

The Contest JUG



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VP/CC: K4UVT
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MEMBERSHIP: W6REC

AWARDS: K6ZM
FINANCE:
JUG EDITOR: W6SZN
DIRECTORS: KA6ING, WA6VEF, NV6Z

NEW PREZ BUYS BEER

FROM THE PREZ

Things, they are a-happening!

The June meeting will feature a no-holds barred discussion of contest participation by the club and meeting formats and locations for the coming year. Befitting these important subjects, the meeting will be held at the pizza place cutomarily used for post-meeting gatherings. The presentation of the 1987/88 budget of our club will also occur, as required by the by-laws. (See the details of the budget printed elsewhere in this Jug).

There will be no meeting in July. The August meeting will be a picnic held at the digs of one of our well-known bon vivants. More information on date, time, etc. appear on another page of this grandiose gazette.

A questionnaire about the activities of the club and the interests of the members is being prepared by one of our members who is a specialist in the field of statistical analysis. The results should help determine where the members want the club to go, and how we get from today to tomorrow.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 1986/87 officers and Board members for their efforts on behalf of NCCC. No club can do any more, or less, than its members will allow it to do. The NCCC is your club -- get involved and make it as high-caliber or small-bore as you want it to be.

Keep watching the pages of this turgid tribune [Bob: This being the first issue of your regime, I'll let this pass this time -- but no more.... Ed.] for all the news that's fit to print, and maybe more!

Mark Monday, June 22 on your calendar -- then come to the meeting. See you there!

Bob, W6RGG

RON CHIAPPARI, N6AUV

1942-1987

Remembrances of a Friend

Every so often, you're lucky enough to cross paths with that rare person who is truly larger than life -- someone who lives each day to the fullest, loves life, and loves people. Ron Chiappari was such a person. His untimely death on April 17, 1987 leaves a huge void in our lives. But we are all fortunate to have crossed paths with Ron, and we are all better for it.

I first met Ron after an NCCC meeting in 1978. You all know the feeling: you've worked hard all day, you're bushed, and all of a sudden here's a new face to deal with when all you want to do is go have pizza and beer with your friends and talk about radio and contesting. Well, there was no denying Ron. He had the enthusiasm of the whole club put together. From the start, his keen interest in antennas was contagious. Ron told me that night about a shortened sloper for 75/80, loaded with 5 inch coils, that he thought might be the answer to my 80 meter antenna problems. Ron and I constructed and erected that antenna the next weekend and, a year later, 105 countries had been worked on 75/80 on the way to 5BDXCC. A summer later found Ron and I on my roof, with the temperature over 100 degrees, while Ron struggled in vain with his noise bridge trying to locate the problem in a 402BA. We sweated like pigs and swore like sailors. Ron, of course, rejected my repeated requests to bag the whole thing and await a cooler day. Only after I had belatedly found a hole the size of a quarter in one of the element insulators did Ron conclude that further efforts would be futile. Off the roof and in the shade with cold beers in hand, we laughed like little kids. I'll never forget that day.

Ron was an operator's operator. He sat all night for two nights at W6OWQ, working JA's and others in the All-Asia one year -- and emerged as the 40 meter winner. He operated at all the multi-multis -- N6RO, AI6V, K6RU and K6ZM -- and was always willing to go where the club needed help in its efforts to win club championships. The DXpedition bug soon bit, and Ron was off to operate as XE2BC, AI6V/KH6 and 8P9AG. His crowning achievement came as 8P9AR in the 1986 CW WPX, where he made more QSO's and snagged more multipliers than any other single operator. Who will ever forget that chirpy signal -- and Ron laughing about it when he returned home, claiming (correctly, I suspect) that it was his secret "anti-dupe" weapon.

Ron's big interest from home was low band operating. He was always lurking around 40 and 80, trying out new antennas, and it was common to hear him on in the middle of the night.

