Stroll to North Beach

Where I left from …

(Note VE1AI's mast, erected by Rick)

Where I'm going…

Over the dunes, hdg NE

Further along …

…up the path

Looking back over my shoulder

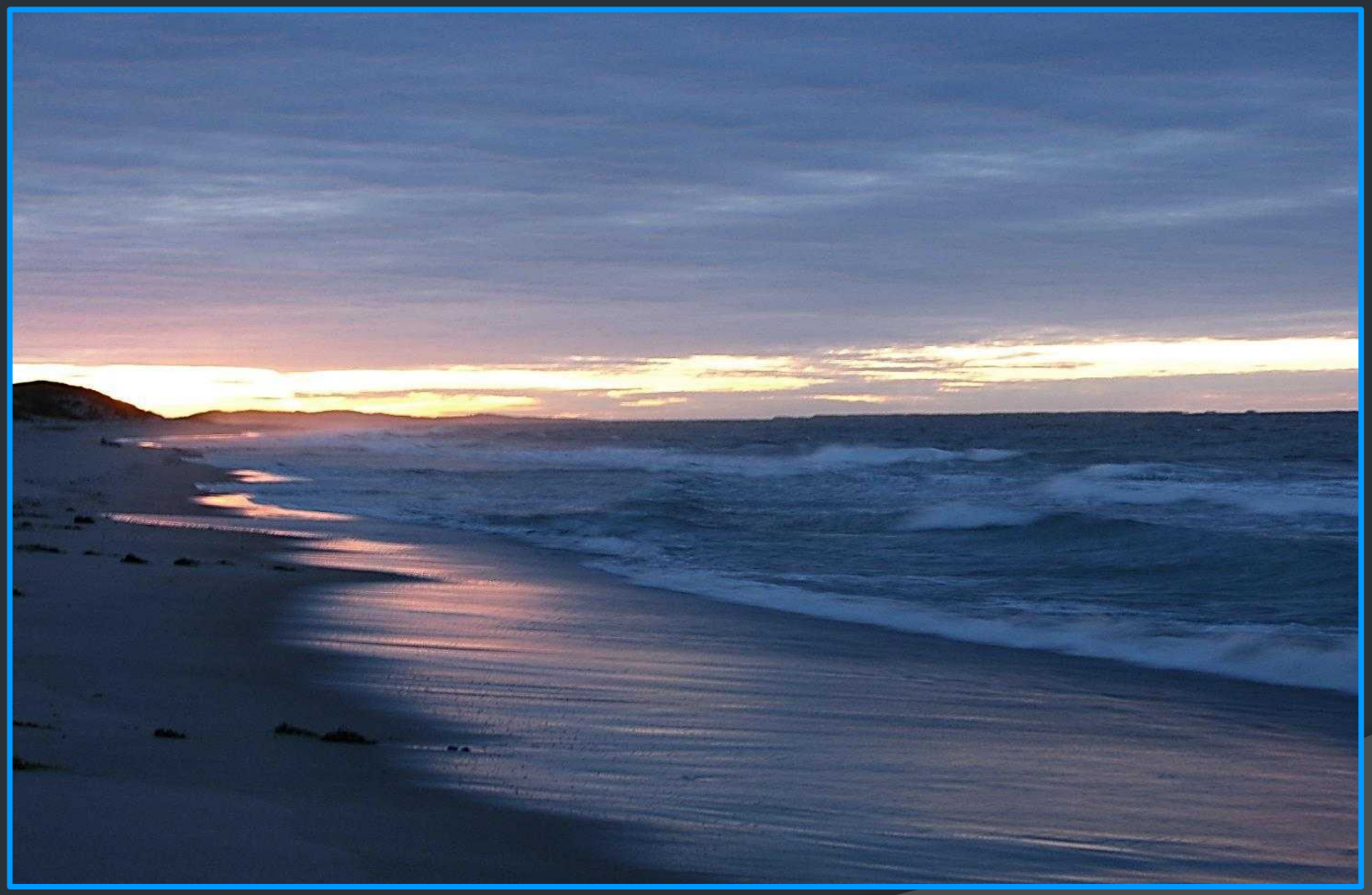
Getting closer …

…nearing the crest

The beach …

North (Labrador Current) side of Sable Island

My reward



Sable Island:
A beachcomber's paradise
(especially after a storm)

