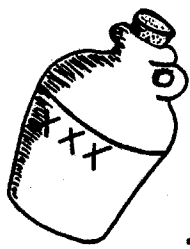


# The Contest JUG



Newsletter of the NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB

3130 Raleigh Court  
Fremont, CA 94536

(USPS-124-770)

...MAGAZINE OF IMOS

Number 85  
May, 1979

President: WA6VEF Vice President/ Contest Chairman: W6XX Sec./Treas: N6XI  
Directors: N6SF, N6KB, K6HNZ Juggist: N6IG

## PICNIC? IN OAKLEY?

### PREVIEW OF COMING DISTRACTIONS

#### MAY:

- 19-Armed Forces Day  
EME Competition
- 26-27-Iberoamerican Contest  
CW CQ WPX Contest
- 28-NCCC Meeting, Hayward, 7:30

#### JUNE:

- 2-N6RO Picnic (see below)  
Nebraska QSO Party  
Minnesota QSO Party
- 9-10-VHF QSO Party
- 16-17-All Asia Phone Contest
- 23-24-Field Day

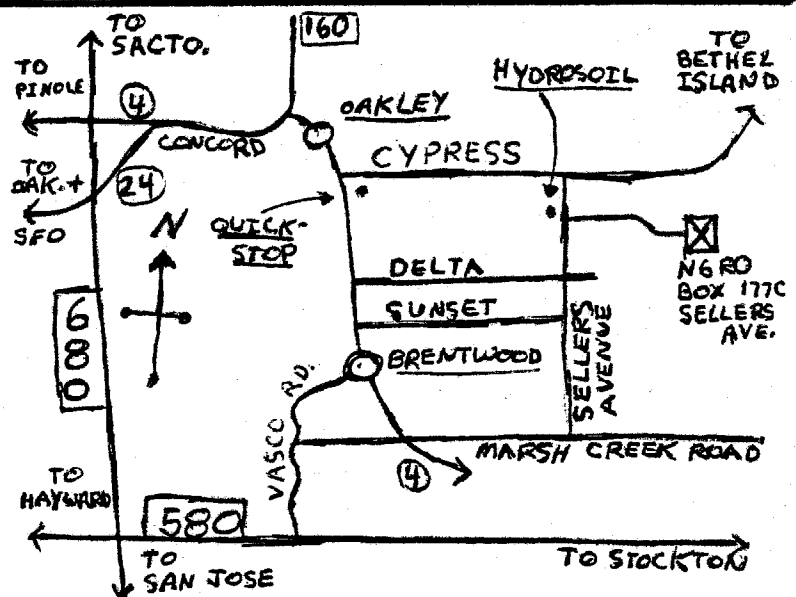
### PRESIDENTIAL POTAGE

The NCCC has been fortunate in the past to have had the cream of the crop for presidents. Such fine leaders have included N6SF, N6OP, N6RO, N6KB...well, three out of four ain't bad. This year is no exception to the rule, with none other than Gary Caldwell, WA6VEF, having that honor bestowed upon him at the last meeting. Let's read on and see if he is worthy of such honor.....

I would like to thank Rusty Epps, N6SF, for his services during the 1978-79 year. Rusty leaves the presidency having made one momentous contribution--namely that the NCCC is now in the best shape of its entire history. Perhaps the most logical question to ask at this point is: Where do we go from here?

The NCCC is riding high after an impressive showing in both the 1978 ARRL Sweepstakes Competition and the 1979 ARRL DX Contest. One thing which we must decide upon right away is whether to again assault the '79 SS, or perhaps instead tackle the 1979 CQWW Competition; practically speaking, we can't enter both of them. As I see it, abandoning the SS to make a stab at the Worldwide would be impractical for four reasons. First, the NCCC would be giving up its Sweepstakes supremacy. Second, a CQWW effort would require

(QSY TO MIDDLE OF PAGE 2)



What is this? A map to a secret gold mine? The remnants of a spilled bottle of ink? The midnight ramblings of a deranged map maker? No, dear reader, the above collection of henschatches is your key to an afternoon of fun and festivity--the annual NCCC Spring Picnic to be held the afternoon of June 2 at the Oakley QTH of N6RO.

Kickoff time of the bash is scheduled for Noon, with the merriment lasting long into the night. The format of this year's extravaganza is the same as in years past, with the food fare consisting of potluck main dishes, hot dogs, beer (courtesy of N6RO), wine(a la K6SG), and other lip-smacking goodies. Activities at the picnic are sure to include the

QSY TO TOP OF PAGE 2----->

NOTES FROM THE NEW VPCC

First, I wish to congratulate the club on its excellent performance in the 1979 ARRL DX 'test. The results of our first major effort in this contest are indeed impressive.

