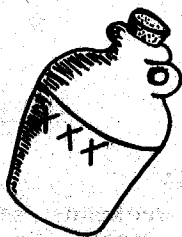


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WE CAN DO IT, GANG

COMING UP

February:

18 North American CW Sprint, See
January "JUG", page 3.

26 NCCC meeting, Hayward, 7:30 pm

JUG Deadline:

March 5

DX LOG Deadline:

April 23

March:

1 NCCC Board meeting, 8:00 pm, somewhere

3 - 4 ARRL DX COMPETITION, PHONE, 0000 -
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17 - 18 ARRL DX COMPETITION, CW

24 - 25 CQ WW WEX contest, phone

26 NCCC meeting, Hayward AS & L, Foothill
and B streets, 7:30 p.m.

TWO METER DX NET

DX on two meters? You betcha! WR6ADM (147.84/.24) will swing into full operation for both weekends of the ARRL DX contests with enough announcements to keep you busy all 96 hours of the tests. Here's how it works. Various NCCCers serve as net control stations for four hour stints during the contest. Anyone working choice DX or new multipliers on the low bands calls the NCS with the pertinent info. Every quarter hour the NCS comes on with a summary of what was reported in the last fifteen minutes and where it is on the band. It's a real easy way to put about 100 pair of ears to work for you to make sure you don't miss anything during the test. And best of all, it works! We tried an organized tip-off net during CQ WW a couple of years ago, and to everyone's surprise found that something like 400 band-countries were announced in one weekend. Of these, over 300 were garden variety multipliers (ie, KH6, KL7, KP4, YV, etc.) which anybody could work with a tribander and a couple of wires. Why knock your brains out trying to work all that hard stuff under the big pile-ups when there's an easy KZ5 just up the band? And member, if you come up with 300 mults, all you need for a megapoint score is about 1100 QSOs!

Bill, N6OP, volunteered to coordinate the NCS jobs during the phone weekend, while Rich, N6KT, and Joel, N6AMG, take on that task during

PSE QSY ONWARD

UNDERDOG WINS DX HORSE RACE

Hayward, CA

Residents of this small, rural community were surprised and pleased to discover that the San Francisco-based Northern California Contest Club has captured the Affiliated Club Competition category in the 1979 ARRL DX Competition, it was learned yesterday.

According to the contest results published in the October, 1979 issue of QST magazine, the "official organ" of amateur radio, the NCCC effort amassed 62.3 megapoints, over six megapoints better than second place finisher Frankford Radio Club.

The Yankee Clipper Contest Club and the Washington, DC-based Potomac Valley Radio Club finished third and fourth respectively in the Affiliated Club listings.

Reaction to NCCC's underdog victory ranged from dismay and disgust to extreme elation.

Prominent 80 meter enthusiast and self-proclaimed Pope of the West Coast Ralph Ennis, WA6-GVG, commented that, "Those drug-crazed contestants, with their (expletive deleted) VD and hepatitis, their all a bunch of stupid bastards."

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UNDERDOG'S (from page 1)

Ugandan President Idi Amin Dada has extended an invitation to NCCC members to fly to his country and help him "make a killing" in a multi-multi effort from 5X5IA in the 1979 CQ World-wide DX contest.

"When I heard that the Contest club was making a major attempt at the DX Contest, I thought it was just going to be another one of those 'soft' NCCC efforts," said local DXer J. E. "Jack" Mullen, K6CBL. "But when I heard all of those loud Northern California signal dominating the bands, I just knew that I had to do something, so I'm planning on moving to a better QTH."

Twenty meter CW DX enthusiast and former WCARS demigod, W. N. "Uncle Bill" Schwartz, remarked, "Ah...Ya, Ya, Ya..."

Oakland Athletics owner Charles O. Finley is alleged interested in purchasing the Northern California Contest organization, contingent of the sale of the A's to interested parties. Rumor has it that Finley, upon consumation of the NCCC sale, plans to move the club to New Orleans.

Film star Linda Lovelace was apparently all choked up when she learned of the NCCC's DX contest victory. "I'm a big admirer of all those big guys in the NCC!" Linda Exclaimed. "You know, they're really stiff competition for those guys on the East coast, and when I found out that they actually beat the East coast in the DX contest, I, well..., I got a big lump in my throat."