Sable at Sunset #1

Sable at Sunset #2

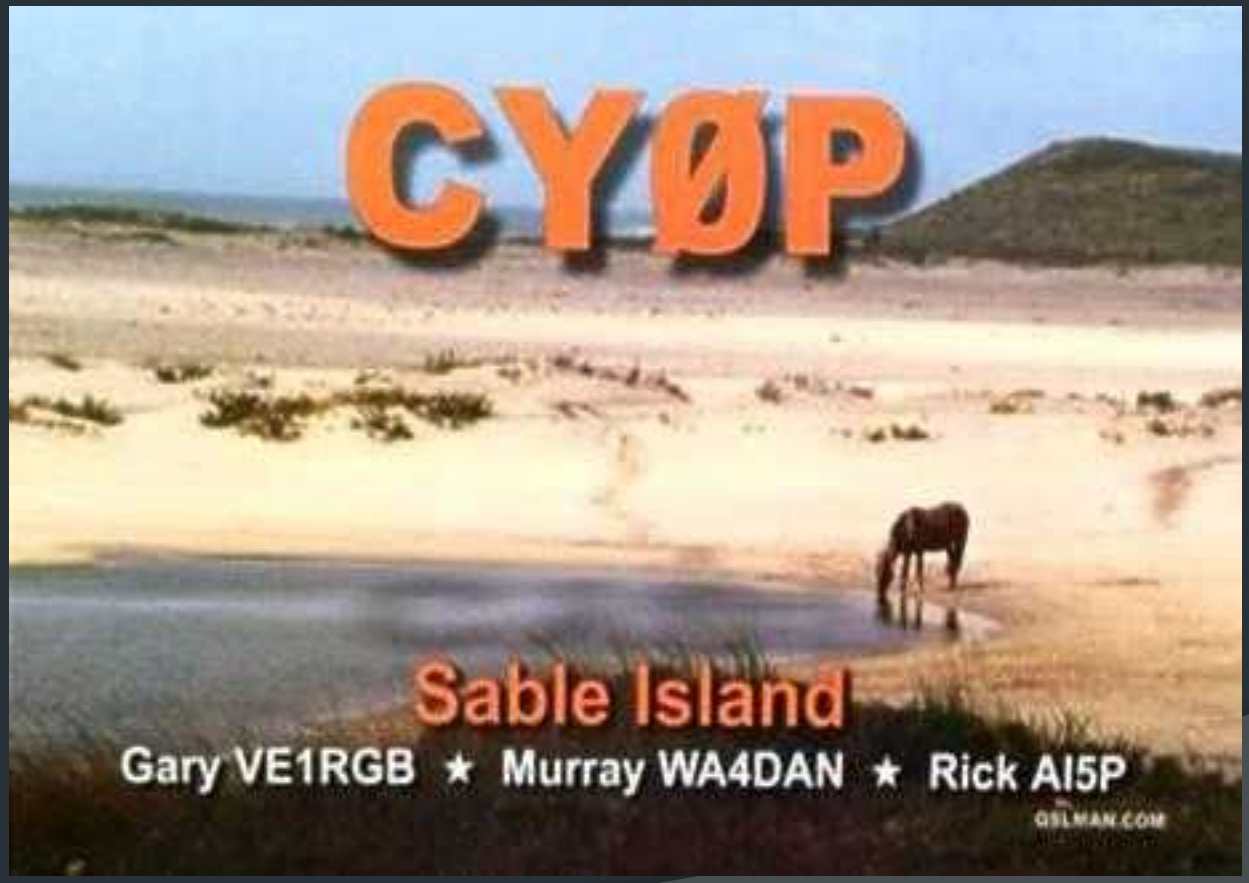
Kind of spooky

QSL Cards by W4MPY

"Among the prettiest QSL cards I have ever made."

Eight different CYoP QSL cards were made

(Card 1 of 8 below)



QSLs

- Managers: VE1RGB, direct; AI5P, bureau
- Total to date: 4,000 QSL requests
- Method of QSL:
  - 60% direct
  - 30 % via PayPal
  - 10% bureau
- Published/updated guidelines on QRZ.com
- Used up surplus mint postage
- Made a couple enemies but a lot of friends

