



Our Next Meeting

NCCC Elections

April 18, 2005: 6 PM shmooze, 6:30 PM dinner, elections and programs.

Location: Chevy's Fresh Mex, 979-A Edgewater Blvd., Foster City, CA 94404

(650) 572-8441 See directions on our website
<http://nccc.cc/meetings.html>

RSVP to [K6UFO](http://k6ufo.com) by 5pm Friday, April 15, 2004

Fresh-Mex buffet for \$20.00 per person, including tax, tip, and soft drink.

Program:

1. Election of new officers for 2005 - 2006.
2. "The Foster City Group," an unrehearsed program presenting inside opinions and forecasts on major antenna issues of the day, moderated by N6TV.
3. YagiStress demo by K7NV. YagiStress is software which performs structural analysis on horizontally polarized yagi antennas.

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Two Tango

Tom Berson, ND2T

I am very gratified to have spent the past year as President of NCCC. Ours is the most powerful and winningest of contest clubs, a repository of experience, knowledge, wisdom, ability, resource, attitude, teamwork and friendship. We are a model for contest clubs around the world. You've visited, perhaps been a member, of other clubs. NCCC is different. We are alive, thriving, organic. One of the things I love about contesting is that it often brings surprises and opportunities which challenge me to adapt to new situations. Being NCCC President for a year was certainly one of these.

This year we had internal goals and external goals. Let's review them and see how we did. Our internal goals aimed to build value for members by developing our inner strengths. We had three internal goals:

1. Improve members' stations – is yours better than it was 12 months ago?
2. Enhance members' operating skills – are yours better now?
3. Encourage teamwork – did you play nicely with others?

I'd say that for most NCCC members the answers are "yes", "yes", and "yes". These are gifts we gave one another. They are valuable to the beginner and the veteran alike. They have a payoff that goes far into the future.

The internal goals all supported our main external goal, which was to win The Sweepstakes Gavel. We did it, with style. Plus, we won another gavel and lots of other competitions along the way. Dean, N6DE, my companion-in-arms and our invaluable VP/CC, details some of our activities and results in his accompanying article. Our wins are what most of

the outside world knows about us. But we know that NCCC is much more than its victories.

Mork, K6UFO, was our Secretary/Treasurer this year. He performed the duties of that position with smiling grace and apparent ease. He converted our books to Quicken. He arranged for us to accept PayPal payments. He organized the incomings and outgoings. He cheerfully collected monies at club events. And he was an effective fund-raiser. And fund raising was necessary as we operated for a second consecutive year in a dues-optional mode. While “no dues” reduces barriers to entry (a good thing) it makes managing the club something like a game of chicken (a bad thing). I will recommend that next year we return to expecting members to pay dues, with a possible holiday for newcomers and relief for those who need it.

Let’s see, who else to thank for a great year?
Directors: W6OAT, WX5S, K5RC, W1SRD.
Webmaster: W0YK. JUG Editor: K6RB. CQP Manager: AD6E. Other especially helpful people: WK6I, N6RCE, N6TV, W6ZZZ, N6XI, N6RO, N6ZFO, K6ENT. I know I’m on a slippery slope here. Many people step forward when they are needed. You’ll find an almost-complete list of people who deserved to be thanked at <http://nccc.cc/members/pdf/roster.pdf>. Those missing are our families and friends who tolerate and even encourage and abet our passion for radio contesting and NCCC.

NCCC officers serve one-year terms. The Bylaws wisely forbid officers from succeeding themselves. At the April meeting we will hold elections for new officers. Will you be one of them? If so, I can promise you a surprising and fulfilling year, and my full support.

KB and QRU.

VP/CC Report Dean, N6DE

Thanks for giving me your trust to serve as your VP/CC since last April. Over the past year, the NCCC has proven to be a strong leader in the contesting community. Thanks to all of you, we have a lot to be proud of over the last twelve months:

- Although the final SS SSB results have not yet been published, there is no doubt we will win our second ARRL

Sweepstakes gavel in a row. It appears we will win by about **7 million points** and have nearly 50 more logs than our nearest competitor, SMC. This is quite likely the largest margin of victory for any NCCC Sweepstakes win in our club’s history.