Most of all, Ron was an organizer and a doer. Most of you are probably unaware of Ron's behind-the-scenes role in the 1985 and 1986 Clipperton expeditions. Prevailing upon his many friends in the Clipperton DX Club (whose meetings in France Ron attended), Ron made the approval and help of the French a reality, without which the expeditions would not have occurred. Ron was the moving force behind the special events Olympic Games stations, arranging for the Stanford dish site, securing the "Olympic Games" callsigns (W84OG and K84OG), having the cards printed and, most of all, operating. NCCC QSL cards, special CQWW T-shirts, several Christmas banquets and NCCC wine awards for the CQP -- these and more were Ron's projects. And they, like him, were a resounding success.

Sadly, our friend is gone. Our memories of him, however, will live on forever.

Kip Edwards, W6SZN

FROM THE VP/CC

" WHAT DO I DO NOW ????? "

Well, there I was, just tooling along and jumping into a contest fray every so often to keep the ole fist from getting too rusty and to keep from forgetting what my call is. Then, all of a sudden, I find that I have been neatly railroaded into the office of VP and Contest Chairtype of the NCCC!!

Granted, conditions have been El Yucko for quite a while. And it always seems that the station you need for a mult is just about a hundredth of a dB above ESP, and then the woodpecker comes up! But we're starting to see some very good openings and, by yiminy, some of them even happen during the contest period!!

Yours truly participated in the CQ-M contest on 9-10 May, and had a great time. Conditions were good on Saturday night, and 20 meters stayed open into Europe until 3 AM. That gave me a good chance to practice up on my VERY rusty Russian. And, believe it or not, I found my return Q rate went up significantly when I dropped my call to a UA-type

station in Russian!! Conditions did drop out on Sunday, though, but we hung in there.

As your new VP/CC, I'll do my best to fulfill the duties of the office. Being new to the inner workings of the NCCC, however, I'll need the help and support of all the membership in order to keep you informed of upcoming contests and to keep the records of individual scores toward the NCCC aggregate total score in those tests in which we participate as a club.

Contests coming up in the next month or so are:

June 13-15	ARRL VHF QSO Party
June 20-21	All Asia (SSB)
June 27-28	Field Day
July 11-12	IARU HF Championship
July 18-19	CQWW WPX VHF

If you need ops for your station for a particular contest (or a place to operate), let me know and I'll try to get things together for you. I'll also try to stay current on the rules for all the contests in case anyone has questions about them.

AND PLEASE SEND ME YOUR SUMMARY SHEETS!

Future ramblings in this column will be more newsy, informative and interesting. Keep me informed of your activity.

73 & KB, Bob, K4UVT/6

CQ WPX CW TALL TALES

<u>Call</u>	<u>Q's</u>	<u>Mults</u>
KI6P (WA6VEF op)	1466	515
AJ6V	1228	430
AG6D (M/S)	1274	444
WC6H	1269	400
WA6AUE	727	---
AK6T	771	319
AI6V (M/S)	1621	518
NS6G/QRP (W6REC op)	386	286
K6CSL	127	96

YOU ARE INVITED ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS NCDXC & NCCC

4TH OF JULY PARTY

By Lloyd (W6KG) & Iris (W6QL)

2:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

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FROM OAKLAND

CQP 1987: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

With this year's California QSO Party only three and a half months away, I'm looking for volunteers to help make the '87 CQP an even greater success than the 1986 version.

The plan for this year is to greatly expand upon our pre-contest publicity campaign, as well as to add a few new contest awards. My feeling is that, if the NCCC continues to work hard to increase CQP activity, our Club has a good chance to succeed in making the Cal QSO Party an "event," rather than just a "contest." If we can generate interest from W6s who don't usually operate in radiosporting events, we'll be well on our way to making the CQP a major contest and not just the biggest of the state QSO Parties!

As such, I will need help in these categories:

(a) someone to go through last year's top CA logs, as well as contest results for the past year, to come up with a mailing list for the 1987 test. This will be a supplemental list to the many addresses already in our data base, so it really is not that big a task. You'll need a 1987 Callbook and a computer with a mailing label program.