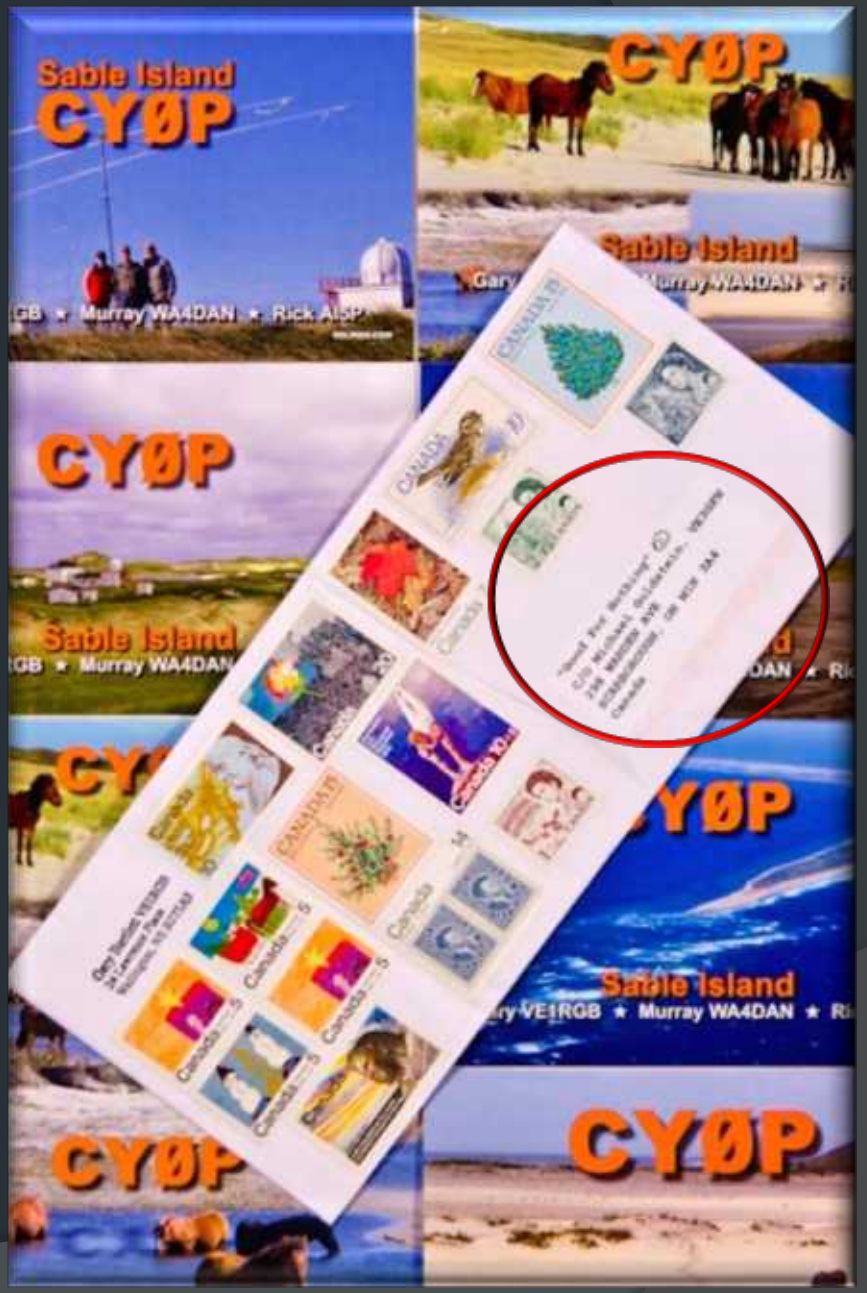
Fancy envelopes

- For QSL postage, used mint stamps from 1950s through 1990s - $900 total
- Included many copies of “Ipswich Sparrow” Canadian commemorative stamp (as follows):

Issued 1969 - 10 cents

To: Mike VE3GFN

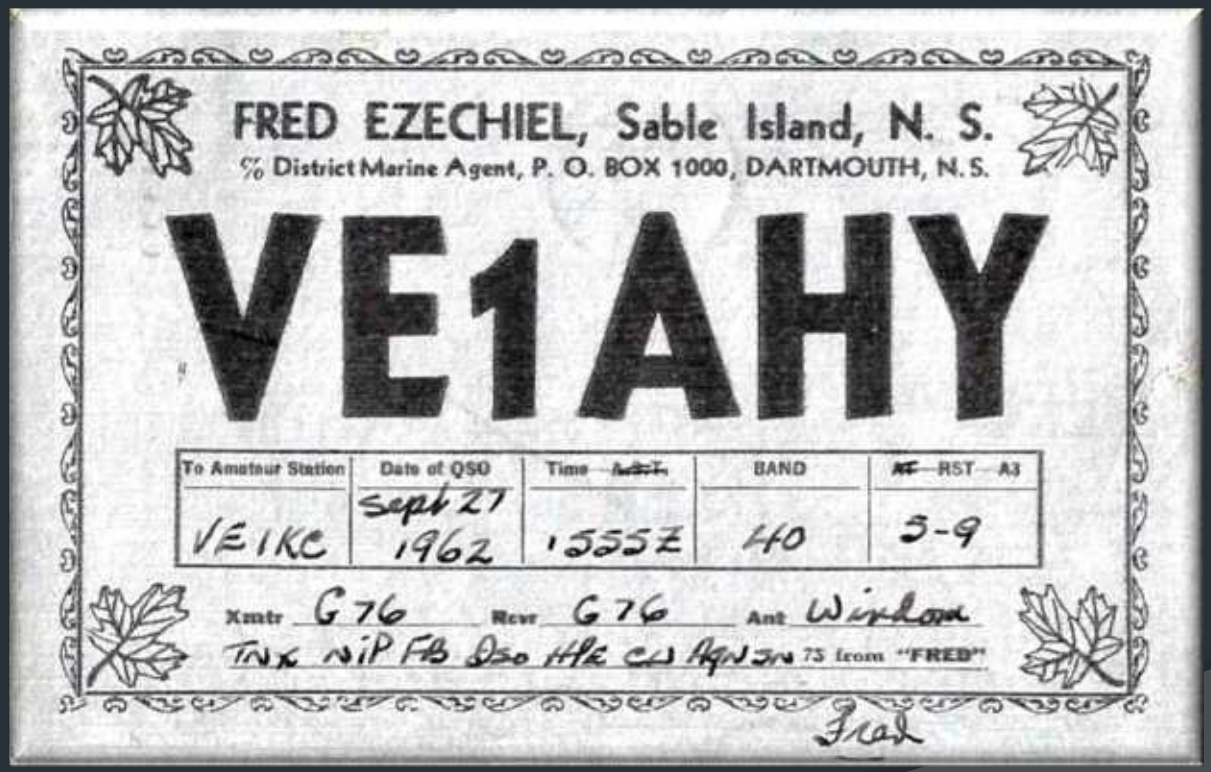
Calls himself …
"Good For Nothing"
(address reads accordingly)