- We **won** the September NCJ Sprint SSB team competition by a dominant margin.
- It appears we have also **won** our second ARRL RTTY Roundup gavel in a row, and are on our way to starting a dynasty in that contest.
- We fielded **40** NCCC teams combined in the 12 NCJ NAQP and Sprint contests over the last year, which was the highest number of teams by any club or group. We submitted at least one team in all 12 contests. The next closest club was the Tennessee Contest Group with 36 teams, but remember that TCG allows anyone in the world to join their teams, while we only fill our teams with NCCC members. It is clear the NCCC continues to lead the NCJ contests in club participation.
- We were not only a force in stateside contests; NCCC members were often in the Top 10 boxes of DX contests in the past year, namely W2SC from 8P, AE6Y/W6LD/others from P4, the HC8N guys, N6TJ from ZD8Z, and several other NCCC members.
- We continued to sponsor the California QSO Party and received the highest number of logs submitted in the history of the contest. Despite declining solar conditions, 22 new records were set.
- N6ZFO and N6RO started another successful contest for the NCCC, called the NS Contest, to promote activity, preparation, and skill for the CW Sprint, and made NS a fun contest itself. NS was unique in that it was held on weekday nights (Thursday) from May until September, attracted many participants from outside NCCC territory, and was even promoted in the ARRL’s Contest Rate Sheet weekly newsletter. NS was a great, short (20 minute) contest which many people liked, and will hopefully continue again in a few months.
- We led the way in the contest community by driving practice sessions on Thursday and Friday nights before major contests. Not counting the NS

contests, we organized **44** (if you count NS: **55**) of these popular practices for 19 contests, attracted participants across the world, and received praise from many who found the practices were extremely useful to debug problems with their station setup *before* the real contest. The contest community looks to the NCCC to organize these practices for many contests, and the contest sponsors surely appreciate the added publicity we give their contest.

- The NCCC officers found new ways of maintaining communication with club members. We started the nccc-announce e-mail list, which is a low volume way for NCCC officers to keep all members informed every month about club happenings, upcoming contests, and other updates. Also, we stressed the NCCC Thursday night 75m net as a great way for club members to communicate who are unable to often attend NCCC meetings. There was almost always an NCCC net every Thursday night for the past year, with N6RO and N6ZFO filling in for me if I was unable to be net control.

All of this does not even mention the teamwork, spirit, and camaraderie that all NCCC members continue to share. Indeed, it has been a tremendous year in the NCCC! I especially thank all those who volunteered to help the NCCC in one way or another over the past year. I mentioned many of you during the NCCC Awards Banquet. Thanks to each and every NCCC member for making NCCC the contest club leader!

Awards Dinner

Rob K6RB

The Awards Dinner event is for many the highlight of each contest year. This is the night when all the preparations and improvements we've made during the spring and summer, and the actual participation beginning in October and ending in December, bears tangible fruit. And, when the night is over, several of us leave carrying certificates, shirts, hats, and plaques. And we all remember the polite applause we received from our fellow contesters and club mates.

NCCC Sweepstakes Awards

The Maxwell Sweepstakes Award
Dean, N6DE

The Big Gun Award

Mike, N7MH, 505.498 points!