It is my hope that the club will choose to make an all-out effort to conquer first place in the 1980 ARRL DX competition. If the rumored results from the East Coast are near correct, achieving this position will be a very challenging task. However, I think the fact that it will be difficult makes it that much more interesting and a very worthwhile goal.

In the near future, decisions will be made which will select the contests in which the club will put forth its major efforts this year. Following the making of those decisions, I will be looking for dedicated people to either head or help head the organizational efforts for those events. If you are interested in managing one of these, please make me aware of your willingness to do so. Your support will be much appreciated.

73.

Pete  
W6XXMORE PRESIDENTIAL P

(from page 1)

an incredible amount of organization on the favorite contest of the East Coast giants (how many of you would be willing to give up 30 hours of your time and run up a \$100 phone bill in support of an NCCC Worldwide attempt?) Third, the DXpeditions we would have to send out to offset those of the East Coast would require a huge monetary outlay. Considering that 20% of NCCC's participation in the '79 ARRL DX test came from students under the age of 24, it becomes apparent that our financial depth is lacking. Finally, our DX Contest effort proved that we have enough problems adequately manning our own big-gun stations at home, without sending troops out to foreign countries.

I would like to see us enter the SS again this year---and shoot for something staggering, like 20 Million points!! However, we could utilize the CQWW to our advantage, rather than simply ignoring it, by using it as a training ground for the 1980 ARRL DX Competition. We could set up one-

PICNIC(continued)

normal activities, such as softball, waterskiing, volleyball, and perhaps an all-out multi-multi in the Nebraska QSO Party.

Admission, you ask? The answer is simple; each couple or married person attending without spouse should bring a main dish capable of feeding 10 hungry people; such as spaghetti, potato salad, baked beans, or your own favorite creation. Singles, on the other hand, should bring snack items such as dips and chips, crackers, and cookies, as well as enough soft drinks to serve six.

Since beer and hot dogs must be purchased in advance, we must have a good idea of how many people are planning to attend. RSVP at the May meeting, on the club's nets, or direct to N6RO at 415-625-2707. Sorry, no RSVP via buro

Also, remember that June 2 is an even day for gas, so all of you with ham license plates should fill up on Friday, or else face the possibility of becoming stranded with Ken and Jean for the weekend (not a bad fate in itself).

Mark your calendars now--June 2. Talk in will be on 146.52 simplex if you get lost. Hope to see you there!

CQP RESULTS???

Many people have inquired recently as to the outcome of last year's Calif. QSO Party, and the whereabouts of the results of same. According to our resident Greek, WB6DSV, last year's coordinator, who was cornered at a recent club meeting between sips of ouzo, they should be out shortly. So, be patient and watch the JUG for further late-breaking info on this subject.

NCCC NETS

Activity on the NCCC 2 meter and 75 meter nets has been going down for some time now, with the present number of checkins averaging around 4 per session. Although this is typical of Spring and Summer, there is still a great deal of information and data to be gained from these nets. Again, a reminder of when and where:

2 meter: Wednesday, 7:30 PM  
WR6ADM, 147.84/.24

75 meter: Tuesday, 7:30 PM  
3815 kHz.

THE PRESIDENT P's ON

evening contest "workshops" during the C... located at some of our larger stations, such as N6TU, N6RO, W6MSF, and K6ZM. Small groups of NCCers would assemble at these workshops and exchange DX contesting tips, getting on-the-air practice and critiquing in JA running and multiplier searching. The whole idea is to improve skills through participation.

To increase our club contest scores, we need not only training and on-the-air experience, but also the people to man our stations. To this end, I am putting together, with the help of K6KLY, a slide presentation about contesting and the NCCC, suitable for presentation to general interest ham groups. The presentation, I hope, will accomplish two objectives: better p.r. between contesters and non-contesters, and recruitment of new NCCC members. Virtually every active contester in Northern California is an NCCC member, but there exists a vast, untapped potential out there--a potential we need to cultivate.

Finally, you will find in this issue of the JUG a self-addressed stamped envelope. Its purpose is three-fold. First, you will also find in the JUG an official NCCC questionnaire. Please fill it out, because the decision that the BoD makes regarding budgeting and major contest operating events will be based on your questionnaire response. Second, dues renewal time is just around the corner. Our treasury is not totally barren, but it could definitely use replenishing. Dues are \$9, \$6 for students and out-of-territory members. Third, our WR6ADM repeater fund is almost totally barren (it's down to \$45), and needs your support. The repeater is not in dire danger of going off the air, but a decent set of spare tubes and miscellaneous costs associated with the raising of the new repeater tower sometime within the next two months will require more funds. Your donation, in any amount, would be appreciated. Questionnaire, dues, and repeater donation can all go out on the envelope, for easy mailing to Sec/Treas. N6XI.

