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N.A. SPRINT RESULTS

COMING EVENTS

February 24	NCCC Membership Meeting CWA Hall, Hayward
March 1 - 2	ARRL - DX CW

FROM THE PRES

It is a little difficult to be organized in what I have to say this month. Due to some unplanned events on Valentine's Day, by the time you read this my bride and I should be on Maui.

I am planning on operating the phone ARRL DX Contest if I find a station, etc., etc. -- which should not be difficult.

If you didn't operate the Sprint, you really missed a fun time. I finally broke 200 Q's in the Phone Sprint and my rate was 50 Q's per hour, each hour.

Something new and different was promised for the Awards Banquet. I am pleased to announce that the Banquet will be in Palo Alto on April 25 at Dinah's Shack. Dinner will be smorgasbord. More about this in next month's Jug.

Have a good meeting in Hayward on the 24th and may the WX improve so the ARRL DX Phone event is better than the CW started out.

73,

John

HELLO RADIOSPORT FANS!

I'd like to introduce myself as the new Contest Advisory Committee representative for the Pacific Division, and take this opportunity to fill you in on what topics (controversial and otherwise) are presently being discussed. The Contest Advisory Committee (or CAC) consists of 16 active testers who, as a group, advise the ARRL Board of Directors and the ARRL Awards Committee on matters relating to League-sponsored contests.

My aim as your CAC rep is to be active in insuring that your views on contest-related proposals are passed along to the Committee. As such, I hereby declare myself interested in your thoughts and ideas on ARRL contests. What are your likes? Your dislikes? Are there any rules you'd like to see changed? Or do you like things just the way they are? I'd appreciate your input, so please corner me at an NCCC meeting, or call me on the repeater, or on the telephone (415-689-7500). Or you may write to me at 1830 Polk Street, Concord, CA 94521.

Here, briefly, are the topics presently on the CAC's agenda:

(A) 160 Meter DX Window Protection -- Should stations who operate in the 160 meter DX window during a contest be disqualified?

(B) Club Competition Rules Changes -- (1) Should the present three-tier system be left alone, changed to more accurately reflect actual club membership, or abolished completely? (2) Are current rules regarding meeting attendance satisfactory, i.e., should a member residing less than 50 miles from the club's center point be required to attend a minimum number of meetings each year? and (3) Should members operating outside of their club territory be permitted to submit that score toward their club total?

(C) A contest on 10 MHz?

(D) ARRL DX Competition Rules Changes -- (1) Should contest DXpeditions count toward the club aggregate? (2) Should there be a club competition for foreign clubs? and (3) Would it be appropriate to again try the world-works-the-world formula, as attempted circa 1980?

(E) Spotting Nets -- Should single-operator entries be permitted to use spotting nets during a contest?

(F) Canadian Multipliers -- Should VY1 and VE8 be considered as separate multipliers in ARRL contests?

In addition, the CAC will be recommending to the ARRL Awards Committee a rule prohibiting "solicitation of contacts during an HF contest by non-amateur radio means." So, if you were down to the last hour of Sweepstakes and you needed only Mississippi for a Clean Sweep, it would become illegal for you to get out your Callbook and telephone directory, and then phone an amateur in MISS to get him/her on the air.

If any of the above proposals either tickles your fancy or ruffles your feathers, I'd like to hear from you. I'll be conducting a poll on these issues most likely at the March NCCC meeting.

Sincerely,

Gary Caldwell, WA6VEF

NCCC KB's IN THE NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT

"Wow!" is just about the only word to adequately describe the NCCC's participation in the February 1986 running of the North American Sprint.

No fewer than 34 Club members participated in the CW portion of the contest, while at least 35 screamed their lungs out during the SSB portion. Sprint entrants from all over the country noted the copious quantity of W6s to be worked, and rumor has it that the Southern California Contest Club, hoping to jump on the Sprint bandwagon, is forming teams to compete against our Club in the September event.

