



# MEETING:

**DATE: Monday, June 11,  
6PM shmooze, 6:30 Pizza,**

**7PM PROGRAM: "WPX Lessons and  
Strategy for Dominance in 2002"**

**At HP Mountain View**

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## June Contests Dates

IARU Region 1 Field Day, CW	Jun 2-3
ANARTS WW RTTY Contest	Jun 9-10
Portugal Day Contest	Jun 9
Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB	Jun 9
ARRL June VHF QSO Party	Jun 9-11
All Asian DX Contest, CW	Jun 16-17
Marconi Memorial HF Contest	Jun 23-24
ARRL Field Day	Jun 23-24

For a complete calendar, log submission details, and due dates for logs, visit:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.htm>

## Blindsided!

Stunned. Shocked. Amazed. Chagrined. KO'd, TO'd, PO'd. Outflanked. Surprise-attacked. All of these and more, less flattering, words fail to adequately express how we feel to learn that NCCC, the SS Dynasty Club, was beaten in 2000 SS by... no, not PVRC... beaten by the Society of Midwest Contesters! No, don't take that as lack of respect. SMC is a real contest club with real operators and real history. But their SS efforts in the past have provided no indication of challenge. Look for yourself:

1999 Won Medium category with 48 logs  
1998 3rd Place in Unlimited category with 76 logs  
1997 5th (last) Place in Unlimited with 70 logs

Then, out of the blue, with no warning, this sleepy mid-western contest club comes from behind with 211 logs and 4.6M points to beat our 4.1M effort! Not just beat - clobber, destroy, annihilate, humiliate. Did I read that email correctly? 211 logs?! Where the h--- did they get 211 logs? ... I am still in Phase 1 of post-tragedy response - denial. No, it didn't happen, it couldn't have happened, it shouldn't have happened. ... Please, tell me it didn't happen. Yet, emerging, still unofficially, from the caverns of Dayton, this seems to be the incredible, unbelievable, unfathomable, untenable, undeniable result.

Help me, members. Help me to emerge from denial and begin to deal with this loss. Help me to face the future with confidence. Tell me you will not let this happen again. Tell me you will rally behind the NCCC flag and restore your club to its rightful place atop the SS victory podium. Tell me that this new competitor will strengthen our resolve, cause us to improve our antennas, get each and every one of us to operate both modes (yes, even that "other mode!"), put in a major effort if we can and a minor effort if we can't, and send in our logs. All of our logs! Even the it'sy, bitsy logs representing a few stolen moments between our child's wedding, our promotion party and the IPO planning session. Look at it this way: if our members had turned in only 30 more logs of 20K points each, we would have won. 20K! Do you realize what 20K points is? How about 200 QSOs and 50 sections? Or 160 Q's and 65 mults. ANYONE can score 20K points, even on that "other mode."

SS is a numbers game, folks. Turn in the logs, win the contest. We consistently score at or near the top in points per log because we have great operators in a great region for SS. But there are dozens more logs, maybe another 100, that we could generate and did not. Remember, one member represents two potential logs. The handwriting is on the wall, gang. In 2001, every member needs to do four things:

1. Recruit a new member and psych him or her up to KB in SS.
2. Convince a less-active veteran member to KB in SS.
3. Operate CW SS with all your might and turn in your log.
4. Operate SSB SS with all your might and turn in your log.

You can do it. We can do it. The unthinkable need not happen again. Don't let it happen again. Repeat after me, "I will help my club regain the SS

gavel. I will go out there and kick butt. I will send in my log. I will recruit new members to kick butt and to send in their logs. I will help other members to kick butt and send in their logs." Say that every day before you go off to work (or whatever you do) and immediately after dinner (or whenever you eat). Then do it.

End of soapbox. Thanks for letting me vent. I feel better already. But not good enough, yet, eh?

73, Rick, N6XI  
Unnerved Prez, NCCC

# W1AW/6

## July 14-15

About four years ago, while K6AW and I were winding down from a multi-multi weekend, Steve suggested, "Let's request W1AW/6 for the IARU contest." With the help of some friends in high places, we got tentative approval for 2001. Earlier this year, K1ZZ sent me a copy of the W1AW station license, and a letter authorizing N6RO, and sub-assigned stations, to use the ARRL HQ call for 24 hours on July 14-15, the period of the IARU HF World Championship contest.

