



**NEXT NCCC  
MEETING**  
**DATE: Monday, January 10**  
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<b>January Contests</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Japan Int. DX	Jan 7- 9
Midwinter	Jan 8
ARRL RTTY Roundup	Jan 8- 9
NAQP, CW	Jan 8- 9
QRP ARCI Winter Fireside SSB	Jan 9
Hunting Lions in the Air	Jan 15-16
LZ Open, CW	Jan 15
MI QRP CW	Jan 15-16
NAQP, SSB	Jan 15-16
BARTG RTTY Sprint	Jan 22- 23
ARRL January VHF SS	Jan 22- 24
CQ 160-Meter , CW	Jan 28- 30
REF, CW	Jan 29- 30
UBA, Phone	Jan 29- 30
Kansas QSO	Jan 29- 30

<b>February Summary</b>	<b>Dates</b>
New Hampshire QSO	Feb 5- 6
Vermont QSO	Feb 5- 6
10-10. Winter, SSB	Feb 5- 6
FOC Marathon	Feb 5- 6
Minnesota QSO	Feb 5
YL-OM Contest, CW	Feb 5- 7
North American Sprint, Phone	Feb 6
CQ/RJ WW RTTY WPX	Feb 12-13
Asia-Pacific Sprint, CW	Feb 12
YL-OM Contest, SSB	Feb 12-14
North American Sprint, CW	Feb 13
ARRL School Roundup	Feb 14-19
ARRL DX, CW	Feb 19-20
CQ 160-Meter, SSB	Feb 25-27
RSGB 7 MHz DX, CW	Feb 26-27
High Speed Club CW	Feb 27

Full details are on WA7BNM's up-to-date web site:  
<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

# Ruler Schuller

Well, if you are reading this, I guess we all made it through Y2K! Happy New Year to everyone. I hope that this is a great year for the NCCC, and all of its members.

The final "raw score" results of the November Sweepstakes has us in (drum roll, please!)...FIRST PLACE! It appears that we have about a 250,000 point lead over the PVRC, in what looks to be one of the closest battles in years. I want to congratulate everyone in this accomplishment; it took a lot of work by a lot of people to pull this off. This is truly a club effort; it took all scores, large and small, to reach our goal. I want to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to all of the members of the NCCC in helping us to get to this spot. You are the greatest operators in the best contest club in the country!

Speaking of great operators, the January meeting will be the "4M7X M/M Contest Experience", by K2KW (and possibly others). And what an experience it must have been: diesel swilling locals, hand-stenciled airline names (done on the tarmac), storms and more! Be sure to catch the entire story at the SBYC on January 10. Directional details can be found elsewhere in this issue.

I would also like to announce that the featured speaker (program) for the March 13 meeting will be Rod Stafford, W6ROD, President of the ARRL. This should prove to be a very interesting meeting. If you want to know what the League is doing, be it on contesting or other areas, this will be the time to find out, straight from the top! More details will follow.

The holiday meeting/banquet/party, held at the Pleasanton Hotel, was lots of fun. Although more lightly attended than in prior years, those that were there had a great time. Santa (N6BT) appeared somewhat jet lagged, having just arrived back from Venezuela (via Miami) the day before (didn't you know that the millenium Santa now travels by jet?). However, Tom was, as always, his jovial self, and had lots of "presents" for everyone. The "pre-Santa" warm up of NCCC Bingo was a great hit. The members and guests had lots of fun. Thanks, Tom.

We still have lots of contesting to look forward to in the "winter" season. NAQP, Sprints, 160 M contest, and ARRL DX to name a few. There is something for everyone. Remember to submit all of your scores with

"NCCC" marked in the club competition box. Also, get a copy of the summary sheet to our VP/CC, K6XX. Remember that all scores so marked count toward the NCCC 5 meg award. If you are on the NCCC reflector, simply submit your summary sheet to it (rather than mailing it to Bob). If you are NOT on the reflector, you should be...it is a great place for info and help.

I want to thank Jerry, NI6FW (ex N6IFW), for volunteering to get the 5 meg database updated, and to keep it going after taking it from the able hands of AI, AD6E, who also deserves thanks for his years keeping track of our 5M standings.

Finally, thanks to everyone who helped make 1999 such a great year for the NCCC. I'll see all of you at the January meeting!

