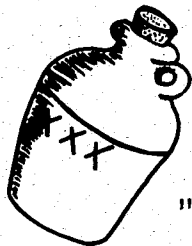


The Contest JUG



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"Jug" Is Just Another Word for "Crock"

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Minister of Propaganda: WIARR/6. Mini-Minister: WA6NLQ.

It's THAT Time Again, Kids ... FRESNO FOLLIES '75!

Night after night, the news on TV reveals a world sinking deeper and deeper into lust, immorality, degradation, wanton wickedness, irresponsible hedonism and general depravity. And as you watch, that same old feeling of helpless disgust envelops you. Yes, it's impossible to ignore the sad thought:

"How come I'm missing all the action?"

Despair not, o NCCC'er! for coming up is your annual opportunity to unleash all those basest instincts: a wild four-day fling that starts with a beer-blast at W6OAT's on April 18 (Friday night), continues on the Fresno Fun Bus and at the Convention itself, then draws to a thrill-packed end with the NCCC Club meeting April 21 (Monday night) in the stately, sleepy little college town of Berkeley.

FRIDAY NIGHT: ROWDY REVELRY AT RUSTY'S

Our first chance to make April Fools of ourselves will be Friday night, the 18th, at the luxurious dwelling of W6OAT. Having learned absolutely nothing from past experience, Rusty will be hosting his annual beer-&-munchies pre-Convention bacchanalia once again! It's open to one and all, NCCC'er or not. The first pop-top pops at 7:30; no one is rash enough to predict The End.

This disgraceful event has been designated an NCCC special meeting, which means that members who live more than 50 miles from Castro Valley may count this toward the required attendance at 50% of meetings.

A star-studded cast of thousands will appear before your very eyes, including such starry studs as WA1PID, W1YL, K6SDR (maybe), W7EXM, K7JCA, WA7OTT, W7RM, K7VPF, W0AW (ex-W2TA), W0IYP, VE7SV, VE7ZZ and YV4AGP. Our own WA7NIN will be there too.

Mr. Epps is going to provide a mammoth

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A STATESMANLIKE UTTERANCE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It is often said, "Talk is cheap." Some dispute that statement; others inadvertently provide the evidence that it is true. So here with his 2¢ worth is Prexy WB6CEP:

Despite the lack of real class in that introduction, you have to admit that our editor writes pretty good for a Berkeley Hillbobby. Not bad for an amateur.

This month our guest speaker will be RaPID Rick Niswander, erstwhile contest editor for QST and contester/DX'er of considerable note. He becomes the second QST contest editor who has left that big Eastern club to head out West. Could this be a new variation on Murphy's Law? Anyway, we expect that Rick (WA1PID/WA8VRB) will entertain us with horror stories about his three years at ARRL Hq. He may even tell us about what's involved in contest administration these days, too.

Many thanks to Greg, K6ERT, who Smith-charted his way through a fascinating discussion of 80-meter antennas at the March meeting -- which generated so much interest that, for

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PREVIEW OF COMING DISTRACTIONS

Apr. 12-13	ARRL CD Party (CW)
18	NCCC Club meeting (special), W6OAT's, 7:30 till . . .
19-20	Fresno Int. DX/Contest Conf.
21	NCCC Club meeting, Cory Hall, UC Berkeley, 7:30
May 2- 4	Pacific Div. Conv., Fresno
17	Armed Forces Day (NPG)
19	NCCC Club meeting, QTH TBA

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quantity of brew and trashy empty-calorie edibles -- but he wishes to emphasize that those persons desiring to Bring Their Own Whatever are encouraged to do so. W6OAT is a nonprofit organization.

Rusty's address is 35 Belcher Street, on the fringes of San Francisco's charming Fillmore District. From the Bay Bridge or Hwy 101, proceed toward the Golden Gate Bridge and take the Mission/Van Ness exit off the freeway. Cross Mission St. onto Duboce Ave. Proceed about 3 blocks to Market St. and bear left 1 block to 14th St. At the big Market/14th/Church intersection, bear slightly right (don't take the sharp right); Belcher (what an appropriate name for this event) is about 50 yards on the right. #35 is on the right-hand side, and Rusty's digs are on the 2nd floor. Ample parking has been kindly provided by the Bank of America.

CU at the OATel! (Phone #: 431-2962.)

SATURDAY: WHAT TIME DOES THIS BUS SOBER UP?

