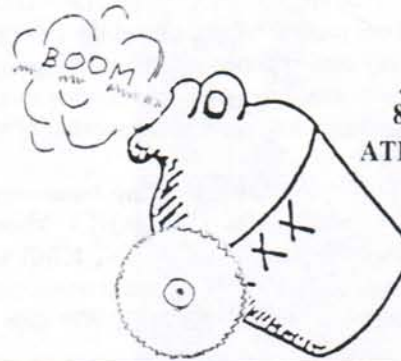
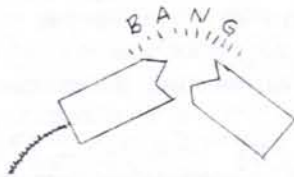


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### FIELD DAY DEDICATED TO PHIL FRAZIER, K6ZM

NCCC Field Day was a great success. The glorious gladiators gladiated and the culinary cooks culinated. All present joined in the spirit of the day and had a most enjoyable furor. This Big One took place at K6ZM's, Field Day site this year. There were many family visitors who also enjoyed the occasion and the company. As it happened, the food flowed faster than QSOs on the very poor ten meter band, so it was good to have such a great menu and fine company.

NCCC used the call N6OP, which belongs to Bill Zachary, former NCCC ruler and writer of skill on contest subjects. Bill came out of radio retirement to organize the project and work with members to putting up towers, wiring equipment, plus operating the rigs.. He admitted he had never used a computer logging system, but, as one might expect from an old pro, it took him only about 47 seconds to figure it out. It was Bill's personal wish to do this work in Phil's memory. All workers and operators that day, felt the same way.

First on site were the tower and antenna erectors. There was N6OP, N6VV, K6XV and W6PJY. The latter three form a well-organized team which ventures forth on FD and CQP and knew what to do and

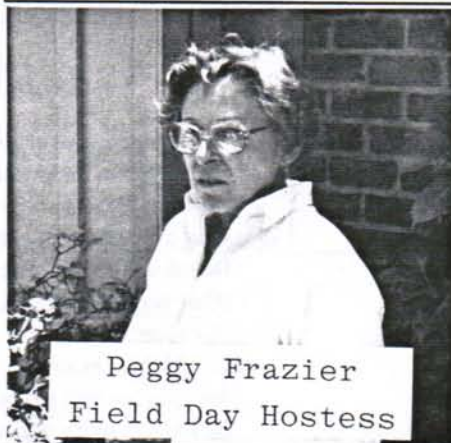
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### JULY MEETING FRIDAY, JULY 19 MIGUEL'S HAYWARD

**Gather and Chatter 6:00 p.m.**  
**Order from Menu 6:30 p.m.**  
**Eat muy bueno 7:00 p.m.**

#### Program

**W0ZZ: CONTEXpeditions**



Peggy Frazier  
Field Day Hostess

**K6ZM FLEA MARKET**  
Saturday July 27. 10AM - 2PM  
Available to NCCC and NCDXC  
members ONLY. Garage sale of some  
of K6ZM's equipment. Contact N6OP  
W6PJY or WB6MZQ for further info.

### THE BRESE FROM LOUESE

Following is an almost accurate transcript of the monthly confrontation between President and Editor.

**W6ISQ:** So what do ya wanna tell these Miserable Characters (MCs) this month?

**KA6ING:** They are not Miserable Characters. They are nice people.

**ISQ:** We'll tell them too. Now, what do you want to say?

**ING:** We want to eat earlier at the meetings, so we can QRT earlier. From now on we gather from 5:30 to 6, order from the menu at 6:30. Then the MCs, ahhhhhh, the crowd, may continue to mingle around and consider muntitudinous, momentous matters and problems of today until chow is on the table about 7.

**ISQ:** OK, we will order at 6:30 over at Miguels. What else for your MCs?

**ING:** We have investigated our Buy Laws and consulted with legals who tell us we can reinstate former members without their even being at the meeting.

**ISQ:** That's good news for former members who have a hard time getting to meetings to reapply. Is that right?

**ING:** Correct. We ask members to contact former members to tell them

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how to do it. This crew found towers and antennas and put them up, joined by muscle men WR6R and WB6MZQ who helped with the grunting.

HF equipment was brought in by N6VV, WR6R, N6TV, N6XI and K6XV. There were 5 - TS930s, 1 - TS850, 1 - TS950 and 1 - TS440, plus boxes for 2M and 450. N6OP was in the 9-D low power class so no finals were used. N6TV supplied the low pass filters and N6VV was the key man in putting all this stuff together. Several times during the contest nine rigs were transmitting simultaneously! See later in this story for N6TV's description of the computer logging system used.