CW conditions were fairly good on all three bands. A solar storm occurring the day of the Phone contest, however, resulted in a virtual washout of propagation to W1, W2, and Eastern Canada. Nonetheless, congratulations are in order to K6GSS, K6CSL, WB6KBZ, and N6AUV for setting personal best QSO totals in an SSB Sprint. Similar kudos go to K6LRN, W6SZN, and WA6VEF (at N6RO) for CW. And a few of our brethren showed up to work the contest(s) even though they were not formally seeded on one of our teams. On CW, they were K6HIH, N6OP, AA6AD, AG6D, N6KT, AK6T, WC6I, KA6W, and N6CQ/3; and on phone, KB6KKH, AL7H/0, WA6IQM, CE3AQI/W6, AK6T, K6TMB, N7NG, and N6TU.

Be sure to submit your Sprint score (whether or not you were on a team) to insure your team position for the September running of the contests. CW entries go to Rusty Epps, W6OAT, 948-H Kiely Boulevard, Santa Clara, CA 95051, and SSB entries go to Rick Niswander, K7GM, 4520 N. Central Avenue, Suite 500, Phoenix, AZ 85012. All logs must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the contest.

Here's how we did:

<u>CW #1</u>		<u>CW #2</u>		<u>CW #3</u>	
N6RO	296 x 38	N6AUV	197 x 34	N6GG	
(WA6VEF op)		WA6AUE	184 x 30	N6JV	
WA7NIN	238 x 40	K4TKM		W6KZJ	52 x 20
(W6OAT op)		W6CF	43 x 15		
N6BT	257 x 36	K6CSL	38 x 14		
W6SZN	244 x 37				
N7NG	220 x 34				
W6RGG	214 x 35				
AJ6V	232 x 30				
K6LRN	170 x 34				
K6XO	174 x 25				
K6ZM	112 x 28				

<u>CW #4</u>		<u>CW #5</u>		<u>UNSEEDED</u>	
NV6Z	103 x 27	K6ANP	174 x 34	KA6W	192 x 30
N6EK		WA0JRB		AA6AD	32 x 7
K6MBV				AG6D	14 x ?
AD6E	41 x 13			N6KT	11 x 4
W6XX	40 x ?			WC6I	
				AK6T	
				N6OP	
				K6HIH	
				N6CQ/3	

<u>SSB #1</u>		<u>SSB #2</u>		<u>SSB #3</u>	
N6RO	328 x 35	N6JL	216 x 33	K6ZM	193 x 28
(WA6VEF op)		K6GSS	203 x 29	NV6Z	181 x 21
WA7NIN	278 x 35	K6KLY	214 x 25	W8SH	
N6BT	260 x 33	WB6KBZ	163 x 33	(WA6DGX op)	
W6SZN	219 x 23	KB6JK	212 x 24	NU6S	
N6AUV	228 x 22	W6BSY			
K6XO	201 x 25	WE6G	130 x 15		
WB6FCR	163 x 26	WB6MZQ			
K6LRN	60 x 11				

<u>SSB #4</u>		<u>UNSEEDED</u>	
K6ANP	235 x 29	K6TMB	60 x 19
W6RGG	170 x 27	AL7H/0	
N6BLN		AK6T	
W6OAT		CE3AQI/W6	
K6CSL	78 x 13	KB6KKH	
KI6T		WA6IQM	
		N6KT	
		N6TU	
		N7NG	1 x 1

New team listings will appear in the August Jug.
See you in September!

73,

Gary, WA6VEF and Bob, W6RGG

MINUTES OF THE NCCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 17, 1986

The meeting was held at the CWA Hall, 29868 Mission Street, Hayward, and was called to order by the President John, K6GSS, at 7:45 p.m. Each person introduced himself/herself and described any contest activity since the last meeting. Twenty-nine people reported. After the introductions there was a short pause for those who wanted pizzas to order them.

Four membership applications were read and the applicants introduced. All four were voted into membership unanimously. The new members are: Carlos Nascimento, CE3AQI, Ron Roberts, WA6ITV; reinstated: Steve Hurley, N6JXV and Alex Rabinovich, KB6KKH. Welcome to NCCC, Carlos, Ron, Steve and Alex.