Old Sable Island QSLs

Dated 1962 for QSO with VE1KC

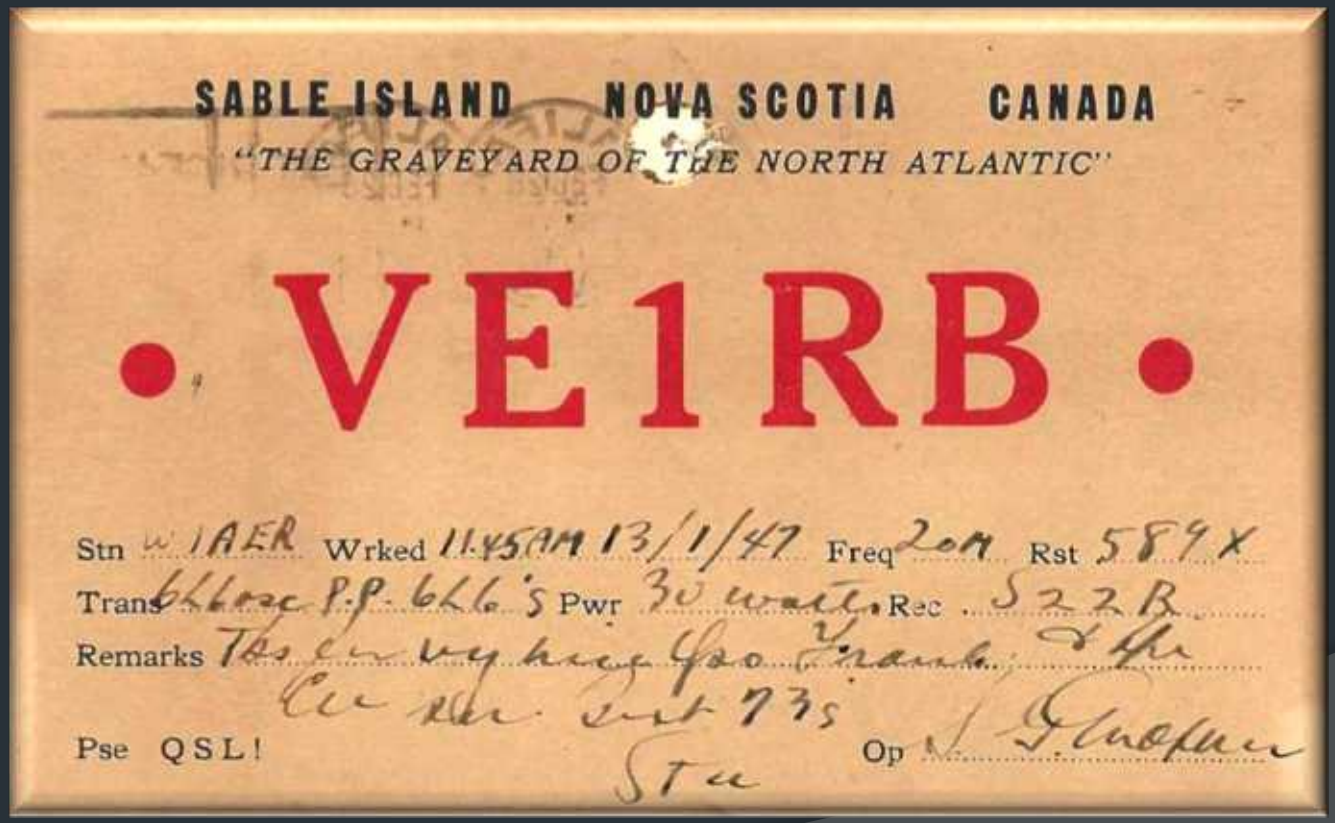
(Courtesy of the Patrick Rigg Collection & AI5P)



Ancient Sable Island QSL

Dated 1947; QSO with W1AER

(That one is for you, Spud)



So, How Did All That Work Out?

