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PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION de W6ISQ

WE DON'T JUST ASK FOR A MILLI YUN,
 WE DEMAND A MILLI YUN!

President speaks

And here's what happened to NCCC this month, folks, as reported by . . . W6ISQ . . . Presađunt.

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Visitors:

If you did not get to the meeting on 21 September at the Wagon Wheel, you missed a real Whizz Bang! These meetings are getting so interesting that the word is spreading and Super Op RICH, KI3V, drove all the way from Reno just to attend and chat with all the world-famous testers. And the good word about our meetings also has spread to the USSR. We welcomed Jan, UA4AAW, and his friend Nikolai, who accompanied BRUCE, AA6KX. Thanks, Bruce. Also JIM, KN6BU, and LARRY, NF6S, came in from Livermore. (Quoth the raven, "Livermore" . . . E. A. Poe).

Al, AD6E, brought his friend W1YC, who had a pirate QSL from about the same time as the original Slim. We hope to have a picture next issue.

Welcome aboard and thank you all for coming.

Limerick Committee:

Of course, the meeting began during the salad eating ritual with a report from Limerick Sitzmann,

COMING ATTRACTIONS

(Contest dates are UTC. See QST, CQ or 73 for details, or try SH/CONTEST on DX packet.)

- Oct. 6-7 CQP—California QSO Party
- Oct. 12-14 1990 ARRL Pacific Division Convention, San Jose, CA.
- Oct. 13-14 VK/ZL Oceania Contest, CW
- Oct. 14 RSGB 21/28 MHZ SSB Contest
- Oct. 19 NCCC dinner meeting, Moffett Field CPO club, 6:00 pm attitude adjustment, 7:15 pm dinner*
- Oct 20-21 1990 Scout Jamboree on the Air
- Oct. 21 RSGB 21 MHz CW Contest
- Oct. 27-28 CQ WW DX Phone Contest
- Nov. 3-5 ARRL Nov. Sweepstakes, CW
- Nov. 16 NCCC dinner meeting, Miguel's Restaurant, 22865 Atherton, Hayward. 6:00 pm attitude adjustment, 7:15 pm dinner.

JIM, W6CF, who recited a few verses and urged us all on to tremendous depths to complete the last lines of the so-called limerick verse he publicized in the September *Jug*. He also pointed out there would be valuable prizes for the winners.

Don't let this one get away, folks. Better participate. Actually, I can't think of anything to rhyme with "can" for the one submitted by W1ARR. I even forgot the last line I wrote for the one I submitted!

We have a winner:

Speaking of winners, let me tell all YOU NINCOMPOOPS right now that you missed a great opportunity. Remember a couple a *Jug* issues ago we ran a photo of LLOYD, W6KG, talking to the assemblage at his July 4 party . . . and W6BIP right alongside him in a comfortable chair asleep? The foto caption requested NCCers to send in explanations of what Lloyd said to put BIP to sleep. An award of six of KC6NFE's delicious, undercooked brownies was offered for the best answer. I hate to report to you that W6CF's SECRET COMMITTEE (which also does judging, as required) received only one answer. Naturally it was sent in by W6ISQ. So, the SECRET COMMITTEE awarded the prize to me, and while you ate plain vanilla ice cream dessert, I had vanilla ice cream sitting on top of delicious brownies. Will you learn anything from that?

There may be another quiz or three in this *Jug* to give some of you repentant characters a chance to have a brownie or toll house cookie for dessert at some future meeting. If you are like N6GG or K6PU or K6TIB, way up in the mountains, and cannot make too many meetings, and you win—I owe ya. Don't just lounge there, do something.

P.S. I can't remember my winning answer just now. Maybe I'll think of it later. So, you will have to search elsewhere in this mag for that. Read carefully.

FEATURE PRESENTATION

OLD LOU, K6TMB, was a great Ceremonial Master for the Main Event of the evening. Lou was so great, it is rumored the SECRET COMMITTEE may award him the permanent Sitzmannship of the CM committee.

The subject of Lou's panel discussion was the annual "warmup" of the troops for the CQWW by experts in the field. And they sure warmed us up.

Lou's first guest was Veep BOB, N6TV. Bob gave us a most interesting and usable lecture and handout covering propagation and band planning. Bob also covered specific CW tricks we might use in working him in KH6. I'd like to say more, but I don't want the info to get out.

Then, Lou brought in RICH, N6KT, who will have to be nominated as "poet of the week" for his great limericks that accompanied his "How to work me at HC8" fone tips and local band plan scheme. Mr. Limerick Sitzmann, W6CF, please take note of this budding Ogden Nash. We wish Rich the best in his HC8 operation and will all try to work him all bands.

Finally Old Lou introduced his boss, The Multi-Master, KEN, N6RO, who made everything seem so simple about working a multi-multi. (TMB is station master at N6RO). One of Ken's most important points was, "Set yourself a goal." I repeat . . . "Set yourself a goal". Mark that. And if it ain't a milli yun, you're in the wrong club.

