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SWEEPSTAKES VICTORY!!

Coming Events

April 19-21	Fresno International DX Convention
April 29	NCCC Awards Banquet and Election of Officers, Rick's Swiss Chalet, Palo Alto
May 25-26	WPX CW Contest

NCCC WINS SEVENTH SWEEPSTAKES!!

The May issue of QST will show that the Northern California Contest Club handily coasted to victory for the seventh time in the 1984 ARRL Sweepstakes contest. The club scores look like this:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>No. of Entries</u>
<u>Unlimited Category:</u>		
Northern California CC	7,607,843	104
Mad River RC	5,465,897	82
<u>Medium Category:</u>		
Texas DX Society	5,531,704	47
North Texas CC	4,865,122	46
Potomac Valley RC	3,585,098	42
Colorado Contest Conspiracy	3,437,724	34
Yankee Clipper CC	2.7M	
Murphy's Marauders	1.8M	
Grande Mesa CC	1.1M	

Congratulations to all club members whose scores are reflected in the above total.

WPX Contest

The following raw scores show that we did very well indeed in the phone weekend of the WPX Contest, as we're sitting with about 27 million raw points for just this one weekend! When you consider that in 1983 (the last year for which official results are available), the winning club in the world, the YU DX Club, got 36.6 million points for both weekends, and the number two club in the world, the North Texas Contest Club, got 25 million, you will realize that we have a chance to stage another come-from-nowhere victory as we did in the 1981 CQWW. So let's all get on the air, if only for a few hours, in the CW weekend May 25-26, and K some B. I will bring summary sheets and logsheets to the April awards banquet. Send your completed logs to CQ Magazine promptly, and send a copy of your summary sheet to Ron Chiappari, N6AUV, who is collecting scores for the club. If we hear you on the air and you don't send in your logs, we'll get you with the NCCC Wouff Hong.

1985 SSB WPX RAW SCORES

<u>call</u>	<u>qso's</u>	<u>px's</u>	<u>score</u>	<u>remarks</u>
AI6V/NH6	3335	495	6.5 Meg	could be #1 s/o in world
KD7P/NH4 (+NA6T)	4900	580	5.0	half of 10 Meg to NCCC
KI6P (WA6VEF)	2496	551	4.2	could be new U.S. s/o
NB6L (m/m)	1721		3.0	record
K6HNZ	1746	381	2.2	
NU6S (m/m)	1380	400	2.0	
WC6I (m/m)	1025	393	1.4	
FO0XX/MM	650?			
KJ6V	570			
N6CCL	531	269		
NV6Z	422	300		
K6KLY	415	280		
K6XO	429	264		
WA6BOB	350			
AJ6V	199	145		
N6JL	180			
K6CSL	114	77		
W6SZN	70			
W6REC	60			
N6RZ	19	18		
WA6AUE	19	13		
K6SSJ	18			

Other callsigns heard on the air: W6RJ, K6TMB, N6AUV (the latter two did most of their operating from WC6I).

Clipperton Party

Our March 25 meeting was the biggest of the past year, with 90 people on hand to launch W6OAT, W6RGG, KK6X, N7NG, F6GXB, F9LX, JG3LZG, and FO8HL on their successful expedition to Clipperton Island. Despite rough seas forcing the expedition team to remain offshore for three days, the group

finally landed, much to everyone's relief. Once on the island, the group verily and merrily KB'd despite the bad weather. Also at our March meeting, Takeshi, JH7PKU and Dai, JF2IWL showed us a video on contesting in Japan (thanks to George, WB6KBZ, for bringing the video equipment), and we gained two new regular members: Dick LeMassena, W6KH, and Ted Algren, KA6W, the Contest Chairman of the Northern California DX Club. Welcome!

Fresno Convention

You shutterbugs who are going to the Fresno Convention: the May Jug could use some good photos. Black and white glossies are preferable, but anything will do. See you at the contest forum and the NCCC hospitality suite.

Awards Banquet

At our awards banquet on April 29, we'll hand out 1984 Sweepstakes and 1984 California QSO Party awards to the deserving, and hopefully toast ourselves to the case of wine promised us by the Mad River Contest Club, whom we bested in head-to-head competition in the 1984 SS. Cocktails will be served starting at 6 P.M., and dinner at 7 P.M., so we can conclude early (April 29 is a Monday). Once again, we'll be ordering from Rick's regular menu, to give us max choice. At this meeting, we'll be electing a new slate of three officers and three directors for 1985-1986. The following people, whom the Board of Directors finds to be well qualified, have indicated an interest in running for these positions:

President	John Hultquist, K6GSS
V.P.-Contest Chairman	Al Crespo, WB6FCR
Secretary-Treasurer	Phil Frazier, K6ZM
Board Of Directors	Bob Vallio, W6RGG
	Lou Beaudet, K6TMB
	Jim Duffy, WA6AUE
	George Staudacher, WB6KBZ

Nominations from the floor will also be accepted. In addition to the three people to be elected to the Board, I will automatically be on next year's Board, pursuant to the club's bylaws.

