



**NEXT NCCC
MEETING
HOLIDAY BANQUET**
DATE: Friday, December 3
 Pleasanton Hotel
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<u>December Contests</u>	<u>Dates</u>
ARRL 160-Meter	Dec 3 - 5
TARA RTTY Sprint	Dec 4 - 5
ARRL 10-Meter	Dec 11-12
OK DX RTTY	Dec 11
RAC Canada Winter	Dec 19
Croatian CW	Dec 18-19
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	Dec 18-19
Internet CW Sprint	Dec 31- Jan 1

<u>January 'test Summary</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Kid's Day	Jan 1
Millennium PSK31	Jan 1- 2
Japan Int. DX	Jan 7- 9
Midwinter	Jan 8
ARRL RTTY Roundup	Jan 8- 9
North American QSO, CW	Jan 8- 9
North American QSO, SSB	Jan 15- 16
ARRL January VHF SS	Jan 22- 24
CQ 160-Meter , CW	Jan 28- 30
REF, CW	Jan 29- 30
UBA, Phone	Jan 29- 30
Kansas QSO	Jan 29- 30

Full details are on WA7BNM's up-to-date web site:
<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

WILL NCCC RECLAIM THE LITTLE HAMMER?

Ruler Schuller

All I can say is "WOW"! What a great effort by the club in SS! We had some amazing scores, and some phenomenal efforts. As I write this, we have around 10,500,000 points total. I'm sure that there are still a few scores out there that have not been sent to our reflector...this is going to be very close.

Keep your fingers crossed. We need another million points to be more certain that can win the gavel back.

I want to extend my personal "Thank You" to the entire membership for the effort that you put into SS this year. As you know, there was some discussion early on as to what contest(s) to concentrate on; I was pretty adamant about having SS as the focus. It is truly a club effort to try to win the gavel; it makes me proud to be associated with such a great group when I see how everyone pitched in. No matter where we finish, I think that all members can be proud of their efforts. It is great to see scores from not only "old timers", but from brand new members. I also want to thank our VP/CC, Bob, K6XX, for his terrific job on the SS handbook (which took endless amounts of time) and for organizing the phone tree; Tony, AEOM, who put together and administered the station/operator matching list (which seems to have been a huge success); Ed, W0YK, for his unending job of keeping the Web site up to date with the scores (and other info); to the many members who provided input at the meetings; Dean, N6BV, for his propagation charts; and to anyone else that I might have forgotten. Most of all, I want to thank all of the NCCC members who got on and operated, for that is what this is all about.

As I write this, CQWW - CW is just ending. There were numerous NCCC expeditions on; I hope that everyone worked them. As always, HC8N had a monster signal here; 4M7X and the guys at P4 were almost as loud. I hope that everyone did well.

The Christmas party will be here in a flash. It's Friday, December 3. Look in this issue of the JUG for directions on how to get there. Also, see our web site (as always). I hope to see everyone at the Pleasanton Hotel.

As we approach the end of the year, I want to wish everyone Season's Greetings. It has been a very eventful year for me, and I hope that everyone can look back on 1999 with fond memories. As we approach

the year 2000, I think that the NCCC can look back on its history with pride in its accomplishments. It is also a wonderful time to look forward to the next decade, and to find new challenges for the club. I think that we have the finest group of contesters around, and hope that all of you meet the challenges of the New Year with great success!

73, Ed, K6CTA

KUDOS TO NCCC CONTESTERS

K6XX and K6III were both winners in the JIDX CW contest. K6III won top honors in North America zone-3 on 7MHz and a lovely plaque (his first plaque, he says), and K6XX was tops in North America zone-3 for his all-band effort.