So, next month, six stations in NCCC territory will host W1AW/6, and activate all twelve band-modes, 160 - 10m, cw and ssb. Within NCCC we have many capable stations and operators, and selecting the best combinations of ops and stations was a difficult process. Although everyone in the club can't participate as W1AW, all can help the total effort by contacting W1AW/6 on all possible band-modes. We are attempting to wrest the HQ stations' championship from last year's champs, DA0HQ. To do this we must have lots of local activity. We will award special recognition to those working the call on all twelve band-modes.

The IARU test is a fun, relatively short contest, and is great 2R practice for serious competitors. More details, including suggested frequencies to find W1AW/6, will be on the NCCC reflector and in the next JUG. Please help us promote this effort by spreading the word on the air and by email.

73, Ken, N6RO

# XI-ting Times

## What Makes a Winner?

I think it is environment, knowledge, skill, experience and determination.

A competitor's **environment** has an impact on every aspect of his or her efforts. It includes resources, conditions, competition and other factors. Picabo Street has natural talent, to be sure, but growing up on a mountain certainly didn't hinder her progress as a skier. In contesting, your environment includes your location, equipment, antennas, neighbors, band conditions, available time, health, family, business and more. Some of it you can and must control. Some of it is uncontrollable, and some of it you can control only indirectly. You can make dramatic improvements to your environment. If you make enough improvements, you can be a winner... and see **Determination** below for comments on those factors you can't control or choose not to.

**Knowledge** is essential to many endeavors, but particularly important in radiosport. Kasparov showed the chess world how his extensive knowledge of all the lines could beat opponents who played lines that they had prepared just for their encounter with the champion, in far more depth than Garry had. To win radio contests, you must know propagation and band characteristics, time management, operating tactics, call signs, expedition plans and much more. To gain that knowledge, read the NCJ and CQ Contest magazines. Subscribe to and selectively read [CQ-contest@contesting.com](mailto:CQ-contest@contesting.com). Read the JUG and [nccc@contesting.com](mailto:nccc@contesting.com). Attend club meetings (NCCC is the best place for this!) and hamfests and pick the brains of great testers. As propagation, geography, demographics and technology change, contesting changes. You will never stop learning!

**Skill** is a combination of talent, practice and training. To a certain extent, these factors are interchangeable – you can compensate for natural weaknesses with lots of practice and training. But even the most gifted competitor like Tiger Woods knows that he has to practice incessantly in order to get on top and stay on top. Choose a goal for yourself in contesting; train for it and practice, practice, practice. Maybe it's winning a section award in SS or achieving 80% of the highest score in the US West.

Your training should include diet, exercise, sleep discipline, contest simulators, similar contests, etc. Your practice should include many runnings of your target contest plus operation in similar contests. For example, CQWW is a good way to improve your skills for WPX and *vice versa*.

**Experience** enhances competitiveness in many ways. It lets us do more, do it better and more efficiently. Alan Greenspan is a great example. His vast experience watching financial markets is key to his ability to analyze, predict and influence a hopelessly complex set of interacting, nearly uncontrollable factors. Experience can be another compensator for natural ability, practice and resources. In contesting, experience helps us to be in the right place at the right time, plan our band utilization, CQ/S&P ratio and time-offs, time our calls, place our signal and make many other vital, tactical decisions. Experience may be the easiest of the attributes of winning for you to control – just get on there and operate as often as you can. But if that is all you do, you are missing an important factor. To make your experience really count, debrief your performances with a buddy who knows more than you do. Learn what you did right and wrong. Check old logs when planning your next contest effort and ... yes ... borrow from other people's experiences.

**Determination** is important in every win and indispensable to the consistent winner. History is full of examples of how a determined competitor came from behind or fended off a daunting challenge. Winston Churchill said it best in a commencement address half a century ago: He said "Never, ever, ever give up." That was the entire text of his speech which, in context, probably said more about winning than any other five words ever spoken. In contesting we are constantly beset with pitfalls – rigs fail, antennas fall, colds come on, the sun flares, power goes out, limbs break (although generally not as part of a radio contest!), competitors out-equip us, eclipse our practice regimen, scoop us on juicy multipliers, discover new ways to stretch the envelope. If you say "What's the use, I'll never win," then you are denying yourself the sweetness of victory. No, you may not have everything it takes to be consistently (or ever) #1 SOABHP. But you can set tough, challenging, ever-expanding goals that you can achieve only with training, experience and sometimes a bit of luck. And if you are sufficiently determined, then you will meet those goals and be a winner.