Send SASEs to the speakers for your copy of their handouts. A most invigorating program. Wish you all could have attended.

A MILLI YUN HERE AND A MILLI YUN THERE.

CONFESSIONS OF A CASUAL CONTESTER

Hallucinations and Don Reibhoff:

RICH, N6KT, made a startling revelation to us mortals about his contest operating experiences. During his presentation, he said that when he is tired and has been operating for long periods, he sees patterns of criss-crossing straight lines flashing before his eyes. KEN, N6RO, also admitted to hallucinating with red and green lights like tuning knobs flashing. I suppose we all hallucinate when really bushed in the all-night radio campaigns. But somehow us mortal Casual Contesters just don't think about contest idols like KT or RO as ever suffering from exhaustion or hallucinations. But it does happen. Here is my vivid recollection of something like that.

In 1973, I was fortunate enough to be an operator at XV5AC during the CQWW Phone contest. (Did you know that XV5AC was actually three stations operating from three different locations in Saigon about 3-4 miles apart?). Anyway, I drew the 40m position for the all-night shift at the late and very great Don Reibhoff's apartment.

Now, most of you knew about Don and his dedication to contesting from overseas locations while he was with the U.S. State Department. He was really one of the best and best known contest ops in the world. He always stopped by here when he came through the West Coast. We lost a fine gentleman and contest op when he was tragically killed in a car accident in Spain a few years ago.

Ahhh, here was my chance of a lifetime to work all night at the Master's house and see how he did it. So there I was on 40m sitting at a desk behind Don, who was moving between 20 and 80. It was quite a shock from being a lonesome Casual Six Contester to work a big contest from overseas for the first time with one of the best testers in the world. And to really hear that DX calling us! The kind of DX we read about in the mags. Really exciting. And I was trying hard to show Don I could really hack it.

But along about 2 am I found it almost impossible to stay awake. My head snapped back and forth. I saw the whole operating position—rigs and all—begin to take on hues of red and orange, and move in and out and back and forth on the table. Maybe the heat and humidity had something to do with it, but those gray Collins rigs just continued to play chameleons and dance around. During the moments when I was conscious, I kept saying to myself, "Keep going, OM, you're in the presence of Don, the world champ, and you gotta keep driving. Don't let him catch you nodding."

I would say "CQ XV5AC," and I could hear stations coming back to me, but I simply could not say the call signs, let alone write them down. Everything was colored red anyway. I sleepily repeated "CQ XV5AC," and some stations would come back again, but when I didn't answer they began to work each other. I was making zero QSOs. Nothing was happening. I was suspended in space and time.

Things were b - a - a - a - d. I was out of it. By chance, in a conscious moment, I looked between the dancing red rigs and there was Don in front of me with his face flat on the table—crashed! Not cheek and jowl on the side, but nose flat down, and he was snoring. I hoped he didn't have his VOX on, but I didn't care. Here was my idol, flat on his face, nose down, and snoring. I remember feeling sadness and joy, all at the same time. My idol was mortal after all, but I was sorry that I had seen him crashed nose down. But my guilt of my sleepy ineptitude began to subside. I guess it happens even to top world-class fellas. Then I felt good; maybe I could catch a little snooze myself. I don't even re-

member passing out. I crashed, too, but with a clear conscience.

I became conscious about 4 a.m. to hear Don saying slowly, "CQ XV5AC," but many minutes went by before he answered anyone. It was not the skip. It was exhaustion still. After a while, Don's old zip came back and he was up to 4 to 5 QSOs per minute. Soon I was back up again to my frightening usual rate of about one a minute.

It was a very strange experience, listening and watching my idol working that night. I hate to say mythical, but maybe almost. It was a satisfying and stimulating experience that I shared with a real master many years ago. I treasure the recollection .

I am sure many of you have had similar experiences. Call them hallucinations or whatever. I hope you will write about them for the *Jug*. If you find that impossible, tell me.

FIRST THING YA KNOW, YOU'RE TALKING REAL MILL YUNS!

And now back to the meeting . . .

NEXT MEETING

Now Hear This. The next meeting should be fun. It will be in the Chief Petty Officers' Club at Moffett Field, Oct 19. We just wanted to give all you ex-swab jockeys some incentive to overcome those Friday night blues and blahhhs. So fall out for active duty. (See map and directions in item, "How to get to October 19 meeting," below. — Ed.)

When you get inside the CPO Club building you will recognize it as a Navy establishment because the bar runs the length of the building. However, don't stop there. Yes, I know that's a tough command, but go to the far end of the bar and you will find a smaller room that has its own dispensary table. Let's be there about 6 for the usuals, eat about 7 and enjoy limericks about 7:30.

