

July Contest Summary Dates

RAC Canada Day Contest	Jul 1
Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest, SSB,	Jul 1-2
MI QRP Club July 4th CW Sprint	Jul -5
IARU HF World Championship	Jul 8 -
9	
& WRTC 2000	Jul 8 - 9
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest	Jul 8 -
9	
QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew	Jul 9
SEANET WW DX Contest, CW	Jul 15 - 16
Pacific 160m Contest	Jul 15
North American QSO Party, RTTY	Jul 15-16
Six Club Sprint	Jul 15-16
Colombian Ind. Day Contest	Jul 16
Georgia QSO Party	Jul 22 - 23
Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest, CW	Jul 29-30
Russian RTTY WW Contest	Jul 29 -30
IOTA Contest	Jul 29 -
30	

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

RECENT NCCC SCORES

Watch for the big scores from WPX CW next month!

WPX Phone

VP5E

(K6HNZ op) 3139q x 846 pfx = 7,123,320 SOLP

ARRL DX Phone

K6HNZ 1143 x 97 = 332,613 [10m (high power)]

ARRL 10m

K6HNZ 1997 X 128 = 511,232 (Phone)

CQWW PHONE

K6HNZ 1168 X 160 = 506,720 (15M, HIGH POWER)

JIDX HF CW

N6RO 847 Q x 129 Prefectures = 148,350

K6XX 514 Q x 114 Prefectures = 86,298

ALL THAT JAZZ!

Well, the June QST has posted the 1999 SS CW results, but makes no mention of the outcome of the Club Competition. So at this writing (5/25) we'll continue the suspense until the July QST hits the press, or ARRL announces the final club tallies in the NCCC vs. PVRC battle.

At the May meeting and on the club reflector, there was some lively discussion about the club's choice of major operating events for the coming year. Most of the discussion was on ARRL SS vs. CQWW, for our fall season choice. It was generally held that we should compete in a contest in which we had a chance to win, and with current contest activity/east coast advantages, and the size of our club, CQWW is not such a contest. The votes tallied so far show an overwhelming preference for ARRL SS - 26, and for CQWW - 4. The membership has spoken, and Sweepstakes it shall be. There is still time to debate the Spring 2001 choice, where WPX is the likely choice, but there is some serious interest in going for it in ARRL DX. More discussion is needed on that.

At the May BoD meeting, a committee to manage/overhaul the 5Meg award program was formed: I will work with W0YK, AD6E, and N6IFW to get the data into a standard data base format, so that it can be more easily managed and updated, and reviewed by the membership. I suspect that this committee and the BoD should also discuss the recent reflector thread on the VOLTA RTTY DX Contest scoring issue. The possibility of someone scoring a billion points in this event and crediting their 5Meg account makes the program meaningless. While we're at it, we might debate instituting "fudge factors" to equalize the DX vs. domestic contest scoring formulas, with the intent to promote the major club competition events the club chooses. Your input on this issue is welcome.

CU all at K6ZM on June 24, for more contest debates and a good time at Peggy's QTH.

Finally, I'd like to offer a gentle reminder that changes of address, e-mail and the like should be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer, and Scores should be sent to the VP/CC and posted on the NCCC reflector!

73, Ken N6RO

JUNE MEETING DETAILS

The weekend of June 24 and 25 is Field Day and again the club will be having its June meeting at Field Day at K6ZM, 44 Toyon Terrace, Danville. Field Day starts at 1100 hours local. The barbeque (\$10.00 for all you can eat and drink) starts at noon and runs until three. With the sunspots at their peak, conditions should be good, and there will be plenty of operating stations for all.

Many newcomers to amateur radio have gotten their first taste of operating HF in a semi-contest manner during Field Day so if you know of any new operators, bring them to Field Day.

Make a reservation

To be sure there is enough food for all, drop an email to Al, nh7a@arrl.net, and tell him you're coming, so he gets enough chow and drinks to satisfy the crowd.

How to get there

If you are coming from the South, take 680 northbound, and take the El Cerro off ramp from 680. Turn left on El Pintado and then left again onto El Rio, and you'll loop around above 680. Turn right on Toyon Terrace, and go up the hill to 44 Toyon Terrace.

If you are coming from the North, take the El Pintado off ramp. Turn left at the stop sign and then right at the first street after you pass under the freeway onto El Rio. Then turn left onto Toyon Terrace, and go up the hill to 44 Toyon Terrace.