73 and CU in the fray,  
Rick N6XI

# Andy's Dandies

Well, our year is well under way. There's lots of enthusiasm in the club ranks, as anyone who was at the May meeting can attest. More on the good news front: there are many great scores reported recently in the magazines, including WPX scores from last year, where many club members either did well, or won their categories. The same goes for SS Phone just reported in QST.

Unfortunately, on the bad news front: SS club scores haven't been reported yet, but the rumor from Dayton (actually, much more than a rumor, but I keep thinking maybe it isn't really true), is that in spite of our apparent victory, and the convincing win over PVRC in last year's SS, that was only good for second place. Yep, you read right, second place. Both clubs were apparently scooped by the upstart Society of Midwest Contesters (SMC), which reportedly managed to scare up over 200 logs and beat both perennial powerhouses, NCCC and PVRC.

Yo, it's like we said --- SS is a numbers game. To get our gavel back, we just gotta get those butts in the chairs, signals on the air, and logs into the ARRL. There's no other way to do it. Each year, our average score per log is well above any other large club's, but the final result is determined by how many logs we send in. So, this year to avenge our honor, we've got to make a major effort. Please --- plan your schedules around SS, operate high power, put up with the Sunday doldrums, and if you are away, then get someone else to operate your station if possible!

I hate to have to do a pome on this subject, but can't resist:

## **"Oh SMC, we hardly knew ya"**

We tried, but 'twas not to be,  
For us or for PVRC.  
From Midwest they came,  
Like moths to a flame,  
Just who is the SMC???

## **Contest Focus for 2001-2002**

At the May meeting there was an extensive discussion of our contest focus for the year. Based on solid concurrence at the meeting, the contest agenda laid out in my JUG column last month has been adopted as our official contest agenda for 2001-2002.

Listen up -- we need **YOU** to make it work (and you and you and ...). Here it is:

1) Go for broke in SS and win it again. Winning SS in the big dog class (*i.e.*, unlimited club competition) is the ultimate test of a contest club, since it can only be done through massive participation. In 1999 we won by one log score, and last year we lost to a massive effort by SMC that still only beat us by about six of our average logs. So we can, and should win it again. There was the suggestion made that we should not only win but also break the old club record (which I believe we hold) of about 16M points.

2) Put on the best state QSO party of the year, again, in CQP. We want to increase participation even more this year.

3) Encourage activity in NAQP and Sprint as a way of honing operator skills.

4) Have club members go to active Field Day sites in our area to try to spread the gospel of contesting and to recruit new members. Many members at the May meeting discussed their plans for this event. For a "non-contest" contest, Field Day is attracting lots of NCCC interest this year.

5) Put on a major effort in 2002 and win WPX for the club. It's going to require a lot of participation, and even more contest expeditioning than usual. See the discussion of Kenny's excellent presentation at the May meeting below. I'm going to do some serious expeditioning myself, and I urge you all to consider planning a vacation around the last weekend in March (SSB) and the last weekend in May (CW). After three years of WPX CW from home, I feel kinda burned out, and don't think I can do much better -- but a more southerly location in an interesting country could make all the difference.

Furthermore, everyone doesn't have to travel. It's quite possible to get several million points from a reasonable effort at a "normal" station in California. See the summary of some of the club results in 2000 WPX below.

## **The Joys of Contest Expeditioning --Life according to K2KW**

If you weren't among the 40 or so NCCers who made the May meeting, you missed an evening of good fellowship and of excellent entertainment. The meeting was at the recreation room of the apartment complex in Pacifica, where our guest (or should we say, host) speaker, Kenny Silverman, K2KW resides. It actually was quite easy to get to (remember to ask about carpools on the reflector for the next meeting), and turned out to be a pleasant facility with nice weather (Kenny says we had a rare warm evening) and a lovely view of the ocean.

The presentation by Kenny was outstanding. The topic was contest expeditioning, at which he is a master. He's been all over the place, most recently specializing with his Team Vertical in Jamaica (that was them last weekend at 6Y1A, or was it BY1A??).

