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June 12, 2006 Meeting

TIBCO, Palo Alto, CA





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- **Introduction of members, guests**
- **Old Business**
 - **Our goals – CQP, Sweepstakes and WPX**
 - **Building up our skills, as well as our scores**



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NCCC Welcome

The Northern California Contest Club is a specialized amateur radio club devoted to the pursuit of operating and technical excellence in radio contesting. Our goals are:

- To promote the fun, satisfaction and competitive thrill of radio contesting
- To help our members develop their operating and technical skills to become better contesters
- To win the club competition of major amateur radio contests

A reminder of our stated goals as a club



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- **Old Business**
 - **The 2005 ARRL November Sweepstakes Gavel!**
(Guardian: N6RO)



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Kick Duck!

Old Business



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“Why a Duck?”

This whole duck thing started out with my observation that NCCC reminded me of a gentle duck, gliding smoothly on the surface of a pond.

Ah, yes. How peaceful; how serene...



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Until, that is, you look underwater, and see that the duck is paddling like crazy to make headway against the current!

To encourage the gentle Mallard to do his very best, I suggested we might use the phrase, “Kick, Duck,” abbreviated as “KD.”



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Somehow, however, the real meaning of “KD” was misinterpreted by militant *Save the Wild Duck* members. They thought I was advocating beating up on innocent waterfowl.



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Nay, I say to you! *Encourage* the critters.
Don't kick the stuffing out of them, please.

Now we could exhort: "Kick, precious little
gentle Duck."

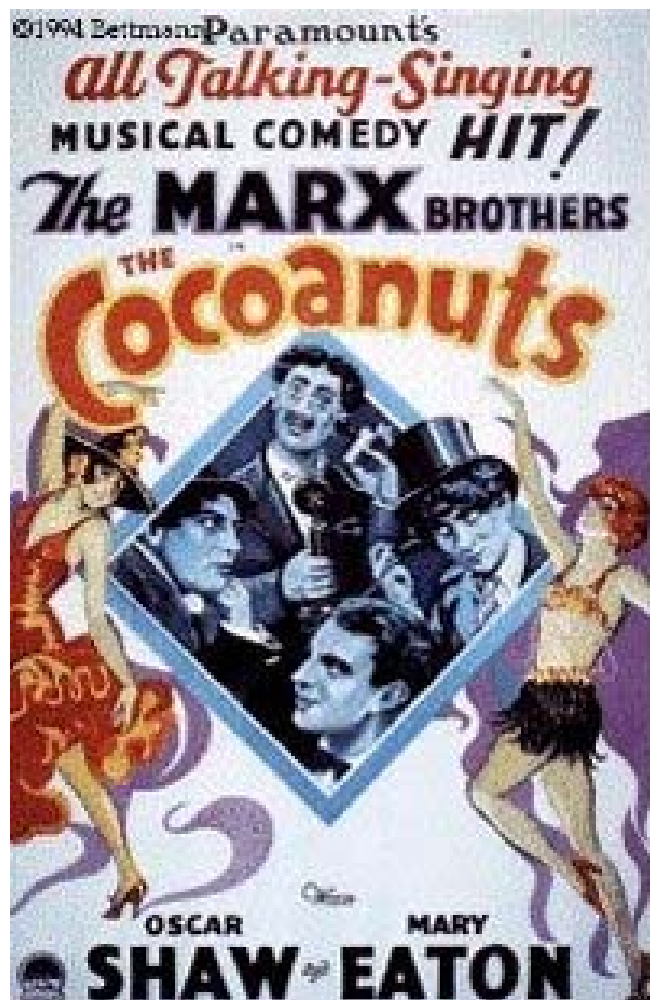
But I fear the abbreviation "KPLGD" is
way too long for CW.



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“Why a Duck?”

Others better schooled in the history of cinema noted that the Marx brothers had dealt with this same topic early in their career: “Why a duck?”



1929

“Why a Duck?”

Here, Groucho is playing the part of a salesman trying to sell swampland in Florida. He's pointing to a map and recruiting Chico to be a shill for his sales pitch.





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So, Why a Duck?

Even though KB was coined by NCCCs, Kick Butt (KB) has become entirely too common among testers greeting each other these days.

So Kick, Duck (KD) could be our new secret NCCC password – until the world catches on and copies us again... !



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Kick, Duck!



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- **New Business**

Budget for the 2006-2007 Contest Year

The Board of Directors is proposing a balanced budget again this year.

NCCC Budget			
Year	05-06 Budget	05-06 Actual	06-07 Budget
Members: Full			
Members: Family			
Members: Associate			
Members: Student			
Dues	\$ 4,300	3400	3400
Member Donations	\$ 600	1020	1000
Jug Ads	\$ 300	300	300
Income	\$ 5,200	\$4,720	4,700
Jug (plus Roster and CQP Results)	\$ (1,500)	-1200	(1,500)
CQP:	\$ (300)	250	(500)
Award Expense			0
Award Donations			
T-shirt Expense			
T-shirt Sales			
Results Mailing Income			
Pre-CQP Mailing Expense			
Award Mailing Expense			
Certificate and Wine Label Expense			
Awards Expense	\$ (3,000)	-885	(2,000)
K6ZM QSL Expense	\$ (100)	0	(100)
Visalia Hospitality	\$ (100)	-60	(100)
Website	\$ (100)	-60	(100)
NS Ladder Expenses			(150)
SS Gavel Back Expense	\$ (100)	0	
Self-Funded:			
Badges			
Meeting Food & Drinks			
Holiday Banquet			
Awards Banquet			
Contingency			(250)
Expense	(5,200)	(1,955)	(4,700)
Net (Income - Expense)	0	2,765	0

Less income
+\$200

Less awards

Add

To balance



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- **New Business**

Field Day 2006 is coming up!

NCCC encourages members to help other general-purpose clubs at their Field Day operations.

Elmering the GOTA station attendees is a good thing.



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- **New Business**

Field Day 2006

- I will be at REDXA.
- Other NCCCs will be at PAARA, FARS, WVARA and probably others.
- We should promote the joy of contesting!



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Using Ferrites to Suppress RFI To and From Ham Gear

By Jim Brown, K9YC

First licensed as WN8FNI, then W8FNI (General Class) in 1956, and Amateur Extra in 1959. Jim's a professional sound system design consultant, specializing in systems for public places -- theaters, churches, stadiums, arenas, etc.

Our technical presentation tonight

What I said at Dayton

I notice a number of people here from contest clubs other than the Northern California Contest Club. For the third year in a row in 2005 the Northern California Contest Club took the Unlimited Sweepstakes gavel. I see Frank [W3LPL] laughing over there because he knows that I'm challenging the PVRC, and SMC, and any other group that wants "To come and get us!!"

Do you know why I say that? Because the more people that get on in the Sweepstakes the more the people there are to talk to. And Sunday afternoon is a lot more fun with lots of people.



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The other contest clubs are out to get us in SS this year, but NCCC will prevail!