56/56, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DXCC, A-l Op, Public Service Award, made ham radio possible in Iran, hobbies include ornithology, camping, wine making, piano, astronomy, coin collection.

K4PQL

Howard Hoyt, 58/63, Extra Class, A-1 Op, ORS, IW, won PVRC gavel, goes for cw in a big way, "plant freak".

WAQAW

Ray Spence, 50/71, WAC, DXCC, WAZ, Arabian Knights, ex W8NVT, KZ5DX, and DL4BY, machine shop modeling is one hobby, goes for DX in a big way, some contests.

WB4RDG

Bill Kessler, 60/73, DXCC-200, ex WA2IKO, ET3GK.

WB4RDV Sherm Winings, 70/71, top ten FD class 1B '71, WAS, EC, ORS, Public Service Award, likes AREC, traffic, contests.

WB4TB0 Walt Short, 69/72, Extra Class, likes design and construction projects, boating, ex WA2KBM.

W4VC Hal Christenson, 38/60, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DXCC, Col. U. S. Army, likes contests, DX, MARS, oil painting, tennis, ex W4RIM, W5RIM, W6RIM, W9RIM, K2VOV, HS1C, DL4IM.

Lew Gordon, 47/65, Extra Class, XYL W4BFA, contests and antennas, motorcycles, hunting, skin diving, photography, hi-fi, ex W4ZCY.

W4WBC Howard Milbourn, 52/52, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DXCC, ORS, former Secretary and Treasurer PVRC, "The I's Have It" - CQ '55, goes for Redskins, fishing, licensed pilot.

John Kanode, 52/64, Extra Class, WAS, 5BWAS, DXCC, 5BDXCC, WAZ, FOC, CHC Top Honors Plaque, all WPX Awards, Public Service Award, many first place awards as KZ5II, HPlXWS, K5UYF, also ex WA3LYH, PVRC rep to CQ DX Awards Advisory Committee, DX, hamfests, conventions, coin collector, model trains, big thrills in KZ5 land, more than 100 different awards.

W4YHD Jim Ahlgren, 50/52, Extra Class, CQ CW DX US winner '63, '69, big antennas, ex W3QZB, W1UPO, K2QQO, TF2WDY, also holds CP1BB.

W4YZC Leland "Buddy" Smith, Jr., 52/53, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DXCC, Public Service Awards, A-1 Op, ORS, CPC-35, Secretary PVRC, W5KL Dad, K4CAX Brother, biggest thrills WAC on 3.5, being a PVRCer.

Lyman Rundlett, 28/66, many Public Service Awards, DXCC, has traveled around the globe, holds K6ZA and W3ZA also. Some ex calls: KP4BC, EP2BH, KV4AD, ET3ZA, FL8ZA, OD5CT, EI3ZA, XV5A, XW8AM, MP4BDD, G5AIB, TC3ZA, HB9XFV.

W4ZM

Ed Redington, 15/55, Extra Class, WAS, WAC, DXCC, A-1
Op, FOC, Assistant Director, ORS, ex RM, CPC 35, CWA
45 WPM, '70 WNY Amateur of the Year, President PVRC,
ex V-P, Secretary, "How I Learned to Love a Contest" QST '68, biggest thrills...hearing NAA in '15, working
G2NM in '23 on "short waves", working VK on 40 in '25,
age 73 - an inspiration to all radio amateurs, a fb
gentleman in every respect.

K6ETM/4 George Sinclair, 54/71, WAC, likes homebrew, Major, USAF, working on M.A. degree, op at HL9US, biggest thrill phone patch from HL to US.

K60ZL Ron Hill, 60/71, WAS, DXCC, WAS-YL, CHC-2500, op at K4CG, enjoys phone patches, SSTV, RTTY, QRP, baseball cards.

W7BBX/4 Howard Batie, 55/71, WAS, WAC, WAC-QRP, WAS-QRPP, contests, county hunter, mobile, author CQ and QST articles.

