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## Program

Year In Review - John, K6MM  
Election – Officers & Board of Directors  
"From Beginner To Winner" - Rich Smith, N6KT

**Date:** Monday, 13 April 2009

**Time:** 6pm schmooze, 6:30pm dinner, 7pm program

**Location:** Harry's Hofbrau, 390 Saratoga Avenue, San Jose, CA 95129 (408) 243-0434

Take 280 to Saratoga Avenue and go north two blocks. Harry's is on the right just past Keily Blvd.

Dinner: Purchase your dinner in the cafeteria line and take your tray to the meeting room in the rear.

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### Zero Beat

*By John Miller, K6MM*

### Thank You!

My term as NCCC President comes to a close this month, so this will be my last contribution to the JUG. I've had a great experience during the last 12 months and want to thank my fellow Officers and Volunteers for their strong support and contributions. We've made good progress on recruiting & training new members, increasing contest participation, and promoting contesting in general this past year. Most of all, we've had a lot of fun together. It's been a privilege to serve as president of this fine organization. Thanks again to everyone for the opportunity!

73,

**John, K6MM**

### March 9 Meeting Highlights

*By John, K6MM*

More than 60 members attended the annual Awards Dinner on March 9 at the Tied House in Mountain View. Here is a complete list of award winners, in the order they were presented. New awards – presented for the first time – are prefaced with (new). Congratulations to all!

**KB-500:** AA6YX AE6RF AJ6V K2VCO  
K4VU K6AW K6CTA K6EU K6IC  
K6III K6JEB K6LRN K6RM K6ST  
K6VVA KA6NGR KD4HXT KE6QR  
KJ6RA N2NS N6AJR N6CCH N6IG  
N6KJ N6RZ N6TU N6WG N6ZFO  
N7ON N7TR NO6X NT6K NU6T  
W6CT W6CZ W6DRX W6FB W6IXP  
W6JTI W6RGG W6RKC W6SR WJ6O

**KB-1000 (Plaque):** K6TD N6CK N6ML  
N6YEU W1RH W4UAT W6RK W6SX  
WT6G WT6K

**KB-1000 (Certificate):** AE6Y K6DGW  
K6GT K6IF K6MM K6NV K6RB  
K6TA/K6KO K9JM K9YC KI6CG N3ZZ  
N6EE N6NZ N6RA N6RK NI6T NW6P  
W6CS W6ISO W6NL/K6BL W6RJ  
W6XX WK6I