Most if not all those who survived the Friday-night Eppsplosion will board the Fun Bus (abbreviation for Funny Business) the next morning and lurch on down to the Convention. Bus Coordinator K6QX had hoped to run two full vehicles down to Fresno, but unfortunately he couldn't fill the second one and had to cancel same.

This modern-day edition of the Tooner-ville Trolley will depart SF at 7:30 AM and make stops at Burlingame, San Mateo, Palo Alto and San Jose before depositing its cargo of inebriated idiots at the Fresno Hilton at noon. The complete timetable is available from K6QX or W1ARR/6 (call me at 549-3963 or send an SASE to 1626 Bonita Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94709).

In passing, it should be mentioned that refreshments other than Kool-Aid have been known to be distributed on this trip.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY: FRESNO FRENZY

This year's Convention Chairman, NCCC'er W6MAV, advises that the pre-Convention fee is \$19 -- but, in order to be eligible for the door-prize, you must have sent him your check no later than April 10 (postmark). If you register at the door, it's \$21 and you aren't eligible to win that 2-meter FM rig. The registration fee, we assume, covers the gala Saturday-night banquet and Sunday-morn breakfast/brunch.

Room rates at the Hilton: \$17 for a sin-

gle, \$22 for a twin or double. Or, if you're the thrifty type, you can take a chance that one of your friends will have a room with a soft floor.

Besides attracting nearly every well-known DX'er and contester west of the Rockies, this affair will feature Fred Laun, W9SZR (ex-LU5HFI, HS5ABD, HI8XAL), as the principal speaker on Saturday night. Such prominent personages as VS6DR and CR9AK (in addition to most of Rusty's guests) will also show up.

More complete details are yours by asking W6MAV for same. Don's address is 1900 Powell St., Suite 500, Emeryville, CA 94608.

MONDAY NIGHT: CLUB MEETING IN BERSERKELEY

Because the Fresno affair is being held on the 3rd weekend of the month, it seemed sensible to shift the regular NCCC meeting to the Monday immediately following that weekend. It seemed sensible but we did it anyway.

Our usual Hayward QTH is not available on 3rd Mondays, so the University of California ARC (W6BB) graciously volunteered to "co-sponsor" our illustrious guest speaker and allow us to use its usual gathering-place for our regular April meeting.

From the East Shore Freeway (Hwy 17/I-80), take the University Ave. exit and stay on that avenue till it ends at Oxford St. There, hang a left, proceed 2 blocks and turn right onto Hearst St. Go east on Hearst about 7-8 blocks and you'll discover Cory Hall on the right-hand side near the corner of Gayley. Atop Cory Hall is a TH6 rotary-beam aerial. Follow the UCARC/NCCC signs to Room 421.

There should be enough offstreet parking within a couple of blocks of the building, but if you get desperate there's a parking-lot directly across the street. It will cost you half a buck. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PARK ON THE CAMPUS! If you do, your automobile will be stolen by Patty Hearst. (Or, more likely, it will be towed by the gendarmes.)

So there you have it -- a four-day frolic guaranteed to grow hair on your toenails. We suggest you don't miss a minute of it!

Club Badger K6KM/WA6YPY advises that NCCC badges have been ordered for WB6CEP, Mrs. WA6DIL, WB6GLF, WA6HAF, WB6IPC, K6KM and WA6VEF. If you placed an order but your call does not appear in that list, get ahold of Bill and let him know!

WB6DSV, chairman of the Club QSL Committee, informs us that the first order for 19,000 cards has gone out to the printer.

WORDS FROM THE CHIEF EXECRABLE

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the first time this year, attendance exceeded 40 at a meeting. I'd also like to thank 80-meter specialist W6NLZ for his impromptu supplementary remarks on that topic.

The Board of Directors, at their April meeting, took a hard look at the problem of funding the JUG, the California QSO Party, club publicity, program materials and awards, Sweepstakes score-report postcards (can't WIN THAT GAVEL unless we get those scores) and other Club activities that require an outlay of money. We finally (and reluctantly) concluded that the writing on the wall spells D-U-E-S. For a club that will soon top the 100-member mark, it seems the only possible way to go.

However, implementation of an annual-dues structure will require a change in our by-laws, which would take at least three months to accomplish. Since the by-laws are now in the process of being revamped, and additional changes are anticipated as well, it was decided to bypass the red tape this year by voting to assess all members who joined the Club prior to January 1, 1975, the amount of \$6, payable on or before July 1, 1975. The Board also voted to allow no further assessment of the membership for at least one year. Our recommendation is that the Club vote to require annual dues of \$6, payable every July 1, and drop the current \$5 initiation fee. If this passes, the first annual dues would be collected on or before July 1, 1976.

