

The Contest JUG

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Directors: N6BT, K6XO, W1ARR/6

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Preview of Coming Distractions

April:

- 21-22 -Open CD Party, phone
-EME Competition, part 1
- 23 -NCCC meeting, Hayward
AS & L, 7:30 p.m.
-ARRL DX Competition log
deadline

NCCC Nets:

Tuesday, 3815, 1930 PST
Wednesday, WR6ADM, 1930 PST

May:

- 3 -NCCC BoD meeting
- 7 -JUG deadline (May issue)
- 12-13 -Russian CQ-M contest
- 19 -Armed Forces Day operation at NPG
- 19-20 -EME competition, part 2
- 26-27 -CQ WEX contest
- 28 -NCCC meeting, Hayward, 7:30 p.m.

Rusty's "Swan Song"

Swan songs always abound in April issues the "Jug" as old regimes clear out to make way for their successors. This issue is going to be no exception. It's been a fun year; we've had lots of high moments and a couple of low ones. We exit with a few thoughts:

What NCCC achieved these past twelve months is impressive. The WR6ADM repeater began operating on two meters, and with the purchase of a duplexer and new antenna system greatly expanded its coverage throughout club territory. As soon as the new 80' tower goes up, that coverage will be even better. We played together and got to know each other at such non-operating events as the N6RO picnic, the Sunnyvale Olympics, the N6TU pre-Fresno beer bash, and our Christmas awards banquet. We took an active role in Armed Forces Day at NPG, and probably salvaged that operation when several other groups failed to show up or meet their operating commitments. We finally made our peace with the Northern California DX Club after a seven year estrangement. We made significant improvements in our internal paper-work system: we got a handle on what our operating costs really are; we finally balanced () checkbook; we brought all memberships onto the same expiration schedule so we can handle renewals in a more orderly way; we automated printing and zip code sorting of mailing labels for "The Contest Jug;" we automated production

A Last Load Shot Straight From the VCC

As this is my final column as V1CC, I would like to take this opportunity to glow over some of the Northern California Contest Club's contesting achievements during the past year.

Our first major coup was the California QSO Party. Under the sponsorship of the NCCC and the chairmanship of George, WB6DSV, the 1978 CQP was the biggest and best ever. George reports that over 3,000 stations participated in the contest. About 125 California stations dominated the bands, and 242 logs were received. Incidentally, George hopes - promises, that is - to have the completed CQP results ready within the next month.

Last November, for the fourth consecutive year, NCCC staged a major assault on the Sweepstakes Competition. And, for the fourth year in a row, NCCC copped a gavel (presented to N6SF at Fresno) establishing a new Affiliated Club Competition record of 14.9 Megapoints! Under the directorship of Carl, AI6V, we stomped second place FVRC by over two million points. The gap seems to be widening every year!

Finally, last month, NCCC made its rumbling debut in an ARRL DX Competition. The earthquake, it seems, has been felt by our East Coast competition. Representing 114 entries, our NCCC ARRL DX unduped score stands at 70.2 Megapoints. Un-

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Rusty's Swan Song (from page 1)

of club rosters so we can produce updated versions at the drop of a hat; we changed our bylaws to better define just what areas lie within our club's territory; and we increased dues to more nearly coincide with the increased expenses occasioned by an inflationary economy. But most significantly, we did what this club is all about in the first place -- we contested, and we did it well! Our NCCC-sponsored California QSO Party was the biggest and best ever, truly earning its nickname of the "California Sweepstakes." NCCC captured its fourth consecutive club title in Sweepstakes with a record-setting aggregate score of nearly 15 million points. We waded headlong into the ARRL DX competition, and our 70 million point showing clearly establishes us as a force with which the east coast clubs must reckon. My sincere thanks to the many NCCCers who worked so hard to make all this possible.

I particularly want to thank this year's officers and directors for the effort they put in: WA6VEF, W6LH, N6IG, N6BT, W1ARR and K6XO. Thanks also to N6NE who edited "The Contest Jug;" to AI6V who spearheaded the SS organization; to WB6DSV for his work on the California QSO Party; and to N6KB who attended most BOD meetings and gave us the benefit of his ideas, and who spent so much of his time working with the WR6ADM repeater.

I see next year as an important time for the NCCC. There's a lot of concern about just what our priorities should be, as well as what we should do in the way of new activities. Perhaps my most singular disappointment was that more NCCCers didn't come forward to take active roles in the club's affairs. I hope that will change in the months ahead. Whoever the new officers are, they are going to need your support because they will face some major decisions early in their terms. They must determine how to maintain or even augment the momentum we've built up for certain contests, and which new ones to go after. They need to know how to plan meeting programs and new activities. Your thoughts on these matters are important; please make them known.