WA8RGJ/4 Ed Kinkelaar, 63/71, op at K4CG, DXCC from WA8RGJ/VE8, canoeing.

W8VDA Loyd Davis, 55/71, Extra Class, A-1 Op, ORS, TCC, Capt. USAF, traffic, building, FD, and SS.

KØCMF/4 Ken McGee, 59/72, WAS, WAX, DXCC, op VE7 mobile on 6,000 mile trip, geology, contests, DX.

WENV Leo Young, 15/50, Extra Class, WAS, WAZ, DXCC, A-1 Op. Club, ORS, co-inventor of RADAR, on the air in 1905 signing "RA", sons WENV and KENZI, ex SWU, age 82, another fine gentleman who remains active on the amateur bands.

W3DBT Dick Price, 41/71, WAS, WAC, DXCC, WAZ, A-1 OP, FOC, ex-W7IIA, K7OVA, W9IPX, XW8CAL, XW8CS, likes bowling, golf, photography, hunting, youngest amateur W7 call area pre WW-II, WAZ with all calls, special interest: international friendship via DX

-17PVRC and the ARRL Sweep Stakes

1947	FRC	Bloomfield (NJ)	RC	PVRC
1948	PVRC	FRC		
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1950	PVRC	FRC		
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1970	PVRC	ΜMi		
1971	PVRC	MM		
1972	PVRC	MM		
1973	PVRC	MM		

#### ARRL DX

	NATIONAL FIRST PLACE	NATIONAL SECOND PLACE	
1947	FRC 1,145,187	Greater Cincinnati ARC 569,069	NCALDX 290,059 (8th) Wash Radio Club (hi scorer W3MSK 65,836)
1948	FRC 2,089,704	S. Bay Amateur Radi Assn. 1,328,168	o PVRC?
1949	FRC 3,612,566	SCDXC 2,029,557	PVRC (4th) 1,592,841
1950	SCDXC 2,685,687	FRC 2,488,162	PVRC (3rd) 2,107,941
1951	FRC 1,671,353	PVRC 1,491,394	
1952	FRC 1,846,572	PVRC 1,502,427	
1953	FRC 2,286,653	PVRC 1,884,093	
1954	FRC 3,133,031	PVRC 2,370,687	
1955	FRC 3,753,430	SCDXC 3,489,751	PVRC (3rd) 2,31 <sup>1</sup> ,488
1956	SCDXC 7,960,211	PVRC 5,120,854	
1957	PVRC 9,996,585	SCDXC 7,528,490	FRC 7,134,550
1958	PVRC 5,932,620	NCALDX 5,093,292	FRC 5,059,337
1959	FRC 11,143,573	PVRC 10,047,331	SCALDX 4,419,612
1960	FRC 8,722,750	PVRC 8,381,174	
1961	FRC 4,534,483	PVRC 4,483,310	
1962	PVRC 8,160,687	FRC 6,071,845	
1963	FRC 8,323,294	PVRC 6,356,136	
1964	FRC 9,352,354	PVRC 8,244,726	
1965	PVRC 9,668,667	FRC 8,714,369	
1966	FRC 18,668,219	PVRC 14,221,043	
1967	PVRC 34,276,243	FRC 33,320,718	
1968	PVRC 30,256,682	FRC 24,520,145	

	NATIONAL FIRST PLACE	NATIONAL SECOND PLACE
1969	PVRC 39,573,394	FRC 34,858,696
1970	PVRC 52,035,602	PVRC 49,086,953
1971	FRC 45,378,041	PVRC 45,307,041
1972	PVRC 64,776,111	FRC 63,514,192

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#### CQ WW DX CONTEST

The club rankings for this contest began in 1955.