In his PowerPoint presentation, Kenny covered all the basics of different styles of expeditioning, from operation at turn-key QTHs to the full-on expedition where you have to bring your own food and water, not to mention equipment and antennas. Much of the material he covered is also available at his web site, which you should visit: [www.dxholiday.com](http://www.dxholiday.com). This has not only such helpful information on it, but its main content is a listing by continent and country of all known sites for expedition operating.

Here's a pome about Kenny:

### **"Life of a Self-described Rate Junkie"**

For Kenny it's life on the run,  
Home contesting just isn't fun.  
He leaves our fair state,  
To keep up the rate,  
And be rare DX in the sun.

The most important bit of advice I took away from Kenny's talk was not to go somewhere where there has not been previous ham radio operation. There can be all sorts of logistical problems trying something new – but the good news is that there seem to be more and more established venues for contest operation, perhaps as ham and non-ham owners of vacation resorts and villas realize that there is a significant market now interested in renting such places.

### **WPX Last Weekend**

Well, I just got a good night's sleep after the WPX CW contest last weekend. While Memorial Day may make for lower participation in the U.S. as some people complain, it sure is nice to be able to sleep late on Monday after a two-day contest. This is the third year in a row that I have gone all out in WPX from my home QTH, with relatively similar results: 3.2M in 1999, 2.9M in 2000 and 3.4M this year. Surprisingly, the 2000 score was actually good enough for 20th place in the U.S. in the single op high power all band category. One of the very nice things about WPX is that there are a great many categories, so that since the universe of contestants is so divided up, it's possible to pick a category and do better in it than you really deserve, as that result shows. Another more striking example is that in 1998, work commitments limited me to about eight hours of operating. I wasn't even sure I should bother sending in a log, but as it turned out, my

208K points was good enough to make me the U.S.A. 20 meters, low power certificate winner.

WPX is certainly a very democratic contest. There's no need to wait in a pileup for a rare country or zone, as the only thing that counts is the prefix (though you get more points for inter-continental QSOs). I tried calling HZ1AB once or twice on 15, then moved on to get the same number of points from my very next contact, with SK3W in Sweden for a new prefix. Ironically, HZ1AB called me a few hours later. Similarly, I didn't even try the pileup on 3V8BB on 15 when I heard him, though I later heard him weakly on 40 of all places, and, to my amazement, worked him on the first call!

Then there are the serious NCCC contestants. Here are some of the highlight results from last year's phone WPX, as reported in CQ Magazine:

P40V (AI6V)	FIRST PLACE WORLD SOHP
NR6O	Third place USA, M/M
WP2Z (W6XK, N6DE)	Third place world M/S
W6RJ	First place USA, 4th place world 80m
KZ6D (W6NL)	Sixth place USA, SOHP

And here are some from WPX CW:

P49V (AI6V)	Fifth place world SOHP
HC8N	First place world M/S
6Y8A	Second place world M/S
W6YX	Seventh place U.S.A. M/S
K7NV	18th place USA SOHP, 5th place TS
AE6Y	20th place USA, SOHP
WA6O	Fifth place USA, 15
K3EST	Second place USA, 20
AE0M/6	Second place USA, 40

Apologies to anyone I missed, on a hurried look through the reports of the contest results. But you get the idea – NCCers do very well in WPX, whether operating from our local area or on expeditions.

### **Early Scores in 2001 WPX CW**

See the table later in this JUG.

73, Andy, AE6Y

## **Directions to the meeting**

From San Antonio: Just north of the overpass over Central Expressway, turn on Nita Avenue. Turn right on Mayfield, then take the first right and park near the lobby of Building 36. Sign in, tell the guard you are with the Northern California Contest Club, and he/she will direct you to the San Antonio Room, across from the cafeteria.

From Central Expressway: turn on Mayfield Avenue, just across Central from the San Antonio Caltrain Station. Take the first left into the parking lot in front of the Building 36 lobby, and do the thing with the guard.

# Dean's Dayton Notes

When I returned from Dayton I saw that the news had already spread to our reflector. Maybe next time I'll do a live play-by-play at Dayton on my cell phone to provide instant notification to all those who are eagerly awaiting the news! Details gleaned:

SS 2000 Unlimited Category:

1. SMC - 211 logs
2. NCCC - 129 logs
3. PVRC - 131 logs

After talking with N1ND, the difference between SMC and NCCC was roughly 400,000 points.

