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COMING EVENTS

NCCC Meeting, CWA Hall, Hayward	October 26
ARRL Sweepstakes - CW	November 7-8
European DX Contest - RTTY	November 14-15
ARRL Int'l EME Competition	November 14-15
NCCC Meeting, "Spaghetti Feed," CWA Hall, Hayward	November 20
ARRL Sweepstakes - SSB	November 21-22
AOEC 160 Meter DX Contest	November 21-22
CQWW CW	November 28-29

THE PREZ SEZ

How did you do in the CQP? I was on, fighting my line noise as usual, and heard many other NCCers in there. It sounds like another record weekend, in spite of the poor conditions.

Our October 26 meeting, 7:30 p.m., at the CWA Hall in Hayward, will feature a CQP report by WA6VEF, who should have most of the scores by then. Also on the program is W7MAP, with a CQWW-SSB report; a CQWW-CW station and operator sign-up; and the kick-off program for Sweepstakes, complete with logs, dupe sheets and a strategy session.

Our November 20 meeting, a Friday, will also be at the CWA Hall. This one is our annual "Spaghetti Feed," the dinner to be prepared by chefs Chuck and Louese. The menu will be announced next month, along with the RSVP instructions. There will be a nominal fee to cover expenses

plus supplement our awards fund. Don't miss this fun get-together of our gourmets and gourmands.

It looks like the "Letters to the Editor" column is catching on. Have you sent in your opinion on any Club subject you think needs discussion? Let's hear from you!

Please check the calendar listing for the contests coming up, and don't forget the Christmas Banquet, December 19, at Mac's Tearoom in Los Altos.

KB, Bob, W6RGG

FROM THE VP/CC . . .

I have finally returned from the all-too-short sojourn to the balmy climes of FO0-land. It was a very nice trip, with 3 days in Papeete, and a week each on the islands of Bora Bora and Moorea. I did get to do some operating with my new call, FO0DRD, and even managed to work several NCCC'ers. I only made about 200 Q's, and some of those were made from the shack of Paul Robert, FO4NM, on Bora Bora, using an IC-751 and a 3-element tribander at 40 feet. On the average, though, conditions were pretty rotten, with few and very short openings to the US. There were also all manner of strange and mystifying noises on the bands that I don't recall having heard on this side of the pond.

I did manage to get a halfway decent tan whilst kickin' back on the beach and perusing the local flora and fauna, particularly of the bikinied vareity.

The ARRL November Sweepstakes, CW installment, is coming up on November 7-9, with the SSB version coming on its heels on November 21-23. And then November 28-29 is the CQ WW CW Contest. Seems like there's lots of the big ones to play around with this month!

I have stated in past issues of the JUG that I will submit club entries in any contest for which our membership submits their summary sheets. In this year's CQ WPX test, that has already taken several ties in order to get a "final" score together. I will consider the club entry score "final" for all summary sheets that are in my hands FIVE (5) days prior to the deadline date published by the sponsoring organization of that contest. After that, you are on your own if you wish to have a score submitted on behalf of NCCC. We have to establish a fixed and definite deadline and stick to it.

I am also working on reviving the NCCC net on 2 meters Wednesday nights at 8:00 p.m. Rusty, W6OAT, has already gotten us started by starting an informal net on October 7. We are working on a format that is both

interesting and informative. Your suggestions are greatly appreciated, as we want to have a net that you won't want to miss!

Good luck on the bands!

73 & KB, Bob, K4UVT/6

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

September 23, 1987

Dear Kip,

In general I would have to agree with Rusty's recent letter to you regarding NCCC.

While I have attended some excellent NCCC meetings as far as the speakers are concerned, I have found the meetings to be poorly attended and I frankly did not care for where the meetings were held. Also, the ones I attended did not involve dinner and consequently I had to leave Napa in time to stop and eat and still be at the meeting on time. The required a departure which was earlier than reasonable in many cases. One of the primary benefits of course with a happy hour and dinner is the time it gives newer members to meet more people and vice versa.

I am not sure I agree that a prospective member should have to go through much to become a member but would have to do a certain amount of participating to stay a member. This way a member who wants to stay a member must participate or lose his membership.

In any case, I am eager to see the NCCC become more of a well-rounded organization.