I'm looking forward to working with the new Board of Directors--W6XX, N6XI, K6HNZ, N6SF, and N6IG--to serve you in the next year. 73...

Gary Caldwell WA6VEF

TITILLATING TIDBITS

Congratulations to WA6ITV, the proud new holder of an Extra class license. The same is true of WD6CHF...W6NKR is moving to a new 3 acre SV QTH. Big antennas are planned...N6QW is also moving, the new QTH being in San Jose...JA1KSO is getting married in the near future, and is planning a honeymoon in Hawaii...WA6VEF, N6KT, and WA6DGX are again planning an expedition to VE7WJ for the IARU Radiosport... Bob, WB6VEX, was heard recently on KYA giving earthquake information on the recent quake of 5/7/79...Bob is also a new resident of Albany Hill in a new house...Top ten, 10 meter test: W3RJ, K1VTM, N7DD, K9HMB, W2YV, W9RE, VE6WQ, K1UO, W7EJ, N7ZZ...Top ten, Open CD Party CW: N6TR, K3LR, K3UA, K6LL/7, K1TO, W7NI, W9YH, WA4HRG/7, AA6RX, W2AZO...NCCC CD scores of interest: CW: AA6UO-200x?, WA6VEF-160x60, N6IG-47x29; SSB-~~WA6VEF~~ (WA6VEF, op)-498x68...N6OP and K6ZM are the owners of TS-820's and are anxious to receive any information on updates for this rig...Also, K6ZM just returned from a trip to the Far East, which included a stop at 9N1MM...

MAY MEETING

The May meeting of the Northern California Contest Club will be on May 28 at the American Savings and Loan Office in Hayward, corner of Foothill and B street. The topic of the meeting will be the direction that the club will head in the months to come. Come to this meeting and let your views be known!!!

NEW BOOK AVAILABLE

73 Magazine has finally come out with the CONTEST OPERATING HANDBOOK, written by none other than our own N6OP. This book, which retails for \$5.95, can be purchased through the club secretary, N6XI, for \$4.00, features such contests as Domestic and DX tests, VHF and 160 meter tests, and many other types. The book is a collection of tips from the greatest contesters of the world, and others who could be persuaded to be interviewed by Bill. If you are interested, contact Rick. It should be a great book. After all, remember the saying: Those who can't do, teach (just kidding, ed

**K B**

4

ELECTION RESULTS

For those of you who pay little or no attention to the JUG masthead, here is the list of the new Board of Directors of the NCCC:

- President: WA6VEF
- VPCC: W6XX
- Sec/Treas.: N6XI
- Board members: N6KB, K6HNZ, N6SF
- CQP Chairman: K6XO
- Juggist: N6IG

ROSTER UPDATE

New N6OP Phone: 415-327-7869

FORE SAIL

Wanted: UHF Handi-talkie, similar to HT-200/HT-220/PE., in the \$300-400 price range. Contact WD6AGJ, 415-968-2856.

Available: Hy-Gain 18HT Hy-Tower vertical antenna w/extra hardware, manual, insulator base \$120/trade. Contact WA6BOB, 415-582-3390

Wanted: Parts for 4-1000 amplifier, namely vac. variables, bandswitching inductors, and 4-5kVCT@1-2 amp transformer. Contact N6IG at 415-523-5653.

For Sale: GE Progress Line 450 MHz. transceiver, table top model. 15 watt output, in FB working order. Ideal for getting on WR6ADM UHF. \$75/trade. Contact N6IG.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

May 15 marked the first birthday of a very important, though often overlooked tool of the NCCC. I am speaking of none other than WR6ADM-VHF, the repeater of our club. This machine, operating on 147.84/147.24, has served the club reliably for the past year with relatively little down time.

The NCCC Repeater Fund has provided operating capital and maintenance funds for the repeater since its inception. It has purchased a Phelps-Dodge duplexer, a Stationmaster antenna, as well as paying for the repeater itself. At times, the fund had over \$1000 in it. However, now it has a mere \$45 to its name. Won't you take advantage of the enclosed SASE and make a donation to this worthwhile cause?

WR6ADM VHF is an open repeater, up 24 hours a day. WR6ADM-UHF is on 449.2/444.2 MHz., and is also open. It can be interlinked to the VHF machine by touch tone command on UHF. The WR6ADM repeater systems are in need of use by club members. Get on and use them, by all means!!



THE CONTEST JUG--Published monthly by  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB  
3130 Raleigh Court  
Fremont, CA. 94536

Annual subscription: \$6.00

RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED

SECOND CLASS  
POSTAGE PAID AT  
Fremont, CA, and  
at additional  
entry locations.