Gavel Bearer

Station K5RC, 922K points

JUGHead Awards

Rusty, W6OAT; Marc, W6ZZZ

400K Club

OPERATORS

- N7MH
 - K7NV
 - N6DE
 - N6BV
 - K6XX (+)
 - WC6H (+)
 - K6RB
 - WX5S
- STATIONS**
- K5RC
 - W6YX
 - N6XI
 - W6NV
 - N6RO
 - K6IDX
 - W6XK
 - K6XX
 - WC6H

Highly Motivated Operators (HMOs)

- N7MH
- K7NV
- N6DE
- N6BV
- K6XX
- AD6E
- K6RB
- WX5S
- W0YK
- W6LD
- W1SRD
- K6UFO
- WX6V
- ND2T
- K6VVA
- WJ6O
- NT6K

- K6SRZ
- K6DGW
- NI6T
- KG6CMS
- NU6T

KB 5000 Award

- K5RC
- W6YX

KB 3000 Award

- N6XI
- W6NV
- N6RO
- K6XX
- K6RB
- N7MH
- K7NV
- W6XK

KB 2000 Award

- K6MR
- W6LD
- K6IF
- ND2T
- N6RC
- K6UFO
- WX6V
- W6OAT
- K6GFJ
- K6RIM
- N6DE
- N6BV
- WC6H
- K6IDX
- WX5S
- W0YK
- KX7M
- W6XU
- AD6E

KB 1000 Award

- KF6T
- K6GT
- K6SRZ
- NW6P
- N6EE
- N6RK
- W6ISO
- N6XG
- W6RGG
- N6TV
- N6PN
- W6JZH
- N7FF

- N7ON
- N7TR
- K6LRN
- K6III
- NU6S
- WA6GFY
- W6CS
- W6NL
- K6VVA
- NI6T
- KJ9U
- N6NZ
- K6DGW
- KF6RIP
- K6TA
- N6ZFO
- WJ6O
- W6SR
- NT6K
- N3ZZ
- AE6Y
- WK6I
- N6NF

NCCC Club Awards

Rookie of the Year

Ken, K6MR

Most Improved Contester

Rick, K6VVA

Contester of the Year

Mike, N7MH

President's Awards

- N6DE – For service as VP/ CC
- K6UFO – For service as Secretary/ Treasurer
- W6OAT – For service as Director
- WX5S – For service as Director
- K5RC – For service as Director
- W1SRD – For service as Director
- AD6E – For service as CQP Chair
- K6ENT – For service as Awards Chair
- W0YK– For long and distinguished service to NCCC
- K6RB– For JUG Editorship
- WK6I– For generous support of NCCC

VP/CC Awards – Contest Organizers

- NAQP
- K6DGW, K6IF, WK6I, N6TQS

- Sprint
 - W6RGG, AK6DV, WB6TQG
- RTTY Roundup – AK6DV
- CQP – AD6E and entire team
- NS – N6ZFO
- SS – W6OAT and all NCCC volunteers

VP/CC Awards – NS Contest
K6XX and K6VVA

Little Gun Awards

- W6ZZZ
- W6FB (ex: WA4FIB)
- KO6LU
- K6OWL
- NO6X

MVP Award

K6XX, W6ISO

5 Meg Award

N6ZFO

CQP Awards

Wine Winners

- K6XX
- AE6Y
- KF6T
- K6IF
- N6NF
- N6IJ (NI6T op)
- W6XU
- K6MR
- K6RIM
- N6CQP (KF6RIP op)
- NT6K
- AD6E
- W6PZ (K6SRZ op)
- KX7M

Top Multi-Multi

N6O
(N7FF,
N6RO,
WA6O,
N6KLS,
KJ6EN
K7NV,
K6VVA,
N6BV,
WX5S,
ops)

Top School

W6YX

- (K6UFO, KJ9U, W6RQ, W6LD, ops)

Other CQP Award Certificates

- K6C/ K6L (N6DE, K6ENT, WJ6O, W1SRD, ops)
- K6GT
- K6OWL
- K6RB
- K6VVA
- KO6LU
- KX6SUB
- N6RC (N6RC, N6RCE, ops)
- N6TV
- N6ZFO
- W6AMM (ND2T, op)
- W6ISO
- W6OAT
- W6ZZZ



Smitty (W6CS) and Tom (NW6P) receive their KB 1000 awards.