73, Bruce, W6OSP

1469 Lupine Drive
Santa Rosa, CA
95401

September 26, 1987

Rusty Epps, W6DAT
651 Handley Trail
Redwood City, CA 94062

Dear Rusty,

I am writing you in response to your "Letter to the Editor," which appeared in the recent issue of the JUG. I hear what you are saying, I know how you feel and I support your intentions 100%. If it were put to a vote today I would vote YES even though I thought it would mean I would be one of those deleted from membership. Just by virtue of geographic location alone, I am unable to actively participate in the social functions of the club. There are also other attributes that make it impossible for me to interact as you say with the group. As you know we all shared a great experience of camaraderie with our trip to Manzanito. A very important point with regard to membership in an organization. In spite of the fact I will be out I am not personally offended by the idea or suggestion.

I submit to you the following for your consideration and that of those who will eventually decide how this is going to turn out:

1. If you are going to limit membership and reduce the size and scope of the NORTHERN CALIFORNIA Contest Club then I am not sure that you can say you are really the NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB if all of No. Calif cannot join.

2. Perhaps you could consider dividing the NCCC in to chapters. Each chapter could control its size of membership, to include qualifications of who gets in, how they qualify to stay and be selective in who you allow in.

This will permit the development of compatible and cohesive members and at the same time allow everyone continued membership in the NCCC. This does not mean that you cannot allow a member from Nevada City to be a member of the South Bay Chapter of the NCCC. In addition to maintaining the normal standards of the NCCC each chapter will have participation requirements in NCCC and NCJ activities. The NCCC may require each chapter to participate in a designated number of contest with a certain percent of its members also participating to maintain its active chapter status in the NCCC. Non activity mean loss of charter for chaptership in the NCCC. This would simulate intra-chapter rivalry as well as possibly adding to the overall increase of participation in the NCCC contest activities and scores.

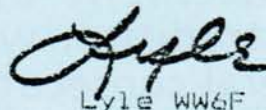
3. Also for consideration to your plan maybe individual membership activity can be formulated on a prescribed number of contest a member must participate in i.e.

- A. 5 contest per year OR
- B. One contest DXpedition per year OR
- C. accumulation of 150,000 points per year

anyone of the 3 will maintain a members active status within the club. This would be criteria for individuals that do not have a chapter in their area. It could also be used for continued membership in a given chapter.

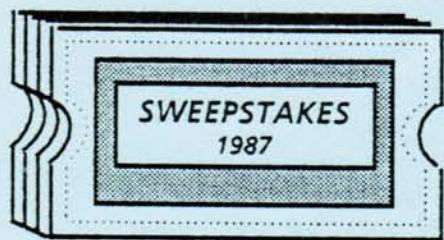
Well those are my ideas and regardless of the outcome I support the idea. Keep the pressure on.

Best 73 and QUD DX

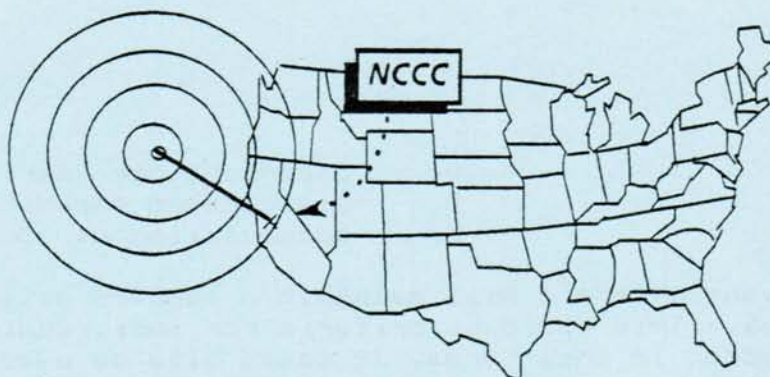


Lyle WW6F

P.S. The NCCC should by all means continue with a President and the usual officers and BoD. Each chapter will of course have its officers as well. A representative could be in attendance at all NCCC meetings.



By Chuck W7MAP



Dear NCCC Clubmembers,

This year, 1987, marks the recommencement of a long-standing tradition with NCCC. For several consecutive years now, we, as a group, have distinguished ourselves with an unbroken record of *non-participation* in the Sweepstakes! With 1988 breathing down our necks, we are faced with the decision, once again, of whether we should continue with our collective radio-celibacy or defy the shackles of tradition and attempt to *win!*

In years past, the NCCC has had many motivational tools at their disposal. This year should prove no exception. At the October meeting, look for the reviews of past Sweepstakes, NCCC "Tapes," and a "Brag Sheet." We are also planning to reinstitute the signup sheet, and are encouraging all members to come to the meeting.