73, Al, NH7A

DOUBLE CROSS

XX June 2000

As this is written, at about 30,000 feet above Utah and New Mexico, K2KW and I are en-route to Jamaica for WPX CW. I hope you qualified for our special Jamaica Award for working our stations during the contest.

Field Day

June is the month of sporadic-E propagation on 10m and VHF and the month of Field Day--the "non-contest contest" that introduces the majority of us to contesting. Make sure you keep your eyes and ears alert to budding top ops if you are operating with your local group this year. Then invite them to the next NCCC meeting so they can discover REAL contesting. Also, when you are demonstrating great operating technique, make sure you show your audience (especially the "shack-on-a-belt" crowd) that you're really enjoying yourself. While it's easy to become disgusted with the antics pulled during the field Day weekend, save your disparaging remarks for the late-night shift or other time when no spectators are present.

Those of us preferring to associate with the world's finest ops on the Field Day weekend are invited to the NCCC operation and Bar-B-Q at K6ZM. Details on this, our June meeting, are elsewhere in this issue.

WRTC-2000

As we know all too well, preparations for the World Radio Team Championship are grueling. One of the biggest challenges is attracting enough money for a successful event. The Slovenians are having some financial difficulty and would greatly appreciate your contribution. Carl, AI6V, is coordinating donations--won't you send him a check--today? His address is:

Carl Cook, AI6V
2191 Empire Avenue
Brentwood, CA 94513-5131

Win the June E-Mail Contest

Our famous roving reporter, Jacques, W6ISQ, describes our June e-mail contest in gory detail elsewhere on these hallowed pages. Make sure you enter so you are eligible to win the valuable prize. I promised Jack I'd describe it further, but I can't because I can't predict exactly which words Jack will put into my mouth.

Upcoming Meetings

Our July meeting, co-hosted by the Mother Lode DX & Contest Club, will be held on July 15th, in Jackson. The WRTC-2000 experience will be presented by the returning competitors/attendees.

In August, ARRL past president Rod, W6ROD, will update us on the (by then) just concluded WARC-2000 frequency allocation convention and how the decisions affect us.

Remember, your friends are always welcome at NCCC meetings.

73 es KB, de Bob, K6XX

K6XX REVEALS SECRETS OF CONTESTING “FUN” TO NCCC REPORTER

(The standard grammar and spelling disclaimer applies to this month's interview, as it will to any future contributions, until we can get Jacques [W6ISQ] our reporter, to finish an English course... ed)

Your Roving JUG reporter was able to corral NCCC President Dose Ekkees Bob, known worldwide on the radio as K6XX, before he tried to sneak out of town with fellow member, Kenny, K2KW, as they

headed for the Wild Caribbean to establish a beachhead for the bonecrusher WPX contest. “Dose” was forced to reveal and discuss some of the pressing NCCC problems. All quotations are within the 3% limit of accuracy required for logging by contestants in some contests. Your correspondent will record within the 3% limit of accuracy, but there is only a 3% chance that the accuracy is actually accurate.

JUG: We caught ya!

DOSE EKKEES BOB: Ahhhh... Naw, I was just going out to buy some antenna electron paint and keyboard grease. Gotta be ready for them contests.

JUG: Antenna electron paint?

DOSE EKKEES BOB: The more electrons you can cram onto your antenna the bigger signal ya got. You knew that!

JUG: My memory fades sometimes, as I recall... but before you run, we'd like you to explain a statement you made in your JUG colyume last month. To wit: Point Number Two in your Five Point program to make NCCC supreme in the contest world was to... and I quote loosely... “Have a great time as a club and have fun”, or something like that. Question: what do you mean by “have a great time as a club”?

DOSE EKKEES: Well, sure...ahhhh.. I mean we will have exciting meetings with lots of talk about winning contests and hear stories from some of our intrepid expeditioners about how to operate to win, and... ahhhh... contest strategies, and... uhhh...

JUG: That should bring a great turnout. Nine... maybe, if there's pizza. And then you also want to “have fun”. Isn't “having fun” the same as “having a great time”?

DOSE EKKEES: Welllll, one kinda fun is in a club meeting and the other kind of fun is in a contest.

JUG: Mind if I call you Dose? Good. Now, a definition please – for the membership... what is fun?

DOSE: That depends on what you mean by “is” fun. You can do something and then say “that was fun” because you already know if it was or not. Then you could say “that will be fun” because of eager anticipation of a...

JUG: Break, break!

