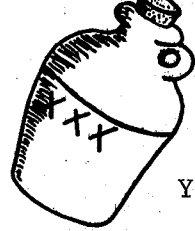


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PREVIEW OF COMING DISTRACTIONS

Mar. 24	NCCC club meeting, American S&L Bldg, Hayward, 7:30
Apr. 18	Special NCCC club meeting, W6OAT's (SF), 7:30
Apr. 19-20	Fresno International DX Conf.
21	NCCC club meeting, QTH to be announced, 7:30
May 2-4	Pacific Div. Conv., Fresno
17	Armed Forces Day (NPG)
26	NCCC club meeting

PRESIDENTIAL PALAVER DE WB6CEP: Not unexpectedly, in last month's JUG a number of anti-CEPTic remarks flowed forth from the caustic quill of R. J. Hill. Bob, as Shakespeare would say, your slings and arrows are outrageous (unfortunately).

Actually, Shakespeare is not someone to shake a (pointed) stick at. A lot of his stuff is pretty relevant to amateur radio. Consider MacBeth's advice regarding contest QSO's: "If 'twere done, 'twere better it were done quickly." Then there was Lady MacBeth's famous outburst when her spotting switch jammed on while she was zeroing an FB8 calling CQ: "Out, damned spot; out, I say!" Running JA's on 40 in the All Asian is obviously a Midsummer Night's Dream." Finally, the NCCC placing FIRST IN THE '75 SS is "a consummation devoutly to be wished."

As part of a continuing effort to make that wish come true, this month's program will take a look at some HF antennas. With the good wx not that far off, and springtime at hand, our OM's thoughts lightly turn to shapely new ... antenna systems? K6ERT will be the featured speaker. Greg is going to acquaint us with the fine art of sloper-system design and related topics.

On behalf of the Club, I'd like to extend a big THANK YOU to the guys who presented talks on the ARRL DX Test at the Feb. meeting: WB6DSV, WA6GMR, WA6LHN, W6HJP and W6PAA. Verry interesting ... and, to judge by the phone scores in thus far, provocative as well.

Lots of news this month: Club QSL's QRV, repeater committee formed, pre-Fresno blast

at Rusty's, regular Club meeting date moved up to April 21 in order to lure Fresno attendees northward ... it's all in this JUG.

I now return you to the tender loving care of America's Radio Romeo. -- 73, Bill.

BEER BUSTY CHEZ RUSTY. "For the last 5 or 6 years, I've had an informal beer-bust at my place the night before Fresno. I'm gonna do it again this year on Friday, April 18th. Time will be from 7:30 on. Address is 35 Belcher St., SF, in an elegant neighborhood not far from the 14th/Duboce area. Blue jeans optional.

"General gist of the meeting is a bull session. I'll supply beer & munchies, but I certainly don't discourage anybody from bringing along a few extra 6-packs or stronger stuff if they want to. So far, out-of-town luminaries who have said they'd be here include YV4AGP, KH6GQW (Hawaii SCM), WA1PID, W1YL (and possibly W1CW), and some of the W7RM/W7SFA gang. Tentatives are W0IYP, WA7-NIN and VE7SV.

"Since I need to know roughly how much suds I need to chill, I'd like to get some idea of how many Bay Area types to expect, and would appreciate a card or phone call or some kind of communication letting me know who thinks he will be here. It is of course open to anyone who wishes to attend, be he/she NCCC or not, so folks should feel free to bring guests if they wish. Conversation topics will be almost entirely on the subject of contesting, with probably a bit of ARRL thrown in." -- 73, Rusty, W6OAT.

FRESNO BUS-INNESS. If you have any stamina left over from that orgy at OAT's, you'll be attending the famous Fresno DX/contest convention the next day and Sunday. And that means you'll want to ride the infamous bus! We don't advocate forced busing, but don't miss it. Orm, K6QX, is in charge of registration for the vehicle and writes us:

"As you may know, I have on hand more than enough requests to fill one bus. At present am trying to get enough people for a second bus. Looks promising. Am spreading the word that I'll accept reservations for the second

bus with the proviso that if I can't fill both by April 1st, I will have to cancel the 2nd one. I can get (and have on reserve) two 41-passenger vehicles or two 36-passenger or a combination of these. So I'll need a minimum of 72 paid by April 1.

