

THE CONTEST JUG

Uncorked occasionally for The Northern California Contest Club.

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Due to work commitments, forgetfulness and contests, the editor will not have much to say in this issue of the Jug.

Things to remember:

WPX Contest, March 29 - 30. This one has single band entries in addition to AB, MM, MS, etc. It appears the West Coast may have the advantage for top awards in several categories.

Fresno, April 27 & 28. Lots of contest talk and booze. Contact Ken Anderson, K6CQF, if you need transportation.

Armed Forces Day, Mid May. Work the world with 50KW and rhombic antennas from NPG.

Next meeting will be April 5, 1974, 8:00 p.m.:

Bob Thompson, K6SSJ
14703 East View Drive
Los Gatos, California
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Bob says he will have some champagne and less potent beverages, along with some goodies to eat, available for our meeting.

Will try to have some editorials, contest results and more club news in future issues.

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N C C C Board of Directors Meeting

March 6, 1974 at the home of W6RGG, President

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. Those present were Bob Vallio, W6RGG, President; Dean Straw, WB6AIN, V.P./Contest Chairman; Stu Carp, WA6NLQ, S/T; Rusty Epps, W6OAT, Director; Ken Keeler, W6PAA, Director; invited guests Al Higbie, WA6PMK and Oli Sweningsen, WA6QGW.

Jim Maxwell, W6CUP, had been invited to attend the meeting, but was unable to come. He did, however, communicate by letter his position on the NCCC/NCDXC conflict. Included in his letter was a proposition that the NCCC withdraw from the ARRL and CQ DX Contests. A motion to this effect was unanimously defeted.

There was a discussion about changing the club name. reasons for considering the change included 1) possible implied connection with the NCDXC 2) possible complication of NCCC incorporation due to this same similarity 3) the club territory is not limited to Northern California. Mentioned as a disadvantage was that we already have 200 blank name badges. After discussions concerning suggestions for a new name there was a vote on recommending "The Contest Club" to the club membership. The motion failed 3-2. It was decided to bring up the question at the next general meeting.

Armed Forces Day operation at NPG, Scags Island came up next. Rusty will attend a meeting at NPG late in March to put in a bid for times and frequencies for our club's participation.

The possibility of club QSL cards was brought up. However, because only a few members need 1000 or more cards, and because of the still unresolved question of a new club name, the subject was dropped.

There was a discussion of NCCC goals and directions for 1974. Possible club orientations were 1) going for "Big Score" 2) have a small elite group 3) a social club. The unanimous vote was to go big this year, and to begin building the club into a large enough unit to enter scores competitive on the national level. To reach this goal we will need to bring in and train new, young operators. By teaming these new people with seasoned contesters we can both spark their interests and tutor them. A committee of Ken Keeler, (Chairman), Dean Straw, and Bob Hill, W1ARR/6, was appointed to present recommendations to the club concerning the recruitment of new members. Their report is expect sometime during the second quarter of the year.

Al Higbie explained the advantages of the NCCC becoming a non-profit corporation. By incorporating the club, we can relieve the directors and members of personal responsibility for club debts. It was unanimously passed that the board recommend incorporation. Al is going to review the club by-laws to see if they are in the form needed for incorporation. Another legal matter discussed was insurance for the club to cover club sponsored activities such as contests, work sessions, DX-peditions. However no one had as yet looked into insurance.

The annual purge of inactive members was begun, with the following list to be presented by the board at the next general meeting.