Medium Category:

Winner - Southern California Contest Club

Local Category:

Winner - River City Contesters

After visiting room 1201 for the Sultans of Shwing/SMC hospitality suite on Thursday and Friday nights, I went up to their suite again on Saturday night to congratulate K9PG and the SMC on their SS victory along with Eric K6EP. We were very gracious, had some great visits with several SMC members, and a long chat with the SMC mastermind K9PG. Paul showed us the entire list of SMC SS participants and each individual's claimed score (the equivalent of W0YK's SS spreadsheet on the NCCC web page).

It was incredible. There were an amazing number of part-time participants who generated under 100,000 points combined between both weekends.

Two days after the SS CW contest, one of the SMC members, K9YA, tragically died. K9PG rallied all the SMC members to get on the air for the SSB weekend and win the gavel for K9YA.

They did just that.

With 211 total logs (82 more than us!) they frankly deserved to win. But SMC knew it was going to be a close race with us. Paul heard some NCCC members talking at Visalia this year about our inevitable SS victory over PVRC. He even read our newsletter when we practically claimed victory in SS.

It was obvious at Dayton that SMC is an extremely energetic and proud club. The contest forum erupted when N1ND announced SMC got the surprise victory in the unlimited category. Their

contest suite was absolutely packed on Saturday night with excited members. K9PG made sure every SMC member got to hold the coveted gavel for a while. There was lots of hand shaking, celebrating, and even hugging. They even bought beers for Eric and me. This is the essence of a great contesting club!

They had no secret formula to win the gavel. K9PG worked extremely hard to get all his SMC members on the air for SS.

My thanks to N6RO, K6XX, and our other NCCC members for working so hard to get many of us on the air. SMC just out executed us at our own game plan. K9PG and other members told me that they knew this news will not sit well with the NCCC, and that they are already certain that we will be pissed off enough to mount a mammoth effort for SS 2001 to take back the gavel.

As gracious as Eric and I tried to be in defeat, it was a sickening feeling when SMC was pronounced the winner and awarded the unlimited category gavel among wild cheering and applause from the audience, with numerous SMC members standing.

I think we can learn a lot from the SS 2000 results. We can all look at the above story and draw some conclusions on why we lost, and what we can do this year. We can even come up with some excuses as to why we lost. What it ultimately comes down to is this: are we going to tuck our tails and go home, or are we going to come out infinitely stronger this year and return that little hammer to where it belongs... the NCCC?! The character of the finest contesting club in the world been challenged... let us show the contesting community what we are made of! I ask every single one of you to step up to the challenge. Please support Rick, N6XI, Andy, AE6Y, and NCCC in our quest to win SS 2001!

73, Dean, N6DE

## MORE NOTES

*These from the May 14 Meeting...*

**Pro-forma BoD Meeting:** In STRICT accordance with the ByLaws, the BoD held its statutory annual meeting. Attracted by the excitement of setting records, your board hereby claims the record for the shortest BoD meeting on record! Any challengers may register competing claims by May 15. Meetings without a Board quorum do not count, nor do meetings

that were not opened by gavel and closed by motion to adjourn.

**Visitors:** We had one visitor from the local Coastside ARC of Pacifica. See below.

**New Members:** Elected to membership were Mike Beck, KE6JNO, and David Ashworth, NC6P.

**Contest focus:** We discussed the proposal by VPCC Andy AE6Y that our club focus its greatest operating energies in the coming year on the 2001 CQP, 2001 SS and 2002 WPX. CQP we sponsor. In SS we want to break the large-club record and **WIN**. In WPX we want to break the 250M point record and **WIN**. This will be a larger than usual commitment by the club and its members and, in fact, will spill over into the term of the next BoD, as WPX has its second weekend in May. There was near-unanimous agreement that we can and should do all three as pedal-to-the-metal major efforts. THANK YOU to the membership for endorsing this ambitious and exciting program.

In addition to these three major events, the club will conduct a variety of less formal efforts, both for score submission and for training. These include ARRL DX, All Asian, JIDX, CQM, Sprints and NAQPs... and many club members will participate in Field Day exercises, which are not contests, for fun, personal training, mentoring and NCCC recruitment. Your pres looks forward to some QRP Spartan Sprints and perhaps QRP to the Field, but those aren't contests, either!

The AA test is a great one for training, with endless runs of JAs. Dean, N6BV, and Rusty, W6OAT, are likely mentors. If enough of us encourage them, they may just do it! Steve, W1SRD, suggested we maintain lists of stations/events available for training and operators seeking opportunities to learn from the masters. Good idea, Steve! Go for it!