TREASURER'S REPORT

First, please welcome the following new NCCC members:

<u>CALL</u>	<u>JOINED</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
W6CS	11/15/99	Smitty	w6cs@rf.net
N7MH	11/15/99	Mike	mikeh@airflash.com
N6NV	11/15/99	Kurt	n6nv@arrl.net

Now, for the monetary stuff:

Cash flows through 28 November 1999

INFLOW

Dues:

Current Year	3487.00
Future Years	48.00
Prior Years	<u>24.00</u>
TOTAL Dues	3559.00

General Fund:

Prior Years	3048.21
Current Year	<u>230.00</u>
TOTAL G.F.	3278.21

Repeater Fund:

Prior Years	1159.65
Current Year	<u>93.00</u>
TOTAL R.F.	1252.65

TOTAL INFLOWS 8089.86

OUTFLOWS

CQP:	
Plaques	-1470.00
Premiums	-70.00
Publicity	<u>735.96</u>
TOTAL CQP	-804.04
JUG	603.23
Misc	89.10
Self Funding	218.51
Visalia	<u>17.84</u>
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	124.64

OVERALL TOTAL 7965.22

Notes: All figures above are net per account. A negative outflow is actually a cash reserve against an expected expense in that account. This month Al gave me a big pile of CQP 99 transactions to process, so next month we will have reconciled the CQP cash flows.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony, AEOM

DOUBLE CROSS Sweepstakes...

With 98 logs counted, NCCC has amassed over 11 million points. In spite of predictions, conditions were great and phone activity was high—I don't know what happened to CW, however; can anyone remember a slower CW Sunday? I worked a few NCCC'ers that haven't yet revealed their score and the suspense is killing me—if you haven't done so already, please announce your score on the reflector, or get it to me somehow!

Your CW log is due to the ARRL by December 8; phone by December 22. Electronic logs, either in the traditional ARRL or the new Cabrillo format should be e-mailed to sscw@arrl.org (CW) or ssphone@arrl.org (phone). Please note the CW address is incorrect in the Sweepstakes Handbook, as well as in several places on the ARRL web site (you don't really think *I* would make such a mistake alone, do you!?)

Multiplier Struggle

On CW, the "tough ones" were WY, VE9, VE1, and (most of all), KP2. Only two NCCC'ers swept during the CW weekend. On Phone, things were much better, with THIRTY clean sweeps out of 48 logs! My

last phone mult was, as usual, VE2. It sure was nice getting the sweep.

Does a "SWL Sweep" count for anything? Like most of you, I missed the sweep in CW by not working KP2. Since nobody was answering my CQ's Sunday afternoon, I was tuning around the bands. I got to 21.062.3kHz and happened upon a KP2 calling an "in-duh-vidual" who couldn't seem to copy the call. During a 10-second gap (or at least it seemed that long) during which the lid was waiting for God-knows-what, I called the KP2. He, of course, ignored me and called the lid again. During their QSO, I tuned up band for a clear frequency (21.064.8), and as soon as the contact completed, I called "KP2 PSE UP 2". I jumped to my frequency and called him three times. No answer. I frantically tuned down a bit and heard AJ6V complete a QSO with him on Ed's frequency of 21.064.2. I returned to my frequency a few hundred Hz higher and called, but no KP2. You're welcome, Ed. By the way, I expect at least a drink at the Christmas party. I wasted almost 20 minutes tuning the band looking for him again, to no avail. It was funny to hear all the "CQ KP2" calls across 15m. Were those 20minutes wasted? Yes, of course they were, but it still made logical sense; my rate at that time was only 18/hr—the mult represented 40 minutes of score, not to mention the dignity achieved by disqualifying myself for the N6TV "Pissing Cup" Trophy (for the most consecutive years over 1k QSOs without a sweep)... The saddest thing: the KP2 had one of the strongest signal on the band, well over S9.

CQWW

Scores for CQWW will appear in the January JUG. Remember, NCCC *will* be making a club entry. Send in your logs, and state your club affiliation.

See you at the Holiday Banquet, and Happy New Year 2000!

73 & C U
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DIRECTIONS TO THE DECEMBER MEETING

You've already made reservations for this event, but this should serve as a reminder to you. As usual, the unofficial program will be: "Sweepstakes and CQWW lies and excuses" and the official program will be Santa's helper, N6BT, with a cunning new game and

prizes for all who have ever been (or intend to become, at some unspecified time in the vague future) good little boys and girls.