1955	FIRST So. Calif. DX Club	SECOND Ohio Valley Radio Ass	THIRD soc. PVRC
1956	So. Calif. DX Club	PVRC	Ohio Valley Radio Assoc.
1957	N. Jersey DX Assoc.	So. Calif. DX Club	PVRC
1958	N. Jersey DX Assoc.	PVRC	So. Calif. DX Club
1959	N. Jersey DX Assoc.	PVRC	So. Calif. DX Club
1960	PVRC	N. Jersey DX Assoc.	So. Calif. DX Club
1961	PVRC	N. Jersey DX Assoc.	So. Calif. DX Club
1962	PVRC	So. Calif. DX Club	Florida DX Club
1963	PVRC	So. Calif. DX Club	Virginia Century Club
1964	PVRC	FRC	So. Calif. DX Club
1%5	PVRC	FRC	No. Calif. DX Club
1966	PVRC	FRC	N. Jersey DX Assoc.
1967	PVRC	FRC	So. Calif. DX Club
1968	PVRC	FRC	No. Calif. DX Club
1969	PVRC	FRC	No. Calif. DX Club
1970	PVRC	FRC	So. Calif. DX Club
1971	FRC	PVRC	So. Calif. DX Club
1 <b>97</b> 2	PVRC	FRC	So. Calif. DX Club

#### PVRC WEMBERSHIP - all of these have at one time been local PVRCers.

KLANV Gene K JEST Bob K3N2V Tom WLARR **W3EZT** Bob Jerry K 30AE Art WLAY -Ellery W3FA Karl W3PS Bob WICLF WA3FHB -John Bob W3PZW Dick MIDVH W3FSP Dick Russ K3QFG Phil MLJY W3FU Olaf Fred WA3QGV -Roland W3FZV **W**TKGH Randall Phil W3SP Carl KLLPL/3-Frank K3GJD Rollo W3SW Connie MINA Leo W3GIM Chas W3TK -Tom WINCK WA3GLP -Joe Irv \_ W3TMZ Jack W3GN KIPKQ Larry Dave W3IN Dave W3CEPE DHT IN Dave Dave WN3UHO -Bob W3CHRF KITKS Dan Lenny K 3URZ John W), ZM Jerry W3GRM Butch WN3UTA -Madeleine WA3GUI -Tom W3VAN Art WA3CVP -**TIZDW** Joe Ed **W3VOS** Chas W302 W2GHK/4-Stu Fred W3WG Boyd WA 3HRV -W 2HU Blair Carl K 3WUW - Dallas K2HWL John - PTHEAW Ralph W3WV - Leo WA20KP -John W3HVW -Rube W3YJ - Oscar K2QBW WASHWW -Mark Ray W3ZKH Jack WABIAQ -W2TA John Ray W3ZNH - Jim W3IKN -K2UFT Dick Bill **W3ZPO** Sam WIIN Don K2UYG -Bill W3ZQ Mac W3IP0 -Red **W**3ZSR Bill W3ABC W3IWJ Hugh Paul W3ZVJ Dick Charlie W3AEL WA3IYS -Bob W3AFM -W3JKO Paul Charles WAAAU Tony WA3AFQ - Dick W3JPT Chuck WLAAV Larry WA3AMH -WAZJIJ -Gary Bob WLABY Dave K3JYZ K3ANA John Andy WLAGI Leland WASARI -W3KA Monte Ralph K4AQ0 Bill W3AU W3KDP Ed Ren KAASU Bud WABAUS -W3KE Jim WA4BCW ~ Ralph W3AXW WA3KEG -Buck Les KABEO Doyle W3KLA -W3AYD - Mike Hal W4BF0 Bob W3AZD K3KMO - Don Al W4BFR Bruce K3BNS John K3KMV Bill MABVV Ton. W3BQN - Bill W3KZQ -John W4BW Prose W3BQV WA3LKH -- Gene Andy K4CAX Vic W3BWZ Lynn W3LTW -Scud W4CC Jack WABLNT -W3BY Bi 11 Bill K4CFB Steve K3LYW -WA3CGE -Norm Doug KACGC Blake K3CKT WA3MCU -Jim George WACKD Bob K3CQ W3MFJ -Bill B111 W4CRW Bob W3CRE Burt WA3MJF -Bob W4DIN Mi]t M3ML W3CSZ Joe George W4DM Dale W3DBT K3MZY Leo Dick WBLEAE -Bob W3DVO WA3NCX -Jim Ray K 4EBY Nick WASECT -W3NL Mike Dick - Pete KAEKJ W3EFZ K3NPV Scotty John W4EZ Al WBEIV -WA3NUH - Dan Bill KAEZL - Doug

