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Guests are always welcome at the NCCC!
Please join us.

Monday, May 12th, 2014

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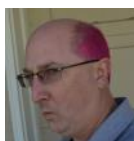
6:00pm Schmooz, 6:30pm Dinner,
7:00pm Program

“How To Blow Up Your Balun”
by Dean Straw, N6BV

Location: Harry's Hofbrau, 390 Saratoga
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To register:

Please RSVP to Tom
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VP/CC Corner - Let's Have Fun!

My thanks to the membership for electing me to the post of Vice President / Contest Chair for the coming 2014-2015 contest season! I will work hard to make my tenure a successful one.

The NCCC is a contest club, so I think success will be measured through an increase in the number of logs submitted by the membership in contests. Previous VP/CC's have shown that increased participation is the key factor to NCCC success in any contest we enter, so I'm going to try and convince you to get on the air. And more than that: to *want to get on the air!*

My plan to accomplish this is simple, and therefore extremely complicated. I'm going to need everyone's help. Because I want us to have more fun! Both individually, as teammates, and as a club, increasing the fun factor is key.

Fun is the key ingredient because it makes you want to reply to the contest flogger. It will get you to turn on the radio, and increase your butt-in-chair time, and get logs submitted. More fun and more logs will lead to having the most fun of all: winning!

Soon the Board will be asking for your input on what contests the NCCC wants to focus on for the 2014-2015 season. It will be very important to get your input so we can steer the club's considerable force in the direction that provides the most enjoyment for everyone.

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NCCC Net

Thursday 8 PM

Freq: 3.610 +/-

NCCC

Monthly meetings take place on the second Monday of each month !

NCCC Membership Information

If you wish to join NCCC, you must fill out an [application for membership](#), which will be read and voted upon at the next monthly meeting. ([PDF application form](#))

To join, you must reside within [club territory](#) which is defined as the maximum of:

- Northern California, anything north of the Tehachapi's up to the Oregon border, and
- A part of north-western Nevada (anything within our ARRL 175-mile radius circle centered at 10 miles North of Auburn on Highway 49).

In the mean time, I would appreciate it if you could let me know what you think, either on the reflector or at my personal email, below. Am I wrong? Right? A little too far to the left? But, most importantly, please tell me how the club can help you have more fun contesting!

73, Byron N6NUL
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Congrats and Best Of Luck To The New Leadership Team !

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Ed Muns W0YK

The 2014 inductees to the CQ Contest Hall of Fame are:

Ed Muns, W0YK, is a noted RTTY contester with nine Single-Op all-band and one multi-two championships and six world records. Ed is also Director of the CQ World Wide RTTY DX and RTTY WPX Contests, and manager of the North American Sprint RTTY event. He is also very active in the Northern California Contest Club and is a past club officer and director.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/cq-announces-2014-hall-of-fame-inductees>

Jeff Stai WK6I via NCCC reflector

Welcome to:-

Steve KS6A and Mel N6MCM who joined the NCCC in May.

JUG Articles Wanted.

We are always looking for material for the JUG so please consider sending in any relevant material...