Evaluating the P3

Useful for:

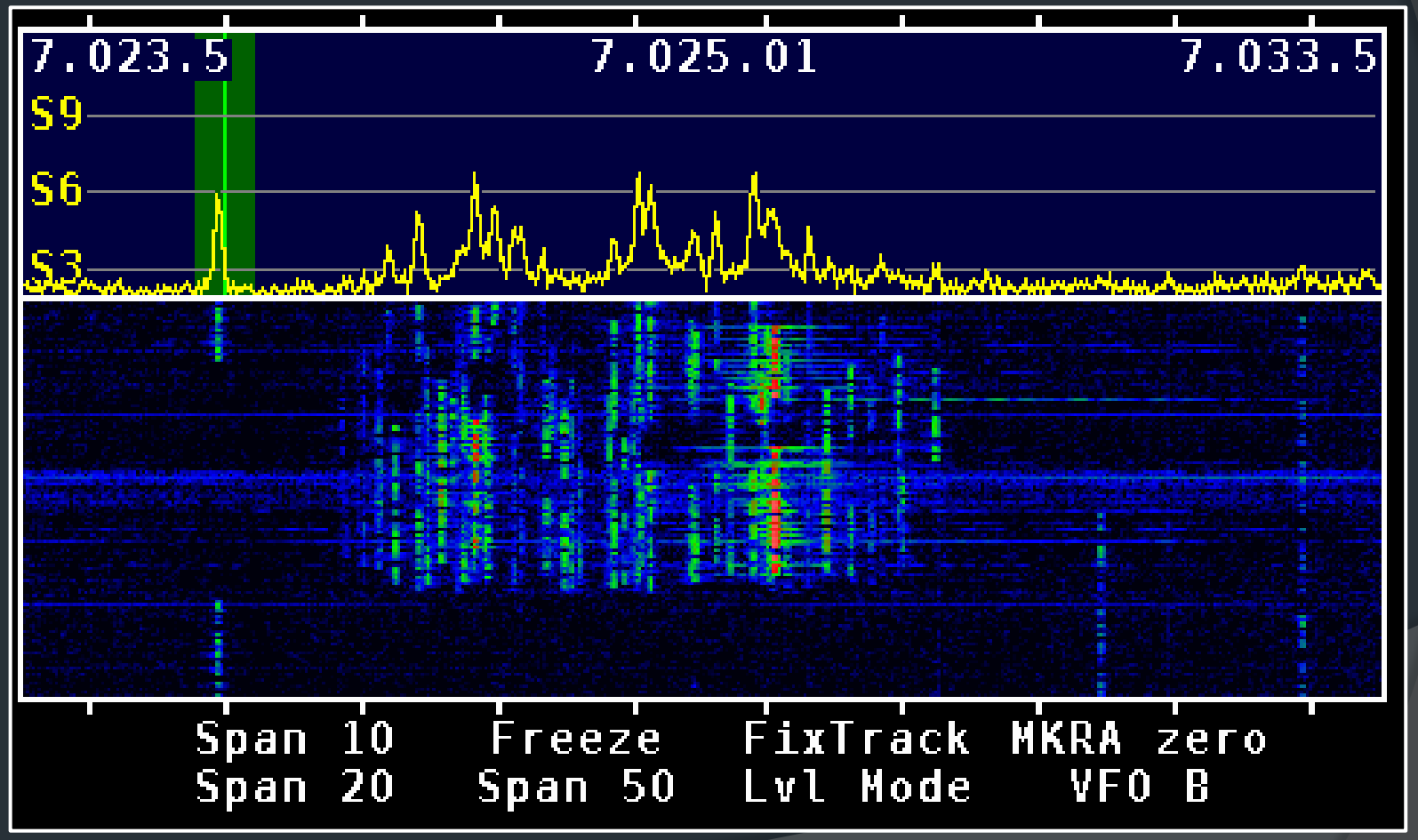
- Quickly determining level of activity on all open **b**ands
- Assessing band conditions (QSB, etc.)
- Locating a TX QRG
- Selecting discrete stations to work, especially the little pistols

As well as:

