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# NEXT NCCC MEETING!

NOTE NEW DATE: MONDAY, MAY 12!!!!!! Place: HP Santa Clara (the "usual" HP place, Building 50, on Stevens Creek Road, between Lawrence Expressway and Interstate 280) Food and social hour begin at 6:30, the interesting program at 7:30.

Program: "SEX, LIES, AND CONTESTING WITHOUT SUNSPOTS" A panel discussion emphasizing how to have fun contesting in a period of low sunspots (like, none!) Panelists will include N6NT (specializing in contest travel), K2KW (working from super stations), AE6Y (toughing it out at home, low power), with moderator N6TV. We encourage audience participation, so bring your low sunspot secrets and share with fellow club members. There will also be a discussion about upcoming WPX CW contest strategies. By the way, the significance of the title of the program will be revealed at the meeting!

# **NCCC OFFICERS**

If you have a question or a suggestion, let your officers know about it! (E-mail addresses are given. Other particulars can be found in the NCCC roster.)

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# ANDY'S DANDIES

Hey, it's great to be aboard! I unfortunately had to miss the last meeting because my wife was giving a public lecture at UCSC (it was a close decision on which to go to.) As with many organizations, the guy who isn't there probably stands a greater chance of being given the job than the guy who is, so here I am.

My number one priority is: more energy, more enthusiasm, and better attendance at club events!

Our new officers and directors are going to be working really hard to inject a new spirit and enthusiasm into the club this year. Last year was a tough one for the club, primarily due to the drain of WRTC. The good news was that WRTC was one of the all time wonderful events ever to occur in ham radio, and it was right here in our own backyard! The bad news was that NCCC'ers were so intimately involved in WRTC that it left very little energy in the club for normal club business.

That brings me to our outgoing officers. I'd like to offer a special tribute and thanks to the outgoing officers: Carl, AI6V as president, Jim, WA6SDM, as vp/cc, and Dick Dievendorf, K6KR, and Ed Muns, W0YK as secy/treasurer. Each of these guys deserves a big "attaboy" for stepping into the breach and keeping the club afloat in a year when WRTC totally stole the show. Many thanks, guys!

Here's a "pome" about WRTC and NCCC:

#### The WRTC Lament

World Radio surely was slick
but it left the club worn out, and sick.
Now our energy's back
so let's take up the slack
there's lots of butt out there to kick.

We've got lots of ideas for fun programs (like the one planned for the May meeting!...ed) and new meeting places, but we need more input from you to make the club a success this year. Please get in touch with me or any of the other officers or directors by phone or e-mail. Have you got any ideas for programs, contests to specialize in this year, or other new club events? And, of course, George is always looking (begging! see the limerick above for proof!... ed) for material for the JUG. Let us hear from you. The officers and directors can't do it all by ourselves. We're looking for a great group effort from everyone to keep NCCC on top.

See you all at the next meeting. Note new date: the second Monday of the month, May 12. Be there or be square!

73, AE6Y

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#### CONTEST CALENDAR

May 24-25 WPX CW ---- BE THERE!
June 14-15 ARRL June VHF QSO Party
June 28-29 Field Day
July 12-13 IARU HF World Championship

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The new BOD met at the conclusion of the CQP awards "mailing party" at WA6SDM's house on Saturday, April 26. The awards mailing effort was many hours of work in hot weather, so the BOD meeting was brief. Present were officers AE6Y and N6TV, directors WA6SDM, N6NT, along with K6XX and AD6E. Action minutes are:

- 1. Meetings are going to be held on the second Monday of the month, instead of the third Friday, starting with Monday, May 12. This is in an effort to pick a day that may be more available to members, and with fewer contest conflicts.
- 2. CQP mailing info is going out shortly. CQP will now offer low power plaques to the top three low power in and out of state entrants (as we now do for high power.) Although no prizes will be offered, we will also have a QRP box to be checked on the summary sheet.
- 3. There was extensive discussion of whether and how the rules for mobile ops in CQP should be revised, but no final conclusion was reached. One thought was to make them like the PA QSO party. There, a mobile keeps a separate log for each county, but there is also an overall mobile score listing for which a mobile can aggregate all his QSO's and multipliers to get a total score.
- 4. Next BOD meeting is Saturday, May 10, from 9 AM to noon at AE6Y's house. Breakfast will be supplied. These meetings are open to any member; if you want to attend, please let me know, since I'm supplying food!

73, AE6Y

#### THE TV GUIDE

Sunspots or no sunspots, your new VP/CC is determined to make NCCC No. 1 in contesting for the 1997-98 contest season. That means more activities, more new members, and more fun for everyone.

Be sure to send me (N6TV) your score summaries after each contest so that we can get them published in the Jug. Send a copy to AD6E for 5 meg award credit.

Send via Packet (preferred), to: N6TV on the DX PacketCluster or via E-mail, to: n6tv@vnet.ibm.com or via snail-mail to:

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Listed elsewhere you'll see some really big WPX SSB Scores from K6HNZ and the multimulti crew at N6RO (signing AE0M). A lot of work went into both efforts. These scores really help the NCCC in the WPX Club Competition!

Remember, NCCC IS NUMBER 1 in the 1996 WPX contest. Let's do the same in 1997. Even if you can get on for only a few hours, your score counts. Send it in!