Los Altos Hills

On April 10, the Los Altos Hills Planning Commission received the report from its Antenna Subcommittee on the subject of a proposed new zoning ordinance for amateur radio antennas. At this meeting, 55 radio amateurs were present, 8 of whom spoke in favor of reasonable antenna regulations: WB6ECE, W6JKV, AJ6V, N6DA, WB6JXU, K8ERL, N6BAB, and NV6Z. The Commission unexpectedly limited the number of speakers. Four persons spoke against amateur radio antennas. The Planning Commission then voted, 4-1, that: (a) the existing 30' height limitation is unenforceable; (b) there should be some regulation of amateur radio antennas; and (c) the recommendations of the Antenna Subcommittee are too

restrictive of amateur antennas and should be liberalized. Commissioner Siegel, who voted as the minority of one, declared that there should be NO regulation at all of antennas! His remarks were greeted with a warm round of applause. The four commissioners who voted in the majority refused to pin themselves down to any specifics in the motion that passed. However, Chairman Kuranoff indicated in his remarks that the Antenna Subcommittee's recommendation on crankups (i.e, that a crankup should be treated as a fixed antenna having a height equal to the maximum height of the crankup) should be reversed, because the city should be encouraging, not discouraging, the use of crankups. Furthermore, Commissioner Lachenbruch, who was responsible for the low numbers of the Antenna Subcommittee, indicated with his hand on a blackboard chart that the breakpoint for conditional use permits should be liberalized from 50 ft./10 sq. ft. to something which most people I talked to interpreted as 80 ft./25 sq. ft., i.e., any antenna over 80 feet high or more than 25 sq. ft. in cross-sectional wind loading will require a hard-to-obtain conditional use permit. Thus, we made solid progress in two important areas. On the other hand, these four commissioners still want "site development" for antennas below the conditional use permit category, which means that the city can force you to landscape around your antenna and force you to place it at a location on your property they think appropriate, taking into account the opinions of your neighbors. The City Council will now take a crack at the matter; the next public hearing will be at some unspecified future date. To all of you who attended the Planning Commission meeting, your help was greatly appreciated. You helped me personally in my yearlong fight with the city, and, vastly more importantly, you helped amateur radio by your presence.

Adieu

This is my last Jug article as President of this club. We've had a successful year, as befits the world's greatest contest club. We won our seventh national title in the Sweepstakes, and finished with a powerful showing in the WPX Contest. Along the way, we participated in the California QSO Party, the Sprints, Olympic Special Events, VHF contests, ARRL QSO Parties, 160 meter contests, etc., etc. We had a swimming party, a Christmas banquet, and a full slate of well-attended meetings with many interesting guest speakers. All of you who participated in club events made this success possible, and kept our reputation intact. Special thanks go to Bob, N6TV, who engineered our SS victory; to Keith, KN6K, who kept the exchequer; to Ken, K6HNZ, Bob, W6RGG, Russ, K6KLY, and Lou, K6TMB, all of whom participated in a majority of Board meetings and performed numerous special assignments. In particular, K6HNZ has just completed his fifth year as collater, folder, stapler, addresser, stamper, and mailer of the Jug. Thanks to Kip, W6SZN for editing this newsletter; to Jim, WA6AUE for helping us into better shape financially than we were last year at this time; to Alan, K6XO for producing the CQP; to Mojo, AA4KB for maintaining the computerized data bases; to Louese, KA6ING for obtaining

the trophies; to Ron, N6AUV for hosting Board meetings even though he wasn't on the Board; and to the many others who worked this year on behalf of club organization. To the membership in general: thanks for the memories.

73, Ed AJ6V

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March 24, 1985

TO: NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB

Doris Pierce and family send their appreciation to the members of the Northern California Contest Club for their moral support and kind thoughts at such a difficult time. We are deeply grateful for establishment of the "The Cameron G. Pierce, K6RU Memorial Award."

Thanks.

Cam Pierce, Jr. N6TQ

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