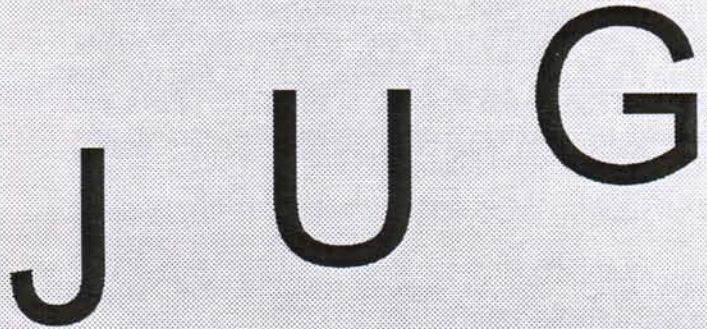


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## Ken's Pen

Oops, we goofed! Last month we didn't get the word out soon enough about the meeting location for the upcoming elections. As a result, the NCCC elections were postponed until the May meeting. Please join us to vote in a new Board of Directors on Tuesday May 14th!

### What's up for the May meeting?

- 1) Vote for new Officers and Board of Directors.
- 2) An open discussion about the role of the NCCC in the WRTC. Learn how we can all help in the effort!
- 3) Where should the NCCC focus its efforts during the 96-97 contest season? Should the club go for win number 5 in SS? How about organizing dxpeditions to win the new club category in the ARRL DX contest? Let's hear your ideas - the new BOD will want to know!

**Where?** H.P. Santa Clara cafeteria, 5301 Stevens Creek Blvd, Santa Clara. This is at the north east corner of the intersection of Lawrence Expressway and Stevens Creek Blvd.

**When?** Tuesday, May 14th. Why Tuesday May 14th? A large contingent of the outgoing and proposed Board of Directors will either be in Dayton or off on expeditions for the WPX CW contest. The meeting will start at 7:30 P.M. as usual, but join us at 6:30 for eats.

**Eats?** W6OAT's "Give Pizza Chance" will provide a variety of great pizzas at 6:30 P.M.

Other happenings in the NCCC? One of the most overlooked contributors to the NCCC effort is the JUG editor. Many of you didn't know that for the past few months, Larry, NF6S, has been editor at large. Larry has done a great job, and we all owe him thanks for filling in after Jack and Maggie Troster took a well-deserved rest from the job. It's a tough job filling in for a short time as editor. It usually takes a few months just until you get the process and timing down. *(As evidenced by this issue...new ed.)*

A new JUG editor has been appointed by the BOD. George, AB6YL, (the outgoing Secretary/Treasurer) has now taken on the position of JUG editor. I was really excited when George said "I do". I think that George will make a fine editor. Please take the time to say thanks to Larry for a fine job, and welcome to George.

I can hear you asking yourself: "How can I help AB6YL in his position as JUG editor?" Funny you should ask. The very best way is to say "Hey George, I'm glad that you're the JUG editor. Here's an article for the JUG about my contest experience".

Really folks, we DO need your contesting experiences, technical expertise, and stories for the JUG. You say that you have nothing to write about... that no one's interested in what you have to say? Well, I'm here to tell you that the NCCC members really DO want to hear about your contest tips and experiences. With the talent in this club, we have lots to write about. A short article should take no more than 15-30 minutes to write. Your time and experience will be appreciated by the NCCC readership of over 200 strong! (Please give George a call and say "George, what's the best way to send you the short article I have for the JUG?")

## Ken's Pen (continued)

(Editor's note: I believe the prime requirement of the newsletter is that it be timely. If it's timely but empty, then it's of no value, of course. Take a few minutes to think about what might be of interest to others, and send it by e-mail to [g.daught@forsythe.stanford.edu](mailto:g.daught@forsythe.stanford.edu), snail-mail to 1560 Klamath Drive, Sunnyvale, 94087, or telephone at 408 732-2676, in that order.)

