

# The Contest JUG



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## QRV STEEPSWAKES?

### PREVIEW OF COMING DISTRACTIONS

Oct. 25-26	CQ 1W DX Test (phone)
27	NCCC Club Meeting, American S&L Bldg, Hayward, 7:30
Nov. 3- 9	ARRL Nov. Sweepstakes (CW)
19	NCCC Beer-Bust, W6RNF
22-23	ARRL Nov. Sweepstakes (phone)
24	NCCC Club Meeting, American S&L Bldg, Hayward, 7:30
Dec. 20	NCCC Annual Christmas/Awards Banquet, San Jose

### PRESIDENTIAL . . . UH . . . WHATEVER

What would a JUG front page be like without a few words from our sponsor, WB6CEP? No way! Why, it would be like Abraham Lincoln without John Wilkes Booth . . . the Bay Area without Milpitas . . . Channel 2 without Heskitt's Carpet Coliseum commercials. And so, without further ado, here's further ado:

Ever since Yours Truly became President, this column has been loaded with heavy rah-rah concerning the SS. By this time, I figure you've got the message! Here are the facts: NCCC took 3rd place in '74 with 4.3 meg from 57 entries. PVRG won with 8.6 meg and 115 entries. Whether or not we double our entries and double our score is entirely up to each and every one of us next month.

This month's meeting (Oct. 27) will feature -- you guessed it: the ARRL Sweepstakes. A panel of member-experts will carefully review SS operating strategy, etc. The experts: WA6DIL and WB6DSV, SS Co-Chairpersons; W6OAT, last year's overall Club winner; and possibly K6AQ/W6CUF, the only NCCC member ever to actually win an SS contest. The discussion will be moderated by the JUG Head himself, WLARR/6.

Some members who want to operate SS are

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It has often been said of your JUG Editor that words seldom fail him, and vice versa. Now this may or may not be true, or false, but certain occasions demand the kind of fustian rhetoric that lies well beyond the limited capabilities of the JUG Head. Yes, there are times when oratory must sing with the golden clarity of a meadowlark at dawn or Disco Tex and the Sex-0-Lettes at 10:45 PM. The annual ARRL November Sweepstakes, now only a few tiny weeks away, is just such an event.

Rather than attempt to rally you troopies in feeble words of our own choosing, we have taken the liberty of reprinting a valedictory address delivered at the graduation ceremonies of the Grand Forks Ironworkers' College back in 1922 by a man whose memory shines brightly in amateur radio, although neither of them is what it used to be: Hiram Percy Noble. Listen to his stirring rodomontade, or, if you prefer to read it instead, do that:

President Lovelace . . . Chancellor John . . .  
Dean Straw . . . Members of the Graduating Class . . .  
Did anyone happen to notice where I put my reading-glasses? ((QSY TO PAGE 2))

## DON'T Miss This One!

It is most strongly suggested, just short of ugly coercion and veiled threats against your life & limb, that you plan to attend the NCCC Club Meeting on Oct. 27! What with Cal QSO Party wrapup and SS tub-thumping, this is going to be a biggie. Miss it at your peril.

When: Monday night, Oct. 27, 7:30 PM.

Where: American Savings & Loan Building, 22533 Foothill Blvd, Hayward (downtown, between A and B Sts.). Plenty of parking behind the building. Enter from the rear, you silly savage, and ascend to the 2nd floor.

Since our meeting-room will probably be packed like a cattle car, BRING A FOLDING CHAIR if you have one.



still looking for a station. PLEASE contact the appropriate SSCC'ers if you still need a station or are willing to let someone guest-op or multi-op at yours for the good of the Club.

The California QSO Party was a smashing success! I'm sure every NCCC'er will agree that Chairperson and Good Ole Boy W6OAT did one helluva job in putting the CQP all together. Special recognition is also due W6KYA, WA6JVD, WA6VEF and WB6JGS for their own considerable efforts.

Way back in September we held our 1st Annual Picnic in Sunnyvale and the Operator Technique Comparison session at W6OWQ. Many thanks to WB6DSV and K6CQF for organizing the Picnic and to Bill, W6OWQ, for making his station available for the OTC affair.

We expect that the Oct. 27 meeting will be the biggest ever. Hpe CU there! -- 73, Bill

QRV STEEPSWAKES? ((Continued from Page 1))

Down through the endless eons of recorded history ... only last Thursday, in fact ... no, come to think of it, it must have been the year Ethel bought that ridiculous hat with the wax fruit on top ... or was it September?

