

The Contest JUG



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BURNING QUESTION? WIN \$25! - PAY DUES

COMING EVENTS

JUNE 21-22: ALL ASIAN DX, PH.

JULY 12-13: IARU RADIOSPORT CHAMP.

JUNE 23: NCCC MEETING, CWA HALL,
HAYWARD. PROGRAM: MULTI-MULTI
OPERATION, SLIDES AND FILM
(RATED KH6) BY K6RU.

JULY 19-20: SEANET DX CONTEST.

JULY 26-27: CW COUNTY HUNTERS CONTEST.

JUNE 28-29: FIELD DAY

JULY 28: NCCC MEETING, HAYWARD

PRESIDENT KEN'S MESSAGE

THE BURNING QUESTION IS "WHAT CONTESTS SHOULD THE NCCC ENTER WITH A MAJOR EFFORT IN THE COMING YEAR?"

THERE ARE SEVERAL POINTS OF VIEW ON THIS SUBJECT, TWO OF WHICH ARE EXPRESSED ELSEWHERE IN THIS JUG. WHAT IS NEEDED TO DECIDE THIS MOST CRUCIAL QUESTION IS THE WILL OF THE MEMBERSHIP, FROM THE BIGGEST GUN TO THE SMALLEST PISTOL.

THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE NCCC WAS ORGANIZED IS TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN AMATEUR RADIO CONTESTS OF INTEREST TO THE MEMBERS; AND TO COMPETE AS A CLUB IN MAJOR CONTEST ACTIVITIES. THE RECORD OF THE CLUB IN ACHIEVING THESE OBJECTIVES HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING. LET'S CONTINUE THIS RECORD OF SUCCESS. THE FIRST STEP IS TO DETERMINE THE INTERESTS OF THE MEMBERS. TO THIS END A QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING CONTEST PREFERENCES AND OTHER MATTERS IS INCLUDED WITH THIS JUG. PLEASE FILL IN AND RETURN PROMPTLY. YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE MAILED BEFORE JULY 15 QUALIFIES YOU FOR THE DRAWING FOR THE \$25 SUPER JACKPOT PRIZE.

AS I SEE IT, THE SITUATION IS AS FOLLOWS. WE ARE COMMITTED TO SUPPORT OUR OWN SPONSORED CONTEST, THE CQP. BECAUSE OF THE CONFLICTING DATES WE CAN MANAGE A MAJOR CLUB EFFORT IN EITHER THE SS OR THE CQWW. WHILE THE CQWW IS A CONTEST FOR THOSE OF US WHO LIKE TO CHASE DX (AND JA'S) IT IS NOT IN THE CARDS FOR US TO WIN IT AGAINST THE EAST COAST DXPEDITIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT WOULD BE EQUALLY HARD FOR THE EAST TO WIN THE SS IF WE GO AFTER IT WITH A FULL CLUB EFFORT.

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BURNING QUESTION (CON'T)

LATER IN THE YEAR, THERE IS THE ARRL DX AND THE CQ WPX, BUT AGAIN DXPEDITIONS COUNT IN CLUB TOTALS IN WPX AND THE COMPETITION FOR THE TROPHY IS WORLD-WIDE. IF WE WANT TO TAKE A SHOT AT A DX CHAMPIONSHIP THE ARRL SEEMS THE LOGICAL CHOICE. LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE THE CLUB TO DO AND WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO IN SUPPORT OF CLUB CONTEST ACTIVITIES.

A BALANCED BUDGET HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE BOD AND WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL AT THE JUNE 23 MEETING. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS MEETING WILL BE A PRESENTATION BY YOUR HARDWORKING JUG EDITOR, K6RU ON BIG MULTI-MULTI OPERATIONS. DON'T MISS IT. (HARDWORKING ?-ED.)

BOD MEETINGS ARE THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, EXCEPT IN JULY WHICH WILL BE TUESDAY, JULY 1 AT 8 PM. CHECK 2 METER NET OR CALL ME FOR THE MEETING LOCATION.

ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERSHIP, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO GEORGE K6SG AND ROMELLE KA6KKA, BILL W8KZH AND CAROLYN K8TSR FOR HOSTING OUR PICNIC. A GRAND TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.

FILL IN AND MAIL YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE NOW!

73,
KEN, K6HNZ



W8KZH K8TSR KA6KKA K6SG



K6HNZ XYL KAY

AT THE 1980 BASH

HOW TO BE A GOOD LOSER

AS A CLUB WE HAVE DONE A SUPER JOB IN THE SS FOR FIVE YEARS STRAIGHT AND IT TOOK A LOT OF EFFORT. SOME OF US OPERATED, SOME COORDINATED AND EVERYONE WORKED, AND WORKED HARD. I'M KIND OF NEW AT THIS CONTEST BUSINESS, AND I AM NOT READY TO SIT BACK ON MY LIMITED LAURELS. A TRUE CHAMPION STAYS CHAMPION UNTIL HE IS BEATEN.