73, Ed, K6CTA

## DOUBLE CROSS

*Happy 2000 to all...*

After our Christmas/New Year's respite, the second half of the 1999-2000 contest season now begins. January offers the NAQPs and the CQWW 160 CW. February brings the Sprints, the ARRL DX contest (CW), and the CQWW 160m phone test. Several contests occur each weekend, so there is plenty of work to help you ring in the new year. Can't think of a better way to start your new "2000" log than with a couple thousand contest Qs, can you?

**SS Final Final**

I think I can almost positively, definitely promise that this will be the last comments I'll make on SS '99. But wait! More "definite maybes" follow...

While the difference in claimed scores is in the third decimal place, I am very pleased to announce that NCCC has apparently won the Unlimited Club gavel for SS 1999. The best information available puts our score at 12,762,390. PVRC is a close second (but still just that—SECOND) at 12,484,370. This is only the claimed total, of course. Several things will prevent the final published scores from matching these figures: people submitting logs to the ARRL but not announcing their score; people announcing their score but forgetting to submit logs; folks submitting logs but forgetting to state their club; and, of course, the reductions due to log scrutiny. At least the apparent 2% difference is in our favor!

Congratulations on getting on and kicking some butt!

The SS story developed in a most exciting fashion. Our scores were trickling in and showed outstanding effort. Unfortunately, when we heard of PVRC's progress, they were doing even better (PVRC data is hard to get, however, because their reflector and web site are restricted to members.) For weeks, PVRC was well ahead of us. The margin began narrowing. On the night of our holiday party, new scores arrived and we were now approximately even. The difference grew into a few thousand points over the next weeks; slowly creeping higher and higher. After the phone log deadline, PVRC security slipped a bit and their final (claimed) score was revealed. While it was significantly higher than before, it was still 270k points below ours. Let's hope it stays lower!

## ***Congratulations to K7BV!***

This press release was posted to the WRTC-2000 reflector:

Society of Midwest Contesters WRTC2000 Team Leader Ralph Bellas, K9ZO, announced today that he has chosen Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV, of Carson City, NV, as his team partner. Ralph stated, "In recent years Dennis has operated from P40, VP2E, KP3, 8P0, OH0 and OJ0. He combines skills both in running rate and can operate under harsh conditions. He even operated from W9 so that he could learn how to call CQ without getting any answers. Dennis has the love and passion for radio and his enthusiasm is contagious.

I'm not so sure about the purported benefits of operating from W9, as it seems we do plenty of CQ'ing without answers out here as well. If the Slovenians handle things correctly, WRTC-200—at the height of the sunspot cycle—should be a continuous "rate situation", as N6BT would say. Heck, at the absolute sunspot cycle bottom, we gave the boys plenty of business. Congratulations & KB, Dennis!

### ***Scores***

After you enter the myriad of second-half contests this season, make sure you get your scores posted so your fellow NCCers can marvel at your prowess. Post them to our reflector, [nccc@contesting.com](mailto:nccc@contesting.com), and/or send them directly to me.

73 & KB  
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# **NCCC SCORES**

## **CQWW SSB**

Call	Class	QSOs	Z	Countries	Score
K7GJ	SO	721	110	268	
725,382 (K5RC)					
K6GT	SO	779	94	226	
694,720					
AB6WM	SO	684	105	245	
648,550					
AJ6V	SO	256	74	120	
132,502					
K6XX	SOA	520	92	177	
383,325					
NU6S	10m	485	29	96	
170,000					

## **CQWW CW**

Call	Class	QSOs	Z	Countries	Score
HC8N	SO	7087	187	553	
15,528,900 (N5KO)					
AB6WM	SO		548	115	235
521,150					
K7NV	SO	518	109	210	
439,901					
K6III	SO	470	96	192	
372,096					
K6GT	SO	237	83	136	
140,379					
K6UM	SO		236	74	112
122,574					
K6RIM	SO		198	52	131
104,310					
W0YK	SO		144	83	122
78,515					
AD6G	SO	221	52	81	
77,938					
NI6T	SO		145	52	105
63,585					
K6DB	SOA	1849	167	429	
3,074,764					
W6WB	SOA	304	85	155	
189,120					
3B8/KD6WW LP					
2,667,012					
K6XV	LP	1066	132	308	
1,331,000					
W6PLJ	LP	393	92	166	
269,610					
K6XX/5	LP	103	48	33	
23,085					
W6NL	10m	1367	36	115	
592,071					
KA6BIM	10m	674	34	109	
260,689					
NU6S	10m	628	33	103	
240,040					