Smilin' Bob, W6RGG, gets his KB 1000 perpetual plaque and tag.



Dave, WJ6O, with new KB 2000 plaque.



Ken, K6MR, returns to contesting and hits paydirt. That's the Rookie of the Year plaque he's holding.



K6XX holding his Most CW QSOs in CQP award.



Denny, KX7M, despite damaged "wing," holds his CQP wine award.



Rick, the "Locust," K6VVA beams with pride upon receiving The Most Improved Contester plaque.

All photos courtesy of Bob, N6TV

Club Nostalgia
Rob K6RB

Here's a wonderful bit of nostalgia that Rusty handed me at the Awards Dinner. Those of you who had the good fortune to have known Jim Maxwell, W6CF, will really enjoy it. Those who never knew him will have a good glimpse of his intelligence and wit.

"March 1, 1985

Editor, the JUG:

I read with interest the letter in the February JUG from Jim Neiger, N6TJ, purporting to represent the Southern California Contest Club. I have read a great deal of Jim's written material over the 20 or so years of our friendship, and was therefore struck by the tone of his letter. An indescribable strangeness lurks behind a thin veneer of macho bravery. I therefore asked for help from the CIA. After exhaustive psychological and cryptological analysis, Jim's letter was found to contain hidden messages, written subconsciously. They show clearly that poor Jimbo is racked with doubts, fears and insecurities, even as he throws down the gauntlet. As a public service, I am providing the results of the analysis to the NCCC. Jim's original letter is given below, with the subconscious messages printed in bold-face capital letter.

73,

Jim Maxwell, W6CF

CIA analyzed letter from J. Neiger, N6TJ, to NCCC, 27 Jan. 1985

GENTLEMEN:

When I FIRST CONCEIVED OF THE NOTION OF A CONTEST-ORIENTED CLUB IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA DURING THE SUMMER OF 1970, never did I imagine that the NCCC would grow into the monster that it apparently has. AS YOUR FOUNDER AND FIRST PRESIDENT, I AM truly astonished and ashamed that you would resort to gloating over you club victories in six consecutive ARRL Sweepstakes, and the 1981 and 1983 CQ WW contests (NCJ, JAN-Feb 1985). C'mon guys, everyone know that your competition has been NOTHING BUT A few 'HAS-BEEN' clubs residing in the eastern reaches of our fair land.

Big deal. And then, still not content and obviously GIDDY WITH your PAST ACHIEVEMENTS, you decide to beat up on the Mad River Radio Club in the 1984 SS.

O.K. Enough is enough. IT IS TIME for the NCCC TO BE BROUGHT, FORCEFULLY AND PAINFULLY, BACK TO EARTH. By real men. THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB hereby CHALLENGES THE NCCC TO A gloves-off, no holds-barred, winner-take-all COMPETITION IN THE 1985 ARRL FIELD DAY. Category 7-A. The spoils: a case of Southern California's finest champagne against a case of Northern California's finest (WE'RE no FOOLS - EVERYONE KNOWS THAT Northern California has the best grapes!).

Thanks to your contesting achievements (and bragging), EVERYONE REALIZES THAT THE NCCC IS STEEPED IN TRADITION, AND IS BLESSED WITH GREAT CAMARADERIE, THE WORLD'S FINEST OPERATORS, BIG STATIONS, AND AN ENVIABLE LIFE-STYLE. On the other hand, THE SCCC IS relatively UNKNOWN AND IS COMPRISED OF A RAG-TAG BUNCH OF UPSTARTS WITH few accomplishments, and NOT MUCH else GOING FOR IT. Like David vs Goliath, we realize that we will have to call upon every ounce of enthusiasm and ingenuity to bring the NCCC monster to its knees.

Obviously, THE SCCC BELIEVES that it has what it takes. If the NCCC knows THIS TOO, AND IS RELUCTANT TO accept this CHALLENGE, we will understand.

73,

Jim Neiger, N6TJ, SCCC

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