# The Contest JUG

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### COMING FUN AND FRUSTRATION

#### January:

22 NCCC meeting, Hayward AS & F Foothil & 'B', Hayward, 7:30pm

26 - 28 CQWW 160 meter DX Contest

JUG Deadline:

11 February

#### February:

- 1 NCCC Board of Directors meeting, W1ARR's place, 8 pm (See page 3)
- 3 11 Novice Roundup
- 4 & 11 Ten X Winter QSO Party
  - 18 North American CW Sprint, 01-0500 Z
  - 26 NCCC meeting, Hayward, 7:30 pm

#### CQ DX

By any measure, our January Board of Directors meeting was phenomenal. We usually have 6 to 8 people in attendance; this one had in excess of 20! Why all the interest, you ask? Well, it seems we've hit home with our decision to enter the ARRL DX Test full-bore in March, and everybody was at the BOD meeting to contribute suggestions and to assist in planning strategy. Really, I don't think I've seen this club so fired up over anything since N6OP sprung the idea of winning Sweepstakes on us four years ago.

You all know only too well that it takes lots more than a bunch of wildly enthusiastic people to win a contest. It also takes lots of hard work and planning. Well, we're moving right along in those areas, too. Here are a few of the things we've done already, or which we will do in the next couple of weeks: 1) N6KB and N6IG have installed the new duplexer and the new antenna at WR6ADM, our primary communications link during the Test. Bob and Jim are going to raise the transmitting antenna from its present height of about 15' above yound to perhaps as much as 80' before the est starts. That will improve our coverage enormously. 2) We will run organized tip-off nets on WR6ADM both modes of the Test. N6OP is coordinating the net for the phone weekend, while N6KT and N6AMG take on that task the cw

#### Vice-Presidential Proclaimation

Greetings to everyone this month, and I hope that everyone had a happy Christmas and New Year.

On this month's agenda is — the 1979 ARRI. DX Competition. The organizational effort has already begun for NCCC's first assault on a national title in a DX contest, and with all of the spirit and enthusiasm that's being shown by the membership of this club, it's obvious that we're out for blood. At the last Board of Directors meeting, we came up with a list of fifty-one NCCC stations collectively capable of attaining a conservative 50 MEGAPOINT score, probably enough to take the Club Aggregate title. Of course, to facilitate a maximum score, these stations should compete in the multi-multi or multi-single category, be properly manned and take full advantage of the NCCC spotting net on WR6ADM, 147.84/.24.

The participation of every eager and available NCCCer is necessary to adequately man our stations. If you would like to help out in this effort, as an operator or perhaps as a coordinator please feel free to contact either Rusty, N6SF at 415-885-6969 or myself at 415-538-0520. As in the Sweepstakes, the success of the Northern Californi Contest Club in club competition depends not on one big score, but on the accumulation of one hell uval ot of big-, medium-, and little-gun entries Your personal contribution is important!

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weekend. These guys plan to have net control stations serving four hour stints during the entirety of each contest. Bill already has the phone weekend about 50% staffed with NCS volunteers; Rich and Joel are at about 85% for cw. We will have NCS sign-up sheets at the January NCCC meeting to fill up the empty slots. 3) We have already requested bulk supplies of log forms and summary sheets from the ARRL. N6RO is redesigning our DX check sheet to conform to current prefix and country activity, and N6BT is arranging to have copious quantities printed for us. We will distribute these forms at our February meeting. 4) We are presenting programs at both the January and February meetings to emphasize score maximization techniques and to show how to reduce intra-station interference for the multis. 5) We created an informal committee to contact members to insure a full club turn-out. We want to be certain that operators needing stations and stations needing operators get properly paired. Early reports from the committee are boggling. We're going to have stations on the air which haven't been active in years. We also see that even with 60 or so operators floating around, we still may come up short because of the big turn-out of stations.

I could go on, but hopefully you've gotten the idea of just how well things are progress-At least 20 of us left the BOD meeting convinced that the NCCC can win the DX Test. hope those of you who were not at that meeting will plan to attend at least one of the next two regular club meetings to get a first-hand report of what's happening and what you can do to take part. KB DX!