Please join us Tuesday, May 14th meeting to elect a new BOD, and to give a warm thanks for the outgoing gang. See you all at H.P. Santa Clara!

73, Kenny WM2C

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## WRTC AWARDS YOU CAN WIN!

Fifty-two teams of top amateur radio contest operators from 30 countries will travel to San Francisco July 10-15 to compete head-to-head in the 1996 World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC-96). These operators were selected for this competition by national amateur radio organizations, leading contest clubs, and an international panel of judges. Among their ranks are the holders of world records in virtually every major HF contest.

The WRTC competition is a "sub-competition" within the framework of the larger IARU HF World Championship contest scheduled for the weekend of July 13 and 14, 1996. The WRTC competitors will enter the IARU contest as 52 two-person multi-operator, single-transmitter entries. All 52 teams will be located near San Francisco Bay on flat terrain in relatively close physical proximity so as to minimize propagation differences, and all will run exactly 100 watts output into nearly identical antenna systems. By eliminating many of the station and propagation variables normally associated with radio contesting, the WRTC strives to present a meaningful competition in which the winners can rightfully claim to be "the best of the best."

Although the WRTC stations will be competing only with each other, they can work anybody and everybody operating in the IARU contest. The WRTC stations will be on the air from 12:00 UTC, July 13 until 06:00 UTC, July 14, on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters. You can work them once on cw and once on ssb on each of these bands, so the maximum number of QSOs possible will be 4 (bands) x 2 (modes) x 52 (stations) = 416. The WRTC stations

will be easy to identify because they will be signing 52 distinctive "1x1" callsigns specially approved by the Federal Communications Commission for the competition. These callsigns are W6A through W6Z and K6A through K6Z.

Several incentives exist to encourage everyone to find and work the WRTC teams. Those who "slice through" the pileups will earn a customized WRTC letter opener endorsed for making 10, 25, 50, 75, or 100 QSOs on any combination of bands and modes. If you're lucky enough to achieve a "grand slam" by working all 52 different 1x1 callsigns, you'll garner a special commemorative deck of WRTC playing cards.

Numerous radio clubs and individuals have donated plaques to be awarded to amateurs in specific geographical areas who make the most QSOs with WRTC team stations. These areas are Worldwide (excluding the San Francisco Bay Area\*); Asia, Oceania, and South America; ITU Zone 6 (excluding the SF Bay Area), Zone 6 (SF Bay Area), Zone 7, Zone 8, Zone 11, Zone 18, and Zone 28.

Each WRTC team using a 1x1 callsign will have a unique, distinctive QSL card, so work them all to collect the entire set. WRTC stations will QSL 100 percent via the bureau and it is not necessary for you to send your QSL to them.

The competition organizers will use a computer for processing the 52 WRTC station logs to generate QSL labels and to determine award eligibility, so you do not need to submit your log. This means that if you have any doubt whether a WRTC station got your call right, work it again... there will be no chance to correct your callsign after the contest.

If you work at least 10 WRTC stations and would like to have one of the above-mentioned awards, send a self-addressed adhesive mailing label (not an SASE) containing your name, callsign, and address, along with \$1.00 or 2 IRCs for postage and handling, to:

WRTC-96, Inc., c/o Rusty Epps, W6OAT  
651 Handley Trail  
Redwood City, CA 94062  
USA.

Please submit your request by August 15, 1996.

\*The "San Francisco Bay Area" consists of the California counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, and Sonoma.