Experts will be there for the show. Yes, the program will be a preliminary review of equipment based on the now infamous July Questionnaire. Our experts will be DAVE, W6QHS, who (if he is in town) can relate some specifics about transceiver tests he recently made. We hope also to have TOM, N6BT, to field questions about amplifiers and antennas. And then we have a MYSTERY GUEST who will make his or her first appearance in Northern California. The guest is quite shy and insists that his or her presence will not be announced in advance. We hope he or she will be

able to make dinner, but shyness may prevent arrival until just before the panel holds forth. So, if for no other reason, fall out to hear this shy person of mystery.

Dunno if OLD LOU, K6TMB, will CM this Main Event or not. He has not yet asked me to do it.

IT'S ONLY A MILLI YUN. WHAT'S SO TOUGH ABOUT A MILLI?

TROSTEROSTER

Let's see who makes the TR this month . . .

Correction and Apology:

You have heard about people who write glowing play review articles for the local paper without actually attending the event. They write the story by reading the announcements and planned program and other reviews. Later, of course, it turns out the theater burned down before the play went on and the reporter is deep-sixed.

I am terribly chagrined and embarrassed to tell you you that a similar egregious event occurred in the September JUG, and on my watch, too, which is most painful. Our neophyte reporter, a very enthusiastic, very hard-working member who does all the work for NCCC, did indeed erroneously report my presence at the W6QHS reception in honor of the Austrian couple, OE6MBG and OE6YWF. I suspect our reporter was somewhat overcome by vertigo at those QHS QTH heights, or he was mesmerized by the vision of Moana Loa on the horizon. But the mistake happened. Yes, that's correct. Unfortunately, alas, that's correct. I was not present—as reported—at the Leeson Valhalla.

I do not wish to disclose the identity of this very delightful worker and get him fired. So, I will withhold his name and call. Perhaps I will forget the whole reprehensible, miserable report of the QHS event if the miscreant reporter will be sentenced to stay out of the contest for eight hours and watch his TV and let me win Santa Clara Valley. Or perhaps he should be sent back to Mt. Umunum to count hummingbirds over the weekend, or back to Cal for a course in finger counting and face recognition.

Actually, all will be forgotten if he makes four milli yun in both modes.

Record Broken:

Another sad story to report in the TR. BOB, W6RGG, was not at the September club meeting. His string of 593 continuous attendances at club meetings without an absence was broken. I almost cancelled the meeting so as not to break his string. It happens to SCMs some time. They are all too popular with their constituents. Will you start over again please, Bob?

Quote of the Week:

KEN, N6RO, said during his presentation about CQWW operation: "Do not go to bed Friday night." He woke me up with that statement! I quickly surveyed the audience and saw more white haired heads nodding and bobbing than dark haired nog-gins. Ken thought he was talking to the Senior Class at Oakley High School before the prom. Does Ken really think all us . . . ahhhh . . . I wonder if even Ken, The Master, could do it these days. But look, maybe I'll follow Ken's advice and stay awake all Friday night even for a phone contest. I hope all of you will too. However, Ken said nothing about Saturday—all day—or Saturday night or Sunday all day. I perceive those periods as crash time. It looks as though we all had better make our milli yun on Friday night—wow!

Contest Chairtype:

I want you all to know that your Contest Chairperson BOB, N6TV, is working very hard for us all. His contribution includes major efforts for CQP and CQWW, plus a one-hour Contest Club presentation at the Pacific Division Convention come 13 October.

Bob is truly doing a great job and deserves a big huzzah from us all. What nicer present could we give Bob that to let him win at least one contest from his home QTH! So, you fellas in the San Jose area, slack off a little this year when you hear Bob pounding away from his home QTH. Watch all the football games and movies on TV and let Bob work the rare ones and run his JAs, etc. Let Bob have a victory this year as a token of our appreciation for the work he has done for us all. How about giving him the Greater Sam Hosay 160m Short Skip Open?

Pacific Division Convention

Let's all give BOB, N6TV, our support as we just said, and PLEASE attend Bob's NCCC Contest presentation at the convention on 13 October in Sam

Hosay. He has a great lecture and slide show planned. I'm sure we could all learn something. Oh, I just remembered the answer to the question about what Lloyd said that put BIP to sleep. Answer: nothing. It was just afternoon nap time for BIP; so he took his 63 winks to get ready for chow call. You see how easy it is to think of those winning answers? Almost any of you could have topped that one, but you have to move it to win! Better luck on the next one.

Anthem:

I am shocked no one came forth with words and music for the NCCC anthem. It was rumored that ALEX, KI6EZ, renowned Russian Bolshoi basso, had been composing, but nothing revealed as yet. Perhaps folks on the two meter net will be the first to hear the lyrical strains on the morning commute program with LOUESE in accordion accompaniment. We hope so.

Oh, whatever shall we do for our anthem if Alex can't provide it? Perhaps what we need is a dancer with a handkerchief in outstretched hand, and flute music, to inspire such a Hymn of Praise. Would that we could find such a one.

