



**Richmond County Amateur Radio Club**  
**Website: <http://www.k4rnc.org/>**

**February 2018**

**February Contest CORRAL:**

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest%20Corral/2018/February%202018%20Corral.pdf>

**February DX:** Bouvet Island, 3Y0Z, Kosovo (K6) K6OA & Z60A, Cyprus, U.K. Bases On  
CYPRUS (ZC4A)

**Dxpeditons:** <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

**Saturday – 02/10/2018** Club Meeting - 09:30 - Richmond County Library

**Thursdays:** RCARC Net & rag chew @ 8 PM - 146.955 88.5 tone

The web site has been down for a while and I cannot upload minutes and newsletters. Will do so when I am able to log onto the site.

The main DX news is that the Bouvet Island DxExpedition (3Y0Z) (#1 worldwide) has arrived at the island but winds up to 45 knots and 30 degree rolls of the ship has not allowed them to launch the helicopter and attempt to ferry supplies. Seasickness prevails!

<https://www.bouvetdx.org/news-and-updates/>

Also in the news is that Kosovo has been officially recognized as a new DX country (a hot #2 item) and is now accepted on LOTW. Only Qsos logged after 0000z January 21<sup>st</sup> will qualify as credit. Z60A is currently battling high local noise levels and in spite of a huge pileup the cw ops are having a hard time picking up sigs and completing a Qso.

Another item is that Cyprus now has two DX recognized countries. In addition to the Cyprus prefixes, the Sovereign Bases Area (SBA) on the south side of the island that are under British control (U.K.) has assigned the pre-colonial prefix ZC4 to amateurs within the area and it is possible to obtain two DXCC credits for Cyprus.

Not much else to report. 160M (especially) and 80M has been good for EU in the cw band and some ssb Qsos.

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73 All

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