Rusty, N6SF

#### CALDWELL'S CORNER

With the deletion of the two February weekends of the DX Competition, the only significant contest happening in February is the North American Sprint, slated for the 18th between 0100 and 0500 UTC. Team competition is encouraged, contact N6SF for more information. The Novice Round-up is happening February 2-11, also.

We'll be talking more about the DX Contest at the Club meeting in Hayward on January 22nd. I hope to see all of you there.

73,

Garv WA6VEF

#### QST TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS

The following amendments were proposed a the January 4 Board of Directors meeting. Each will be voted on at the January 22 meeting, provided there is a quorum in attendance.

These three amendments were proposed jointly by N6AMG, Joel Paladino; N6BT, Tom Schiller; N6IG, Jim Pratt; N6KB, Bob Valllio and WA6VEF, Gary Caldwell.

Amend Article III, Section 1, Paragraph d to read: "The club area is defined as Northern California, from the Oregon Porder to the Tehachapis, and any other area within a one hundred and seventy five (175) mile radius of the club center."

Amend Article VII, Paragraph c to read: "In the absense of a quorum, the Secretary-Treasurer shall distribute ballots to the eligible members by mail at least seven (7) days before the next regular membership meeting."

Delete Article VIII, Section 4. (Eliminates a \$5.00 initiation fee for some new members.)

This amendment was proposed jointly by N6-AMG, Joel Paladino; N6BT, Tom Schiller; WB6DSV, George Varvitsiotes: N6KB, Bob Vallio and WAF VEF. Gary Caldwell.

Amend Article VIII, Section 1 to read: "The full members shall pay \$9.00 annual dues, associate members and full-time students shall pay \$6.00 annual dues, due 1 July of each year. Dues of new members shall be pro-rated from the date of application and tendered to the Secretary-Treasurer at the time said application is filed."

#### After Christmas Sale

160 meter Marine radio transceiver, covers all of 160 plus. Woody, K5GOE, 415-527-1532 SB-110. Heathkit 6 meter transceiver with P/S. mint condition with 4 element Yagi. Ask \$260. Contact Chuck, AA6G, 408-732-9847. GE Desk-top 450 MHz Prog-line transceiver with

Touchtone pad, mic., good cdx. With or without X-tals. 2 freq. X-mit, 1 freq. Rcv. Ask \$100.

Contact Bob, N6NE, 415-523-0162

#### ROSTER UPDATES

KB6CR (ex WA6DNM) is now AE6U.

WA6HJV & W6LH:

4302 East Onyx Phoenix, AZ 85028

WB6PYI:

1127 San Andreas Road La Selva Beach, CA 95076

K6RM:

855 Brookgrove Lane San Jose, CA 95129 (H): 408-996-9862

K6XV:

4531 Elmhurst Dr. San Jose, CA 95129 (H) 408-996-3569 (W, 408-737-6476

W1CW & W1YL:

27842 S.W. 140th Ave. Naranja, FL 33030

W1AKR: 810 Coleman Ave. Menlo Park, CA 94025

#### MISC. SCORES

COWW:

(phone) AE6U, 21 MHz,  $1446 \times 103 \times 34=524K$ . (cw) ZS6WW, all band, 3039 = 2.9 M.

ARRL 160:

AE6U (8 hrs.)  $113 \times 45 = 10$ , 305.

#### THE DREADED RED X

There are seventeen members amongst us, who shall remain nameless, who have been marked for life by your editor with a red "X" on their mailing lables. This is for non-renewal of their memberships. For them, this will be the last issure of the JUG. All were sent renewal notices last November, with SASE's for reply, but we've heard nothing from them. The only possible way for them to lose their scarlet "X" is to send a check for six bucks to N6SF (1030 Bush St., #6. SF 94109) pronto.

#### Board Appointment

At it's lat meeting, the Board of Directors voted Jim Pratt, N6IG to fill the office of Secry/Treasurer vacated by W6LH who has moved to Arizona. Jim will hold this office until formal elections are held in June.