(b) a volunteer to coordinate NCCC CQP activity. K6SG, WW6D, WE6G, K6MBV, and W6REC have all again agreed to serve as CQP Regional Coordinators, making telephone calls in their assigned areas. This very important position involves managing the Regional Coordinators and insuring that the NCCC is on the air en masse for the CQP.

(c) someone to handle CQP T-shirts -- getting the shirts printed, taking orders, collecting money, and making sure that the shirts get to those who placed the orders. Artwork for the shirt will be taken care of by W7MAP.

(d) a person to process the logs after the test is over. This involves checking to see that the bigger logs are duped, insuring that each log has been scored correctly, and providing a final list of scores, in descending order, by county/state/country. Based on the final tallies, a list of certificate, plaque, and wine winners will be made.

(e) people to help stuff envelopes for the pre-contest publicity campaign.

If you think you might be interested in tackling one of these jobs, please contact me on the repeater, or call me at my home at (415) 689-7500.

73, Gary, WA6VEF
1987 CQP Chairman

MINUTES OF THE NCCC REGULAR MEETING

18 May 1987

The meeting was called to order by President W7MAP at 1945 Hrs. local. W6SZN waived reading of the minutes. N6BT second. Passed unanimously.

I. Introductions

W7MAP -- may operate the WPX at WC6H
NV6Z -- has a business trip and will not be back until late Saturday night but will try to make the K6ZM operation, time permitting
AJ6V -- will op from home QTH for WPX (if tower is up)
N6BT -- will have guest op at home QTH (Guess who?)
W6REC -- will operate from Fort Bidwell using QRP (Hey Duane, life's too short to run QRP!), using the call NS6G
K7PXX -- no WPX -- has bridge tourney
KA6W -- no plans for WPX
AD6E -- will be on from WC6H
VE2AQS -- will operate from QTH using the call VE2AQS/AC6
AK6T -- will operate at K6ZM
N1EE -- will operate at AG6D's QTH
WA6ITV -- will be out of town, no plans
K6KLY -- will not be on for the WPX but tune him in during the upcoming VHF contest on 13 and 14 June
WA6VEF -- will guest op at N6RO signing KI6P
W6RGG -- WPX from somewhere, time and place unknown
AI6V -- will operate from AI6V
W6SZN -- plans to operate at AI6V
W6OAT -- will be out of town
N6JPY -- no WPX plans
N6VV -- will be out of town, no WPX plans

II. Old Business

No old business.

III. New Business

(A) Elections

1. NV6Z read WZ6Z's letter declining his candidacy for President. W7MAP discussed the reasons for re-holding the elections. W6SZN moved to ratify the action of the Board of Directors meeting of 30 April 1987. N6BT seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. W6SZN nominated W6RGG for President. W6OAT seconded. N6BT moved to close nominations for President. W6SZN seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. W6OAT nominated K4UVT for VP/CC. NV6Z seconded. N6BT moved to close nominations for VP/CC. W6OAT seconded and motion passed unanimously.
4. W6SZN nominated VE2AQS for Secretary/Treasurer. AI6V seconded. W6OAT moved to close nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. AI6V seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
5. W6OAT nominated W6REC, NV6Z, and KA6ING for the Board of Directors. W6REC declined. W6SZN nominated WA6VEF for the Board of Directors. W6OAT seconded. N6BT moved to close nominations. AJ6V seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
6. AJ6V moved to elect to office by acclamation the following:

President: W6RGG
VP/CC: K4UVT
Sec./Treas. VE2AQS
BOD: KA6ING
WA6VEF
NV6Z

K7PXX seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

(B) NV6Z moved to adjourn the meeting. W7MAP seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by W6RGG.

Ron Rueter, NV6Z
Secretary/Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

8 June 1987

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by President Bob Vallio. Attendees: W6RGG, President, W7MAP, Past President, WA6VEF, Board of Directors, NV6Z, Board of Directors. Guests: WZ6Z and W6SZN.

