

The Contest JUG



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Winning Isn't Everything --
For Example, There's Also Losing

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MOVIES ARE BETTER THAN EVER

It has recently come to the attention of the JUG that there is a new monster movie out. The creature eats only the brains of contest enthusiasts. He starves to death.

W6KHI BETS YOU DIDN'T KNOW . . .

. . . that he has received a petition signed by five Club members requesting that these By-Laws enclosed with this copy of the JUG be adopted to supplant our previous By-Laws. At the next Club meeting (July 28), if a quorum (2/3 of the Club) is present, we will vote on this petition; if not, we will mail a ballot with the next JUG and accept ballots by mail for 30 days.

. . . that only 50 NCCC members have paid the \$6 assessment due July 1. How about it, laggards? Uncle Dennis needs you.

. . . and that he also needs to collect all FD mobile scores in order to send in what will obviously be a #1 national entry. Pse write him your results: QSO's, pwr, mult -- a.s.a.p.

BILL, YOU'RE BABBLING AGAIN

Prexy WB6CEP will now entertain us with a few off-the-cuff remarks. They're off-the-cuff because he wrote them there to cover the gravy stains:

In response to last month's Editorrible crack about Samson and destroying columns, my rejoinder can only be that the pen is obviously mightier than the karate chop, dozo.

Despite ARR's vitriolic splatter, the JUG and the NCCC continue to forge ahead toward our twin goals of a bigger & better Club and a bigger & better SS score in '75. To facilitate this trend, the Board has acted to spread the coordination workload around a bit.

Ex-Chairman AIN has been cajoled out of retirement (again) to mastermind the All Asian Contest effort. Dean will moderate a discussion of this traditionally popular contest at the July 28 meeting. It would be helpful if all AA SSB participants brought some notes on multipliers that showed up in last month's fray.

Current Chairman DIL, with Field Day and a

PREVIEW OF COMING DISTRACTIONS

July 28	NCCC Club Meeting, American S&L Bldg, Hayward, 7:30 PM
Aug. 7	NCCC Board of Directors Meeting
23-24	All Asian DX Test (CW)
25	NCCC Club Meeting, American S&L Bldg, Hayward, 7:30 PM
30	NCCC Equipment Comparison & Alignment Fair, SF

fine OAT/6 effort behind him, will now be concentrating on Sweepstakes (it's less than 4 months away, gang!). To keep Dave's phone bill down to a quasi-reasonable level after learning from Dean's expensive experience of last fall, the Board appointed WB6DSV to serve as SS Co-Chairman. George will handle overall SS coordination west of the Bay (SCV, SF), while Dave will take care of everything to the east (EB, NV, SJV, SV).

In order to win the SS club competition, we need to upgrade our stations and operators. Regarding the former, W6PAA has volunteered to serve as Chairman of the Erector Set. Contact Ken if you can help and/or need help with antenna-raising this summer. PAA will also moderate a discussion of station layout ideas at this month's meeting and will demonstrate his fancy-footwork system for contest operating. Please let him know if you have your own special ideas on station layout to discuss and possibly demonstrate at the meeting.

So far as code and theory classes are concerned, the Board felt these did not appropriately fall within the NCCC's bailiwick. However, summer is a good time to upgrade that ticket to Advanced or Extra, especially for students. We note that fine programs along these lines are put on by the Mt. Diablo ARC (EB) and the West Valley ARA (SCV) if you desire or require the extra motivational kick provided by a formal classroom situation.

Congratulations to all on some very fine showings in Field Day, All Asian SSB, and the VHF QSO and Open CD Parties. -- 73, Bill

WAITIN' FOR THE NCJ

W6OAT says the May-June issue of the NCJ will be out soon. WØIYP has been super-QRL.

NCCC MINI-CONTEST

Bruce, WB6LPK, has suggested we occasionally run a mini-contest before our Tuesday-night net to generate more interest in the net, keep that contest adrenalin flowing, etc. The Board has voted to give his idea a whirl, so here's the scoop:

(1) The contest is 5 (five) minutes (0220-0225 GMT) on July 22 -- i.e., 7:20 to 7:25 that Tuesday evening. Plan your sleeping schedule accordingly.

(2) The exchange is identical to the ARRL Sweepstakes format: serial number, precedence (A if less than, or B if over, 200 w.), callsign, check (last two digits of year in which you were first licensed), ARRL section.

(3) NO MANUFACTURED CONTACTS OF ANY KIND. Only bona-fide NCCC members are legitimate contacts.

(4) Suggested frequencies: 3815 KHz \pm whatever it takes. Mode for this contest is SSB.

(5) SS rules apply except as noted above. Logs go to Contest Chairman WA6DIL.

(6) In instances of dispute, the decision of the NCCC Board of Directors is final.

Please give us some feedback on this contest so we can plan for possible future contests appropriately. -- WB6CEP

FIELD DAY FROLIC

About thirty NCCC'ers and their YL relatives or friends showed up at the FD Celebration Picnic to drink, eat, swim, talk, and sing folk-songs to the accompaniment of Ken Keeler's banjo. Activities failed to reach degenerate levels until dusk (at least that was my impression -- although I may have missed something), when PAA began converting the lilting phrases of some well-known All-American folk-songs into filthy, smutty, putrid, lyrical garbage worthy of our JUG Editor. In other words, "a good time was had by all."

If you couldn't make this picnic and were sorry to miss out on the good clean fun, take heart: the 1st Annual NCCC Picnic is scheduled for Sept. 14. We plan to have this one in SCV also, but this time we need some SCV'ers to handle the logistics and associated hassles. Volunteers? -- WB6CEP

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Effective with the last Club meeting, five lives will never be the same again. Yes, five more OM's have plighted their troth with Mother NCCC:

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Jack, W6ISQ, should not be an unfamiliar call unless you've been hiding out in a cave the past several decades. Perhaps best known for his many humorous articles in QST, he's been hamming for some 40 years. Jack holds Extra, is past President of the NCDXC and is on the DXCC Honor Roll. He owns an S-Line, Drake amplifier, tribander and dipoles.

Russ, K6KLY, is a VHF specialist and has either won or helped to win (multiop) the East Bay section in 12 contests over the past 15 years. His VHF gear covers 6, 2 and 432. Although he operates 95% phone, he's probably not a bad guy. Russ is 33, holds Advanced and has been licensed 18 years.

Dave, K6LWT, is 32, has his Extra and has been hamming for 17 years. He's got an HW101, SP600, all-band vertical, phased loops for 10 and 20, and dipoles. Dave likes QRP contests and Field Day, also building/experimenting.

Pete, W6NLZ, has made a science of 75 SSB. First from K2RBT, now from out here, he's set all kinds of records on 75 and will surely get into some interesting battles with K6ERT for supremacy on that band! Pete is 31, Extra, a ham for 17 years. He lists his occupation as "80-meter operator" -- and, after "Married?" puts "Except weekends and contests."

Ron, WB2RQC/6, is a newcomer to the Berkeley Contingent. He gives his age as 23.8, is an Advanced licensee and has held his ticket for 12 years. Another one of these 95% phone types, Ron has the SB301/401 combo, an SB110A for 6 meters, plus gear for RTTY and even for slow-scan TV, yet.

Welcome to this quality quintet!