Speaking of by-laws and recommended changes, I'd like to invite all members concerned about this sort of thing to attend the meeting of the By-Laws Committee to be held at 7:30 PM Monday, April 28, at the QTH of W1ARR/6. Since Legal Eagle WA6PMK is graduating in May and then flying away for the summer (or longer), we must resolve this problem now. If you can't make this meeting, you are encouraged to mail your suggestions and comments to WB6CEP before the 28th. Copies of our current by-laws and the outline format for the new ones will be on hand at our regular April meeting or are obtainable by mail upon request. The final version of the by-laws which comes out of the meeting will be presented to the membership for approval shortly thereafter.

CU at UC. THINK FIELD DAY!

-- 73, Bill, WB6CEP

WB6DSV has a new vertical for 40 meters and has visions of rompin' & stompin'.

NEW MEMBERS AND ROSTER CHANGES

Two new guys showed up at the April meeting, had friendly faces and looked harmless enough, so they were promptly sucked into the NCCC vacuum-cleaner. A big sloppy welcome to:

WB6IPC Jacob F. (Fred) Ringwald
1755 Le Roy Street
Berkeley, CA 94709
phone 841-0567

W6LPM Verne W. Anderson
4133 DeMille Drive
San Jose, CA 95117
phone (H) 408-244-5267
(B) 415-493-4141

Fred, WB6IPC, is 18, Advanced, has been licensed a little more than two years. He's a student at UC Berkeley, is a member of UCARC (W6BB) and - best of all - operates 100% CW!

Verne, W6LPM, has been licensed 12 years although he's only 29. Holder of an Advanced ticket, he works 20 meters only, with what is rumored to be a rather adequate setup. Most operation from LPM is microphony. Remember KA9MF? Verne operated DX contests from there around 1966-69, when he was KA9AF; he's also ex-K9PVD.

Couple changes for the Old Guard:

W6BHY Box 1047
Hawthorne, CA 90250
phone (H) 213-376-8168
(B) 213-648-7280

W6BIP phone (B) 494-7400

SEDIMENT

Calif. QSO Party dates now firm: Oct. 4-6. W6OAT doing a super job organizing this one!

WB6AIN appointed Class IV Official Observer. That's OK, Dean -- you'll always be Class I with us. When OO'ing, remember the Biblical injunction: "Forgive us our trespasses . . ."

NCCC Net QNI for March: K6HIH 4, WA6JVD 4, W6BB (WB6CEP) 3, WB6DSV 3, WA6HAF 3, W6OAT 3, W6RGG 3, K6KM 2, VE7AUA/W6 1, K6CQF 1, WA6DIL 1, W6KHI 1, W6RNF 1, WA6WEI 1. (Tnx W6RGG.)

WA1STN/WA9AUM, Jim Cain, takes over as ARRL contest administrator, succeeding WA1PID, who succeeded WA1KQM, who succeeded W1ARR, who succeeded W1YYM (W1YL), who . . .

W6HJP off to Martinique/Guadeloupe for a two-week vacation (left April 5). Dunno if Greg got licenses, though.

Ex-5W1AN now YJ8AN. W1ARR/6 can supply either address upon request.

MORE SEDIMENT

Items from intrepid SF reporter W6KHI: K6ILM looking forward to traveling this August and has asked for permission to operate at F08, VK and ZL. Anyone with a medium-power amplifier to follow his Ten-Tec will be rewarded with a sked -- contact Elloit. . . . W6KHI recently visited eminent con- tester W6MAR, who lives on a hilltop in rural San Diego County with a 4L triband quad at 80'. On another 100' tower he has a 2L 40-meter beam, a 4L 20-meter beam and a bi-square 80-meter wire antenna. Drake Twins and a broadband KW amp round out the station. Glenn is an oceanographer and his wife Jane an excellent cook, so Suzie and I were treated to a fresh abalone lunch which we enjoyed while admiring the view and the logs from the ARRL DX CW effort showing a single-op score of 1.2 meg from W6MAR. How about moving north, Glenn?

Speaking of visiting, my cancer-research lab is 100 yards from this month's Berkeley meeting-place, and anyone wishing to see it on the way to beer & pizza is welcome. (Tnx info, Dennis. -- BH.)

Note that our May meeting date has been shifted from May 26 to May 19 in order to avoid Memorial Day. If all goes according to plan, the Sacramento-area contingent will have a much shorter trek than usual. . . .