NOW, THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW FIGHT, AND THAT IS COMMENDABLE - A DX TEST. JUST MAKE SURE THE FIGHT IS OUR GAME IN OUR ARENA WITH ODDS NOT STACKED AGAINST US. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT WE COULD SCORE

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LESS SS - MORE DX

FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD, MOST NCCC MEMBERS-- AT LEAST MOST OF THOSE WHO HAVE EXPRESSED AN OPINION-- APPEAR TO BE IN FAVOR OF SEEING THE CLUB GO ALL-OUT FOR A SIXTH CONSECUTIVE SS CHAMPIONSHIP. I'D LIKE TO OFFER A DISSIDENTING VIEWPOINT.

IF YOU DROVE A PORSCHE SPORTS CAR, WOULD YOU DERIVE GREAT SATISFACTION FROM BESTING A "BEETLE" IN A DRAG RACE? IF ARM-WRESTLING WERE YOUR SPECIALTY, WOULD YOU BRAG ABOUT DEFEATING AN 8 YEAR-OLD GIRL? OR HOW ABOUT A CHUG-A-LUG ENDURANCE CONTEST IN WHICH YOUR OPPONENT DRINKS BEER, BUT YOU DRINK

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HOW TO BE A GOOD LOSER (CONT)

ERY HIGH, IF NOT BEAT THE EAST COAST GANG IN A ALL OUT DX CONTEST. ALL WE NEED IS LOTS SCORE--MEANING NEW MEMBERS AND KB STATIONS. OF COURSE, STAYING IN THE SS WOULD BE STUPID. EVERYONE KNOWS IT TAKES MANY KW; HUGE BEAMS; AND A LEAST 5 YEARS EXPERIENCE TO WIN THE SS--HI.

OH WELL, I GUESS WE DON'T NEED NEW MEMBERS AND FRESH BLOOD, AND THE SS ISN'T ANY FUN, SO LET'S JUST LOSE THAT CONTEST AND WATCH OUR NUMBERS DIMINISH. AFTER ALL, WHO ENJOYS BEING #1 IN THE 1980 SS---WELL, I DO-

LET'S GIVE IT THE FULL EFFORT AND MAKE IT SIX IN A ROW.

KB FROM- K6OYE

HAWAIIAN DXPEDITION

N6KT AND WA6VEF WILL BE OPERATING AT KH6XX DURING THE IARU RADIOSPORT JULY 12-12. LOOK OUT FOR 'EM!

NEW MEMBERS

WA7LQO - CHUCK IS 25 YEARS OLD AND HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE HAM FOR 11 YEARS. HE IS PRESENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF MOVING SO HIS RADIO ACTIVITIES ARE LIMITED TO AN 1C701 MOBILE 80-10 M. HIS PAST CONTEST EXPERIENCE INCLUDES ARRL DX(M/M), SS AND FIELD DAY. AGAIN, WELCOME CHUCK.

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER:

WB6KNU - BRUCE

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BRUCE IS A STUDENT AND HE HAS BEEN GETTING HIS CONTEST FEET WET AT THE K6OYE CONTEST MACHINE.

CLUB DUES - BY-LAWS - ART. IV - SEC. 3

"ANY MEMBER DELINQUENT IN DUES OR ASSESSMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY DROPPED FROM MEMBERSHIP!"

THERE ARE 30 MEMBERS ABOUT TO DROP OFF THE CLIFF AS OF JULY 1, 1980.
LET'S HAVE EVERYONE CURRENT ON JULY 1!!

LESS SS - MORE DX (CONT)

LEMONADE? TO SUM IT UP, WHERE'S THE SPORT IN SHOOTING FISH IN A BARRELL?

THIS IS NOT IMPLY THAT OTHER CLUBS ARE IMPOTENT; IT'S MORE LIKELY THEY HAVE SENSIBLY CONCLUDED THAT OTHER COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES ARE A LOT MORE FUN THAN THE SS. SO THEY'VE ESSENTIALLY LEFT THE FIELD TO US.

THE HALLMARK OF A TRUE COMPETITOR IS HIS DESIRE TO RESPOND CREDITABLY TO A CHALLENGE. BUT HOW MUCH OF A CHALLENGE IS IT FOR THE NCCC TO GO AFTER YET ANOTHER SS VICTORY WHEN WE'VE ALREADY PROVED FOR ALL TIME THAT WE ARE CAPABLE OF WINNING...AND WINNING? ARE WE AFRAID TO GO OUT AND FIND NEW WORLDS TO CONQUER? I CERTAINLY HOPE NOT! AFTER ALL, CHALLENGE IS (OR SHOULD BE) TO A COMPETITOR WHAT BEER IS TO N6KB: IRRESTIBLE!