- Finding the holes in the pile-up when you're trying to be heard by DX

Evaluating the P3 Pan Adapter

TU2T – working pile-ups in 2011



Miscellaneous statistics

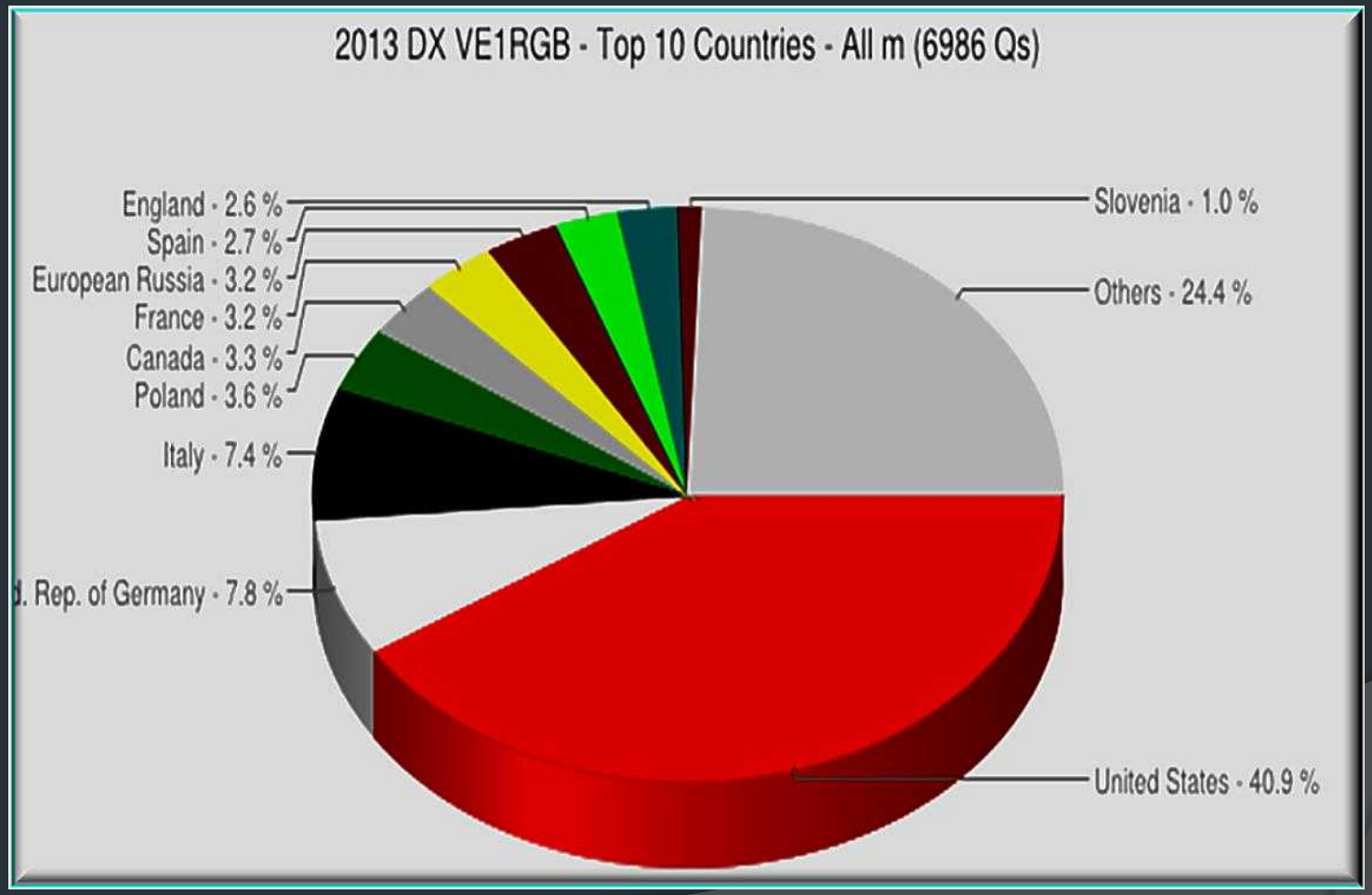
- 27,341 QSOs total (46% SSB; 54% CW)
  - 10K Murray (high bands QRO + Yagi; SSB)
  - 10K Rick (high bands LP + Yagi; mixed)
  - 7K Gary (SOAB LP CW + Wire)
- Murray made 1,800 SSB QSOs on first day
- Rick had 10KHz Wide JA pile-up on 17M SSB
- 1,400 JA QSOs moved CY0 on most wanted list in Japan from top ten to #77
- Total DXX Countries = 134