 
 WB4FDT - Phil
 W4NW - Ken
 W7BBX/4 - Hcwar

 WB4FDT - Jim
 K40D - Carl
 K7CBZ - Don

 K4FRX - Bob
 W4PHL - Al
 W7DI - Gene

 WB4FTI - Chuck
 W4PNK - Roger
 W7GJF - John

 W4GF - Bill
 W4PUJ - Gary
 W7RM - Rush

 W4GF - Bill
 W4PUJ - Gary
 W7RM - Rush

 K4GKD - Dick
 W4QAW - Ray
 W7SH - George

 K4GKD - Bill
 W4RV - Sam
 W8HR - Larry

 K4GTS - Frank
 W4RV - Sam
 W8HR - Larry

 W4HIR - Carey
 W4RVE - Ward
 W8JUJ - Jim

 W4HIR - George
 K4RZ - Frank
 W8VDA/4 Loyd

 W4HIR - Walt
 W84SGV - Phil
 W8VDA/4 Loyd

 W4HQN - Bill
 W4HKR - Jim
 W9JRO - Gene

 W4HQN - Bill
 W4TKR - Jim
 W9KBE - Ben

 W4HQN - John
 W9ZBG - Bill
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 W4JAT - John
 W4WBC - Howard
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 W4JK - Lee
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W7BBX/4 - Howard K7CBZ - Don W7DI - Gene W7GAF - Bill W7GJF - John W7RM - Rush W7SH - George



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July 23, 1973

Mr. Leland W. Smith, Jr., W4YZC 10820 Woodhaven Court Fairfax, VA 22030

Dear Buddy:

I well recall my first exposure to the Potomac Valley Radio Club -- even before its affiliation with the League. The place was Milwaukee, the date 1947, and the event was your first vice president knocking on my hotel bedroom door at 2:30 a.m., and then leading a parade of wild, chanting, Washington-area hams around the room Conga-style, and then departing in the same noisy fashion after making certain I was completely awake!

Seriously, in my view that kind of spirit and enthusiasm, though today perhaps not quite so demonstrative, is what has made the club so outstanding over the years. PVRC has established a reputation making it almost a household word among hams. Your activities have been basically in furtherance of the amateur radio service, and yet have provided individuals with the satisfaction and enjoyment of having met the challenges. That's a combination hard to beat.

My sincere congratulations on your 25th anniversary.

Sincerety yours,

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General Manager

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Greetings!

Sincere and enthusiastic congratulations to the members of the Potomac Valley Radio Club on the 25th anniversary of this world-renowned club!

It has been my personal pleasure to attend many meetings of PVRO in recent years and the fellowship enjoyed on those occasions has lingered with me. In fact, I often feel like a member ready to participate in the discussions and debates!

The 25th anniversary of any organization is a true milestone of accomplishment. It is an indication of the vitality, strength and dedication of the membership. Those qualities are clearly recognized in PVRC.

Happy contesting as PVRC marches towards a 50th anniversary! 73.

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July 30, 1973

Congratulations to the Potomac Valley Radio Club on its "Silver" Anniversary!

The achievements of the Potomac Valley Radio Club is truly outstanding and prominent in all aspects of amateur radio. Contest participation is TOPS.

The Club's activity, with its world wide coverage, is a leader among the dedicated amateurs of this earth. Members and past members are scattered throughout our land but retain their loyalty and interest in the PVRC.

May I take this opportunity to wish the Club continued success in its endeavors in the coming years.