DOSE: (continuing--ho hum) ... good contest. But, if you just want to define what “is” fun, it becomes more difficult because you don't really know yet if it will be fun or not. So you have to be more clear about what you are asking.

JUG: Amazing! Are you practicing for the Bar exam? Let me rephrase the question we want to know. What do *you* do when you think you are having fun? On the radio, that is.

DOSE: Fun is having a good time... you know... climbing your tower with a bag full of parts and equipment. Dangling up there making exact

adjustments on the 9 element Yagi, hauling up your lunch while you work, painting on that electron paint I'm gonna buy... feeling the joy of what you are accomplishing... ahhhh... excitement of that contest week...

JUG: You'd love bungee jumping off the Umpire State building.

DOSE: And what fun to rewire your station... new rigs, reading the manuals, practicing new typing skills, memorizing all dial settings... and all 143 memory channels...

JUG: Do you ever do any alligator wrestling?

DOSE: And then the real fun begins; the contest itself... the beautiful concentration, nothing else matters, faster, faster, awake, awake, nab the rare one, never nod, more caffeine... dedicate all fibers of your self, awake, stay awake...no food...just eat another Oreo now and again... resist all demands and commands from XYL's... no more... concentrate on more Q's... faster, more JA's...

JUG: You think staying up 48 hours - no sleep, no eat, no nada, in a DX Contest was - is - or will be - fun?

DOSE: I'm dedicated to that fun for an entire year as El Presidente of NCCC... a whole year. And, I think one will have fun knowing that one "is" doing one's very best under the circumstances of having built a new tower, rung by rung, and rig, and...

JUG: I know you are in a hurry to get your electron paint and key board grease, so, may I suggest you explain all your overwhelming masochistic sense of joy and fun in your own colyume this month.

DOSE: You're right... I'll continue in the colyume... I do lose myself in joy... working contests, ya know.

JUG: But now for something actually very important. Are you going to offer another FREE MEAL at the next meeting for the winner of an essay contest?

DOSE: YES. YES. I will offer a FREE MEAL at the next club meeting to the member who explains in the most lucid and interesting manner, and in 37 WORDS OR LESS "WHY CONTESTS ARE FUN." Write about any individual contest, or about contests in general. Again, I will be the judge along with NR6O and K6GT... ahhhh... that's N6RO. Sorry, Ben... errrr... Kne... I mean Ken!

JUG: Please announce about the 37 word Contest in your own Presidential Colyume this month, so that all readers and writers can compete for the valuable prize. This *is* a Contest Club, ya know. Not "was" or "will be," but "IS NOW" a Contest Club.

DOSE: Yes, I will mention the Contest in the colyume.

JUG: Oh, and I want to thank you for the free meal at the Teid... ahhhh... Tide... Tied House last meeting. I know the competition was huge, but I am happy you

selected mine out of all those 40 or 50 entries. I liked the fish and chips and all that coke.

DOSE: Do you think we should discuss the ALL NEW - AAMOUNBAA - Award? Our all new MAJOR NCCC Award, available to both SSB and CW types? **JUG:** I love the sound of that award...

A-A-M-O-U-N-B-A-A; it reminds me of the natives softly singing and swaying as the sun is setting over the tribander in the west. But, no, we don't have room here to go into detail this month, but we can say that the Award Plaques are being prepared now - one for FONE and one for CW. They will be awarded on a yearly basis, and the recipient will keep the trophy for a year before turning it over to the next winner. However, of course, the FONE and CW recipients will all have their names and calls etched indelibly on the front of their respective plaques for all eternity to witness.

DOSE: Yeah! That will be one great award! I wonder if we should expand the award to include a RTTY digital award too? I guess we should just say that members should keep doing their best in all contests, functions, debates, reflector diatribes, and be a good friend to all other members.

JUG: OK, we'll announce the whole NEW AWARD program next month. Now go buy your electron paint and keyboard grease and good luck in the contest.

DOSE: Naw, I think that first I gotta have some fun. I'm working on a new computer program that will go through all of my contest logs back to '92 and figure how I can work them JA's faster. An extra JA here and another JA there, and we win the contest! Maybe I can work 'em two at a time - like Don used to do on his Dxpeditons. Remember? Need them Q's! You should work on that problem too.

JUG: Oh, yeah. Lemme know what you find out. I think I'll hammer on my fingers a while. Gets 'em toughened up for a long CW weekend.

73, W6ISQ

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