More miscellaneous info

- Murray handed out DXCC #336 to one ham
- Rick worked all continents (WAC) on 30M CW in 15 minutes (and is collecting QSLs to prove it)
- DXCC is being sought for CY0P from ARRL; copies to everyone

CYoP Top Ten Countries

VE1RGB Station



Rates By Band

CW-only station

Band	Calculated rate	Hours/band
160	95	7
80	85	3
40	102	12
30	105	1
20	124	5
17	**133**	**13**
15	123	9
12	130	3
10	121	2
Total	**115**	**55**

Average Rates

CW-only Station

- **VE1RGB contesting - 35 QSO/hr over the life of a contest would be considered good in my fixed station**
- **CY0NSM 1992 = 90 QSO/hr for 45 hours of hands-on paddles**
- **CY0P 2013 = 115 QSO/hr for 55 hours of hands-on operating**

DXCC Summary Sheet

CW-only station

Band	QSOs	DXCC
1.8*	693*	37*
3.5	269	25
7	1221	59
10	136	24
14	642	48
18**	1905**	65**
21	1132	66
24	442	50
28	275	44
Total	6715	418

CW Station Run Rates

As reported By N1MM

Period (min.)	**QSOs**	**QSOs per** (min.)	**QSOs per** (hr.)
10	32	3.2	192
20	56	2.8	168
30	86	2.9	172
60	144	2.4	144
120	260	2.2	130

Then the return home

V_{Rotate}

V_{Climb}

But wait! There's more!!