**CQP 2001:** Chairman Al, AD6E, needs help planning, organizing, scoring and reporting. See him to sign up! Bob, N6TV, will coordinate counties.

**IARU 2001:** Ken N6RO has secured the license for W1AW/6, a multi-multi-multi operation with several top stations taking various band-modes and attempting to break the standing record of about 14,000 QSOs. Although this is not an official NCCC activity, many of our top ops will be participating.

**WRTC 2002:** The club will be nominating 10 worthy US contesters as prospective competitors in the 2002 WRTC in Finland. See reflector email for details.

**Main Program:** Kenny, K2KW, gave a GREAT presentation on Contest Expeditioning. He outlined four classes of expedition, advised how to equip and plan, disclosed some heretofore top secret operating techniques and even discussed how to get spousal approval and participation. Since the meeting was also

held in the scenic rec room of Kenny's apartment complex, this meeting was a true tour de force by K2KW. Thanks, OM!

**A Propos:** It is time NOW to line up DX locations for the major club effort in 2002 WPX! Many rent-a-QTHs are already spoken for but there are some choice ones left, so let's go sign 'em up! See [www.dxholiday.com](http://www.dxholiday.com) for some good leads.

**Summary:** Well, gang, you just had to be there! Beer, pizza, soft drinks, program, camaraderie, sunset over the Pacific... it doesn't get much better than that unless you are actually operating a contest! It was a great meeting and a great kickoff for the 2001-2002 club year.

73, Rick, N6XI



New members of the NCCC fold elected at the May meeting are, on the left, Mike, KE6JNO, from Montara, and, on the right, Dave, NC6P, from SF. (photo by N6TV)



A select sample of those in attendance at the May NCCC meeting in Pacifica. (photo by N6TV)

# How Fred does it

## K3ZO's CW secrets revealed at Visalia!

Yer old editor was extremely lucky at the Visalia Convention last month!

First, when the JUGhead and his XYL, Pat, drove into town, their new car was a veritable mud ball, due to light rain and major dust in road construction areas near Coalinga. They pulled into a car wash place just as they were putting a chain across the entrance. The JUGhead entered the EXIT lane (amateurs are resourceful) and drove around to the entrance. He and Pat pleaded with RJ, the assistant manager, for an "external only" wash. "It really needs it!" said Pat. "Yes, it does" said RJ, "but we've just closed the register. It will be on the house." The JUGhead distributed lots of heartfelt thanks and gratuities.

The speaker at the contest banquet on Friday night was Ward, N0AX, who presented an interesting approach to quantifying CW copying ability and accuracy, and identifying specific areas where improvement could be made, and even measured in a meaningful way. He suggested a standard unit could be the "Fred," referring to the fact that Fred Laun, K3ZO, effectively establishes the "gold standard" that hams should strive for, and a ham's performance could be rated as, for example, "78 percent of Fred."

Next, the JUGhead was overheard at the contest banquet telling Pat, "I have *never* won *anything* in a drawing, raffle, or lottery. I don't know why I even listen!" when Tom, N6BT, announced "The 20 foot, chrome-moly mast with 3/8 inch wall thickness goes to K6GT." Well, the JUGhead was stunned and happy! He ate his words of complaint for dessert. (For some reason, he always gives his actual dessert to N6TV.)

Number three: the JUGhead was standing in line for lunch on Saturday with Carl, AI6V, and XYL Sue. Then Fred (yep, that Fred) joined the queue. When a table opened up, it became a foursome.

The next lucky thing was that when the talk of copying accuracy and pileup copying ability came up, Fred shared his secret. When he had been in Thailand years ago, he had a good station at his disposal, and he spent lots of CW time on the air. He could generate a sizeable EU pileup most any time. He would decide on a given night that he would hear ONLY the prefix OK (for example.) He would work only OK's, and ignore all others, no matter how strong the signals! The next night, he would decide to concentrate on

OH's, the next night DL's, and so on. He said that this sort of practice sharpened his "between-the-ears" filters, allowing him to concentrate on a desired signal to the virtual exclusion of others. Now, can this method be applied by those of us in 6-land? Sure, we *always* have major European pileups to practice with!... NOT! Anyhow, that is his secret.

A final stroke of luck for the JUGhead was that AI6V picked up the lunch tab!