"Interested parties should send a check for \$16 with SASE and I will either confirm or send back the check on or before the cutoff date. That should allow them time to find alternate arrangements if necessary.

"At this time (March 2) I have requests for 52 seats, so that leaves 20 more to go. I'm really hoping that we can gather up the necessary people in the time remaining and go down to Fresno in style!"

Orm also enclosed a tentative timetable of departure/arrival times/QTH's. We'll try to print it in the next issue, or you can get a copy by sending an SASE to WIARR/6.

PSE QSL, OM'S! Those Club QSL's are ready for you to order, gang. They're \$10 per 1000 -- black ink, tangerine stock. Get your check to WB6DSV right away, 'cause he has to pay the printer by March 24. Make check out to John L. Schroer; allow 3-4 weeks for delivery.

Congrats to our QSL committee for a job well done! (WB6DSV, VE3DXV/W6, W6OKK).

REPEATER REPEATER COMMITTEE COMMITTEE REPORT REPORT. "The Club repeater, WR6ADM (449.2 MHz input, 444.2 MHz output), is now operating 24 hours a day, tnx to WB6OOL. Pete just completed installing the repeater and 30-watt output amplifier in a locking enclosure, and installing the ID'er and 3-minute timer. The repeater committee (Chmn W6RGG, VE7AUA/W6, WA6CVU, WB6OOL) hopes to have the machine permanently installed at a new and super location in April. Until then, access from most Bay Area points is possible. Members recently active on the machine: W6RGG, WB6OOL, WA6CVU, VE7AUA/W6, K6KM, K6EBB, WB6DSV. WA6LHN, W6OWQ and W6OAT are working toward getting their rigs on soon. Join us!" -- W6RGG.

MORE SWILL FROM THE QUILL OF DIL. Or, if you prefer, strokes from the Wilkinson Sword Blade:

By the time this is read, the ARRL DX Test will be past us, and without even a full effort we did OK! In the Phone contest alone we cleared 5 meg -- and, with CW results still being added, who knows what we could have done with a full effort. I believe that 1975 is NCCC's year! We either make it or break it, and we can break it (point-total records) if we get it together.

A few members have not yet turned in their

activities questionnaires. Response has been good, but now we only know about half of the membership and what they're planning. Are the rest of you still there? Why not bring those questionnaires to the March 24 meeting, where we'll discuss things like the Calif. QSO Party.

Response has been great, ranging from "Count me in on a DXpedition to a rare county" to "What the hell is it?" Come to the meeting and find out (we're the sponsors of the QSO Party, if you didn't already know). And there will also be a short get-together after the regular meeting when we'll discuss the 1975 Field Day. We have a tentative FD site, and it looks great (within minutes of most of our members in the Bay Area)! Sound interesting? Come to the meeting and learn more about it!

Also at the meeting, we'll find out what W6-RGG has to say about Armed Forces Day, as he has all the info on it now. Bring your questionnaires and ARRL DX Test scores and let's get together! CU then. -- 73, Dave, WA6DIL.

REVISED AGAIN. "By popular demand, the intraclub competition format has undergone yet another face-lift. The latest wrinkle (and, we hope, the last) is sort of a "devise-your-own-rules" concept. ((Yes, but how come we have wrinkles after a face-lift? -- BH))

To enter, you must get the following information to Chairman Dil no later than the Club meeting immediately following the contest. Our statistical JUGglers will then print a Contest Results Table tabulating (1) call, (2) class, (3) \pm % of prediction, (4) score, (5) # hours operation, (6) last year's score.

This way, you can compete against the entire membership or as a club member contributing to a big club score. You can take on your buddy down the street, the guys in your ARRL section, WB6DSV, yourself (via last year's score) or whomever you'd like. Do your own thing -- but GET THOSE SCORES AND LOGS IN TO DIL!" -- CEP.

THE YOUTH MOVEMENT BEGINS. Elected into membership at the last meeting was Gary Caldwell, WA6VEF, 26934 Halifax Place, Hayward, CA 94542 (phone 538-0520). At 16, he becomes the youngest OM in the Club by a couple of years, as far as we know.