Well, whatever. Each autumn, just as the leaves are turning green with envy and before the snow starts falling from the ground, there occurs an event of such cataclysmic magnitude that the entire world pauses to participate, or at least observe. But right after that is the Sweepstakes, which is pretty important too, and it is that subject on which I wish to dwell, or at least rent a summer cottage, today.

How well I remember my first SS! I was but a mere sniveling youth; nowadays I always carry some Kleenex. I was a guest operator at a well-known contester's place that year, and it was indeed a revelation to me. At first it was a bit frightening: the deafening din, the constant yelling, the struggling to be heard, the overpowering temptation to quit right then and there -- my God, if it was this bad with the guy's six kids at the dinner table, what would the SS be like? I cringed audibly.

Soon came that magic moment when I entered the shack and sat down before the most confusing array of knobs and switches I had ever seen. But my pride stopped me from going to my friend and admitting that I did not know how to tune up his rig. It may have been just as well anyway, since it turned out that I had been sitting in front of his air-conditioner.

And so, my friends, I say to you today that it truly matters not whether you win; what is important is that you participate and be happy that you are serving your fellow contester. Do not worry about the score, for the score (and seven years ago) is as dust. Mere numbers are meaningless. This was the wise philosophy of my good friend and mentor W6PAA, who imparted these sage thoughts to me only a few days before kicking the crap out of me in the DX Contest.

For what shall it profit a man, or even a YL, or even WLYL, if he win a contest and yet lose his soul? To what end shall you defeat your brother human if the act assumes greater importance than it merits? And remember, it's twice as bad if you lose.

Now, as you go forth into the world, would one of you be so kind as to direct me to the men's room? Thank you ... and good luck.

CAL QSO PARTY: THE OPERATION WAS A SUCCESS AND THE PATIENT LIVED

Our young Club has enjoyed more than a few moments of triumph in its brief history, but probably none to equal this year's California QSO Party. Under the first-time sponsorship of NCCC and the just-this-side-of-fanatic leadership of W6OAT, the event lured no fewer than 70 different members (either operators or stations), a couple hundred other California stations in all 58 counties (we understand our old colleague WALPID/7 glommed all 58), and innumerable entrants from all over the U.S., Canada, Japan, Europe and Castro Valley.

Not only did Rusty provide the kind of hot-to-trot honchoing that these affairs must have in order to succeed, he led by example as well by racking up 1452 QSOs and a multiplier you couldn't hope to beat: 58. And he did this with a TH6 at 28' and two dipoles the centers of which were less than 10' off the ground! Granted the GFJ locale is exceptional, still your average klutz does not run up a score of such magnitude with that modest setup.

Second-high Club score, as far as we know, was attained by K6CQF -- not by the Cwazy Queepy Fweak himself but by Guest Op VE3DXV, who tallied 1269 QSOs. Egészségére, Adam!

You don't have to be rich to be happy, but you have to be Rich to be WB6ION -- and you have to be pretty competent to roll up 862 contacts in only a few hours of operating. A FB performance, OM.

No wrapup of this extravaganza would be at all complete without a hearty salaam to those intrepid NCCC'ers who operated portable from

many of California's more remote counties: San Benito, Del Norte, Mono, Butte, El Dorado, Los Angeles ... And let us not forget the Lone Ranger and Tonto, alias WB6CEP and WB6DSV, who toiled around much CA real estate in a mobile condition until the battery expired. (W1ARR exhibited rare good sense in backing out of that fiasco at the last moment.)

To all these worthies who trekked out to the boondocks so that our CQP might be the #1 best ever ... to all the NCCC members who got on from their own home stations or the stations of other members ... to all those other Sixes who put every county in CA on the air ... and to everyone outside the state who got on, whether for one contact or hundreds, your kindly JUG Head says:

GO RED SOX!