Environmental problem:

I just had a feverish telly call from Herr Sitzmann, W6CF, who declared he may have detected a strange phenomenon affecting both two meter net and the packet net frequencies. Jim reports hearing something like a boring sound on the RGG net, and seeing the screen seemingly crinkle on the packet freq. If any of you have any similar unknowns, please contact W6CF immediately. Thank you.

THREE BROWNIES FOR THE BEST ANSWER

What is a Killi Yun?

A limerick answer will get you a double prize!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board thanks MARSHA and HOWARD, WZ6Z, for their hospitality to the BOD. Excellent cuisine cooked up by Marsha—two days' shopping and cooking, according to Howard—and it was delicious, too. It was much appreciated by all. Many thanks, Marsha!

Read about the new Contest Chairman's Award in N6TV's writings herein. Nice new award we hope will excite a few more points for NCCC.

And thanks to AL, AD6E, for reading off some nice new Treasurer's Report figures. Remember to RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. We will need the money to do a little work on the RGG repeater, as proposed by W6RGG. Also to pay more postage for fat , overflowing *Jugs*.

Watch your local radio emporium's bulletin board for a NCCC poster page to announce meetings. The poster was prepared by our host, HOWARD, WZ6Z, that young adverterous zoomie, Master of All Things. It is a great idea of Howard's and very nicely presented. You'll be proud to see it.

NEXT BOD MEETING

No October BOD meeting folks. So the mighty NCCC ship-of-the-line may flounder and maybe wash ashore without the steady, proper navigation of the BOD on duty on the poop deck. You are all on your own until the November BOD meeting, which will be held 4 December. How you like that? In the meanwhile, sail yourself into a coupla contests. And GL.

AND MAKE A MILL YUN WHILE YOU'RE DRIFTING

VISALIA

First Annual F & F Tournament: early announcement.

As presadunt of NCCC—ahhhheemmm—it gives me great pleasure to announce that even now, at this early date, plans are already in motion to create an absolutely fantastic contest to be sponsored by NCCC in April at the Visalia DX Convention.

Limerick Sitzmann Jim, W6CF, and I are speaking daily of this great event to be known as the First Annual F & F Tournament. We are hardly containable. It has taken an enormous amount of planning and arranging and building and all them neat things. You will get details in proper time to prepare yourself.

It may be difficult for some of you to participate, but perhaps the lure of great prizes will encourage even the most reluctant and shy of you shrinking dandelions to move. First Prize may be the Visalia airport. Does that give you a hint?

YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE FUN
WHILE YOU MAKE THAT MILLI YUN!

SLIM SLIM SLIM

I have been swamped and besieged by folks wanting to know more about "Slim". . . now an accepted name for a "pirate". Remember, in the September *Jug* I mentioned the first I'd heard of Slim was when I worked an operator who said that his name was Slim and he was on an island in Boston Harbor. That was way back in the early '70s, I think.

Of course, I phoned HUGH CASSIDY, WA6AUD, former editor of the West Coast DX Bulletin, to recall the origins of the now (in)famous name Slim, and requested he add his milli yun cents' worth to the fray. here in the *Jug*. In the course of asking Cass if he would write a short squib about "Slim," we had our usual two-hour telly QSO covering such common and mundane subjects as the U.S. Marines at Belleau Woods, bee behavior and the art of bee keeping (Cass sent me a jar of his own bee's creation. The most delicious honey I've ever tasted. Of course, they are Italian bees, he says. I am the dealer for NCCC if you need any), pesticide problems in the valley, Ambrose Bierce, the campaign of General Thomas through Tennessee, the Hero of Mafeking, collecting old radio junk, training dogs to fetch newspapers, Army jokes, W6TSQ, Surtsey, and that was just the beginning.

If any of you readers are not fully conversant with all these subjects and more, shame on you. Begin your remedial reading program right after you make a milli in the CQWW. How do you think you will be able to comprehend Slim without this background?

Anyway, Cass had already come through with a short, interesting Slim article (short for Cass). That is, five pages, single spaced. Then, today, I got another three pages. But guess what? Veep BOB, N6TV, will not let me tell you about Slim this month. Our *Jug* overfloweth, and Bob still insists he wants to publish something about contests in the *Jug* this month for some reason.

So folks, you will have to QRX until next month for a full exposé of Slim. Slim will be heard, Bob!

Incidentally, I re-ask . . . Who was the REAL Slim?

QUESTIONNAIRE

PRIZE . . . four brownies.

We found from the survey that Kenwood is used as the primary rig by 73% of the 41 operators who responded, so far, to the Questionnaire. So, for fun, I added up all the numbers of the Kenwood rig numbers; i.e., say, for example, there were 15 TS-940s. Then $15 \times 940 = 14100$. I did that for all rig model numbers, and added the total. Then I divided that total by 30, the total number of Kenwoods reported in the Questionnaire.

