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COMING EVENTS

February 25:	NCCC meeting, Hayward, CA, 7:30 P.M.	March 5:	BOD meeting, N6AUV
March 2-3:	ARRL Phone DX Test	March 30-31:	WPX Phone Contest
		April 29:	Annual Awards Banquet and Elections

VHF FREAKS TO DOMINATE FEBRUARY MEETING

All you VHF enthusiasts who have been neglected by the NCCC will get your place in the sun at our February general membership meeting: John Hultquist, K6GSS, George Staudacher, WB6KBZ, and Gary Caldwell, WA6VEF will present a dazzling video of their VHF operations atop Soda Springs Ridge, showing how they broke the Pacific Division record in the 1984 June ARRL VHF QSO Party. As a special added attraction, the notorious video "Contest Night Live" (put together by intoxicated members of the Kansas City DX Club) will also be shown.

Our January dinner meeting was a big success, with 42 people benefitting from W6TC's lucid presentation on low band antennas.

Insiders report that Rich Smith, N6KT, operating from PJ2FR, was the world's high scorer in the 1984 CQWW SSB contest, repeating his 1983 triumph in the same contest. Rich's nearest rival was P44A (K1KI). Operating from AI6V, Rich also posted the number one W/VE phone score in the 1984 Radiosport. For those of you new to the club, Rich was the first person to win NCCC's most prestigious operating award, the World Class Contester award.

At our Awards Banquet on April 29, we'll be electing a new slate of officers and directors. If you think you might be interested in running for any of these positions, please contact any member of the present board.

In case you're wondering why the article "How the NCCC Won the 1981 CQWW" appeared in the latest issue of the National Contest Journal rather than in CQ as originally planned, what happened was that CQ promised us on four separate occasions to run the article, but reneged on its promises. I'm presently trying to extract from them the club members' photos that were sent with the original article, way back in February 1983.

Five club members (W6SZN, W6OAT, W6RGG, N6GJ, and WA7NIN) will be taking a side trip to Clipperton Island to catch some crabs on their way to the Fresno bash. Joined by an international group of equally fast operators, they also hope to make a few contacts, using the call FO0XX. We wish them well and hope to see them on all bands and modes.

For the 1985 ARRL DX Test, the NCCC will again sponsor a plaque for the highest scoring Japanese single-op, both modes combined. The winner for 1984 was JH7DNO, although ARRL forgot to print this in QST. Remember, for the 1985 ARRL DX Test, we're encouraging joint members of NCCC and NCDXC to support the NCDXC, as this year the NCCC will be submitting a club entry in the WPX Test rather than in the ARRL Test.

It was gratifying to rub shoulders (literally) with the more than 60 fellow hams who showed up at the February 6 Clayton City Council meeting to protest the treatment being dished out to club member Bob, VE2AQS/W6. The dunderheads on the Clayton City Council had declared Bob's antenna a public nuisance and ordered him to take it down despite the fact that Clayton has no antenna ordinances at all, and the city staff had given Bob prior oral permission to erect the antenna. On February 6, the Council voted to postpone the matter until Wednesday, March 20, when another good showing by area hams will be necessary to keep Bob in a strong position. I have a good deal of sympathy for Bob; since last August, I have been victimized by Los Altos Hills' unconstitutional 30' antenna height limitation. My unguyed crankup Wilson MT 61B tower with KT34A and single element 40 is usually at 30' and occasionally at 60'. A neighbor who doesn't like the looks of my antenna (even though he can't see it from his house) filed a formal complaint with the city. As a result, the city is proceeding against me but not against the owners of any of the hundreds of other (mostly TV) antennas in Los Altos Hills that are over 30' in height. The City Manager has publicly threatened me with criminal prosecution for my nefarious activities. The applicable criminal ordinance carries a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$500 fine for each day of violation of the antenna height ordinance.

In view of the above and similar idiocies being perpetrated all across our country, I strongly suggest that those of you who care about antennas write letters to our two U.S. Senators, urging them to support Senate Resolution 36 introduced on January 3, 1985 by Senator Goldwater. This Resolution tracks the language of Docket PRB-1 presently before the FCC, and declares the will of the Senate that PRB-1 be enacted (the FCC is expected to rule on PRB-1 around the end of March). The addresses of California's two U.S. Senators are:

Hon. Alan Cranston
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Hon. Pete Wilson
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Send a copy of each of your letters to Perry Williams, W1UED, of ARRL. When writing to the Senators, keep in mind their different political philosophies. Thus, Senator Wilson might respond to an argument that the behavior of cities like Clayton and Los Altos Hills constitutes a serious abrogation of the common law right to use one's property as one sees fit. Senator Cranston, on the other hand, might be persuaded if you raise the issue of discrimination based solely on visual appearance.