For whatever reason, we have received only a few CQP scores as this issue goes to press. If you were on and your score does not appear herein, either you didn't pass it along or somebody else fumbled the ball. Here's what we have on hand:

K6AYA (+ W6OKK) 902/?, WA6BNV 352/46, WB6-CEP/M6 (+ WB6DSV) 268/38, K6CQF (VE3DXV, op) 1269/?, W6CTH/6 (+ WA6DQM W6OWQ) 574/55, WA6-DIL/6 443/44, WB6DSV (+ WB6CEP) 449/50, WB6-EXW (+ WB6CSL) 512/51, K6ILM 380/51, WB6JGS/6 262/41, WA6JVD 658/55, WA6KAC 723/?, WA7NIN (WA6HAF, op) 200+/54, W6PAA/6 623/51, W6RGG 230/37, W6RNF/6 (+ WB6PEF W6KHI K6LWT) 325/48, K6SG/6 275/50, WA6TQK 410/50, WA6VEF/6 572/49, W6ZT 466/54.

Also known to be active, either as operators or as owners of stations being operated, were the following members (as determined by W6OAT): WA1ABW, WA6AHF, K6AHV, WB6AIN, K6AUC, W7EXM, WA3GBU (WB5IZN), WB6GFJ, K6HIH, W6HJP, WA6HRS, K7JCA, W6JZU, K6KWN, W6KYA, WB6LPK, K6LU, W6NJU, W6NUT, K6OZL, W6RPF, K6RM, WB2-RQC/6, DJ6RX/W6, WA6UZA, W6ZGM, K6ZM, W6ZRJ, K6ZX. A super-FB showing, guys!

Sidelights: W6RNF/6 operated in a field near an abandoned ranch located at the four corners of Tuolumne, Mariposa, Stanislaus and Merced Counties. Antennas? Dipoles 4 feet off the ground! ... WA6VEF/6, operating from his grandparents' place in Placer Co., was informed that he would be doing his hamming underneath the stars. As a rather foreseeable result, Gary caught a cold. ... WA6AHF, who needs more problems like the ARRL needs Wayne Green, had both his Collins exciter and Drake receiver quit on him during the CQP. Hang in there, Rubin! ("Smile," they said, "Things could be worse" . . .)

## LET'S HAVE A BIG CHRISTMAS CHEER

The NCCC Annual Christmas/Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, December 20, at Zorba's Restaurant in San Jose. Dinner is scheduled for 7:30 PM, with the usual "no-host" socializing before the dining hour.

The dinner will consist of a complete 12-oz. steak dinner for only \$7.50, tax and tip included! Also promised, after the dinner: a live show, including the belly dancer. (Watch out, McDonalds.)

Reservations will be taken from the Oct. meeting on -- however, please let either Dennis, W6KHI, or George, WB6DSV, know as soon as possible, since with the success of the Cal QSO Party and the SS a VERY LARGE turnout is expected, and you don't want to be left out. More info in next JUG. -- WB6DSV

## MAW, PASS ME THE LINIMENT

Ain't too much to say about our 1st Annual Picnic other than "We had a ball!" Actually, that was true both figuratively and literally (groan). Led by the two Garys at shortstop (WB6EXW and WA6VEF), two stalwart NCCC softball squads slugged and slogged their way through an incredible and hilarious comedy of errors to notch a 16-15 count before the game was finally called on account of aching muscles (and also to avoid the possibility that Sunnyvale youngsters might give up athletics forever after witnessing the debacle).

In addition to athletic exploits with ball & bat, pigskin and Frisbee, everybody slurped down at least one barbecued hot-dog, hamburger or steak, plus a miscellaneous assortment of other delectable delights. To the surprise of no one, W1ARR won the "Freeloader of the Picnic" Award hands down (and mouth full).

CU at the 2nd Annual Picnic. -- WB6CEP

## NEW MEMBERS AND ROSTER CHANGES

Only one body was added to the Fresh Meat Dept. in September, but said body is as the strength of ten:

WA6ENP/6	Thomas H. Schiller
	6 Middlebury Lane
	Los Altos, CA 94022
	phone (H) 941-8946
	(B) 941-7641

Tom is no stranger to contest enthusiasts, being a longtime regular in CD and SS doings. He's 30, has been licensed 16 years, is Extra Class. Welcome back from the snow, Tom!