## WRTC AWARDS (continued)

| Plaque:            | Donated By:                        |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Worldwide (No SF)  | Radio Amateurs of/du Canada        |
| Africa             | (Donor being sought)               |
| Asia               | Morioka Contest and DX Assn.       |
| Oceania            | Carl Cook, AI6V                    |
| South America      | Radio Club Quilmes                 |
|                    | in memory of Jorge H. Bozzo, LU8DQ |
| ITU Zone 6 (No SF) | WRTC-90 (Seattle)                  |
|                    | Organizing Committee               |
| ITU Zone 6 (SF)    | Dick Dlevendorff, AA6MC            |
| ITU Zone 7         | Bill Hider, N3RR                   |
| ITU Zone 8         | Frankford Radio Club               |
| ITU Zone 11        | Dennis Motschenbacher, AA7VB       |
| ITU Zone 18        | Nokia Corporation                  |
| ITU Zone 27        | (Donor being sought)               |
| ITU Zone 28        | A.R.I. - Italy                     |
| ITU Zone 29        | (Donor being sought)               |
| ITU Zone 37        | (Donor being sought)               |

## YOUR STATION: WRTC TEAM SITE!

Here is info regarding WRTC-96 station selection and qualification.

When the evaluation task is completed, we hope to have *more than 52* stations on the list. At that time the Technical Committee will select the 52 which most nearly resemble one another, and those will be the host stations. The other evaluated stations will be held in reserve for use as replacements for any station which may become unavailable for use due to unforeseen reasons, such as illness in the home, sudden appearance of power line noise, etc. Stations which are not used by the WRTC-96 competitors may be used by WRTC-96 demonstration teams to operate during the contest period, so the more stations we have on the list, the better!

The ideal host station will be equipped with a rotary tri-bander at 40 to 50 feet, and a wire dipole for forty. It will be located on the flatlands surrounding the bay. Reasonable variances from the ideal will be accepted, so long as the Technical Committee feels that all selected stations afford the contestants an equal place on the field of play. Those stations with no wire dipole for forty will have one provided for the competition.

The contest period is from 5:00 AM to 11:00 PM, PDST, on Saturday July 13. It is expected that both

team members, and their assigned Judge or Referee, will be at the station from about 1:00 PM, Friday July 12, until 1:00 AM, Sunday July 14. This will allow time to set up the equipment to be used at each station, as well as for time to restore the station to its original configuration after the contest.

Host families will become part of the WRTC-96 extended family, and will have the opportunity to participate in various activities being planned for the event. The schedule for those events is not yet complete. The QSL cards for WRTC stations will be individualized, and the callsign of the host station will appear on each card, in recognition of their contribution to the success of the event.

**Summary:** The WRTC station "requirements" are flexible. The IDEALS are:

1. 120VAC in the shack
  2. Shack with room for 2 ops & observer
  3. Station owner/some other resident at home from Friday afternoon-Saturday night
  4. 3 or 4 element triband yagi at 40 to 50 feet
  5. 40m Dipole at similar height
  6. Two coax runs to the antennas, terminated in PL-259 UHF connectors
- (Anything else... rig, computer, VCR, etc... is gravy)

If this sounds like your station, and you'd consider offering your station for use by the WRTC-96 competitors please contact me as soon as possible. I can be reached by telephone at 510 537-8704, and at [wsixrgg@crl.com](mailto:wsixrgg@crl.com) by e-mail.

73, Bob Vallo - W6RGG [wsixrgg@crl.com](mailto:wsixrgg@crl.com)

## CONTEST CALENDAR: May, 1996

Please note that you may not be able to operate during all of the hours of the contests listed. Total operating time may also vary by entry category. See individual contest rules for allowed operating hours. If your favorite contest has been missed, please let the editor know!

### CQWW WPX Contest, CW:

0000Z, May 25 -2400Z, May 26  
Ten-Ten CW Contest(!): 0000Z, May 4-2400Z, May 5  
Texas QSO Party: 1400Z, May 4 - 2200Z, May 5  
Mass. QSO Party: 1800Z, May 4 - 0400Z, May 5  
and 1100Z-2100Z, May 5  
Connecticut QSO Party: 2000Z May 4 - 2000Z May 5  
Nevada QSO Party: 0000Z May 11 - 0600Z May 12

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