73 from Ed, AJ6V

Ramblings From the Editor

Whatever happened to the Wednesday night nets? To the post-contest brag sessions on .24? To NCCC'ers writing articles for the Jug? To the Roving Reporter? Perhaps all of these things, like the bands, are in temporary hibernation and will emerge again?

73, Kip W6SZN

AI6V in Aloha Land

Carl, AI6V, is now in Hawaii and will be making all-out efforts in both ARRL DX SSB and CQ WPX SSB. Carl is especially looking for NCCC'ers with "rare" prefixes in the WPX Test. So blow the dust off your radio and work him on 5 bands.

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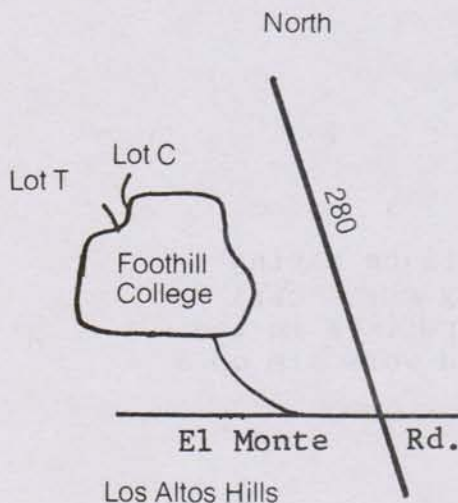


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January 27, 1985

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB-----

Gentlemen:

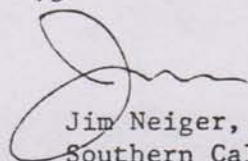
When I first conceived of the notion of a contest-oriented club in the San Francisco Bay Area during the summer of 1970, never did I imagine that the NCCC would grow into the monster that it apparently has. As your founder and first president, I am truly astonished and ashamed that you would resort to gloating over your club victories in six consecutive ARRL Sweepstakes, and the 1981 and 1983 CQ WW contests (NCJ, Jan-Feb 1985). C'mon guys, everyone knows that your competition has been nothing but a few "has-been" clubs residing in the eastern reaches of our fair land. Big Deal. And then, still not content and obviously giddy with your past achievements, you decide to beat-up on the Mad River Radio Club in the 1984 SS.

O.K. Enough is enough. It is time for the NCCC to be brought, forcefully and painfully, back to earth. By REAL men. The Southern California Contest Club hereby challenges the NCCC to a gloves-off, no-holds-barred, winner-take-all competition in the 1985 ARRL Field Day. Category 7-A. The spoils: a case of Southern California's finest champagne against a case of Northern California's finest. (We're no fools - everyone knows that Northern California has the best grapes!).

Thanks to your contesting achievements (and bragging), everyone realizes that the NCCC is steeped in tradition, and is blessed with great camaraderie, the world's finest operators, big stations, and an enviable life-style. On the other hand, the SCCC is relatively unknown and is comprised of a rag-tag bunch of upstarts with few accomplishments, and not much else going for it. Like David vs. Goliath, we realize that we will have to call upon every ounce of enthusiasm and ingenuity to bring the NCCC monster to its knees.

Obviously, the SCCC believes that it has what it takes. If the NCCC knows this too, and is reluctant to accept this challenge, we will understand.