#### Remember, WPX CW is May 24-25!

For Field Day, unless someone volunteers to organize a big picnic out at K6ZM's QTH or similar, it looks like we will spread our contest talent around to the various non-contest clubs in our area (they all need ops, especially on CW). Field Day is a good opportunity for us to recruit new contesters to the NCCC, something we'll need to do to compete with the re-emerging East Coast powerhouses like YCCC. So, if you meet someone at Field Day who seems to have an interest in contesting, invite him or her to the next NCCC meeting. Personal invitations can really work well. Just do it!

73, Bob, N6TV

### 1996 CQP Plaque Donors

Here's the official list of 1996 CQP Plaque Donors. If you run into any of these people on the air, please thank them.

Plaque 1st place, out-of-state W6EU Sponsor Jim Duffey

2nd place, out-of-state Bill Jenkins W6JEX 3rd place, out-of-state Will Angenent KN6DV Most CW QSOs, out-of-state Bob Wilson N6TV Most SSB QSOs, out-of-state Ken Ruddock K6HNZ Low power, out-of-state Andy Faber AE6Y First Place, DX Fred Roberts W6TKV 1st Place, CA Rich Hallman N7TR 2nd Place, CA Bob Tarone KK6TE 3rd Place, CA Ken & Gilly Lewis AK6L & KD6NOS Most CW QSOs, CA Bob Wilson N6TV Most SSB QSOs, CA Ken Ruddock K6HNZ Top Mobile, CA Redwood Empire DXA c/o K6ASI Low Power, CA Rick Tavan N7TN Top Novice/Tech, CA Louese Bloom KA6ING Top CA Multi-single Bruce Butler W6OSP Top CA Multi-Multi Ed Muns W0YK Top Single-op County Expedition Ken & Gilly Lewis AK6L & KD6NOS 2nd Place Single-op County Expedition Al Maenchen AD6E

Top Multi-op County Expedition

Frank Letton W6JTI
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### SCORES AND MORE

CQ WW WPX SSB	
AE0M (@N6RO;see below)	8,186,336
VP5E (K6HNZ)	2,410,200
N1CS	237,236
K6GT	228,227
K6XX	52,864
W6BIP	15,750
N2ALE	600
ADDI DV CW	

ARRL DX CW
W6BSY 105,986

ARRL DX SSB
KG6LF 312,924
N6CCL 230,520

CHECK OUT THE AEOM SUMMARY ON THE NEXT PAGE!

AE0M @ N6RO WPX SSB Multi-Multi -- Wow! Ops: AE0M + K2KW, K3EST, K6AW, N6RO, K6XX, AK6L, KM6F, KX7M

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1753	1746	2894	1.66	445
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Final Score = 8,186,336 points!

73, Bob, N6TV

# JUG PHOTOGRAPHER SOUGHT

If you've got a digital camera, bring it to the next NCCC meeting and take a couple of snapshots of the proceedings, especially the May panel discussion! Then you can get them to the ol' JUGhead, and you'll be given photo credit in the JUG!

tnx es 73, JUGhead

# JUDICIAL SYSTEM STOPS CONTESTOR!

Well that's my headline, anyhow. The story is not quite as interesting.

I got placed on a jury 7 days before the ARRL SSB DX contest. "But your honor I have a contest to operate......"

Hmmm. I didn't think that would work. We finally came up with a verdict Friday night, 30 mins into the contest.

Since the contest station I use (WC6H) is 2 hrs away there was not much chance to limit the damage. Besides I was tired and I already had called Rich the night before and canceled.

So....that ends my string of 5 consecutive Pacific Division wins.....Oh well. I knew it couldn't last forever, but that's not the way I imagined it would stop.

Hope you all had fun!

73, Tim - NU6S

P.S. Anybody here ever try to get off a jury due to a contest? Id like to know if you had any luck! My judge had no sense of humor! :-)

### **CHECK THIS OUT!**

Does this one make you long for times past!? Our K2MM (ex-WA1MUG) dug this one out of a shoe box to share with us. Who wants to subscribe for say, about 20 years at this rate? Your editor does! But who wants to go back to 1973's salary level?

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#### **CANCELLING NOISE**

I have discovered a great way to use the JPS ANC-4 Noise Canceller with the FT-1000MP. You won't see this little gem explained in either manual, and it may work with Icom radios as well.

With this arrangement, all you have to do is press the "RX Ant" button on the FT-1000MP to activate noise reduction through the ANC-4. You can use the ANC-4 at full QSK speeds, with no switching delays, because the FT-1000MP takes care of all T/R switching.

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No RF is ever sent through the ANC-4, except what is picked up by the Noise Ant line during transmit. The relays stay quiet.

If you want to listen to the main antenna, with no noise reduction, just press the RX Ant button again, and you're back to listening on the transmit antenna. The circuit above effectively makes the "RX Ant" button on the FT-1000MP into an "ANC-4 In/Out" switch. It's great for high line noise situations (such as mine).

Here's an important tip: your noise antenna has to hear the same noise as your main antenna, within 10-20 dB, or the ANC-4 can't do its job. I use a low dipole on 20m, and it works great.

73, Bob, N6TV

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