W6RGG asked NV6Z to record minutes of the meeting.

1. The budget was discussed and reviewed.

WA6VEF moved to accept budget as presented. W7MAP seconded, passed 4:0 (see budget elsewhere in this issue of the Jug).

2. June meeting place and time:

W7MAP moved to have the June meeting at the Round Table Pizza Parlor on Harder Road in Hayward at 7:30 p.m. WA6VEF seconded. Passed 4:0.

3. Contests for 1987-88:

NV6Z moved that the CQP be the primary domestic contest for NCCC. W7MAP seconded, passed 3:0, 1 abstention.

4. Membership:

W6SZN will send letters to contesters from published contest results that are not members of the NCCC.

5. July meeting:

NV6Z moved to cancel the July meeting. WA6VEF seconded. Passed 4:0.

6. August meeting:

W7MAP moved to have the August meeting be a bar-b-que meeting at WA6VEF's residence on Saturday, 22 August 1987. NV6Z seconded. Passed 4:0.

7. September meeting:

W7MAP moved to have the September dinner meeting on Friday, 25 September 1987. WA6VEF seconded. Passed 4:0. WA6VEF to find a location.

8. Meeting formats:

Meeting format to be discussed at the June/August meetings.

NV6Z moved that the March meeting be the Awards Banquet. W7MAP seconded. Passed 4:0.

9. NV6Z moved to have NCCC sponsor the WORKED ALL CALIFORNIA COUNTIES AWARD (details to be discussed at next BOD meeting). W6RGG seconded. Passed 4:0.

10. WA6VEF moved to have WZ6Z oversee the Membership Committee which is currently without a chairman. NV6Z seconded. Passed 4:0.

11. WA6VEF reports that KB6ZV asked the NCCC to provide a contest forum at the Pacific Division convention in October.

12. July board meeting will be held July 13 at the Hiway 92 Holiday Inn. NV6Z to check into the meeting place.

NV6Z moved to adjourn. W7MAP seconded. Passed 4:0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 p.m.

The BOD of the NCCC thanks Kip, W6SZN, for hosting this meeting.

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W6OKK SILENT KEY

Pat, W6OKK, a long time NCCC/NCDXC member and multi-op station owner extraordinaire, passed away on June 1 after an extended illness. Pat was 66.

The NCCC would like to extend its most sincere and heartfelt condolences to Pat's XYL, Jean, and Pat's brother, Ron, K6AYA.

Pat's enthusiasm for DXing, contesting and the support of the club will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT

As of June 9, 1987

By Ron Rueter, NV6Z
for Bob St. Germain, VE2AQ5

PROPOSED BUDGET 1987-1988

BALANCE TO DATE

	INCOME	EXPENSE	NET	INCOME	EXPENSE	NET	% OF BUDGET
Membership Dues	\$2,500	\$ 0	\$2,500			\$ 0	0.0%
Raffles	0	0	0			0	0.0%
Self-Funding Events	2,000	(2,000)	0			0	0.0%
Publications (JUG)	0	(1,400)	(1,400)			0	0.0%
JUG Advertising	700	0	700			0	0.0%
Hospitality (Visalia)	0	(200)	(200)			0	0.0%
Membership Awards	0	(1,000)	(1,000)			0	0.0%
Sponsored Awards	0	(150)	(150)			0	0.0%
CWA Hall Rental	0	(45)	(45)			0	0.0%
Contingency Fund	0	(200)	(200)			0	0.0%
CQP	320	(770)	(450)			0	0.0%
Special Mailings	0	(175)	(175)			0	0.0%

Sub Totals: \$5,520 (\$5,940) (\$420) \$ 0.0 \$ 0.0 \$ 0

Balance Forward \$ 842.28 842.28

Club Balance \$ 422.28 \$ 842.28

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Repeater Fund 0 0 0 0
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