73



Jim Neiger, N6TJ
Southern California Contest Club



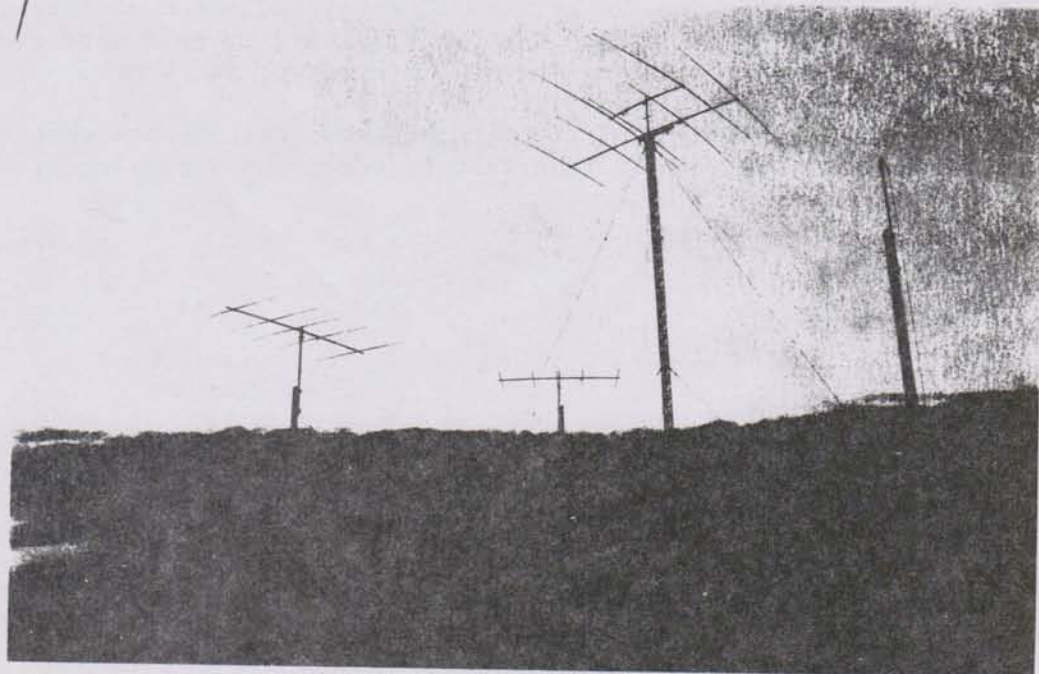
F3TV -- a familiar call to NCCC members. The picture to the left shows the three operators who piloted the station during the 1984 CQWW CW weekend. On the left is Jacques (Jack), F6BEE, a member of the Clipperton DX Club who, along with F9JS, was instrumental in obtaining the license and landing permission for the upcoming 1985 Clipperton expedition. In the center is Bernard, F9IE and on

the right is Oliver, F6ARC. Both Bernard and Oliver were members of the 1978 Clipperton expedition. All three operators shown hold 5BDXCC, and each has over 300 countries confirmed.

Shown in the picture below is the antenna farm of F6CTT, located in French Brittany near Rennes and used by the F3TV group for the 1984 ARRL DX and CQWW contests. Band by band the antennas are as follows: 10: 105BA at 16 meters; 15: 155BA at 18 meters; 20: 205BA at 25 meters; 40: 2 element bobtail, 402BA and slopers; 80: 2 element bobtail and slopers.

The F3TV group has put together the right combination of operators, equipment and antennas: F3TV was the multi-single winner for Europe in 1984 ARRL DX on both SSB (2.7 meg) and CW (2.2 meg). Operators for the SSB weekend were F6ARC, F6CTT and F9IE. For the CW weekend, F3TV, F6BEE and F6ARC were the operators. Congratulations!

W6SZN



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When you get your annual renewal notice from the ARRL, DON'T send your check to ARRL. Rather, send a check in the requested amount to our Secretary/Treasurer, Keith, KN6K, made payable to the Northern California Contest Club. Why? Since we are an ARRL affiliated club, we're entitled to keep \$2 of the annual dues amount (currently \$25) for our club treasury before forwarding the rest to ARRL.

DUES ARE NOW DUE

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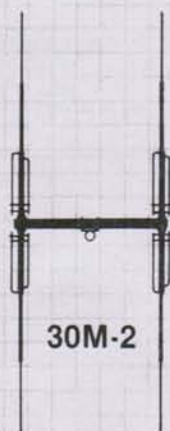
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F/B:

Feed Impedance: 50 ohms

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Boom: 3" O.D. x 12'

Turn Radius: 18'6"

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Windload: 4 sq ft

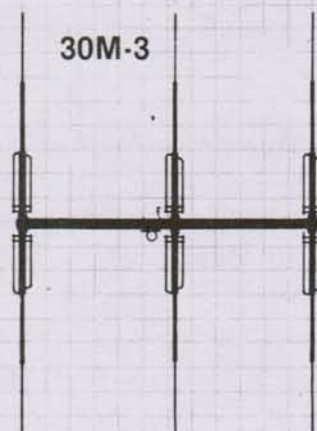
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Gain:

VSWR: less than 1.5:1

F/B:

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