**KB-2000 (Plaque):** KF6T N6TV W6KW  
W6XK

**KB-2000 (Certificate):** K6IDX K6RIM  
K6SRZ K6SV K6XX N6DE N6XG  
W0YK W6EU W6OAT W6XU WA6O  
WX5S WX6V

**KB-3000 (Plaque):** WC6H

**KB-3000 (Certificate):** K5RC N6BV  
N6RO N7MH

**KB-5000 (Plaque):** W6YX (Team =  
AA6XV, K6DBG, K6IF, K6OWL, N6CCH,  
N6MH, W6KNS, W6RK)

**400K Club (Operators):** K6SV K6XX  
KF6T N6BV N6DE N7MH W0YK  
W6XU WC6H

**400K Club (Stations):** K6XX KF6T  
N6RO N6TV W0YK W6RJ W6XU  
W6YX WC6H

**HMO:** K6DBG K6DGW K6IF K6MM  
K9YC N6BV N6DE N6EE NI6T NU6T  
NW6P W6OAT W6RK W6XV WA6O  
WT6K

**Big Gun (SS):** N6BV

**Little Gun (SS):** N6WG

**Gavel Bearer:** N6RO

**Jughead:** no winner (no data collected)

**Maxwell Sweepstakes Award:** N6WG

**Founder's Award:** K6XX

**K6RU Memorial Trophy:** no qualifier

(new) **Elmer:** N6RO

(new) **Elmer:** W6SX

(new) **Contesting Coordinator:** K6DGW

(new) **Inspiration:** K6CSL

(new) **Recruiter:** KT6YL

(new) **Rover:** W6OAT

(new) **Rover:** K5RC

(new) **Host-Of-The-Year:** N6RO

(new) **Host-Of-The-Year:** K6IDX

(new) **Software Support:** WA6O

(new) **Software Support:** WX5S

(new) **Team Building:** K6EU

(new) **Team Building:** K6RM

(new) **Team Building:** N6TQS

(new) **Team Building:** N6WM

(new) **Family Participation:** W6FB

(new) **Family Participation:** KG6YMN

(new) **NS Sprint:** K6VVA

(new) **NS Sprint:** N6RO

(new) **NS Sprint:** N6ZFO

(new) **Lead Dog:** W6OAT

(new) **Back-In-The-Game:** N6IE

(new) **Back-In-The-Game:** N6RZ

(new) **Rising Star:** K6NV

(new) **Rising Star:** AE6RF

(new) **Rising Star:** W6DRX

(new) **Iron Butt:** KA3DRR

**President's Award:** K9YC

**Leopard:** K6III

**Rookie-Of-The-Year:** N6ML

**Rookie-Of-The-Year:** N6WM

**Most Improved Contester:** N6AJR

(new) **Operating Excellence - CW:** N6TV

(new) **Operating Excellence - RTTY:**  
W0YK

(new) **Operating Excellence - SSB:** N6KT

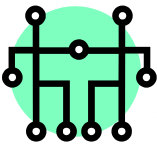
**Contester-Of-The-Year:** K6XX

(new) **Most Valuable Player (MVP):**  
N6DE

**Service:** AD6E AE6Y K5RC K6GT  
K6EU K6RB K6TD K9YC N6DE  
N6RNO N6WG ND2T W0YK



Your Club Needs YOU  
on the NCCC Board!



## Welcome Aboard!

Let's all welcome these new members who were voted in at the March meeting:

1. **KD6WI** – Larry Boyle - Placerville
2. **KZ2V** – Nick Ulman – Mountain View
3. **N6NU** – Andreas Junge – Menlo Park
4. **NA6G** – Steve Bassett - Fresno

## Elections Are Coming

*By John, K6MM*

Annual elections will be held at the April 13 meeting, when we will elect a new Board of Directors. Whether it's being President, VP & Contest Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, or one of the three Director positions, this is your opportunity to step up to fill a leadership slot in the Club. It's not only an opportunity to help to continue to provide vision and strategy for the future, but also an opportunity for your own personal development. Get involved – NCCC will benefit and so will you!

## IDXC Meeting, Visalia, CA

*By John, K6MM*

This year for the first time at the International DX Convention (IDXC) in Visalia, NCCC is sponsoring a "Contest Academy" (CA) seminar. CA will be held on Friday, April 17, 2009 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. The cost is \$10, which includes a Contest Resource Kit. As of March 20, 2009 fifty-nine folks have registered for CA.

In addition to CA, NCCC is exhibiting once again in the Main Exhibit Hall at IDXC. This is another great opportunity to promote contesting and provide a "meet-and-greet" location for IDXC participants. Finally, Jim (**K9YC**) and Dean (**N6BV**) are on the main program as featured speakers. All in all, it should be a great meeting for NCCC. Hope to see you there!

You can read more about IDXC on their website here:

[http://dxconvention.org/?page\\_id=204](http://dxconvention.org/?page_id=204)

## **John Marcus Ziegler, W6ZZZ (SK)**

*By John, K6MM*

Our club was shocked and saddened to learn of Marc's sudden passing this month. At the March meeting, we paid tribute to Marc, who was a great contributor to the club over the years. Fellow KBers have used these words to describe him:

"Calm Voice Of Reason"  
"Special Guy"  
"Wonderful Person"  
"Very Unique"  
"Beyond Call of Duty"  
"Tremendous Supporter"  
"Full of Energy"  
"Gifted"  
"Generous"  
"Always Upbeat"  
"Incredible Volunteer"  
"Invaluable Contributor"  
"Selfless"

To further honor Marc, NCCC members used his name in the NA Sprint RTTY contest on March 14. His wife Sue plans on holding a memorial service on Saturday, May 16. Our prayers are with Sue and his family. RIP, Marc. You'll be missed.

## **April Meeting**

*By John, K6MM*

<http://www.nccc.cc/meetings.html>

Check the website for details of our next meeting, Monday, April 13, 2009 at Harry's Hofbrau (San Jose). We will have our annual elections and a presentation by Rich, N6KT, "*From Beginner To Winner*."

## **Contests For April 2009**

*By John K6MM*

There are some great contesting opportunities this month. RTTY, CW,

SSB, 160M, Sprint, -- take your pick. For a one-page summary of all major contests throughout the year, go to:

<http://www.nccc.cc> and click on "Major Contest Calendar" at the top of the page.

For a complete 12-Month Contest Calendar go to:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

To download ARRL's Contest Corral, go to:

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/#corral>.

