



# NEXT NCCC MEETING

**DATE: Monday, October 9, 6:30 PM**

**HP/Agilent Santa Clara**

**Building 50**

**6:00 PM : Schmooze**

**6:30 PM : Pizza**

**7:00 PM : Meeting**

**INFO & DIRECTIONS INSIDE**

**and you can *always* check:**

**<http://www.nccc.cc/meetings.html>**

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**The NCCC 75 meter net meets  
on Thursdays at 9PM,  
3830kHz approximately**

### October Contests Dates

RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest, SSB	Oct 1
VK/ZL/Oceania Contest, Phone	Oct 7 - 8
EU Autumn Sprint, SSB	Oct 7
<b>California QSO Party</b>	<b>Oct 7 - 8</b>
Iberoamericano Contest	Oct 7 - 8
10-10 Day Sprint	Oct 10
VK/ZL/Oceania Contest, CW	Oct 14 - 15
YLRL Anniversary Party, CW	Oct 16
EU Autumn Sprint, CW	Oct 14
Pennsylvania QSO Party	Oct 14 - 15
FISTS Fall Sprint	Oct 14
<b>Asia-Pacific Sprint, CW</b>	<b>Oct 15</b>
<b>North American Sprint, RTTY</b>	<b>Oct 15</b>
RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest, CW	Oct 15
JARTS WW RTTY Contest	Oct 22
QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party	Oct 22
Worked All Germany Contest	Oct 21 - 22
2000 6m Activity Contest	Oct 24
<b>CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB</b>	<b>Oct 28 - 29</b>
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW	Oct 28 - 29
YLRL Anniversary Party, SSB	Oct 28 - 30

### November Contests Dates

<b>ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW</b>	<b>Nov 4 - 6</b>
High Speed Club CW Contest	Nov 5
Japan Int. DX Contest, Phone	Nov 10 - 12
WAE DX Contest, RTTY	Nov 11 - 12
OK/OM DX Contest, CW	Nov 11 - 12

LZ DX Contest, CW	Nov 18 - 19
IARU Region 1 160m Contest, CW	Nov 18 - 19
LI/NJ-QRP Doghouse Operation Sprint	Nov 18
<i>(November contests continued)</i>	
<b>ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB</b>	<b>Nov 18 - 20</b>
RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest, CW	Nov 18 - 19
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	Nov 25 - 26
2000 6m Activity Contest	Nov 28

For a complete calendar, log submission details, and due dates visit:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.htm>

## RECENT SCORES

### NA SPRINT - CW

<u>NCCC#1</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>approx. 114 K</u>
N6TV 306/46		14076
N6RO 282/45		12645
N6XI 282/44		12408
K6TA(K6AW) 271/45		12195
AE6Y 264/43		11352
AJ6V 254/44		11176
W6RGG @KA6BIM 244/44		10980
K6XX 250/43		10750
N6ZFO 178/40		7120

**K7BV@K5RC ?**

### NA SPRINT - SSB

<u>NCCC#1.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>122,355</u>
HC8N(N5KO) Trey	400 x 60 = 24,000	
<a href="#">VA7RR@VE7SZ</a> Gary	330 x 48 = 15,840 (approx.)	
N6RO Ken	310 x 48 = 14,880	
K5RC Tom	302 x 47 = 14,147	
AE6Y Andy	267 x 46 = 12,282	
<a href="#">KR6RF@W6XK</a> Chuck	256 x 44 = 11,264	
KA6BIM Dave	222 x 44 = 9,768	
K6CTA Ed	191 x 42 = 8,022	
K6TA Ken	163 x 43 = 7,009	
K6EP@N6IJ Eric	139 x 37 = 5,143	

### Other club scores:

K6III	157/43 = 6,751
N6ZFO	60 x 28 = 1,680

# SEPTEMBER MEETING

Guests are always welcome at the NCCC! Please join us! Members, don't forget the "Bring a friend" contest!

**Dinner:** Pizza and soft drinks will be available for a nominal fee.

**Time:** 6pm schmoozing, 6:30pm pizza, 7:00pm meeting/program

**Program:** CQP lies & Sweepstakes preparations!

**Location:** Hewlett-Packard - Building 50, 5301 Stevens Creek Blvd, Santa Clara.  
(Lawrence Expressway and I-280)

# DOUBLE CROSS

## CQP 2000

CQP is only days away — I hope you are ready for the most enjoyable contest of the year. Although it is primarily a domestic event, DX entries are increasing — especially from Europe, so make sure you swing the beam around a bit to catch all callers.

It's important to heed the suggested band plan as well. Try phone on the hour and CW on the half-hour. Don't forget the 160m schedule times; you'll be rewarded with a really good rate for ten or fifteen minutes (and you won't have trouble reestablishing your run frequency afterward.)