73,
Rusty, N6SF

ARMED FORCES DAY

The 30th anniversary of the annual Armed Forces Day Communications Test is May 19th, and the NCCC again has been invited to participate in the operation from NPG at Skaggs Island. You say you've always wanted to run high power?

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fortunately, reports from the East indicate that FRC amassed some 92 million points during the two weekends. However, PVRC is claiming 66 million points while YCCC stands at 50 -- and when one reflects those numbers, and considers that the East coast has had 30 years of club DX contesting experience, one quickly realizes that the Northern California Contest Club is sitting in second place (at least according to East coast reports.) The NCCC has done one fine job in its first major DX contesting effort. Congratulations all!

I did most of the co-ordinating for the DX contest by myself. However, several people took on some of the responsibilities and helped make my task easier. I would like to recognize them for the assistance; they are: Rich, N6KP; Rusty, N6SF; Rob, WB6SHD; Bob, N6TV and Carl, AI6V.

I've enjoyed serving as VPCC for the past year. I am looking forward to greater NCCC accomplishments in the coming year.

73 & KB,

Gary Caldwell
WA6VEF

Well now you have your chance. Just sit down at your little 40 KW rig and let 'er rip -- if you can't run rates with that sort of power and a couple of rhombics behind you, it's time to turn in your dupe sheet!

Military-to-amateur contacts begin at 13:00 UTC on Saturday morning and wrap up about 14 hours later at 02:45. Knowing how NCCCers value their sleep, this year we've managed to wrangle our three operating assignments so that they all start at noon local time and run through until the end. Our frequencies are 6989 kHz cw, 20983 kHz cw and 20998.5 ssb. With sunspots at their present levels, all three of these frequencies should be prime. What we need to know now is who wants to go up there and KB. If you want to be on the list, please contact N6SF so we can set up operating schedules.

Participants in this year's AFD should be aware of a few rules now in effect at Skaggs island. First, only the South Gate will be open. That is the entrance off the Black Point Highway which runs between Novato and Vallejo. As you enter, ask the guard for directions to Building 21, the receiver site. Secondly, we have been asked not to bring any photographic equipment, guns, drugs or alcohol onto the base. Thirdly, even though you are urged to

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CQ DX from Nancy Papa Golf....

bring good receivers, do not bring transceivers unless the tubes have been removed from the dial (Even a momentary accidental transmission could destroy thousands of dollars of antenna couplers!). Finally, don't bring electronic keyers unless they have isolation relays. There's lots of voltage on the cw keying lines and transistor keyers have an enormous fatality rate! Oh yes, breakfast will be available from 6:15 to 9:00 am, lunch from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm, and dinner from 3:00 to 4:30 pm.

ELECTIONS

April is our election meeting, and in keeping with tradition your departing board of directors herewith submits the following slate of candidates for your consideration as next year's officers. For president, Gary Caldwell, WA6VEF; vice president & contest chairman, Pete Gaddie, W6XX; secretary & treasurer, Rick Tavan, N6XI; and as directors Ken Ruddock, K6HNZ, and Bob Vallio, N6KB. We have spoken with all these gentlemen and each has indicated his willingness to accept the position if elected.

The caveat which always goes along with the BOD's recommended slate is that you treat it as just that -- recommendations. In no way do we intend to foreclose others from seeking election to any of these offices. If you aren't named here, and if you'd like to toss your hat into the ring, be sure to make your feelings known at the April 23rd meeting so we can put you on the ballot.

NCCC
ARRL CW DX TEST SCORES

Call	QSOs	Mul	Score
WA7NIN (+ K6VVA, N6TV, N6TJ, K6KM, N6SF)	3,606	326	3.527
K6XV (+ K6PJV, N6FJ, N6VV)	2,774	283	2.355
W6MSF (+ WA6VEF, AA6UO)	2,353	284	2.353
K6ZM	2,598	300	2.338
N6IG (+ W6TPH)	1,977	283	1.695
ZS6WW	2,500	220	1.650
K6RV (+ N6OP, N6XI)	2,000	250	1.500
N6TA (+ N6KT, WA6HCI)	2,017	248	1.500
N6RO	1,675	272	1.367
K60YE (+ K9LBQ)	1,825	242	1.325
K6RU (+ N6GG, N6MU)	1,820	231	1.290
K6OQ (+ WB6DSV, WD6AIP)	1,664	258	1.288
N6BT	1,624	259	1.262
AI6V (+ KB6F)	1,650	238	1.178
N6TU	1,463	233	1.023
W6XX	1,486	200	0.892
K6XO (+ N6NE)	1,250	230	0.863