QUESTION: What is the average Kenwood Model Number?

Give your answer to the above question to me, W6ISQ, during commute hours on the NCCC two meter net (24/84), or phone me. Only one guess per customer.

The goodies will be awarded at the next club meeting. I haven't decided yet if you have to be present to win. Maybe not, but you should be there anyway. I owe ya.

WITH INFLATION AND ALL THAT JAZZ, A
MILLI YUN AIN'T ALL THAT MUCH NO
MORE!

And In Conclusion . . .

I may have exceeded my contract to write only one page this month. Everything was so interesting, I couldn't hold back. And, if N6TV hadn't handcuffed me, I might have kept going. Not that anyone reads it, but it's fun to write, anyway.

ASK NOT THAT NCCC MAKE YOU A MILLI
YUN . . . ASK HOW MANY MILLI YUN YOU
CAN MAKE FOR NCCC

We are on the eve of that great CQWW event. It is what we have all been waiting for. We hope all of you will enjoy participating in the contest regardless, and also irregardless, of how much time you can devote to it. Just make your milli yun will ya? And nobody will say nutten.

Remember, this may be the last year that 10m will be wonderfully open this sunspot cycle. We hope it is not, but don't count on it. Better get on and work it, just in case.

Good fortune to all . . . and here's a PRIZE PRIZE of six delicious, undercooked brownies for the best believable Murphy Story about the contest — one prize each mode.

WORK HARD —HAVE FUN—
MAKE A MILLI YUN

And now, please read all the good info BOB, N6TV, has for you.

—73 de Jack, W6ISQ

P.S. Brownies or Toll House courtesy of KC6NFE.
P.P.S. Reminder to register your vote for prizes.

Howard rides out the quake at 140 ft

There was a young fella named Howard
Who surely was not any coward.
So he climbed up his mast
And got a big blast
When the earthquake shook up his tall towered.
—W6ISQ

Howard, WZ6Z, was at the top of his new 140-ft tower when the big quake hit San Francisco just after 5 pm last October. Phil, K6ZM, and two other helpers were at ground level holding guy ropes. When his perch started shaking violently, Howard yelled for his helpers to stop tugging on the ropes! They replied, "Er . . . we're not tugging!"
—Pat, AK6T

Minutes of September NCCC meeting

The September NCCC meeting was held on Friday, September 21, 1990, at the Wagon Wheel eating and meeting establishment in Mountain View.

W6ISQ opened a short business meeting at 7:45 p.m. with self-introductions.

W6CF gave an update on the limerick contest.

AD6E read new membership applications for KE6ZE, WA6SDM and KJ6LD. All three, duly noted as being present, were then ejected from the premises so that rumors could be mongered.

Eventually, N6IP moved to accept all three into membership. N6KT seconded. A vote was taken, and the result was unanimous in favor.

N6TV reported on CQP preparations. Still outstanding are commitments to operate from Del Norte, Fresno, Glenn, Kings, Merced, Solano, and Yolo. (Gaps have since been filled—Ed.)

N6TV reported on CQWW preparations. CQWW awards issues will be taken up at the next BOD meeting.

W6ISQ announced that the next NCCC meeting will be held Oct 19 at the Moffett Field CPO club. The program will be a review of the NCCC survey

of equipment preferences for the ideal contest station.

The following meeting will be held Nov 16 at Miguel's Restaurant in Hayward. The program will be war stories from returning CQWW phone DXpeditions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 by W6ISQ.
— Respectfully submitted, Al, AD6E

Minutes of September Board of Directors meeting

The NCCC Board of Directors met on September 25 at the QTH of WZ6Z. In attendance were WZ6Z, W6ISQ, N6TV, AD6E, N6KT, W6RGG, K6ZM, and AK6T. W6ISQ opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. by opening the floor to a discussion of CQWW awards in general.

The Founder's Award will stay strictly for single operators, UNassisted.

To encourage use of spotting nets and especially packet, a new award will be started that will be called the contest Chairman's Award. Rules will be identical to the Founder's Award except that at least one mode of CQWW must be ASSISTED by use of a spotting net or packet.

N6TV will publish all CQWW award rules in the next *Jug*. A new award will be offered to be called the Millyon Point Award. This award will be given to any member who makes a million points in CQWW any way he or she can.

AD6E will write to CQ magazine concerning the N6AUV award. NCCC will continue to sponsor this award.

AD6E will write a CQ-P advertisement to be sent out on the BBS packet system.

WZ6Z showed off his meeting notice poster, which will be sent to local ham stores (HRO, Quement, Heathkit, etc.) monthly. The notice will have K6ZM's address (the official club address) as the place to write for information about the club.

W6ISQ dictated that the next BOD meeting will be Dec 4 at the QTH of KI6EZ (KI6EZ willing).

W6ISQ adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.
— Respectfully submitted, Al, AD6E.