NF6S	40m	650	33	103
250,104				
K6CTA	40m	36	34	21
5,555				
NH7A	MS	4822	167	386
7,917,301				
(+AJ6V, W6EU, KH6TO)				
K6ZM	MS	2192	157	388
3,329,280				
(WA6O, K6WG)				
W6OAT	MM	1738	163	445
3,007,168				
(+AI6V)				
4M7X	MM			Still
secret?				
(K2KW, N6BT, N6BV, AD6E, N6TV, others)				

### ARRL 160m

Call	Class	QSOs	Sect	Countries	Score
K7NV	SOHP	180	51	1	
18,876					
K6XX	SOHP	115	42	2	
10,780					
K6III	SOHP	68	18	0	
2,448					
KA6BIM	SOA	433	64	4	
60,928					

# SCORES CONTINUED

## ARRL 10m

Call	Class	QSOs	Sect	Countries	Score
P40V (AI6V)	SOHP	3681	117	158	3,007,950
K6ZM	SOHP	1325	105	62	
636,938 (K6WG)					
K6GT	SOHP	1038	109	84	
552,366					
K6XX	SOHP	454	63	30	
138,384					
W6ISO	SOHP	202	65	18	
55,278					
W6EU	SOLP	754	118		
355,416					
W6LPJ	SOLP	568	65	102	
282,564					
K6XV	SOLP	213	73		
36,062					
KA6BIM	SOA	1959	118	115	1,045,704
K6KM	HPCW	1844	134		
989,456 (K6AW)					
K7GJ	HPCW	1771	133		
948,556 (K5RC)					
N6BT	HPCW	1703	137		
939,820 (K2KW)					
K7NV	HPCW	1482	113		
672,124					
AD6E	HPCW	500	79		
159,000					
K6CTA	HPCW	335	82		
110,864					
N6EE	LPCW	418	93		
156,984					
K6III	QRPCW	452	88		
160,160					
N6RO	HPPH	3238	59	76	
874,260 (K3EST)					
NN6NN	HPPH	2614	61	56	
616,196 (W6XK)					
N6BZA	HPPH	1748	59	56	
402,040					
K6BZ	HPPH	602	89		
107,156					
N2ALE	LPPH	40	23	2	
2,000					

## RA Canada Winter Contest

Call	Class	QSOs	Mults	Score
KA6BIM	SO	629	87	
450,138				
N6RO	15m	377	23	
65,044				

## Stew Perry 160m

Call	Class	QSOs	Score
N6RO	SO	92	582

# WHY QSL?

Actually, it's a matter of personal tastes and preferences, so everyone could have a different response – pro or con, beyond the expectations of WAS or DXCC. These minimum expectations are simpler if using QSL logging software. As a contester, a continuous record of thousands of contest QSOs provides some insight as to exactly who and where we are getting the points that make up our scores. Importing the contest data into the QSL database is usually the last step in archiving the contest records. As we enter the new millennium (aka MM), we may want to contemplate the impact of Y2K on our QSL software. Mine only has a problem with the DX countries. Yet I cannot expect a "fix" there (or, an upgrade to Windows) as its author became a silent key five years ago. New software is at the top of my list for New Year's resolutions. Let me share what I've found are my options.

The following table is a list of QSL logging software that provides for downloading demo software via Internet. WinZip is included for obvious reasons. Only a few provide a challenge to get through the actual installation. I did not test any for Y2K compliance. Your search engine should be able to find the WEB site.

Logging Software	cost
BV QSL mgmt and printing	\$0.00
DX Tracker	\$39.95
DX4Win	\$89.95
DXBase	\$99.00
EasiLOG	\$0.00
HyperLog	\$44.95
Log2000	\$35.00
Log-EQF	\$49.95
LOGic 5	\$129.00
LOGPlus! by KD7P	\$43.00
LogWindows	\$49.00
SP Log	\$39.95
VQLog for Satellite and VHF Dxing	\$10.00
WJ2O Master QSO Logging	\$59.95
XMLog	\$0.00
WinZip	\$0.00

Some guidelines or suggestion for evaluation would include the ability to import from your current QSL software, and all your contest software. Most will import from both CT and TRlog. Beyond that, it's a matter of comparison of features and relative cost. As demo programs, there are some limitations imposed (e.g. number of new entries < 40). Yet, most will allow

you to control your rig and access Callbooks on CD-ROMs. Reading a list of features and testing them out on a demo before purchase is the real value of downloading, as some features are not well implemented.