Ron, N6AUV, described work being done at AJ6V to eliminate TVI at a neighbor's home. An old worn out antenna and tv set are the major causes of trouble so a new antenna and a high pass filter are being tested.

Al, WB6FCR, the contest chairman, reported a score of 57 million for both WW contests with only 14 million for CW operation. He is hoping we can increase scoring in this mode for the WPX contests.

Gary, WA6VEF, and Bob, W6RGG, discussed the Sprint contests coming up the next two Saturday evenings. They have several 10 person teams for each mode and are looking for more.

The BOD meeting will be February 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the residence of AJ6V, Ed Radlo.

Ted, K6XN, announced he was looking for a Commodore duping program. K6HNZ, Ken, said he thought that the Jug was not giving enough information on meetings and other activities. After these comments, there was a short break for pizza eating while preparations for the main event of the evening were made.

KA6W, Ted Algren, presented a very well done talk on his work with a 160 m loop antenna and his design of a high gain pre-amplifier. Several informative slides were shown

during his talk. Many of the LF members are hoping to follow up with Ted's ideas to improve their 80 m and 160 m operations. We all thank you, Ted, for one of the best technical talks we have had in a long time.

Jim Duffy, WA6AUE, turned in \$25.50 to the Treasury from drink sales at the meeting.

As it was well after 10:00 p.m., the Barbados slide show of K6ZM was put off to a later date.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Phil Frazier, K6ZM
Secretary/Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 6, 1986

The meeting was held at the residence of AJ6V. Those attending were: AJ6V, K6GSS, WB6FCR, K6ZM and W6RGG. Guests were N6TU and N6AUV.

After an enjoyable dinner served by Ed and his wife, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

K6GSS announced that the Awards Banquet will be held on Friday evening April 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Dinah's Shack in Palo Alto. The list of award winners will be posted in the March Jug to ensure that every winner who can attend will do so.

W6RGG moved that WB6FCR be reimbursed for expenses incurred for generating the Jug mailing labels and roster. This was seconded and agreed to unanimously by the Board members.

K6GSS again stated that we need a new editor for the Jug as W6SZN has too many other projects to do this also. Anyone interested please call either Kip or John.

After considerable discussion, it was decided that all operators of each winning Multi-single and Multi-multi station in each category of phone and CW operation will be awarded a framed certificate. Plaques will go to winning station owners in each category. For WPX contests general achievement certificates will be given single operators who make 500K points in either or both modes. This was approved 4-0 by the Board members.

Bruce, N6TU, volunteered to gather summary sheets for the ARRL contests and submit the score for non-dual

members who want to submit for NCCC. AJ6V urged that joint members submit their scores for the NCDXC to WB6FCR and non-joint members to N6TU for the NCCC entry.

K6GSS said that W6OAT was looking for helpers to support the Armadillo Run this summer. It will be on 20 M only with the phone weekend May 3 and 4 and the CW run July 26 and 27. The Board voted 3-1 to support the run.

A slate of possible new officers for the club was discussed and several names were suggested. These will be considered by K6GSS and others in the next few weeks.

WB6FCR, Al, will be the February Master of Ceremonies for the 2 meter Wednesday 8:00 p.m. meetings.

N6AUV, Ron, offered to have the next BOD meeting at his home on March 6 at 6:30 p.m.

The next membership meeting will be at the CWA Hall in Hayward on March 24. The main feature will be imported from Japan and introduced by Gary, WA6VEF.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Frazier, K6ZM

CONTEST ROUNDUP

Spring is around the corner and contests are becoming as common as hay fever!

At the last board meeting, it was decided that dual members of the NCCC/NCDXC are encouraged to submit their scores from the ARRL DX TEST for the NCDXC, while members of the NCCC are encouraged to submit scores for the NCCC. So, for those who wish to give the NCCC your score, please send a copy of your summary sheet to the contest chairperson/vice-president (that's me).