Note: N6SF is handling the club's books, so all financial requests should be addrest to hime.

#### FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

All NCCC Board of Director's meetings are open to the general membership. If you have a beef, suugestion or would just like to see who runs the club, feel free to come to a BoD meeting. They are held the first Thursday of each month at 8 pm. Next month's meeting will be held at Bob Hill's new place. 310 Coleman Avenue. Apt. No. 3 in Menlo Park. From 101, take the Willow Road exit, heading West into Menlo Park, a quarter mile past the first light. Hight on Coleman. I'm sure Bob would appreciate a call ahead of time if your planning to attend.

#### RULES: NORTH AMERICAN OW SPRINTS

A longtime favorite of NCCC cw operators has been the National Contest Journal sponsored NA Sprint contests. The 1979 editions will take place 0100-0500Z on February 18 and September 9 (The night before local time.)

Suggested frequencies are 3530-3550, 7030-7050. and 14030-14050. Stations can be worked once on each band. To have a valid exchange, yo MUSI send all of the following information: His call. your call, serial (start with 1, your name and state.

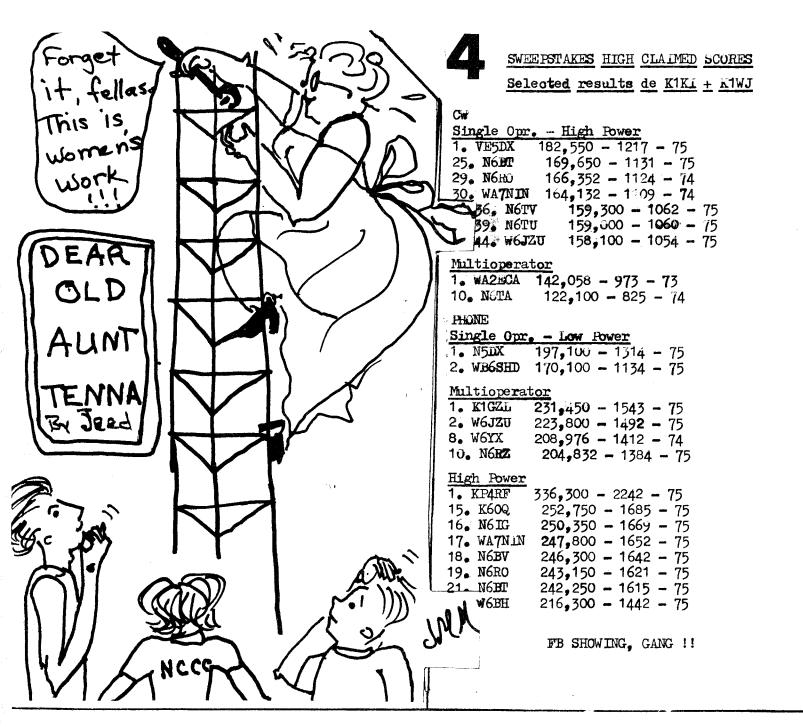
Non-North American stations work only North Americans: North American stations work anyone. Only one callsign is to be utilized during the contest by an operator.

Scoring is computed by multiplying total valid contacts by the sum of states, VE provinces and other North American countries to get final score. KH6 is not a state and is not counted as a North American country. VE multipliers are: Maritime (VE1, VO1, VO2) and VE2 through VE8, 8 total. Non-North American countries do NOF count as multipliers.

If any station solicits a call by sending CQ. QRZ?, etc., he is permitted to work only one station in response to that solicitation. He must thereafter move at least 1 KHz before he works another station, or at least 5 KHz before he egain solicits other calls.

Logs. dupe sheets (for each band) and a summary sheet must be submitted to N6SF, no later than 30 days after the Sprint to be eligible for trophies and awards. There is an extensive awards program.

Team competition is available, but limited to 10 operators as an entry unit. To qualify, send the name, call of the operator and station call (if different) of each team member to N6SF. The entry must be received before the start of the start. Or you may send a WU Mailgram dated 24 Hours prior to the start of the sprint.



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