Let's lay waste the rumors suggesting that the Frankfurt and PVR clubs can beat the NCCC at will! Our reputation is at stake, which is driven home when word arrives from the Far East that Japan Crazy Contestors believe that the NCCC can be beat by the *West Virginia Aardvark Contest Club*. (!) Enough is enough!

Seven Sweepstakes wins notwithstanding, we have to recommit our efforts toward renewing our superiority! We've let others take our rightful place for too long! Let's make it happen!!



ITEMS OF INTEREST

-- YASME DX-PEDITION GOES FORTH AGAIN

To DXers of the World:

FLASH! The YASME DXpedition represented by Lloyd Colvin, W6KG, and Iris Colvin, W6QL, will be on from Mexico (calls promised but not yet assigned) from 22 October 1987 through 30 November 1987. Operation will be on all bands -- 10 meters through 160 meters, SSB and CW. They will participate in the CQ World Wide DX Contest in both the CW and Phone portions.

If you are missing Mexico on any band, here is your chance!!

As usual, all QSL's to:

The YASME Foundation
P. O. Box 2025
Castro Valley, CA 94546

Please pass this information on to all interested.

73, Bob Vallio, Secretary
THE YASME FOUNDATION

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Gary Caldwell, WA6VEF
1830 Polk Street
Concord, CA 94521

Thanks.

CQP WRAP-UP

And so it was that a solar storm raged throughout the first day of this year's California QSO Party.

But, despite the mediocre propagation on 20 meters during the first part of the test, the 1987 Party will be remembered for tremendous overall activity and record setting performances. Fortunately, conditions improved on Sunday -- 15 was open all day, and 10 meters opened briefly to the East Coast.

Taking advantage of the Sunday high band propagation, along with some 100 160 meter QSO's, Tree, N6TR, operated superstation K6NA in San Diego to a high claimed CA single op total of 2,283 x 58. Second position is tentatively held by Dean, N6BV at 2,021 x 58, with Kurt, NI6W (operating at N6ND), close behind at 1,980 x 58.

Out-of-state scores were out of sight. Jeff, WC4E, operating K4XS, is claiming 925 x all 58 counties, with WX4G in Georgia at 921 x 58. In third place is Mike, NOBSH, with 857 x 57 (he missed San Benito Co.). It will probably take 500 QSO's to make the out-of-state Top Ten!

Among the many CA county expeditions, the N6BT/WA6VEF team in Kings County leads the single-op entries with 1,915 x 58, and the top multi-op score is claimed by the crew of N6VV, K6PJY, K6XV, K3EST and K6XO at 1,825 x 57 from the county lines of Tuolumne, Alpine and Mono.

Here are some high claimed scores:

WC6H (+KI6EZ & N6OP)	1,429 x 58
N5JB	588 x 57
KI6CG (Tulare Co.)	780 x 58
K6TMB (+W6SZN) (Placer Co.)	670 x 56
W6UE (AA6RX op) (CW Only)	1,009 x 57
WA6ZBX (Mono Co.)	1,031 x 56
N6BIS/M (Madera Co.)	47 x ?
K6XO/M (9 Counties)	90 QSO's
K6HIH	1,356 x 58
WX6M	1,107 x 58
K6CSL	140 x 30
K6LRN	703 x 58
VE2AQS/W6	1,170 x 58
NE6I	1,183 x 58
WC6I	234 x 34
N1EE/6 (Sierra Co.)	420 x 52
K6MBV	202 x 42
W6RGG	409 x 48
K6MO/MM	350

All in all, there's no doubt about it -- the California QSO Party is the premier state QSO Party on the contest calendar. As of this writing (Oct. 10), just one week after the Party, I've already received 100 logs. The big

turnout in a contest like this is no accident -- it is the direct result of lots of dedicated work. I'd like to thank each of you who participated in this year's event, and special thanks go to those of you who helped me organize the contest.

Look for complete CQP results early next year.

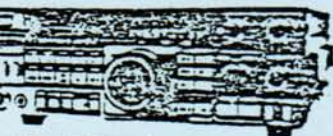
73, Gary, WA6VEF

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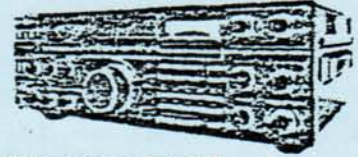
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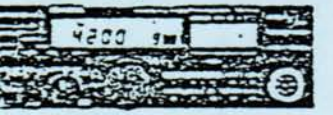


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