- 1) WB6ABK, Mike May
- 2) WA6CVU, Rod Deakin
- 3) WA6CXA, Stew Cogan
- 4) W6CXF, Pete Gaddie
- 5) WA6HRS, Hil Raamat
- 6) WB6KBK, Vern Buerg
- 7) W6NLG, Gordon Girton
- 8) K4TKM, Brook Byers
- 9) K6VVA, Rick Hilding

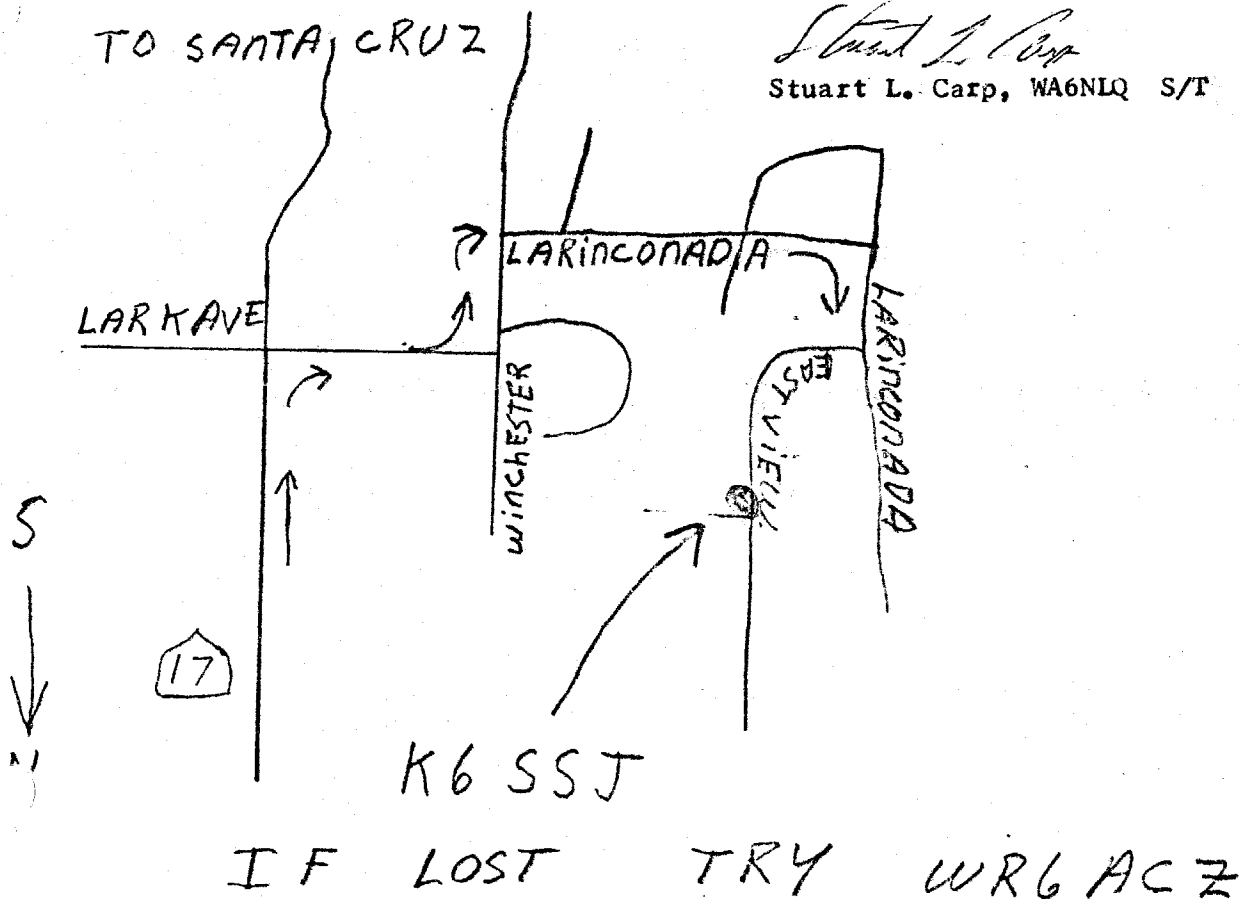
Al High e was appointed to check into the possibilities of an NCCC DX-pedition this fall. An inexpensive, nearby operation such as one from XE was suggested by several board members.

The next general meeting will be held on Friday, April 5, 1974. Bob Thompson, K6SSJ will be approached to host the gathering.

At 11:30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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