And an address change or two:

K6KM 1036 Gardenwood  
San Jose, CA 95129  
(phone # unchanged)

WB2RQC/6 655 South Fair Oaks Ave.,  
Apt. K-101  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086  
phone (H) 408-733-0845  
(B) 415-494-7400,  
ext. 5565

BULLETIN BOARD

For Sale: Drake R4B/T4XB, including power supply & speaker: \$600 (WA6DQH, ex-VE7AUA/W6, 593-5126). ... Kenwood TS900 w/ pwr sup; also National NCL-2000 amp (W6RNF, 731-4577). ... TS900 w/ remote VFO, AC pwr sup, CW filter: \$600. HZRN-471 tower w/ hvy-duty 20' 1/2"-wall mast: \$800 if you take out, more if somebody has to be paid to do it. Telrex 3L-40, \$125. Telrex 10L-10, \$125. 2M HT, 2-channel w/ ACZ + 34/94, charger, rubber-duck ant, leather case, spare batt: \$180. Kaar 90W 450 mobile, on ADM: \$75 (WA6LHN, 408-732-7962 from 8 to 4 weekdays, 408-244-3145 after 5). ... 450 tube rig with xtals for Club repeater & phase whip w/ mag base, 12VDC, at cost: \$80. 7L 2M beam, \$15 (W6KHI, 564-9683).

Wanted: Kenwood R599A rx (W6KHI) ... QTH to operate CQ WW (WA6VEF, 538-0520). ... Small xcvr (Atlas, FT101, etc.) for use of future member WA6TKT, who will be in the Caribbean during CQ WW Test in Nov. (WB6DSV, 408-739-4233). ... Keyer, preferably iambic squeeze type, to use in SS (WA6TLV, 642-8238).

SEPT. NCCC NET QNI (DE W6RGG)

4 -- WB6DSV, K6HIH, WB6JGS, WA6JVD, W6ZT.

3 -- W6BB (WB6CEP), WA6HAF, K6ILM, W6KHI, W6-OAT, W6PAA, WA6VEF. 2 -- WB6AIN, WA7NIN, K6-SDR, K6UWR, W6ZRJ. 1 -- W6ABT, VE7AUA/W6, WA6-DIL, WA6DKF, WA6GPFY (WB6EXW), WA6GQI/7, K6KWN, WA6LHN, W6NUT/6, W6OKK, K6OZL, K6SG, K6SSS, W6-URH/6. 32 stations, 67 check-ins.

SEDIMENT (DE CEP, DSV, GSN, KHI, OAT)

W6ZT scored 143/24 in VE/W. ... W6OAT went to Great Lakes Div. Convention, gave Kingman Reef presentation. ... W6NUT, with big boost from Erector Set, QRV SS. ... W6KHI swamped with membership-info-&-application requests. ... WA6BMV got a used TR4, is putting up 3L on 15, helped WA6VEF run up a fine 315/14 tally in Sept. VHF QSO Party.

K6RM now has a Gonset GSB201 amp. ... K6UWR repairing quad, hopes to have it back up for SS. ... WA6TQK vows full-blast SS activity. ... WA6GSN, peripatetic as ever, attended the ARRL Nat'l Conv. in Va. ... WB6IPC resumes presidential chores for UCARC, spends spare time getting used to new SB104 in W6BB shack. ... W1ARR/6 and WA6NLO looking for place to op in SS. New-member-to-be WA6TLV, a freshperson at UCB, also sans station. Avid SS enthusiasts will recall that Bob took low-power title down in LA section last year with FB effort.

Recent weekend found WB6CEP attempting to cram an Accu-Keyer + memory into a box in a hurry, hoping to finish before the rig disappears up to K6CQF. ... SCV Chapter of Erector Set visited W6NLZ and now Pete sports 125' tower in SJ eastern hills. He plans 80M quad, plus plain old Yagis on other bands. ... Another beneficiary of the Erector Set was WA6QGW, on whose EB hilltop QTH may now be found a 2L 40M beam and 4L 20M likewise, both atop 105' tower.

PSE BRING CQP LOGS & BLANK QSLs TO MEETING!

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SS Insert #2

For the eyes of in-territory Club members only--HOPEFULLY!

## GO NCCC!

Son of a gun, this club is really rolling! The level of activity in our recent California QSO Party was nothing short of phenomenal--and a lot of non-members enjoyed operating in it so much they are practically banging on sec'y W6KHI's door for NCCC applications. Dennis says he has written at least twenty letters over the past several weeks, a number of which were in response to requests for not one but half a dozen applications for membership! The San Luis Obispo contingent, which only became eligible to join as of our last regular meeting when the new by-laws were officially accepted, now looks as if it will be one of the largest in the Club by the end of the October meeting. WA6JUD went on a sign-up-the-contesters rampage at the Mt. Diablo club to bring an additional half dozen or so into the fold. Who says NCCC is not gonna be #1! (better not say it too loud).