That's a good convention, by any standard!

73, K6GT

# Why Contest? Because it's FUN!

*(These are the "soapbox" comments from Kurt, K7NV, regarding his 3.9 Megapoint entry in the 2001 WPX/CW contest. The JUGhead thinks they convey the feeling of why we do what we do!)*

Thanks to K5RC for getting talked into acquiring the new NACHO club call, and letting me use it. The number of insistent dupers tells me it got miscopied quite a bit. The highest computer logged dupe rate I've had since getting back on the air. Not a problem; it's more fun to log the dupe, after trying to talk him out of it, than not working the guys that aren't calling at the time.

This was the first contest here with a full 2R HP station. Two low tribanders with amps are better than one... a 33% improvement over last years 2R, 1 tribander, 1 amp, T/S score. This is a lot less crazy to operate, so it had a higher fun factor. I actually thought I was operating a real contest station a couple of times. The aging process is often underated!

I heard 1 loud Italian on 10m skewed path Sunday, but he couldn't hear me. Hearing others work'em is not quite as much fun as doing it yourself. There were JA's on 10, but like 15m (down 50% this year), there wasn't a lot of activity.

The 15m opening into EU Saturday night was one of the most pleasant experiences I've had since getting back on at the new QTH. For 3 hours the S meter never moved and a lot of guys (including the QRP'ers) went in the log. It's too bad that doesn't happen more often!

A Sunday morning segment was a real hoot, thanks to whomever made the packet spot. It was

undeniably an EU packet pileup, and made things fun for a while.

A great job was done by the guys at the other end, who worked really hard to help me get through the pile and log them, amongst all the bedlam and frequency bandits.

Twenty meters into EU was the usual root canal, specially when it was THE place to be. I'm still trying to figure out what the right strategy is for not being able to hold any frequency (even the digital ones) and finding every S&P signal a dupe. Maybe, try "better contesting through modern chemistry"... anybody that survived the 60's got any useful tips?

Heard no EU on 40m, just lots of US working them. The JA runs netted the same as last year, but were more pleasant, as the 4 square hears a lot better than last year's single vertical or low inv vee.

Eighty meters was down a bit from last year. I worked only 13 JA's instead of 15; same antennas. Probably a cockpit error; I gotta work on that important one.

JA totals were down 22% from last year, but EU was up 50% thanks only to the 15m openings.

This is still a great contest for this end of the continent, happy to be able to get back into it after so long. The propagation makes it way more fun than any of the other DX contests, *i.e.* one can actually run EU for more than a couple of hours a weekend. And, the points change for stateside q's makes it seem like a lot more fun to run around and find all those 1 pointers when that's about all there is to do.

Since I contest for fun (my definition), the report from here is "mission accomplished"... except for waking up from those short naps and wondering what I'm supposed to be doing with all this stuff. That part seems to be getting harder. Finding a place to push the CQ button seems to work, and someone will eventually come along and force me to become coherent, and get into the "Oh crap! I better get with it!" mode. Then the only problem is figuring out what "IT" is.

I guess the rest had fun too. Ya gotta love that!

73, Kurt, K7NV

# Field Day

Because the NCCC is not participating in its own Field Day effort at K6ZM this year, we thought it would be a good idea to spread ourselves out to other established Field Day stations. This allows us to participate in Field Day, encourage contesting, and recruit into the NCCC any hams who might be interested in contesting. Our purpose at a club's Field Day site is to have fun, help the club in any way they need (particularly operating) and tutor any newbies about contesting. If they display a contesting interest, inform them about the NCCC and invite them to come and check out a meeting. The recruiting portion should be casual, and would best include a list of e-mail addresses from any potential testers you meet at Field Day, as well as some copies of the latest Jug for those who might be interested. The NCCC leadership can then contact these folks through e-mail and invite them to upcoming meetings.

I contacted several clubs that put on solid, fairly large Field Day efforts last year. Below is a list of clubs (in alphabetical order) that definitely would welcome any operators from the NCCC to participate with them. If you are interesting in joining one, please contact the person I have listed in the table. I will update this list as needed on the NCCC e-mail reflector. Please send any additions or corrections to me at [n6de@arrl.net](mailto:n6de@arrl.net).