## SS 2000

Sweepstakes is approaching. By consensus, we will be gunning for gavel number 13 this November, so mark your calendars for the weekends of November 4-5 and 18-19. It's been said hundreds of times yet bears repeating: EVERY LOG IS IMPORTANT TO THE CLUB. Our minuscule 100k point margin of victory last year vividly underscores this fact. That's a difference of only one log, folks. We need you to enter, and we need your log!

Remember that all computer generated logs must be submitted electronically in the new Cabrillo format. No printouts are allowed. Hand logging is accepted, but I've heard warnings that the transcription error rate is rather high—the league will type-in your handwritten log, but they probably will spend much time looking for typos. Your best solution is to use a recent version of logging software that produces Cabrillo format output.

Another reason to use recent software is the existence of the new 80th section: West Central Florida (WCF).

All of these changes, and lots more info, are jammed into the "Millennium Edition" of the NCCC Sweepstakes Handbook, which is on the members-only section of our website.

## K6XX No Longer QRPP Eastward

CQP 2000 will be a big event for me, personally. This will be my first contest from the (new) QTH north of Santa Cruz. I'll finally have a DOWNWARD slope toward the mainland USA and Europe, instead of

the worse than 20 degree upslope I've suffered with for 13 years. The TA (terrain analysis) program written by Dean, N6BV, tells me that a few hundred milliwatts into a low dipole at the new place will outperform my kilowatt and yagi at the old place.

Lest you cower in fear over my new good fortune, I'll admit that creature comforts are severely lacking. In fact, I'm going there right now to (I hope) finish the roof on the 8' x 12' plywood operating shack — one that truly is a "shack" in all senses. I'm also worried about my old generator lasting the duration. Antennas? There are none yet... mere details — I've got a week before CQP, after all!

Regardless of the outcome, it'll be a great test run for Sweepstakes.

I hope you have a great time in CQP. I'll work you on 12 band-modes?

73 de Bob, K6XX

# ALL THAT JAZZ!

I'm glad I made a last minute decision to attend the Reno meeting. It was a small but dedicated bunch of testers and some visiting luminaries — W4AN, K5AF, K5KG. On Sunday I helped string a V-beam at the K5RC hilltop and enjoyed the views and Midge's cooking. It was a fine weekend!

The recent NAQP & NA SPRINT contests served many of us well as a warmup for the big events yet to come this fall season. They were not just good practice in operating, but those who entered uncovered problems in their stations, especially logging software. Such things as RF on the computer-to-rig lines, broken footswitches, bad antenna connections, and other "surprises" popped up in these short events. Don't let that happen for CQP and SS!

CQP is our big event this month, and can serve as your primary preparation for SS. It will be a primarily a rate running situation and 24 hours long for single ops, just like in SS. These similarities will give you a chance to test your skills and endurance. It takes commitment and physical preparation to do 24 hours, unlike some of the recent short contests.

At the September meeting I mentioned a few hints regarding CQP, mostly from the point of view of a multi station, and low band operator. Though most of your focus will be running rate on the high bands, there are some openings to anticipate: east coast sunrise, about 11z, can produce a bump in activity on

160, 80, and 40m. Start on 160 for a few minutes, then go to 75m near the DX window. The Dxers who got up early to look for DX will work you and maybe spot you on packet. Then try a few minutes on 80 cw, then off to 40m where there could be a good half hour of east coast activity. Then take a nap before 20m opens. Try to observe the cw rally times — on the half hour. The active out-of-staters look for us then. Also remember to spend some S&P time on Sunday, looking for other CA stations who may only be CQing. More than half your qso sources are in CA!

Looking ahead to November, please start now in arranging your family and work plans commit to full efforts in both modes of sweepstakes. Get your station and software ready and practice. For those using or contemplating obtaining TRLog, the simulator in TR, now supports the long exchange for SS on cw. I plan to spend many hours sharpening up with this tool.

A few other die-hards have been maintaining the Thursday night (9PM) 3830 net for the past few months. There's always good discussion on contesting topics. As we approach SS, we'll start running some mini contests. Join in the fun! On Oct 5/6 the net should help our CQP expeditioners with antenna checks.

Look for N6O on all band modes in CQP. KB!

73, Ken, N6RO, VP/CC

## Contester shares "Sprint experience"

K6CTA          1Q x 1M          1 pt

That's the official reported score! Here are the log notes.

0000Z - Take 9 eleven year old girls to Chevy's for daughter's birthday

0045Z - run interference on balloon guy, but lose out; wind up spending \$30 on "hats" for girls

0130Z- bring girls back for slumber party

0200Z- try to contain noise and damage in family room

0300Z- manage to get girls to watch movie

0325Z- escape to shack for 5 minutes...turn on radio, make an 80M QSO (thanks, Steve!), and turn off rig.

0330Z- leave shack, return to party duty.....

I had way more QRM at home than I'll ever get on the bands!!!!!!

73, Ed, K6CTA

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