The only surprise here was finding that some QSL software *does* provide for direct contest logging, and score keeping. When coupled with DX cluster access via Internet and Callbook data, as you type in a call – you can agree that the new millennium is here.

-N2ALE/6, Alan

## MORE ON QSL'ING

### QSL's without SASE's

For years I have faced the dilemma of what to do with stateside QSL's that arrive with no SASE (or even a SAE). My station typically makes 7,000 to 10,000 QSO's per year. My QSL's are \$.35 apiece to print. Now that I live in NV and in a county with only 8 hams, I have established my "house rules" for QSL'ing.

- o Every card received gets answered
- o Every card with an SASE gets answered within a week
- o Bureau cards get answered within a month or two
- o US with no SASE go in a pile that is labeled "When an Outgoing US QSL Bureau Is Available"

The only exceptions are brand new hams who haven't learned the courtesy of an SASE. They get a card and a note. I have 40 years' worth of QSL's in the attic, and I don't especially need any more, although I do look forward to the envelopes from the bureau every month. For those of you who send cards to K5RC, K7GJ, K7ISO, however, if you want one back, please send an SASE.

This is just one person's opinion, however.

Tom, K5RC

# DIRECTIONS TO THE JANUARY MEETING



Seeing this sign will indicate that you've found the right place for the October meeting!

**Time:** 6:00PM social hour, 6:30 PM dinner, 7:30PM meeting

**Location:** South Beach Yacht Club, Pier 40, SF

The menu isn't decided yet, but bring money and you'll be fed! Remember ... families, guests, prospective new members, etc. are always welcome!

**Program:** The 4M7X operation by "Team Vertical"

### Directions to SBYC

**From the SOUTH:** take 280 North to its end which turns into King Street. Follow King for a few blocks until it merges onto The Embarcadero. Turn right into the Pier 40 parking lot—if the parking spaces are filled, drive into the building on the pier for more spaces. The SBYC is the first building next to the yacht harbor, right off the parking lot and adjacent to the pier building just noted for additional parking.

**From the NORTH:** Get on The Embarcadero and Pier 40 is just South of the Bay Bridge. Turn into the Pier 40 parking lot and follow instructions above.

**From the EAST:** Come over the Bay Bridge and get on The Embarcadero to Pier 40 just South of the bridge. Turn into the Pier 40 parking lot and follow instructions above.

## DIALOGUE

Tell me, dear friend Hammus Californius, what you think about the fidelity and familial dedication of those of our ranks who recently went to 4M7.

Whatever do you mean, friend Puercus Sixtus? Shouldn't the number be MMMMVII?

No, I refer to the faraway land of YV, south across the sea, in Venezuela. These worthies departed for an adventure at a time such that our brotherhood was deprived of the large SS scores which we would otherwise have received. I don't think they were being true to the quest upon which our fraternity had decided to embark.

Ah, yes. But surely you don't begrudge them the leisure time which they spent in the sunny southern climate, at a time when we were entering this bitter, grey, freezing cold winter period!

Well, I certainly do envy them their sunny leisure time, but I do so grudgingly, in fact. I labored long and hard toward achieving the club's goal, and they whiled away sunny hours at the seashore!

But they also set up a number of radiators along the selfsame sunny seashore of which you speak. Then, they entered a tournament in which our local chapter could never dream of competing seriously. If we attain any measure of recognition, it is largely due to their accomplishment. Furthermore, if you will permit yourself to view the matter with a greater perspective, the developments and demonstrations of "Team Vertical" as they call themselves, have brought important knowledge and skills to our world-wide fraternity. They have achieved a measure of success for themselves, as well as for our small and meek group, and they have agreed to share, in some as yet undisclosed way, their measure of glory.

I suppose so. I await with excited anticipation the disclosure of their knowledge and insight.

Ah my friend, all you need do is attend the next meeting of our esteemed group, the evening of January 10<sup>th</sup>, at the South Beach Yacht Club. Directions to the spot are just to the left of and above these very words!



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