Gary has been licensed for two years, holds a General ticket, and says he operates about 40% CW and 60% phone. Equipment: Swan 500C xcvr, dipoles for 80-10; Regency HR-212 with 5/8-wave GP antenna. He's been in Novice Roundups, CD Parties, 1974 Calif. QSO Party, 1975 VHF SS and ARRL DX Test. He holds WAS and WAC.

Welcome to the madhouse, Gary!

New address for WB6ZUO: P.O. Box 9288, Stanford, CA 94305.

THE SAN FRANCISCO BEAT is covered nicely by Sec/Treas W6KHI. Dennis reports the following items of interest:

W6RNF is now an Extra Class licensee and has an OO appointment. Greg seeks an East Bay hilltop location for 1976.

W6BIP has just returned from an extensive trip to the East and Midwest in his capacity as Project Manager for modifying ground satellite-tracking stations with Philco-Ford. He managed not to miss any DX Contest weekends. In June, Bip will be operating VQ9R during a business trip to the Seychelles.

W6NUT will be continuing multi-multi in the second half of the CW DX test. It's hoped that W6PAA will return as one of the ops. W6RNF is going to man 10 meters and, with any good openings, will tack on multipliers.

The annual club report form to ARRL has been filled out by W6KHI. Some interesting statistics about the NCCC: we have 50 Extra Class licensees, 27 Advanced, 14 General/Technician -- plus 20 ARRL appointees and three SCM's (K6AQ, WA6JVD, W6OAT).

SF section members interested in AREC, EC, SEC and other League appointments, contact your SCM, W6OAT.

((The JUG hereby congratulates Rusty upon his election as SF SCM, succeeding W6NUT. And what next? Shall we progress from a NUT to an OAT to, say, a FIR? or an ELM? -- BH))

((The JUG also thanks Dennis, W6KHI, for voluntarily taking on the job of unofficial news-gatherer for SF now that W6OAT is gonna be super-QRL with his SCM duties. Now we need reporters for the Peninsula, San Jose area and Sacramento vicinity. -- BH))

BULLETIN BOARD. For Sale: Drake 2NT (90-watt 5-band CW xmtr), \$80 or offer (W6KHI, 564-9683). ... Kleinschmidt tape-perforator for CW. Excellent condition; includes manual and several rolls of perforator tape. Will throw in keying head. \$100 or offer (W6RGG, 537-6704). ... Royal 440 office typewriter, 1 yr-old (manual), \$50 or offer (W1ARR/6, 549-3963). ... '68 Chrysler Newport, 4DR w/ air, AM/FM. High mileage (103K) but runs like a dream; very dependable. \$650 or offer (W1ARR/6) ... Wanted: Inexpensive general-coverage receiver for my father (W6KHI). ... General-coverage rcvr in \$100-300 price range wanted by Israeli consul in SF (W1ARR/6). ... 4-drawer file cabinet in good shape; looks not important. Will pay up to \$25 (W1ARR/6).

SEDIMENT. ARRL contest administrator W1PID will be leaving his post next month to return to school (Idaho State). Successor not selected as yet. Thanks for your FB work, Rick. . . . W6HQN now K6KM.

Next meeting of the Northern California Contest Club will be held on Monday, March 24, at 7:30 PM. QTH: our semi-official meeting place -- American Savings & Loan, 22533 Foothill Blvd, Hayward. (See last month's JUG for a map, or check any map of the East Bay.)

Plenty of parking behind the building, which is where you enter the meeting from. Those who drift in around 8 o'clock will perhaps be mildly astonished to find they have missed at least 15 minutes of the meeting, so don't say we didn't warn you. The earlier we get started, the faster we can adjourn and get over to the Round Table Pizza Parlor!

Special program: HF antennas, with emphasis on slopers. Guest speaker (well, he's a member, actually): K6ERT, whose 80-meter slopers transmit for themselves. See y'all there!

ARRL DX TEST SCORES

Here are the scores we have on hand at this moment (March 13). CW tallies, obviously, are for the first weekend only. * = multi-single operation. ** = multi-multi operation.