Officials from FRC, HVRC and YCCC declined to comment.

-WA6VEF-

THE PAPER CHASE

Ready for the March DX contests? Need log forms, summary sheets, or checksheets? Well, we'll have anything you might be missing at the February meeting. A note from K1KI, ARRL's contest honcho, says about 150 summary sheets and about 1,000 log sheets are winging their way westward for deserving NCCers. And thanks to the efforts of N6RO and N6BT, we're going to have a copious supply of hot-off-the-press west coast style checksheets. Ken revised our old form to fall into line with all the new prefixes and levels of activity from various places around the globe, while Tom took care of getting this masterpiece printed. Come early to be sure you get your fair share!

TWO METER NET

Continued...

cw. Both weekends still have some open slots needing an NCS. If you are a true-blue phone type, why not help out the NCCC by volunteering 4 hours as an NCS during the cw weekend, and vice versa for you cw diehards. Contact any of the coordinators and they can get you worked into the schedule.

If everybody will use the same format when reporting into the net, it sure makes life lots easier for all concerned. Here's the suggested approach: First, direct a call either to the NCS (if you know who it happens to be) or to WR6ADM. Follow that with your own callsign. This gives the NCS time to run back across the room from wherever he was and be ready to write down what you're about to report. Next, give the band. The NCS keeps his list arranged by bands so he can read it back in an organized fashion. This lets him know where on his paper to write the upcoming info. Then give the DX callsign phonetically. This makes sure he gets it right. Follow that with the exact frequency. You need to say the info only once. If the NCS misses something, he'll ask you for a repeat. The NCS will say the DX callsign and frequency both to acknowledge receipt and also to give others listening to the net a second chance to pick up on what you just announced. Then, precisely on the quarter hour, the NCS will give a band-by-band summary of who is where. Here's a sample exchange: "WR6ADM this is W6MSF. On twenty meters, Zulu Sierra Six Willie Willie, 14037." The NCS replies: "ZS6WW, 14037." Simple, huh? But effective! Give it a try -- the more stations we have using the net, the more valuable it is.

73,
Rusty, N6SF

HELP!

Earlier this week I got a call from N6CJ, editor of the National Contest Journal. Seems Pete and his staff down south are just snowed under with work and other personal commitments and need to take a breather for a few months. The purpose of Pete's call was to ask if any of us in the NCCC would be willing to take on the task of producing the next couple of issues of the NCJ. That would involve selecting material from the stock of letters and articles Pete has on hand, editing it, and getting the final product printed and distributed. We already prepare the camera ready copy and the mailing labels up here in the Bay Area anyway, so those jobs would just remain as they presently are.

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HELP! (from page 1)

I think the NCJ is simply too valuable to the contest fraternity to let it die because no one will lend the SoCal gang a hand. Surely somewhere in a club our size there must be someone with a literary flair willing to pitch in for a few months. It's a great opportunity to learn what other contesters around the country are doing, not to mention getting your callsign well known so you get picked out of contest pile-ups easily. Anyone interested in taking on this project, or anyone even interested in talking about it a bit, please contact N6SF either at the February meeting or by telephone at (415) 885-6969.

Rusty, N6SF

NEW NCCC OFFICERS

Election of officers to lead the NCCC in 1979-1980 is scheduled for our April meeting. The outgoing Board of Directors typically offers a recommended slate as part of its swan song, but it sure helps make those recommendations easier if we know who out there is interested in what positions. Up for grabs will be president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, and two director slots. Also available will be stewardship of "The Contest Jug." Want one of 'em? Contact N6SF or any member of the present Board.



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NCCC NETS

Just a reminder that the NCCC has two regular, weekly nets. The 75 meter net is held each Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm. on 3815 KHz +/- . The VHF net is held each Wednesday evening at the same time or the NCCC two meter repeater, WR6ADM, 147.84/.24.

As we move closer towards the ARRL DX 'tests, it becomes more and more necessary for everyone to keep in touch. If you miss the monthly meeting, or just need to talk to one of the other members, remember to check into the nets. They save your phone bill!

SEE YOU AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING!! 73.

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