Phil Wicker, W4ACY

The Radio Amateur's Journal



14 Vanderventer Avenue / Port Washington, L.I., N.Y. 11050 / 516 883-6200

August 7, 1973

Potoccc Velley Radio Club Att: Leland W. Smith, Jr., Sec. 10020 Woodhaven Court, Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Dear Leland:

I wish to extend my congratulations to the Potenuc Volley Radio Club, its officers and members, on the occasion of its 25th Arriversary.

The TYPS has allayed a big part in the suddess of our Scatest. Statemide by its appressive competition as shown by the many for awards won by its member stations, and worldwide by the Slab itself as the leading contest club in the world.

Additional excitement has been added to many of our contents by the many major Contest Expeditions organized by the Club.

Best wishes for continued success.

Cordially,

Frank Anzalone, WIWY

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CQ Contest Chairman

FVR0 QUIZ - test your knowledge of our club!

- 1. Who has served more terms as FVRC President than any other member:
- 2. Which member gave us our present name?
- 3. The original name of PVRC was \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. Our first President was \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. The first win for PVRC in ARRL DX Club Competition was in
- 5. When did we win our first SS contest?
- 7. Which member won SS on both modes?
- 8. Which of these clubs has won more ARRL DX Tests over the years? FVRO, FRO, SCDXC?
- 9. The only PVRCers to serve as SCM's in two sections are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_.
- 10. How long did the PVRC meet at the Arlington Red Cross Building?
- 11. List as many club members you can who have written articles for the journals.
- 12. List PVRCers who have served as SCM's or Division Directors.
- 13. Has a PVRC member ever served as ARRL President?
- 14. Hame all the father/son teams in PVRC...!
- 15. Which member was on the air first? Which member was licensed first?
- 16. What PVRC man was a founding father of Murphys Mauraders?
- 17. Known as the "key" and winner of PVRC Reunion Contest?
- 18. On what frequency band was the first PVRC net formed?
- 19. Mr. 160 in PVRC is \_\_\_\_\_.

20. Give the current calls of these fellows: Klanv, W3MSK, W3MCG, W3MVB, W9NWX, W9ERU, W3MSR, W4ZCY, W4YE, W4PTR, VU2IRA.

Those getting all questions correct will be commissioned to write the PVRC story for the 50th anniversary booklet!

PVRC Silent Keys

WIAAE Charles Campbell

W3BKE Thomas Hedges

W3FRZ M. L. Roylance

W3WU Maurice Downe

W4EI F. C. Huntley

W4FF/W3UE Edgar Lindauer

W4IYR Alvah Cole

WHHZZ Wm. Cunningham

W4SXE Carl McDowell

W6CAA William Krause

W9VES Phil Simmons



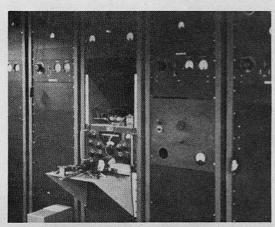
W9SZR at W3AU



The 1948 PVRC Bunch



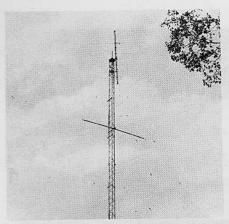
The winner! WAKFC, of course.



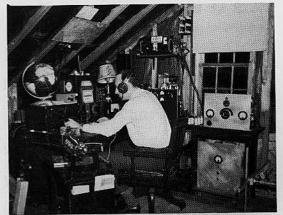
This is one reason W3AU is 599 plus



Another PVRC Win



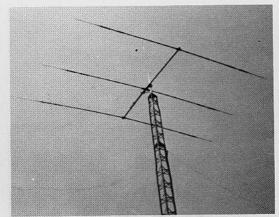
7 elements on 21 MHz at W3GRF



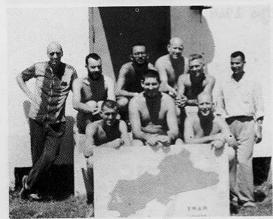
A typical 1950 station? W4KFC.



Novice Night, 1952



Most of us make do with this!



Thanks fellows for Swan Island!