Roster updates

Please add these three new members to your NCCC roster:

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| KE6ZE | David Engle | H 408 251-2910 |
| Dave | 1063 Summerwood Ct. | W 408 473-4419 |
| | San Jose, CA 95132 | |

KJ6LD Henry Stewart, Jr. H 408 269-3716
Harry 6672 Elwood Road W 408 748-3966
San Jose, CA 95120

WA6SDM Jim Hollenback H 408 923-4074
Jim 1892 Bethany Avenue W 408 447-0725
San Jose, CA 95132

Last chance to win Limerick Completion Contest

Of RGG's woes never-ending,
This particular one is heart-rending:
As he says, "It's quite sad
With my line noise so bad
That I can't even hear what I'm sending."
— Bob Hill, W1ARR

This is it! Last chance to get your entries in for the 2nd Annual NCCC Limerick Completion Contest. Your task, if you choose to accept it, is to complete one or two more of the incomplete limericks published in last month's *Jug*. (If you can't find your *Jug*, a quick call to W6CF will get you replacements.) You now have until

OCTOBER 15

(Got it? October 15!) to get your completed limericks in to W6CF. The entries will be turned over to the SECRET COMMITTEE promptly at midnight on the 15th, with the GRAND CHAMPION to be announced at the October 19 club meeting.

Several sore losers have asked for — demanded — an explanation as to why their entry for the first phase was rejected by the SECRET COMMITTEE. They insist on knowing what criteria were used.

Well, let's look at W1ARR's loser limerick at the head of this item. Here we have a story about W6RGG having a line noise problem. According to the limerick, W6RGG can't hear what he's sending because his line noise is bad. The fact of the matter is, W6RGG generally has no idea what he's sending even when he has no line noise whatsoever! The whole premise of the limerick therefore is false. Furthermore, according to the limerick the situation is "heart-rending." Come on, now: can anyone come up with the name of even a single NCCC member who would feel any sympathy at all if W6RGG had bad line noise? To the contrary, most NCCC members would applaud! It should be obvious why the SECRET COMMITTEE rejected this particular turkey — it simply doesn't ring true.

Get those entries in to W6CF — October 15 is the deadline.

— Jim, W6CF

Letter arrives from Lloyd and Iris

Dar es Salaam
Tanzania, Africa
8 September 1990

Dear Friends,

We just finished a very satisfactory operation in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, operating as 5H0QL. We made 7,000 QSOs and worked 139 countries, half CW and half SSB. We were on the air from 22 August through 7 September 1990. We operated from the QTH of Tom Warren, 5H3TW, using our equipment and his antennas. We have visited with Tom now in 3 continents—North America, Asia and Africa.

We try to use Iris's call in one country and then Lloyd's call in the next country.

We go now to Malawi where it seems possible that we can get permission to operate. We tried to get such permission several times in the past, with no luck. However, several licences have been issued in the last few months. So wish us luck, and we hope to see you all on the air from Malawi.

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NCCC awards for CQ World-Wide

The NCCC hereby offers the following awards, as approved by the NCCC BOD, to all club members submitting valid scores towards the NCCC club total in 1990:

- Contest Chairman's Award — This new plaque, sponsored and financed by the VP/CC, goes to the single-operator station making the most points, both modes combined, from within club territory. Single-operator assisted entries (e.g., single-op + packet), are eligible and encouraged. At least one of the scores must be single-op assisted. The operator must make a significant single-op effort in both CW and SSB to be eligible for this award.

- Founder's Trophy — This perpetual award is issued to the high scoring single operator NCCC member for both modes combined from club territory (must operate both modes). Operator must make a significant single-op, unassisted effort in both modes.

- K6RU Memorial Trophy — Given at Visalia to the highest scoring California multi-multi station making a serious effort in both modes of the CQ WW contest. For this award, score need not be submitted towards the NCCC total.

- N6AUV Memorial Trophy — Given to high scoring multi-multi, non-USA, both modes combined.

Trophies (Domestic):

- Top Single Operator CW (if a guest op, goes to operator).
- Top Single Operator Phone (if a guest op, goes to operator).
- Top Multi-Single CW (to station owner).
- Top Multi-Single Phone (to station owner).
- Top 2-Transmitter Multi CW (to station owner).
- Top 2-Transmitter Multi Phone (to station owner).
- Top Unlimited Multi-Multi CW (to station owner).
- Top Unlimited Multi-Multi Phone (to station owner).

Trophies (DXpedition):

- Top Single Operator CW.
- Top Single Operator Phone.
- Top Multi-Single CW (plaques to each operator).
- Top Multi-Single Phone (plaques to each operator).
- Top Multi-Multi CW (plaques to each operator).
- Top Multi-Multi Phone (plaques to each operator).