The final act…

…carried out in a secure location…

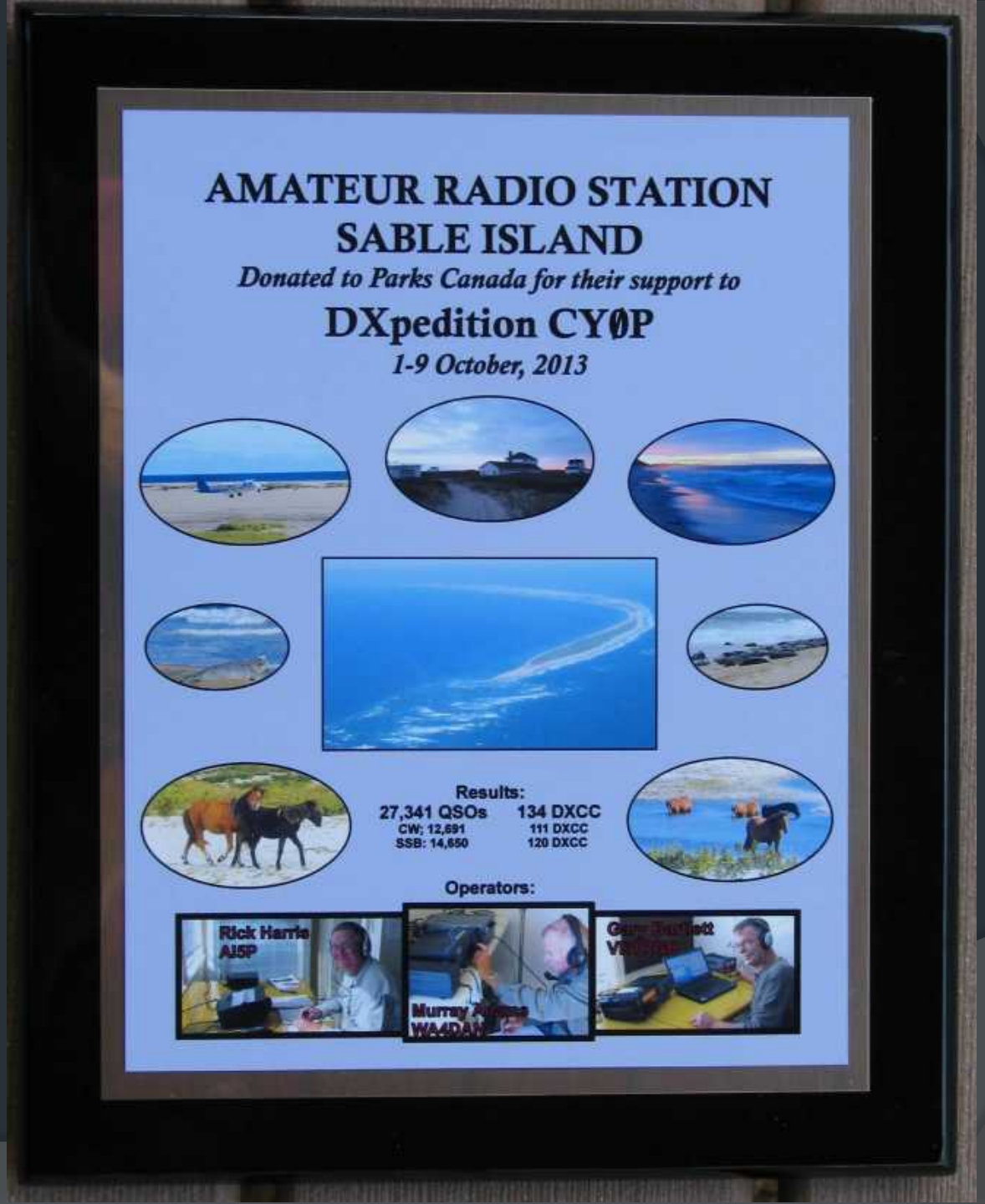
…on the grounds of a fort…

… along a corridor…

… past some very strange doors …

…for a presentation to Parks Canada on behalf of Murray WA4DAN and Team CY0P

Cole Harbour Trophies



Donation to Parks Canada:
Amateur Radio Station Sable Island

- ICOM PRO III Transceiver & accessories
- Tokyo PA & accessories
- FT-897 HF Transceiver
- Monoband beams for 20M through 10M
- All band 160M-length dipole
- Numerous mono-band wire dipoles
- All coax cables and feed lines
- Telescoping fibreglass mast
- Complete kit; bench and small hand tools

And then I left…!

But in-service Support continues…

- Provided Elecraft BL-2 balun
- Provided Amateur Radio Handbook
- Provided monoband 60M wire dipole (and CY0 now QRV)
- Provided top-quality antenna wire
- Rapid-response telephone and email support from several of USA and CAD hams

Recommended Reading

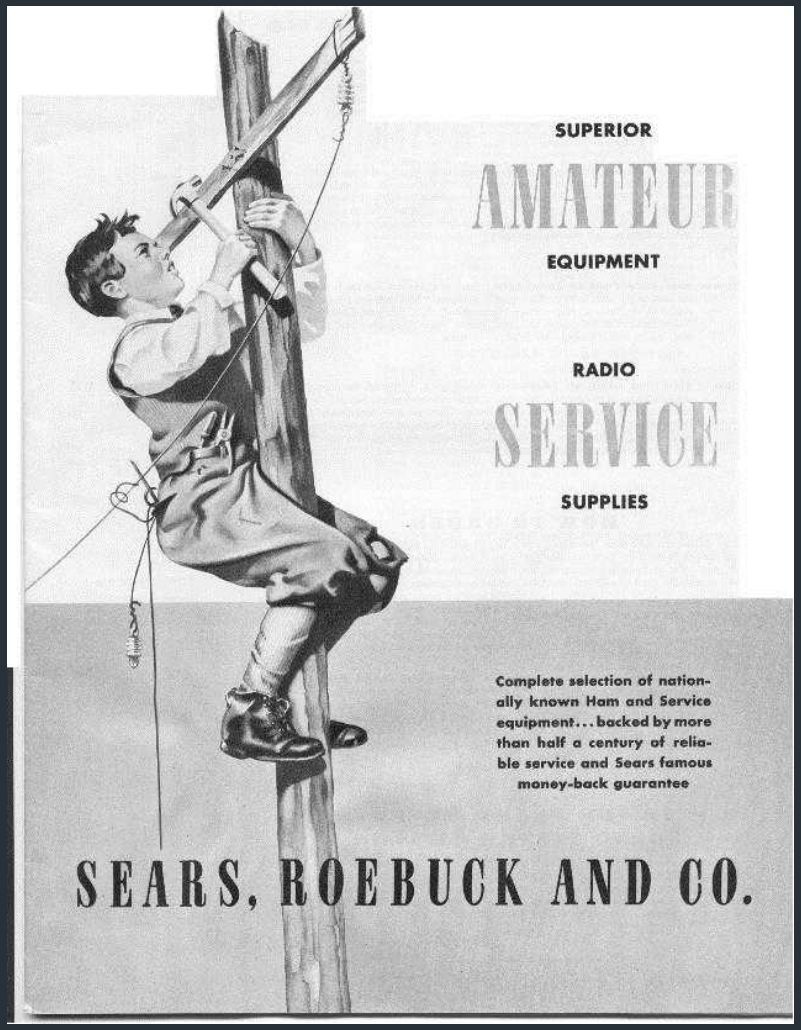
- Go to the new Thomas H Raddall library and borrow a copy of ***The Nymph and the Lamp*** by Thomas H Raddall
- Radio Op on Sable Island after WW I
- Captures the mystique of Sable Island and the romance of Halifax circa 1930

- ***Item of trivia: Bruce VE1NB owns the Morse key from a German U-boat salvaged from that boat by Raddall***

Food For Thought

All this – and a lot more - simply because of the opportunities handed to me through being a member of this amateur radio club.

73, Gary VE1RGB



Questions and Answers