IF WORKING ENDLESS WD8'S AND N5'S IS WHAT LIGHTS YOUR FILAMENTS, THEN PERHAPS THIS PROPOSAL WILL LEAVE YOU UNMOVED. BUT I SUGGEST WE GO BALLS-TO-THE-WALL IN THE CQP--WHICH, AFTER ALL, IS NCCC-SPONSORED---AND WORK ALL THE WD8'S AND N5'S EVER INVENTED. THEN, IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, LET THE SS TAKE CARE OF ITSELF WHILE WE CONCENTRATE ON INTRA-CLUB TEAM COMPETITION IN THE CQ WORLD WIDE DX CONTEST.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
--THE CONTEST WORLD WILL NEVER TAKE US SERIOUSLY AS A TRUE ALL-AROUND CONTEST CLUB UNTIL WE BEGIN TO SHOW SOME MUSCLE IN DX COMPETITIONS (ASK POTOMAC RC ABOUT THE 1979 ARRL DX-ED.) DO YOU LIKE THE NCCC BEING THOUGHT OF AS "THE SS CLUB"? I DON'T!
--WITH THE PRESENT HIGH SUNSPOT COUNT, NOW IS THE TIME TO CONCENTRATE ON DX CONTESTS. REMEMBER 1974.
--FOR THOSE WHO ENJOY ADDING NEW COUNTRIES AND ZONES TO THEIR TOTALS, DX CONTESTS ARE A PERFECT WAY TO DO SO IN A SHORT TIME.
--DX CONTESTS ARE THE BEST MEDIUM BOTH FOR DEMONSTRATING ONE'S OPERATING SKILLS AND LEARNING NEW ONES.
--THE MOST FREQUENTLY VOICED OBJECTION TO ALL-OUT CLUB PARTICIPATION IN DX CONTESTS IS THAT "WE CAN'T BEAT THE EAST COAST." FOR THE SAKE OF THIS ARTICLE, LET'S CONCEDE THAT POINT ALTHOUGH I AM NOT TOTALLY CONVINCED EVEN

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WD6EQG 707)443-3023-UNIT 1554

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NCCC QNI NET- 5/21 - 6/4 1980

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WA6VEF(3), WA6ITV(3), AA6G(2),
K6RU(2), WA6KXN, N9NC, W6BIP, N6XI,
N6KL, W6NLG, N6AUV.

JULY JUG DEADLINE IS JULY 7.

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LESS SS - MORE DX (CONT)

AFTER THIS YEARS DISSAPPOINTING DX TEST RESULTS. BUT INTRA-CLUB COMPETITION CAN BE A WHOLE BUNCH OF FUN EVEN IF WE'RE UNABLE TO MUSTER A CHAMPIONSHIP. COMPETE AGAINST YOUR BUDDY AND HIS TEAM RATHER THAN THE EAST COAST CLUBS AND THEIR SKATEY-EIGHT DXPEDITIONS! IF THE DECK IS INDEED STACKED AGAINST US, THEN LET'S PLAY A DIFFERENT GAME. INTELLIGENTLY RUN, SUCH COMPETITION WOULD WHIP UP PLENTY OF ENTHUSIASM.

ANOTHER SS CHAMPIONSHIP? WHOOPEE! MAYBE NEXT WE CAN CRUSH UNIV.OF MAINE ARC IN THE NEXT ALL ASIAN CONTEST.

-- WIARR/6

CAC REPORT FROM K6XO

THE NEXT ARRL SHORT CONTEST WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON. MAJORITY VOTE AT THE NCCC MEETING WAS FOR THE FOLLOWING FORMAT:
FORTY METERS, TWO HOURS, NO MULTIPLIER, CW ONLY, SUNDAY 0400 UCT (SAT. NIGHT).

DON'T JUNK YOUR HF STATION - YET!

**ARRL BULLETIN NR 56 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
NEWINGTON CT MAY 23, 1980 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT**

AMSAT OSCAR Phase III was launched at 1429 UTC on 23 May 1980 aboard a European Space Agency Ariane launch from French Guiana. Initial reports are that immediately after launch, one of four rocket engines suffered reduced thrust. At launch plus 1 minute the guidance system could no longer compensate for the tendency to veer off course and the entire launch vehicle entered a wild tumbling spin. At two minutes after launch ground control began losing telemetry and the Range Safety Officer destroyed the vehicle and with it. Phase III.

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