Date: Friday, 03 December 1999

Location: The Pleasanton Hotel on Main Street in quaint "Old Town" Pleasanton. Go East on Bernal from 680, past the fairgrounds, and turn left on Main Street. Go through the old village, and the Pleasanton Hotel is the last building on the left side of Main Street before you cross a bridge and are suddenly surrounded by more modern architecture. See you there!

SOLUTION PROPOSED TO "LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD"

PROBLEM #1: Judging by persistent comments on the contest reflector, there is obviously a deep yearning for a Level Playing Field (hereinafter abbreviated LPF) which has obviously not yet been achieved by sponsors of major contests.

PROBLEM #2: Attempts to meet the creation of an LPF by increasing the number of participant categories would make contest rules too complicated and unwieldy.

PROPOSAL: That a simple schedule of bonus points be drawn up in order to create an LPF without expanding the number of participant categories. Below you will find an example of how this might be done. Those who each April must calculate their respective contributions to the IRS may note a similarity in methodology.

Column 1: Situation Column 2: Bonus

Schedule LPF-L: Location

Line 1	Right Coast	No bonus points
Line 2	Left Coast	Multiply score by 1.1
Line 3	Black Hole	Multiply score by 1.3
Line 4	Subtotal, Schedule LPF-L	

Schedule LPF-T: Towers

Line 5	Two or more towers	No bonus points
Line 6	One tower	Multiply Line 4 by 1.1
Line 7	No tower	Multiply Line 4 by 1.2
Line 8	Subtotal, Schedule LPF-T	

Schedule LPF-O: Ownership

Line 9	Owens station	Multiply line 8 by 1.2
Line 10	Does not own station	No bonus points
Line 11	Subtotal, Schedule LPF-O	

Schedule LPF-W: Work on towers and antennas

Line 12	Works on towers & antennas	Line 11x1.2
Line 13	Does not work on T & A's	No bonus points
Line 14	Subtotal, Schedule LPF-W	

Schedule LPF-E: Equipment

Line 15	Repairs equipment	Multiply line 14 by 1.2
Line 16	Has equipment repaired	No bonus points
Line 17	Subtotal, Schedule LPF-E	

Schedule LPF-Q: Use of "QRL?"

Line 18	Never sends "QRL?"	No bonus points
Line 19	Sends "QRL?" once before running	
		Multiply line 17 by 1.1
Line 20	Sends "QRL?" twice or more B4 run	
		Multiply line 17 by 1.2
Line 21	Subtotal, Schedule LPF-Q	

Schedule LPF-C: Complaints

Line 22	Complains to reflector at least twice a year	
		Multiply line 21 by 1.2
Line 23	Complains to reflector once a year	
		Multiply line 21 by 1.1
Line 24	Never complains	No bonus points
Line 25:	FINAL SCORE	

The above are sample LPF items only. Certainly other LPF items could easily be added to the list as the need arises. Point multiplier values are suggested values only. An agreed-upon schedule of point values could be arrived at by, for example, calling a meeting of representatives of all North American contest clubs at 0100 hours on the Sunday morning of the Dayton Hamvention at an agreed-upon location in the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza.

Note one advantage of this procedure: No one is penalized for anything. Every participant gets to keep at least his basic score. Scores can only be increased as a result of this exercise.

In light of the terminology recently adopted to describe other new procedures, I propose that this LPT procedure be denominated the "Carnerillo Format".