N6RZ (+ WA6OCV, WB6SHD, AA6T, WB6CBJ)	1,376	205	0.846
K6AYA (+ WA6OEC)	1,230	213	0.786
N6JV	1,235	206	0.763
W6BIP (+ WA6DJI, AA6GM)	1,160	189	0.657
W6YX (+ N7MN, WA6ITV)	1,100	199	0.657
WB7OQW (K7OX, op)	1,350	149	0.603
K6DC (+ W6BJH)	900	185	0.500
K6SG	810	187	0.454
N6QR	930	155	0.444
W6WB	537	185	0.298
K6RM	615	156	0.288
K6ZX	529	165	0.262
K6AO	511	153	0.235
AA6G (+ WD6AGJ)	500	126	0.189
K6XM	450	139	0.188
WB6VSC (+ K6STI)	513	118	0.181
AA6DX	602	87	0.157
K6RLY (K6CSL, op)	446	80	0.107
W6NKR	263	128	0.101
N6QW	761	92	0.072
W6YKM	260	82	0.064
WD6EPV	378	54	0.061
N6OM	225	84	0.057
W6CF	150	100	0.045
K6MA	220	68	0.045
AJ6V	212	40	0.025
W6SZN	120	50	0.018
W1ARR	125	40	0.014
K6PU	81	40	0.010

NCCC Net QNT

80 meter session:

6) K6HH, W6LH/7 (+WA6HJV), N6NE, K6XO; 5, WA7NIN, N6RO, W6YL (N6AMG); 4) N6BT, WB6DSV, 3, N6QW, WB6SHD; 2, W6BB (N6IG), N6DA, WB6FCR, K6LH/7, K6SG, K7TL, N6TV, WA6VJH, N6XI; 1, WD6AGJ, K6AIA, WA6BUB, WB6CBJ, WD6CHF, WA6DGX, N6LV, N6KB/6, N7KR, K7RL, N6RZ, W6UA, AI6V, N6VR, N6VV.

Mini-Contest

March 13. Phone only:

First Place N6RO (11 x 4)
Second Place K6XO (9 x 4)
Third Place N6TU (11 x 3)

N6NE 7 x 4, W6BB, N6IG) 9 x 3, WA7NIN 6 x 4, K6LH 6 x 3, W6LH/7, WA6HJV 1 x 2, N6AMG 3 x 1, K6SG 2 x 1.

Hoster Change

N6TV:
(H) 415-643-1268

K6GSs:
(H) 808-879-1408

LIST OF THINGS TO DO AFTER THE ARRL DX CONTEST

DONE

- ✓ SPEND TIME WITH THE WIFE AND KIDS
- ✓ WRITE LETTER TO ARRL CONTEST COMMITTEES COMPLAINING ABOUT STATIONS THAT RUN ILLEGAL POWER IN CONTESTS.
- ✓ PURCHASE 2 ~~3500ZS~~ 8877's FOR NEW HOMEBREW AMP.
- ✓ REPLACE GOTHAM QUAD AND TV MAST WITH 4 TOWERS AND MOND-BANDERS.
- ✓ DUPE ARRL DX LOGS
- ✓ SUBMIT ARRL DX LOGS BEFORE APRIL 23RD DEADLINE

Wanted: 7kV at 2 KVA center tap plate transformer. N6RO, Ken, 415-625-2707
Collins KWM-2A with 516F2 Power Supply and DX Eng. peocessor. \$750. Nikon FTN with f. 1.4, 50 mm and f. 2.8, 135mm lenses plus extras. Like new. \$500. K6SG, George, 916-944-3838

Miscellany

Listen for N6RU/IG7 to be active once again. N6VV made 370 x 60 in the DX 'test on 15 metersDX 'test scores: W4BVV 6.2 M., N2AA 6.0 M., K0RF 4.2 M.....ZS6WW (W6NV), had 1600 QSO's in the phone 'test, high band only.....Oli plans to re-locate in Orinda very soon.....John, K6GSS, now living on Maui, invites any visiting NCCCers to look him up. His number is on page three..... The annual NCCC picnic will be held at N6RO's QTH on June 2nd. Mark your calanders now!!..... K5GOE will be in VP2V-land May 5 -7, operating 160 - 10 meters. Give Woody a call if you would like to arrange a SKED. 415-527-1532 is his No.Congrats to Dave and Noel, WA6DIL on the birth of 7 lb, 9oz Jennifer Joanna at 12:32 a.m., April 2nd!!.....CQ-WPX Scores: N6KT 2450 x 361 (!) K6ZM (WA6DGX) 2460 x 330, AI6V (15m., 2250 x 300 (!!!), others included K7HI 3000 x 500, N1XX 2900 x 316 (15m.), CK7WJ (m/m, 10000 QSO's (!),..... As you know, this is your editor's last issue of the Contest JUG. It has been quite an experient for me. It is not clear who the new editor will be, but I wish him the best of luck. If you have any want-ads or other articles for publication, please send them to me and I will send them on to the new editor. Many thanks to everyone for tolerating my numerous typo's and editorial liberties and for getting your articles in on time (hi). Thanks and 73. Bob. N6NE

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