N6OP had a world championship operating team which included W6BSY's granddaughter SARAH, KC6QHA who did a fine job on 15 meter fone, and N6EK's XYL SUSAN, KB6VVX, who hung in there on miserable 10 meter for what it was worth. Susan and Bob were practicing for their October CQWW date in Palau.

Other TOPOPS were N6OP, N6TV, N6VV, K6XV, W6XX, W6RGG, N6XI, WC6H, WR6R, N1EE, N6EK, KI6EZ, KB6VVX, WB6MZQ, W6BSY, N6RO, KC6QHA. Did we miss anyone? W6ISQ's contribution to the operating effort was to not operate. Otherwise the computer logging system might have been completely destroyed.

The hard working, herb dispensing crew responsible for keeping the inner engines running comprised cooks PEG FRAZIER, N6VV's XYL LINDA, WR6R and WB6MZQ. Chefs WR6R and MB6MZQ hovered over the barbie like mother hens, grilling chicken and huge Polish hot dawgs. The table creaked under the load of all the correct picnic goodies. On demand (loud groans and howls) the chefs donned waiters garb and delivered heaping plates of things to the operators at their positions. It must have been good because it was rumored that W6RGG established a new eating record which wore out the waiters. It was said to have been the most amount consumed by a single operator since Rick, "The Locust", K6VVA, established the record 17 years ago. This story may be completely apocryphal; the judges are still debating. The score looked like this:

	CW Qs	SSB Qs
160	0	0
80	139	134
40	366	241
20	655	1040
17	17	4
15	306	409
12	0	0
10	0	49
2	0	38
450	0	1
NOV	0	0
SAT	0	0
PKT	0	0
TOTAL	1483	1916
- "D" Qs	229	321
Good Qs	1254	1595

TOTAL SCORE:
8206
Class 9-D

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about rejoining easy-like. Call a friend.

ISQ: All the MCs are crazy with joy. Anything else?

ING: Our July program is designed for folks who have never been on a CONTEXpedition and were always afraid to go because of the hassle of lugging along a trailer full of equipment. Well, our Program Chairman John, W0ZZ, will present an educational slide show to tell how and what to do for an easy CONTEXpedition event. Y'all come. We want more travellers.

ISQ: John always does a great job. What other goodies?

ING: For our NCCC picnic on August 24, at Coyote Point (map in next issue), we need volunteers to help with food preparation. This year the club will provide pickled pigs feet, grunion, rabbit rump, plus chicken and spare ribs for those on a diet, corn-off-the-cobbe, smashed spuds, thrown salad, H2Omelon and the usual drinks. Just bring ten green ones and the management does all the work this time. What a deal! Time: 10 - 2, After 2, please, management will need MC volunteers to help clean up. Please call Louese on 24/84, or packet, or PacBell, or see her at the next meeting. Volunteers please volunteer.

ISQ: Sounds like a weener. Let's don't leave Louese and Larry alone out there to clean the park. Ya got any more Biggies? Make it snappy. You're invading my space.

ING: We got a biggie. JIM, W6CF, will have at the picnic his famous, fanny-flicking exercise machine that also sends Morris code. That's right folks, it's the very same Sitzblatz maker that was the hit of the First International F & F at Visalia, but upon which most of you were afraid to sit. You may now try it out in the privacy of our own public park. Prizes for the weeners.

ISQ: Yes, folks, this is certified to be to very same machine that bedazzled attendees at the First International F & F. Since that time, the machine has been borrowed by one club after another for use at hamfests all over W6. Its owner W6CF, will be at the picnic to give lessons, recite limericks, and to referee the rodeo.

ING: Gotta get back to my boys on 24/84.

ISQ: Thanks Madame President, I'll get the word out. CU next month.

## EXTRA DONATION.

There is a shortfall in the budget again this year, and even the budget is under budget. Last year, we made up a shortfall of about the same amount as this year's, by asking members to send in something extra with their dues, and it worked. The Board would like to try that method again. We are investigating other ways, but so far, even though we are sorry to have to do it, this seems the best way.

If there is a red cross on your mailing label, you will know that you haven't yet paid your dues. So, there's your chance. Include an extra donation when you send them in! If the extra donations total over \$500, a matching gift of \$100 each will be triggered from five anonymous club members. And if you'd like to be an anonymous \$100 extra donor, please contact KA6ING or KJ6LD. All contributions and contributors are much appreciated.

Send dues and donations to Henry, KJ6LD, Roster QTH.

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NCCC thanks PEG FRAZIER for her gracious hospitality. She is used to things like a house full of hams over a weekend for a contest because of the many years of Phil's multi-multi contest operations. But a FD crowd is much larger and spreads over the whole house and yard. That made it fun for everybody. Great Qs from nine transmitters going on inside the house, and great conversation going on outside the house around the barbie. Thanks Peg. Your hospitality made the day a doubly memorable one that Phil would have been proud of.