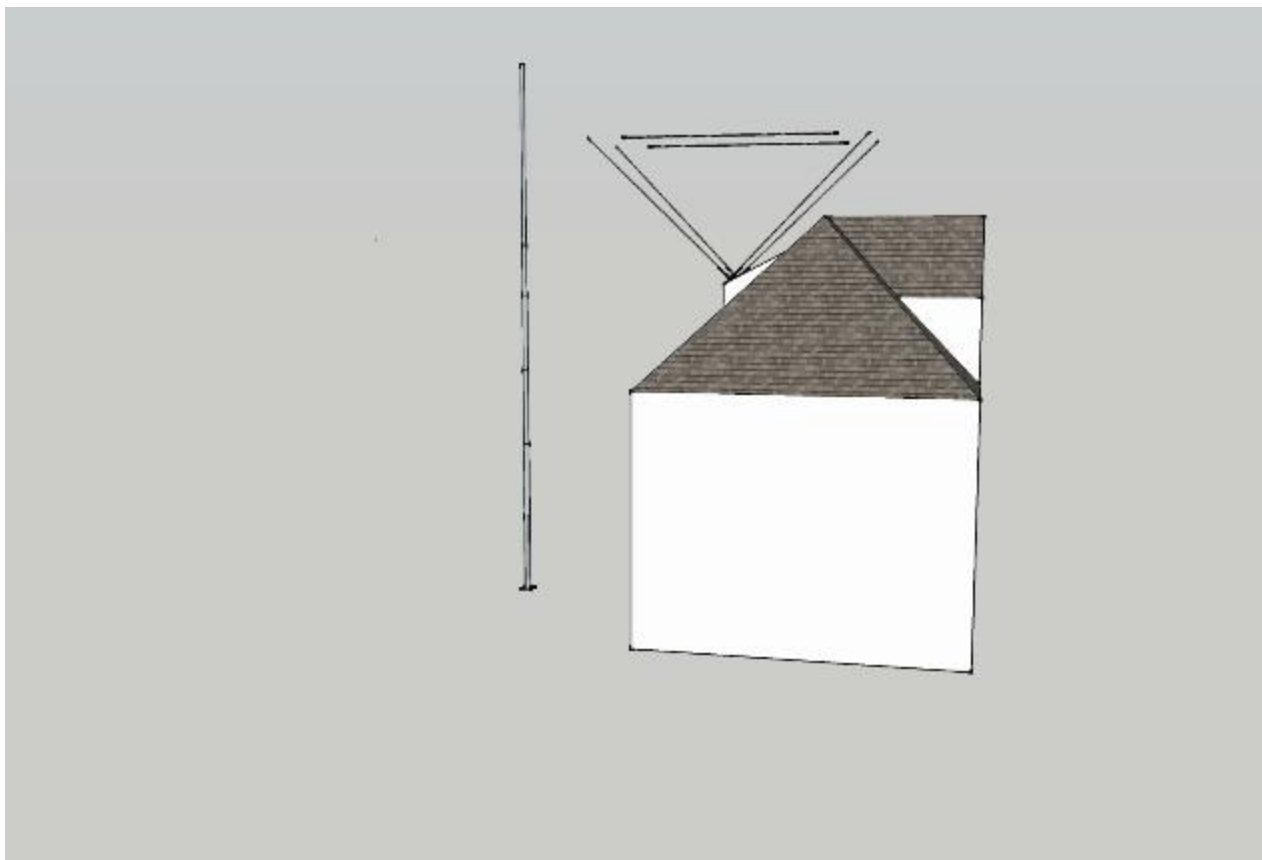
The deadline for the next months newsletter is Saturday May 31st

Please email the editor Ian W6TCP @ w6tcp@comcast.net

My Townhome Shack - Byron N6NUL It's Been How Long?

It certainly doesn't feel like it has been 5 months since my last Townhome Shack article, but the calendar doesn't lie! There has certainly been a lot going on.

My major project remains getting my new antennas in the air. The Moxon Claw is ready for installation; all I have to do is figure out how to get on my 12 pitch (45 degree) roof and not be cut up by the composite shingles, which are doing their best impression of slippery 30 grit sand paper!