**SARL 80m QSO Party** - Apr 2

**SP DX Contest** - Apr 4 to Apr 5

**Missouri QSO Party** - Apr 4 to Apr 5

**JIDX CW Contest** - Apr 11 to Apr 12

**EU Spring Sprint, CW** - Apr 11

**Georgia QSO Part** - Apr 11 Apr 12

**Michigan QSO Party** - Apr 18 to Apr 19

**EU Spring Sprint, SSB** - Apr 18

**Ontario QSO Party** - Apr 18 to Apr 19

**YU DX Contest** - Apr 18 to Apr 19

**Run for the Bacon QRP Contest** - Apr 20

**SP DX RTTY Contest** - Apr 25 to Apr 26

**Helvetia Contest** - Apr 25 to Apr 26

**QRP to the Field** - Apr 25 to Apr 26

**Florida QSO Party** - Apr 25 to Apr 26

**Nebraska QSO Party** - Apr 25 to Apr 26

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## **VP/CC**

By: John Brown, K9YC

## **Passing the Torch**

I'm honored to have served as part of club leadership for the past two years. It has been a very satisfying experience for me, and I appreciate both the vote of confidence in giving me that responsibility and the support of so many of our members. One of our strengths as a club is our commitment to entrusting leadership responsibilities to different people each year, and to a Board of Directors comprised of both new members and old hands.

I'm especially proud to have served with this particular team, all of whom are committed to growth, to the enjoyment of our hobby, and to improving both our skills and our

stations. I want to thank the regional coordinators who did their part by encouraging participation by members widely separated by geography, the guys who showed up to help with antennas, to help members with new logging software and rig interfacing, to teach RTTY contesting, to mentor on operating skills, and to share their stations.

And I want to acknowledge the contributions of Tom Carney, K6EU, who as Secretary/Treasurer, went far above and beyond the call of duty to do virtually all the heavy lifting on multiple group purchases. I supported him a bit with the ferrites, and I know that Tom did far more, and did it very well. And when he wasn't doing that, he also chaired our very active antenna committee. Many thanks, Tom!

Finally, I'd like to encourage those of you with some time on your hands to step up and take a turn at club leadership. We need you, you will get plenty of support from your fellow KBers, and you will enjoy it! I certainly have.

73,  
Jim Brown K9YC

### Awards Night



KD6WI, N6RO, N6BV



W6OAT, W7UA



KZ2V, OH1VR



WB6JJJ, W6XU



N6RNO, K9YC, N6TU



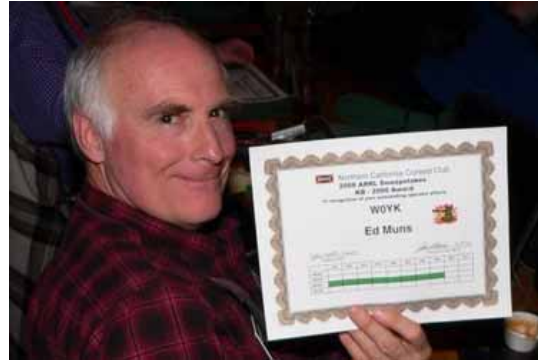
K6TA, K6KO



N6TV



W6RGG, K6IC



W0YK



N3ZZ, K9YC, K6RB



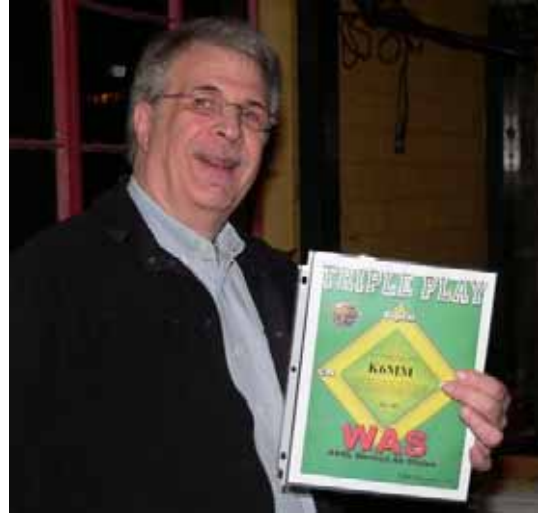
N7MH



K6XX



N6DE



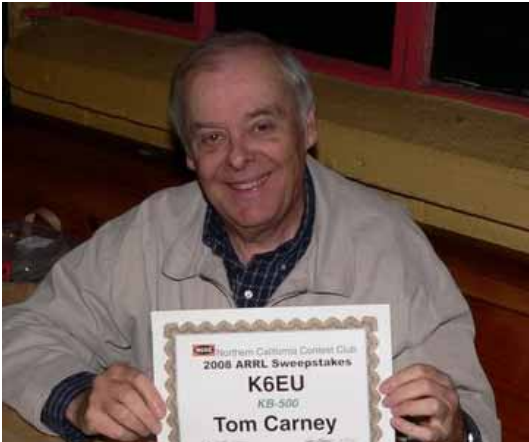
K6MM



K2RD W6ISO



WT6K



K6EU



N6WM, N6ML.



N6WG

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