**FIELD DAY COMUTER USAGE de N6TV.** Nine computers were used to keep logs, one per operating position. Three IBM PS/2 Model 70s, two Toshiba laptops, a Zenith and other IBM clones.

Most of the machines were supplied by Lew, N6VV, others by K6ZM's XYL Peggy. Three of the computers were connected, enabling each position to know about all callsigns worked at the other positions, and eliminating the need for backup. One of the connections between computers was maintained via a packet radio link rather than via cable, because we ran out of cable. It really worked. The technique is documented in the April issue of the JUG (read JUF—ed). It is very useful for connecting remote sites without the need for cables.

We used the latest version of K1EA's CT program for Field Day. Version 7.06 worked very well. It was many OT's first experience using computers for contesting but everyone seemed to get the hang of it quickly. Without computerized contesting the logs would have been a mess. In the end, the logs contained only 60 dupes. Most of these dupes came about because the operator decided to record the QSO rather than waste time telling the other station "we wkd B4".

## W6ISQ CONFESSIONS of CASUAL CONTESTER

XYL Maggie, KC6NFE, and I recently took a mini-vacation to Taos and Santa Fe, down Old New Mexico way. We were there perhaps 20 years ago, so were pleasantly surprised to find the Mexican restaurant on the square in Taos, where we had eaten then, was still there. We remembered this restaurant fondly because it was there that we first had sopapilla, the Mexican fried bread dessert served with honey. A delightful treat.

So we went into the restaurant and got our sopapillas. The honey was in those little restaurant, plastic containers, the kind they package jelly in, which one has to tear the plastic top off of to get to the goodies. Well, I wonder if there is anyone out there who can handle honey in any container whatsoever without getting it on oneself. I am not one of them, so with dread, I pulled back the tab, and surprise!, got only a little smidge of honey on my finger. Not bad. Better than expected. I then poured out a dollop of honey and tried to cut it off in the container. Yuk—there was a long string of honey extending from the container to the sopapilla. I lifted the container higher, made circles, quick snapping it up and down. Finally the stringer broke. About to beam in triumph, I looked down. In the gyrating process a large blob had formed, cascaded out of the container, onto my jacket, my shirt, and into my glasses case.

Should I clean or eat? Eat. Don't touch the honey yet, it will

smear. Oops, too late. How does one control honey? It's viscous and ought to be slow moving. It ain't, folks.

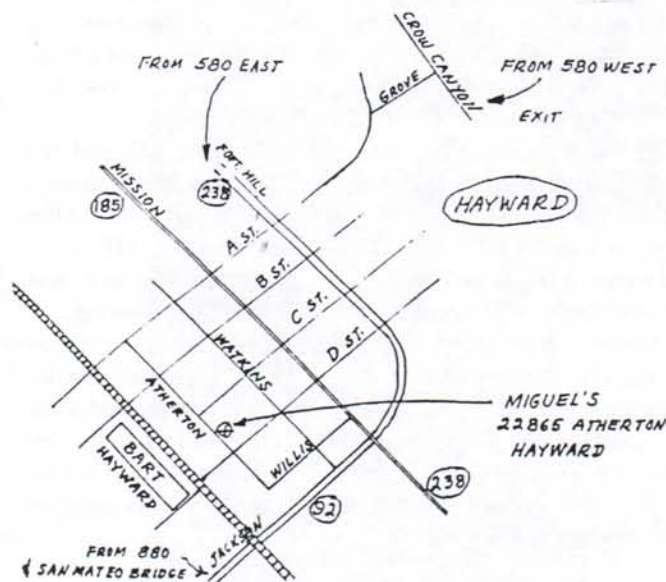
I finished off the honey and sopapilla and headed for the restroom. By now honey was on all fingers, and the drops on my clothes had cascaded more than a little farther on down. In the head, I tried to clean off the honey with soap and hot water. Fairly good job, thought I. Back to the table. More honey unseen on the table. Stuck again. Back to the head to clean arms of jacket. More globs on front of jacket. Let's get outa here!

Of course, I am thinking all the time about our Bee Editor, Cass, WA6AUD, and his exciting bee serial, THE ODD ONE, running exclusively in the JUG. What I am thinking I will not say because this is a family magazine. However, we will contact Cass and request a sequel about how to keep the stuff off of where it shouldn't be. So much for nostalgia.

Next day we are browsing around in Santa Fe. Let me re-phrase that. Maggie is browsing (read shopping vigorously). I am browsing briskly for a place to sit, when I spot in a display case a Burt's Beeswax Face Soap". I ask the saleslady to see a bar. I read on the wrapper: "A gentle creamy face soap containing olive oil, coconut oil, beeswax, comfrey and honey. Soft on your skin and the environment." Sounds good enough to eat. Is this soap or a candy bar? It says further, "Hand-made in small batches with your satisfaction in mind." I am not sure how small batches are going to satisfy me, but I'll take a chance. And it is made by Burt's Bees in Parkman, Maine. Maybe that's where the satisfaction comes in.