73, Fred Laun, K3ZO

**SS CW Scores Reported to date:
(30 November, 1999)**

<u>Call</u>	<u>Pr</u>	<u>QSOs</u>	<u>Sect</u>	<u>Total</u>
N6TV (@ K6KM)	B	1,216	78	189,696
K6AW (@ K6DB)	B	1,117	79	176,486
N6BV (@ N6RO)	B	1,127	78	175,812
W0YK	B	1,087	78	169,572
K6XX (@ W6RN farm)	B	1,011	78	157,716
K6ZM (WA6O)	B	970	77	149,380
AD6E (+ DL4JLM)	M	949	78	148,044
K7NV	A	920	78	143,520
K6ANP	U	944	76	143,488
AE6Y	B	924	77	142,296
AJ6V	B	900	77	138,600
N6XI	B	866	78	135,096
KR6RF (N6EE + W6XK)	M	860	78	134,160
NI6T	B	860	78	134,160
WX6V (@ KI6CG)	B	852	78	132,912
AB6WM	A	833	78	129,948
K6RIM	U	817	78	127,452
N6IJ (AE0M)	B	795	76	120,840
K6GT	B	718	77	110,572
N6RO(+ K3EST, KX7M)	U	707	78	110,292
W6RGG	A	684	78	106,704
W6BSY	U	666	77	102,564
W6OAT	U	672	76	102,144
NF6S	B	653	78	101,868
K6XV	A	618	76	93,936
W6NL	B	587	79	92,746
AK6L (+ K6MIG, W6CT)	M	603	76	91,656
K6GNX	U	597	75	89,550
N6PN	A	547	74	80,956
AA6W	B	514	74	76,072
N6DE	A	451	75	67,650
KA6BIM	U	421	77	64,834
K6SRZ	B	463	69	63,894
KF6RIP	A	411	74	60,828
W6PLJ	A	400	75	60,000
NU6S	B	381	72	54,864
K6PUD	A	309	70	43,260
K6UM	A	294	70	41,160
WB6DSV	A	278	71	39,476
K6RB	A	299	64	38,272
W6ISQ	U	273	68	37,128
W6ISO	A	261	69	36,018
AD6A	B	250	66	33,000
AD6G	A	230	61	28,060
K6XN	A	223	62	27,652
K6EP	A	160	64	20,480
KE6A (K7CO)	A	151	51	15,402
K6III	Q	92	52	9,384
N6NZ	A	103	42	8,652

SS CW Total: 4,558,252

SS Phone Scores Reported to date:

<u>Call</u>	<u>Pr</u>	<u>QSOs</u>	<u>Sect</u>	<u>Total</u>
K7BV	U	1,829	79	288,982
AI6V (@ K6IDX)	B	1,791	79	282,978
W6YX (N6DE, W6LD, N7MH)	M	1,728	79	273,024
K6AW (@ N6R0)	U	1,527	79	241,266
WX6V (@ K6KM)	B	1,524	79	240,792
KR6RF (N6EE + W6XK)	M	1,490	79	235,420
N6RO(+ K3EST, KX7M)	M	1,412	79	223,096
W0YK	B	1,361	79	215,038
NT6K (+ KA6BIM)	M	1,331	79	210,298
K6ANP	U	1,289	79	203,662
K6ZM (WA6O + K6WG)	M	1,269	79	200,502
K6RIM	U	1,256	79	198,448
AE6Y	B	1,203	79	190,074
NI6T	B	1,170	79	184,860
AB6WM	B	1,168	79	184,544
N6IJ (AE0M + N0BBS)	M	1,103	79	174,274
W6BSY	B	1,069	79	168,902
W6DI	B	1,026	79	162,108
K6PUD	B	1,015	79	160,370
W6RGG	U	980	79	154,840
AD6E (DL4JLM)	B	951	78	148,356
AK6L	U	897	79	141,726
K6GT	B	874	79	138,092
K6CTA	B	830	79	131,140
W6ISO	B	812	79	128,296
WX6M	B	802	79	126,716
K6RB	B	756	79	119,448
W6NL	B	741	79	117,078
W6OAT	U	690	79	109,020
K6GNX	U	671	79	106,018
K6XV	A	581	79	91,798
N6XI (+ W6CT)	M	650	70	91,000
K6XX	U	523	79	82,634
KF6RIP	A	509	78	79,404
N6UUG		516	76	78,432
AA6W	B	519	71	73,698
W6PLJ	A	445	79	70,310
AD6A	B	459	76	69,768
K7NV	A	411	79	64,938
N6BZA	B	402	74	59,496
K6SRZ	B	401	72	57,744
NR3Y	B	383	71	54,386
W6WS	A	316	74	46,768
K6LRN		256	71	36,352
AD6G	A	256	65	33,280
N6IFW	A	220	70	30,800
AJ6V	B	165	60	19,800
KC6SBJ	A	109	47	10,246
N2ALE	A	60	39	4,680

SS Phone Total: 6,514,902

NCCC SS '99 Grand Total 11,073,154

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