CQ WW WPX Test (SSB) score submitted by W6KYA: 54 QSO's, 37 mults, 5920 points. John suggests that Easter weekend is not the best time to hold a contest!

K6ZM hasn't been able to make all the meetings lately -- Phil's taking a night course in German for a possible trip there

later this year. FB -- but get back here by November, OM!

BULLETIN BOARD

For Sale: DX-35, \$35; HR-20, \$50 (WB6IPC -- see Page 3 for address and phone). . . . Two 115V/60C selsyns (large brass types), \$4 for both (WA6AHF). . . . Wanted: Keyer (very cheap) (WA6VEF). . . . Used paddle, preferably squeeze-type, in \$20-25 range (WB6IPC).

QUESTIONNAIRE WAVES

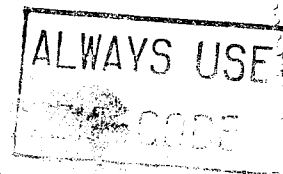
If you still haven't turned in your completed questionnaire to WA6DIL, you're a low-caliber person -- but you have one more opportunity to redeem yourself. Do it now! If you've mislaid it, extra copies will be on hand at the Berkeley meeting. Only those who have turned in their questionnaires will be featured in Station of the Month writeups in the JUG.

From the 51 turned in so far, some interesting statistics emerge. For the November SS (IN WHICH NCCC WILL PLACE #1 AMONG ALL CLUBS), 44 NCCC'ers say they'll operate the CW segment, 38 the phone. 29 will go all-out single-op ("gonna kick me some butt") on CW, 24 likewise on SSB. Still, 44+38=82, which is not enough to put us at the top. A little more oomph is de rigueur, OM's!

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Our DILatory Contest Chairman didn't make the deadline with the ARRL DX Test scores, unfortunately. We can perhaps run them off on a separate sheet and hand it out at Fresno and the Berkeley meeting. CU then, gang!

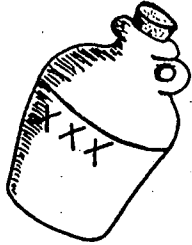
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There Is Strength in Numbers,
So Here Are Some Numbers

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ARRL DX CONTEST SCORES

PHONE (6.036M)

WA6AHF (+ W1ARR, W6RGG, WA6VEF)	M-S	A-B	396,048	892	148															
W6BIP (+ WA6DJI)	M-S	A-B	243,750	650	125															
KX6BU (WA6HRS, KX6LR, KX6MW, KX6MZ)	M-S	A-B	245,268	757	108															
WA6DIL	S-S	A-B	8,400	80	35															
K6EBB (WA6LHN, op)	S-S	A-B	1,537,182	2162	237															
WA6HAF (WA6GMR, op)	S-S	A-B	902,600	1426	211															
K6HIH	S-S	A-B	204,000	604	112															
W6HJP	S-S	H-B	60,720	253	80															
WA6JVD	S-S	A-B	145,000	555	88															
WB6KBK (+ WB6PGB)	M-M	A-B	448,000	835	179															
W6KHI	S-S	A-B	31,584	329	32															
W6KYA	S-S	A-B	22,833	177	43															
W6MUR (K6SSJ, op)	S-S	A-B	246,942	538	153															
W6NUT (WB6AIN, op)	S-S	A-B	511,500	1100	155															
W6OAT (+ K6CQF, WA6DIL, WB6KRW, WA6PMK, WA6QGW)	M-S	A-B	643,740	1060	193															
W6OKK (+ WB6DSV, WB6EXW, K6KM, K1MTJ, WA6UZA)	M-S	A-B	598,740	1174	170															
W6ONV (+ WA9UCE)	M-S	A-B	1,513,512	2002	252															
W6RFF	S-S	A-B		160																
W6RNF	S-S	A-B	37,683	237	53															
K6SG	S-S	A-B	408	17	8															

CW (5.09M)

K6AQ				1177	118															
VE7AUA/W6																				
W6BIP (+ WA6DJI)	M-S	A-B	518,400	1152	150															
K6EBB	S-S	A-B	884,520	1755	168															
WB6EXW	S-S	A-B	10,000																	
WA6HAF (WA6GMR, op)	S-S		40	22,800	200															
K6HIH	S-S	A-B	374,448	1076	116															
W6HJP	S-S	A-B	286,974	642	149															
W6HQN/6																				
WA6JVD	S-S	A-B	432,516	1084	133															