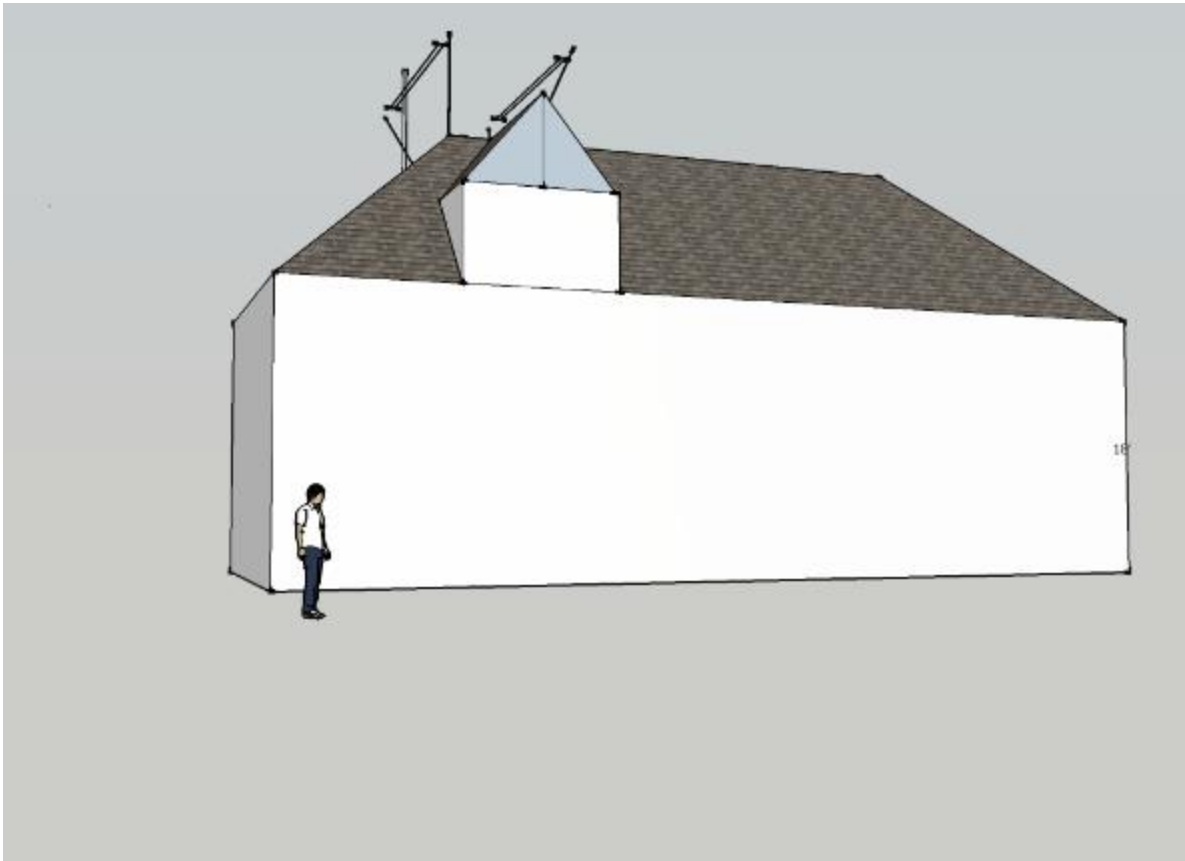


All the safety equipment is in place, so all I need to do is find a reasonable time before the roof gets too hot and work up the nerve. It had better happen soon, though, because all the local hams are tired of hearing me talk about it!

In other news, my Homeowners Association has approved revisions to our CCRs. While nothing about the process was fun, I did get PRB-1 style language approved by the membership for the new rules. The lawyers will now do their work and we will review the new documents when they are ready for final revision.

I call this the, "yes, but" approach. Antennas are allowed, but approval by the architecture committee is required. The images show my (pathetic) attempt at a rendering of my antenna plan for my association. This plan was approved; the trees not shown in the image will hide most of the vertical.

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Claw House 43'

If your California HOA has not changed their rules in a while, you may want to look into the Davis-Stirling Act. This act was extensively revised in 2012 and the changes take effect this year, 2014. I'm not a lawyer or a HOA expert, but my understanding is there were so many changes, updates to CCRs and By-Laws are a good idea.

And, if you can stand it, volunteer to get on the re-write committee! If your HOA is like mine, nobody wants to do it, and the good will created helped smooth the way for more sensible antenna rules.

73, Byron N6NUL
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Contest Calendar—May page 1

AGCW QRP/QRP Party	1300Z-1900Z, May 1
NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1700Z-1800Z, May 1 (CW) and 1800Z-1900Z, May 1 (SSB) and 1900Z-2000Z, May 1 (FM) and 2000Z-2100Z, May 1 (Dig)
NCCC RTTY Sprint	0200Z-0230Z, May 2
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, May 2
10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW	0001Z, May 3 to 2359Z, May 4
Microwave Spring Sprint	0600-1300 local, May 3
QRP to the Field	1200Z-2359Z, May 3
ARI International DX Contest	1200Z, May 3 to 1159Z, May 4
7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 3 to 0700Z, May 4
Indiana QSO Party	1600Z, May 3 to 0400Z, May 4
New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 3 to 0500Z, May 4 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 4
MIE 33 Contest	2300Z, May 4 to 0300Z, May 5
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, May 5
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, May 6
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, May 7 and 1900Z-2000Z, May 7 and 0300Z-0400Z, May 8
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, May 9
VK/Trans-Tasman 80m Contest, Phone	0800Z-1400Z, May 10



Contest Calendar—May page 2

VOLTA WW RTTY Contest	1200Z, May 10 to 1200Z, May 11
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, May 10 to 2400Z, May 11
HPC World Wide DX Contest	1200Z, May 10 to 1159Z, May 11
CQ-M International DX Contest	1200Z, May 10 to 1159Z, May 11
Portuguese Navy Day Contest	1500Z, May 10 to 1500Z, May 11
Nevada Mustang Roundup	1700Z, May 10 to 1700Z, May 11
FISTS Spring Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, May 10
50 MHz Spring Sprint	2300Z, May 10 to 0300Z, May 11
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data	1900Z-2030Z, May 14
Slobozhansky Sprint Contest	1800Z-1959Z, May 16 (SSB) and 2000Z-2159Z, May 16 (CW)
Portuguese Navy Day Contest, Digital	0800Z-2359Z, May 17
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW	1200Z, May 17 to 1200Z, May 18
EU PSK DX Contest	1200Z, May 17 to 1200Z, May 18
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, May 22
RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	1900Z-2030Z, May 22
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, May 23
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	0000Z, May 24 to 2400Z, May 25
Baltic Contest	2100Z, May 24 to 0200Z, May 25
SARL Digital Contest	1300Z-1600Z, May 25
MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint	2300Z, May 25 to 0300Z, May 26
QRP Minimal Art Session	1600Z-2200Z, May 29
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, May 30

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