Certificates:

- Million Point Award (new) — To everyone making a million points, both modes combined, single-op, assisted or unassisted, inside or outside USA. May operate one mode only, or both, as long as the combined score equals or exceeds 1,000,000 points.
- 750 QSO Award — To everyone making 750 QSOs, combined both modes, from club territory. (If a multi-single or other multi-operator, then total QSOs divided by operators equals Qs/person for 750 QSO award.)

NOTE:

As this is the first time the rules for some of these awards have been published, they are subject to change or clarification by the NCCC BOD. Some

things still need to be clarified, e.g., are single-op, assisted stations eligible for the single-op trophies?

Is the N6AUV award only given to NCCC DXpeditions? Stay tuned.

NCCC Awards for Sweepstakes:

- KB2000 — 2,000 QSOs both modes combined.
- KB1000 — 1,000 QSOs on one mode or the other.
- Big Gun Award (Phone and CW, one of each). Highest score from club territory with antennas larger than a tri-band beam and wire antennas (example; a 2 element 40 + tri-band).
- Little Gun Award (Phone & CW, one of each). Highest score from club territory with antennas not exceeding a tri-band beam and wire antennas.

Area Coordinator's Report:

Yes folks, it's time for your annual wake-up call! You are all to be contacted by one of our elite, dedicated crew of volunteer(ed) area coordinators. Please, do not hang up on them. They are not selling magazine subscriptions. They are just hungry for news of your upcoming activities in the 1990 contest season. Here are the reports I've received so far

Upper East Bay Report de N6EK:

K6CSL — CQP from Alameda, home for CQ WW CW.

WZ6Z — Light effort in CQP from Alameda, at K0RF for CW WW SSB (boo); at home S/O CQ WW CW (yeah!) 1-2M.

WR6R — At KH6 for CQ WW SSB, 4-5M. At K6ZM for CQ WW CW.

N6EK — CQP from Alameda. Full bore CQ WW SSB and CW S/O from home. W6KG/W6QL — Somewhere over the rainbow for CQ WW, both modes.

Lower East Bay Report de W6BSY:

W6BSY plans to put on Yuba County with W6RGG in CQP; hopes to do both CW and SSB in CQ WW, probably single-op, but perhaps at WA6AHF.

N6CCL will be on in CQ WW SSB and possibly CW.

N6DA will be on in CQ WW CW.

KS6H putting on Merced or Merced/Stanslaus in CQP with N6ZB.

K6SIK on from home in CQP, would like to help multi-op somewhere in CQ WW.

Middle SCV Report de AD6E:

KB6NLO on for CQP, helping out M/S effort at KJ6FD.

KJ6FD will enter full bore M/S from Santa Clara in CQP.

N3AHA regrettably out of town for CQP, but plans to operate at the N6TV multi-single in CQ WW SSB.

KN6K limited activity in CQP.

W6XB will do full bore single op from SUTTER county in CQP, then join the W6QHS M/S in CQ WW Phone, and the AH6EE M/S for CQ WW CW from Hawaii.

N6IP hopes to put in 10 hours from home during in the CQP, work permitting.

KJ6LD has HF van, will be QRT Saturday, but Sunday plans to drive through MERCED, FRESNO, and KINGS counties in CQP.

N6ZB will be going full bore M/S from MERCED in CQP.

WA6SDM will be on from SANTA CLARA, for at least a few hours in CQP.

AD6E will be doing heavy duty M/S effort from GLENN and/or COLUSA county in CQP.

KE6ZE CQ WW SSB will do full bore effort from home; CQ WW CW will do moderate effort from home.

Southern SCV Report de N6TV:

AA6QY (soon to join NCCC) may operate from Mariposa/Merced in CQP, then CQ WW CW from home.

WX0B sponsoring full bore multi-single effort in both modes for CQ WW. He needs more operators both modes.

AG6D on from Santa Clara for CQP; then full bore multi/single effort in CQ WW, both modes. Needs more operators on CW.

AA6KX limited effort in CQP, then full bore single op., unassisted effort from home in CQ WW CW.

N6XI limited effort in CQP; may be available to help a M/M effort in CQ WW.

N6TV full bore CW-only effort in CQP from home; full-bore multi-single in CQ WW SSB with N3AHA plus mystery op.; full-bore single-op from QTH of K6GSS in Hawaii (signing N6TV/KH6).

W6DPD limited effort from Fresno County in CQP; not sure of plans for CQ WW.

Upper Upper SCV Report de K6KLY:

WB6DSV promises to be on the air one way or another for CQP and both modes of CQ WW. Please note George's new work number. at HRO HQ in San Ramon: (415) 831-1771.

K6KLY will join M/S effort at K6BR for CQ WW Phone.

Middle SCV Report de N1EE:

N6JL will do limited effort in CQ WW SSB, but full bore S/O CW effort.

W6QHS plans limited CQP effort, but will host a M/S effort in CQ WW CW and SSB.

KI6CG may go to KA6W for CQP; then a DXpedition to K6GSS/KH6 in CQ WW SSB.