Of course, us member types are not exactly sitting around on our posteriors either. W6OAT estimates an incredible 70% turnout of the membership in the CQP--lots of potential butt-kickers tuning up for SS there. The Erector Set is swamped by calls for erection aid and desperately needs more NCCCs to pitch in. Chairperson W6PAA plus W6OWQ, WB6AIN, et al. have done yeoman service for the club at several members' QTH's recently. W6NLZ's tower went up the full 110' two weekends ago with some help from WA6QGW and K6VVA; QGW's big yagis are scheduled for some high flying on Oliver's 105-footer as this article is being written. A couple of new quads mysteriously appeared at WA6UZA. A honkin' 40-meter beam will very shortly turn up on one of W6JZU's towers, and a new W6NUT antenna farm is in the works. Etc., etc., etc. Got your own antenna system up and fully checked out yet? NOW is the time.

## Guest Ops and Multi-ops

Many good operators are still up in the air as to where they will get on the air for SS. If you absolutely can't or don't want to operate on one or both weekends, PLEASE consider inviting a guest operator. If you don't want to put in an all-out effort on one or both weekends, PLEASE consider a multi-single operation. Remember, Murphy's lost to PVRC last year by a measly 80K points; your station might mean the difference between FIRST PLACE and something else.

## The L.O.T.

Last year the Limited Operations Team boosted our club score a lot by chipping in 5-25K per station per mode. This year, however, we're hunting bigger game. While any and all points will certainly help, let's put it this way: we will probably need an average of approximately 70K (500 QSOs in 70 sections) per station per mode to win that coco-bolo gavel. The closer your station comes to 70K on each mode, the less thinly our "surplus" points from big scorers will need to be spread to make that average.



### SS Recognition

In last month's JUG we presented the NCCC SS Awards program. Unfortunately, our treasury isn't exactly filled to overflowing, and only 16 members will receive these coveted awards this year. It has been suggested, therefore, that in the December JUG special recognition should be accorded to every station contributing 150K points (total, both modes). Or, if you are really gung-ho for SS and the NCCC, take a crack at a DOUBLE contribution (300K) and the distinction such a superlative performance will obviously bring to you. JOIN the 150K (or 300K) Club!

### Individual Competition

Competing for the Club is all very well, but a little individual-level competition sharpens the ear and quickens the fingers or tongue. A number of NCCCs are informally taking on fellow members whose stations are of approximately equal capability, thus placing the emphasis of competition on operating skill. For example, WB6AIN and W6PAA are out to displace WA7NIN (W6OAT opr.) from the #1 spot in the Club, while K6HIH and K6CCF (WB6CEP opr.) are going head-to-head just for the hell of it. Many other challenges have been heard but not formally accepted by the other party--to this writer's knowledge. Why not pick out someone your own size and bring your challenge to the meeting. (Tnx WIARR/6 for this suggestion).

### Special SS Phone Meeting

Greg, W6RNF, has volunteered to host this pre-phone get-together at his S.F. QTH on the Wednesday before the contest (i.e., Nov. 19). Greg suggested Wednesday so we could get bombed and still recover for the 'test on Saturday! Details will follow in the next issue of this estimable rag.

### IMPORTANT--New Members

If you know anybody who plans to join the NCCC soon, tell them to be sure to get their applications (+ \$5) to the October 27 meeting!!! Otherwise their CW scores will not count for the NCCC. Applications sent by mail should be addressed to:

Dennis Ross W6KHI  
2079 Fifteenth Ave.  
San Francisco, CA 94116

Dennis will also supply application blanks upon request.

### The Pentagon SS Papers (a last minute addition)

WA6CSN, back from the National Convention at D.C., reports that the SS insert in the September JUG was leaked to both NM and PVRC. No doubt the CEP tapes will also be made public when your erstwhile leader is exiled to Southern California around next April!

Further reports from back Eastward indicate that the Frankford Radio Club plans to make a sweep of it after their ARRL DX victory, and will be very tough. Even the Mad River bunch is talking about forming a legitimate club and turning in a big score.

Well, so what. We knew we had some tough competition from the start, and this doesn't really change anything. However, you might consider this info as a little additional incentive to really pour on the rf next month.

### NCCC CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE #2

- Gonna Kick Me Some Butt in the '75 SS.
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  - Gonna Kick Me Some Butt in the '75 SS.
- (Please check one of the above)