As for Sprint logs, please send a copy of your summary sheet for cw to Bob, W6RGG, and for phone to Gary, WA6VEF. And please, don't make them wait months for it!

CQ WPX will be the next big effort by the NCCC. WPX occurs the last weekends in March and May so make your plans for the multi-multi and multi-single stations. If you need a place to operate, contact the person who's responsible -- the vice-president/contest chairperson.

At the Awards Banquet in April, plaques will be given to the following stations based upon final results received 1/16/86 for 1985 CQWW:

PHONE

Single operator (Domestic) W6FSJ, Wendell Pierce
 Single operator (DX) PJ2FR, Operator N6KT, Rich Smith

Multi-Single (Domestic) NB6L, Donald Artru
 Multi-Single (DX) VP2MU (Ashley Park, VP2MU; Ted Park,
 K6XN, Duane Ausherman, W6REC)

Multi-Multi (Domestic) N6RO, Ken Keeler
 Multi-Multi (DX) VP2MW (Tom Schiller, N6BT, Tim Coad,
 NU6S; Carl Cook, AI6V; Gary Caldwell, WA6VEF; Ron
 De Bry, WA6DGX)

CW

Single Operator (Domestic) AI6V (Gary Caldwell, WA6VEF
 operator)
 Single Operator (DX) VP2MEV (Ed Radlo, AJ6V, operator)

Multi-Single (Domestic) K6ZM (Donald Artru, NB6L,
 operator)
 Multi-Single (DX) ZS3/W6QL, Lloyd and Iris Colvin,
 W6KG, W6QL
 Multi-Multi (Domestic) N6RO, Ken Keeler

In addition, framed certificates will be given to
 the following stations: WB6FCR, KB6JK, W6KG/ZS, W6QL/ZS,
 K4UVT, N6EK, WB6MZQ, N6BV, W7MAP, K6TMB, KA6W, N6XI, WC6I,
 W6RGG, W6OSP, W6SZN, NV6Z, K4TKM, N6ICV, N6AUV, AK6T.

Alan, K6XO, will also be awarding plaques and
 certificates for CQP to the deserving.

73,

Al, WB6FCR

LOTTERIES AND OTHER FUN

Paul Young, K1XM

People tell me I should operate other than on 40 CW and in contests. Well, I tried it and here's what I found:

An interesting phenomenon which seem to be very popular lately are the 20 meter lotteries. For those of you who haven't heard it, the way it works is like this: If you are interested in playing one of these lotteries, you find someone running a lottery and wait until he is looking for more players. Then you call, and if he is running a popular lottery, so do a bunch of other people. He gets a few callsigns, and if yours is one of them, you will get to play. When your turn comes, he will call you, using whatever piece of the call he got. You send him your entire callsign. You turn it over, and then the fun begins. You now have to think of your two digit lucky number. You can play anything, your age, the day or month you were born, whatever. You get a couple seconds of silence to make your final determination. When the person running the lottery says "over", you tell him your lucky number. If it's the one he was looking for, he says "good one" or some similar phrase, and you win your prize -- a card from a TL8/ST0 or maybe even an XU1.

If you find you cannot get through the pileup to play in some of the most popular lotteries, there is an easier way. An example is in order: Recently, there was an expedition to Niger, 5U7. Many people wanted to play for this one, since they had never won a 5U7 card before. The person running the lottery took a few players from one land, a few from two land, etc. Then he took everyone who was around who was a member of his radio club. There were no geographical restrictions on who could join his club, all you had to do was send some money. It's easy, and with some lotteries, since you are a member of the club, they will let you guess a second or even third number, so you can win (they like for you to win).

I'm going back to 40 CW, where skill produces QSO's instead of luck and bucks.

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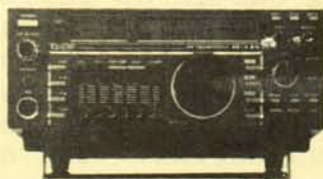
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