



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
CONTEST CLUB

May 8, 2006 Meeting

Chevy's Fresh Mex, Foster City, CA





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- **Introduction of members, guests**
- **Old Business**

Recognition of volunteers

Board of Directors: Mike N7MH; Jeff, WK6I; Ed, K6CTA; Alan, K6SRZ; Rusty, W6OAT; Fred, K6DGW; Tom, K6EU; Dean, N6BV.

Awards: Bob, KO6LU; CQP chair: Kevin, N6RCE; JUG editor: Rob, K6RB; NCCC Reflector & Webmeister: Ed, W0YK.

CQP certificates: Andy, AE6Y; K6ZM QSLs: George, K6GT; CQP programmer: Mike, WA6O, and many, many others: Thanks!



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Our successes from 2005-2006

- Third Unlimited Club gavel for 2005 ARRL November Sweepstakes! (17.175 Meg vs 13.594 Meg for PVRC)
- 40th running of the California QSO Party (the best state QSO party around)!
- 2nd place club competition for ARRL RTTY Round Up
- Very popular midweek mini contests for fun and practice
- And I've probably missed some...



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Club Focus for the 2006-2007 Contest Year

- There's been much healthy debate going on in the club about where we want NCCC to go this year. (Think of that duck paddling around on the pond...)
- It's useful to look back on what we *say* our goals are as a club.



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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

Look familiar? This comes from our Web site.



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Let me paraphrase these goals. How about:

We want to have fun contesting. And we intend to be the best we can doing what we love to do!



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- You *help* your friends in NCCC improve their stations and improve their operating skills. You *share*.



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- Individuals can “champion” other contests as well – but we must make sure they don't interfere with the “big three”



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Noise proves nothing. Often a hen who has merely laid an egg cackles as if she has laid an asteroid. – Mark Twain.

We've got to put our efforts where our mouths are. I'm confident we will do this. But we must not become complacent!



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Remember the duck?



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KD!

*(Kick Duck – No
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