Recently, there was an interesting survey on [contesting.com](http://contesting.com) that asked, "How did you come to operate in your first contest?" The highest percentage of participants responded with, "My club did Field Day." We can have a positive impact on the future of contesting by participating in this event which influences many potential testers. Please consider joining one of the Field Day efforts listed below!

73, Dean, N6DE

<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Callsign</b>	<b>FD Location</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Contact Info</b>
East Bay ARC	W6CUS	Berkeley	2A; looking especially for CW ops Meeting on June 8	Henry KK6PH jhp@ssl.berkeley.edu (510) 741-8227
Foothills ARS	K6YA	Los Altos	2A; looking especially for CW ops Meeting on June 20	Omri AA6TA aa6ta@arrl.net (408) 253-2580
Lassen ARC	K6LRC	Susanville	4A; looking especially for CW ops	Stan K7NUU

lapointe@thegrid.net

Santa Cruz County ARC K6BJ

Santa Cruz

Looking for all ops  
Meeting on June 15

Tom K6TG  
tomg@cruzio.com

West Valley ARA

W6PIY

Los Gatos

16A; looking for all ops  
Meeting on June 20  
Goal to place in Top 10 overall!

Mike K6PUD  
k6pud@wvara.org

**2001 CQ WPX CW (early reports)**

Call	Class	QSO's	Prefixes	Score	NCCC
6Y1A (K2KW, N6BT, N6XG, +??)	MMABHP	5339	1099	18,865,000	18,865,000
PV0F (K7BV)	SOABHP	3920		11,954,156	11,954,156
WJ6O (W6YX: WJ6O, W6KNS, W6LD, N7MH)	MSABHP	2692	874	6,180,054	6,180,054
K6ZM (K6WG, ???)	MSABHP			4,300,000	4,300,000
NV7A (K7NV)	SOABHP	2025	677	3,875,148	3,875,148
AE6Y	SOABHP	1849	678	3,396,780	3,396,780
WA6O (@N6RO)	SO15HP	1672	715	2,852,135	2,852,135
K3EST (@N6RO)	SO20HP	1590	709	2,675,766	2,675,766
AD6E	SOABHP	1385	551	2,085,535	2,085,535
KX7M	SOABLP	718	403	718,146	718,146
K6RB	SOABHP	720	398	625,258	625,258
N6EM	SOABLP	572	354	484,272	484,272
AB6WM	SOABHP	501	316	355,184	355,184
AJ6V	SOABHPTS	500	318	349,164	349,164
AD6G	SOABLP	251	206	123,188	123,188
K6CTA	SOABHP	203	157	70,964	70,964
W1SRD	SOABHP	180	153	69,156	69,156
W6ISO	SOABLP	150	128	53,760	53,760
K6III	SOABQRP	159	143	51,337	51,337
<b>Total</b>				<b>59,085,003</b>	<b>59,085,003</b>

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Item	00-01 Budget	00-01 Actual	01-02 Budget
Membership:			
Full	170	171	170
Family	13	11	10
Associate	15	10	10
Student	1	1	1
Dues	\$4,200.00	\$4,438.0	\$4,332.00
Member Donations	\$350.00	\$201.00	\$200.00
JUG Ads	\$300.00	\$291.00	\$300.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$4,850.00</b>	<b>\$4,930.00</b>	<b>\$4,832.00</b>
JUG	\$(2,125.00)	\$(2,764.00)	\$(2,800.00)
(+ Roster & CQP Results)			
CQP:	\$(650.00)	\$(810.00)	\$(650.00)
Award Expense		\$(2,772.00)	
Award Donations		\$1,432.00	
T-shirt Expense		\$(430.00)	
T-shirt Sales		\$2,023.00	
Results Mailing Income			
Pre-CQP Mailing Expense			
Award Mailing Expense		\$(1,063.00)	
Certificate & Wine Label Expense		\$-	\$-
Awards Expense	\$(1,700.00)	\$(432.00)	\$(750.00)
K6ZM QSL Expense	\$(100.00)		\$(100.00)
Visalia Hospitality	\$(200.00)	\$(281.00)	\$(200.00)
Website	\$(87.50)	\$(205.00)	\$(70.00)
Misc. Expense	\$(487.50)		
Self-Funded:			
Badges			
Meeting Food & Drinks			
Holiday Banquet			
Awards Banquet			
Contingency			\$(262.00)
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$(5,350.00)</b>	<b>\$(4,492.00)</b>	<b>\$(4,832.00)</b>
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