W6KH will do limited effort in CQ WW Phone and CW.

W0YK no activity this time, but wait 'til next year!

W6CF putting Santa Cruz County on the air for CQP; then on for both modes of CQ WW.

N1EE probably at W6BIP for CQP; at AG6D M/S both modes of CQ WW.

AA6MC will operate G0MFO in CQP, full bore effort, looking for rare counties.

Nevada Report de KI3V:

NT7E part-time operation in CQP, but full-time phone and CW in CQ WW from home or a M/S at KI3V.

KI3V S/O assisted for CQ WW Phone, M/S for CQ WW CW.

NC7K limited effort in CQP, but will try to work most club members; CQ WW SSB full bore 100W effort; SS CW/SSB full-bore, kick-butt low power record attempt; CQ WW CW another 100W all band attempt; ARRL 10 hopes to op again at NF7P; ARRL 160 will borrow rig and op 100W for this one, moderate effort.

More reports expected next month:

K6KLY — Upper Upper SCV Report

KA6ING — Middle Upper SCV Report

W6ISQ — Fixer Upper SCV Report (?)

N6KT — Middle SCV Report

KI6EZ — San Francisco Report

K6ZM — Eastern East Bay Report

WB6MZQ — Middle-Eastern East Bay Report

K6LRN — Northern San Francisco Report

N1EE — Southern SCV Report

WA6AUE — "The Boonies" Report

To all the Area Coordinators and NCCers —
THANK YOU!

— Bob, N6TV

News from an out-of-towner:

NCCer Don Doughty, W6EEN, plans a full bore effort from Riverside County in the CQP, using 4 acres of land in Bermuda Dunes near L.A. Also plans a 4-tower super station in the near future. Watch out!

CQ WW RTTY Contest Claimed Scores:

NC7K 412 QSOs, 75 Zones, 227 Mults

Deadlines for the *Jug*

Material for the *Jug* should be in the editor's hands by the 1st of the month of issue. That should enable the *Jug* staff to mail your copy around the 6th. The plan is for members to receive the newsletter a week or so before the monthly meeting date.

If you can beat the deadline, that will ease the last-minute crunch.

— Pat, AK6T

How to order NCCC QSLs

April's *Jug* gave full details from Al, AD6E, of arrangements he can make to help you get club QSLs at a reasonable price. The August *Jug* showed samples of the two styles. One is the traditional postcard; the other is a continuous-feed style for use with a computer printer.

How to get news to the *Jug*

We're always delighted to get news items for the *Jug* in any shape or form. Most convenient is copy written on a Macintosh and mailed to me on a Mac diskette. Another convenient method is modem at 1200 baud over the landline. Also good is stuff sent over the DX Packet Spotting Network, except that the longer messages tend to get garbled if they go through intermediate links. Any of these ways is a heck of a lot easier for me than having to keyboard everything. I use a Mac with Microsoft Word.

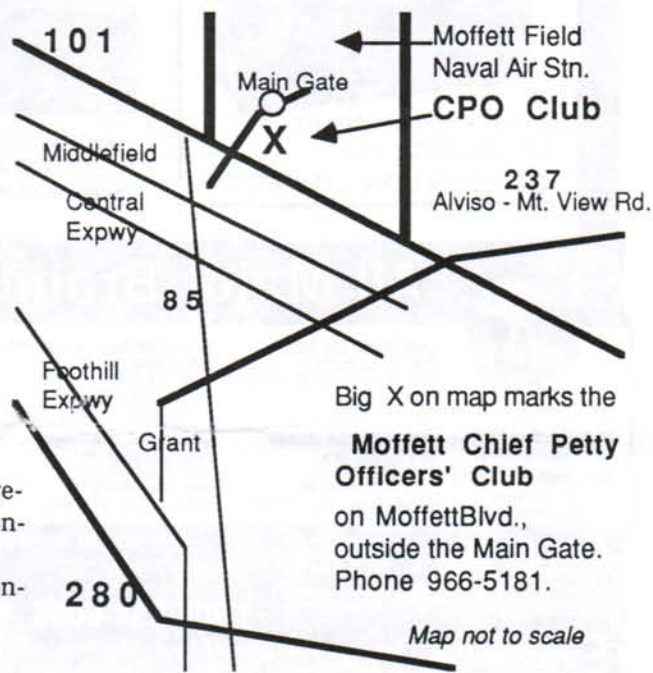
— Pat, AK6T

NCCC badges for sale

NCCC badges are available at a cost of \$7.50, including sales tax. Order them from Bob, N6EK, enclosing your check.

How to get to October 19 meeting at Moffett Field

This map and the directions below should help you find the Chief Petty Officers' Club at Moffett Field Naval Air Station. See NEXT MEETING in Jack Troster's commentary for times and for details of the entertainment in store.



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Coming from south on Bayshore, Moffett Field exit is about 1.7 miles north of Highway 237.

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