Phone

*WA6AHF (WA6AHF, W1ARR, W6RGG, WA6VEF)	374,020	924-135
WA6DIL	8,400	80- 35
K6EBB (WA6LHN, op)	1,537,182	2162-237
WA6HAF (WA6GMR, op)	902,600	1426-211
WA6JVD	145,000	550- 88
**WB6KBK (WB6s KBK PGB)	448,000	835-179
W6KHI	32,550	325- 31
W6MUR (K6SSJ, op)	246,942	538-153
*W6OAT (K6CCQF, WA6DIL, WB6KRW, W6OAT, WA6PMK, WA6QGW)	643,740	1060-193
*W6OKK (WB6DSV, WB6EXW, K6KM, K1MTJ, W6OKK, WA6UZA)	584,652	1174-166
*W6ONV (W6ONV, WA9UCE)	1,513,512	2002-252
W6RFF	?	160- ?
W6RNF	37,683	237- 53

Others known to have been active: *W6BIP, K6HIH, W6HJP, K6LU, **W6NUT, WA6WEI.

CW

*K6AQ 1177-118, VE7AUA/W6 (sri, can't decipher the numbers), *W6BIP 660-125, *K6EBB 1079-117, *K6HIH 500-80, W6HJP 369-104, W6HQN/6 30-10, **W6NUT 1296-140, *W6OAT 1719-199, *W6OKK 750-106, K6OZL (40/80) 392-55, W6RGG/6 616-93. In future, pse pass scores to DIL on 3815 after the contests and he'll get 'em to the JUG -- too many inputs make for a scrambled mess!

ANCIENT HISTORY DEPT. Well, we did get a few CQ WW scores, courtesy former VP/CC WB6-AIN (read: score, QSOs, zones, countries):

	<u>Phone</u>	
WA6AHF	52,326	172-46- 68
*W6BIP	149,124	336-59-113
WB6DSV	32,718	?
W6HJP	204,612	?
*WB6KKB	386,904	519-94-188
K6SG	11,052	47-25- 26

	<u>CW</u>	
K6AYA	130,432	?
*W6BIP	239,899	444-82-113
WB6DSV	1,326	?
WA6GFY (WB6EXW)	77,550	297-45- 49
WB6KKB (20M)	124,080	394-33- 77
W6KYA	23,604	102-38- 46
W6NKR	136,344	261-73-111
K6SG	25,108	98-20- 21

WB6EXW got on in the ARRL 10-Meter Contest from WA6GFY and made 511 QSO's, had 50 mults and a score of 51,200. Nice job, Gary.

QUESTIONNAIRES have been turned in by WB6-AIN, K6ARE, W1ARR/6, VE7AUA/W6, W6BH, W6BIP, WA6BVY, WB6CEP, WA6CFJ, K6CQF, WA6DIL, WB6DSV, VE3DXV/W6, K6EBB, WB6EXW, WA6GMR, WA6GSN, K6HIH, W6HJP, W6HQN/K6KM, WA6HRS, K6-ILM, WB6ION, WA6JUD, WA6JVD, W6JZU, W6KHI, K6KWN, W6KYA, W6KZJ, WB6LPK, W6MAV, W6NJU, W6NUT, W6OAT, K6OZL, W6PAA, K6QAX, WA6QGW, W6RGG, W6RNF, K6SG, K4TKM/6, WA9UCE/6, W6-UZX, W6ZGM and WB6ZUO. If your call is not among those worthies listed above, then you are delinquent (possibly juvenile as well,

but let's not get into personalities). So resolve to become a better human being, and let your first act be that of submitting the questionnaire to WA6DIL, either by mail or at the March 24 meeting. It's not very much to ask for.

A MATTER OF PHYSICS. You are familiar with Einstein's time-space continuum? FB -- then you'll understand what we mean when we say we had to throw this issue together in record time (as you could probably tell), and we are out of space now. Next deadline for material: April 8.

Effective with the previous issue, our free printing service was withdrawn from us with a sickening thud. This means a monthly printing bill of about \$12-15 on top of the \$10 per issue we're now shelling out for postage (and that will go up, too, when postal rates zoom to 13¢ or whatever).

Wanted: some way to get the JUG printed free or nearly so. That may be the only way we'll be able to continue.

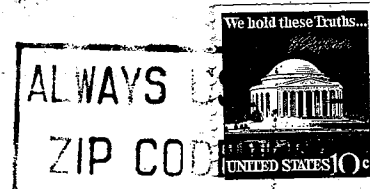
(After the meeting, we can quaff ein stein or two together, OK?)

NCCC . . .

1st in '75 SS!

73, Bob

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