I theorize that if this soap is made from honey for washing the hands, perhaps it has mysticals that are made specifically to eradicate honey from my person. I am desperate, you see. What I really need to know is how to keep the honey off me in the first place. Look, it did say the soap was made with my "satisfaction in mind." Can I now eat my honey and slobber too? Will this honey soap actually soak up and disperse honey dribbles?

I cannot imagine taking honey out of a bee hive box and not getting stuck tight to the hive by that very same honey I'm trying to liberate. Nature's little way of protecting its goodies. I'll ship a bar of good old Burt's Beeswax to Cass for evaluation. I hope you can wait for next month. Meanwhile, I'll try not to get stuck to the bar of Burt's Beeswax soap.



## PLATTER CHATTER

At the last meeting at the Wagon Wheel we managed to pry loose these secrets.

Some of you may have read the incorrect account in the papers, of the court appeal of NCDXC MEMBER, UNCLE VERN, W6ERS, which stated that he had lost the 51 foot tower-height case, brought against him. Wrong. It was not the tower-height case that was lost in the Appellate Court. Indeed that was upheld (Little joke). What Uncle Vern lost was his appeal for reimbursement of court/attorney expenses. This correction was reported by W6OAT. Any questions call ERS or W6OAT. Ed. sees little lesson here: Never believe anything you read unless it is in the *JUG*!

BOB, N6EK worked AA-CW. Says he is getting a Kansas City keyer and will bring it to the next meeting with full report. CHARLIE, KI6YB, just back from a coupla months in Egypt. He, N6EK and EK's XYL SUSAN, KB6VVX, will go to Palau for CQWW-SSB. Fe2O3, W6OAT, was point man for the NCDXC petition to the DXAC to get North Korea approved for new country status. Thanks Rusty. You going?

BOB, W6RGG, had one of my IOUs for a DUB and demanded payment. Also, DAVE and BARB had one IOU each for a DUB and also demanded payment. Very embarrassing. What could I do? Maggie was not at the meeting, so naturally, I blamed her and gave out more IOUS in self defense. Wonder how many are out there?

LLOYD, W6KG related how IRIS, W6QL, used to spoon feed him meals during contests! That was in the rugged pencil-logging days of yore! JIM, WA6SDM, has had a pretty exciting summer so far. He's painted his house. When that gets boring, he watches birds sit on his antenna. Some of our NCCC TOPOPS were scattered to other clubs for FD. W6VG to PAARA (Palo Alto), W6CF to K6BJ (Santa Cruz), W6OSP, K6TMB, W6OAT to Redwood Empire (?). N3AHA was hoping to go mobilizing. New member, LOU, AL7IF, was present with XYL BETSY. Welcome aboard, folks.

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## D-104 MYSTREY

Borrowed D-104 mike may be lost! Seven or eight years ago, W6ISQ borrowed a beautiful D-104 mike from K6TMB. Or was it that W6ISQ was forced to accept the borrowing of this D-104? Memory clouds. In any case, W6ISQ, has worked many new ones with it: Bouvet, Barnaba, Rotuma, Conway, and the rest a them prized ones. He is exceedingly grateful to TMB for the borrow. But now, TMB wants the D-104 back!

To put it mildly, this is embarrassing. You see, ISQ used this mike only on new ones. He kept it in a special drawer, but someone moved the drawer and its cabinet just before ISQ cleaned out the garage—or was it after? During? ISQ realizes that TMB could indeed want this D-104 back, so ISQ will institute a mike search, and when, or if, found, will return it to TMB at an NCCC meeting.

(Anybody know if BFI keeps a record of valuable things taken to the dump?) Please plan to attend the "D-104 Welcome Back" presentation at a future NCCC meeting, date to be determined when mike is located. P.S. Actually, I would really like to **not** find that best-of-all-mikes until after a ZA operation. Maybe I'll fake it. One *could* think Maggi put it somewhere. That little ol' mike may yet have the honor of giving me DXCC #1 on SSB.

## TROSTEROSTER

ARMOND NOBLE, N6WR, goes to the top of the Roster this month. He put us on the front wrapper cover of *Worldradio* again, which will surely scare a lot of constipated birds sitting on their roosts looking down at that wrapper paper. Perhaps he is getting even with us for printing that slightly curious picture of him and NORM, K6FO, in the *JUG*. That was supposed to illustrate a "before" picture—before he learned me how to take pictures gooder. But I think Armond is now out of pictures of us. You are, aren't you, Armond?

Armond is teaching me how to take good pictures for the *JUG*, and has suggessted using black and white film. Accordingly I will take some black and white's at Lloyd and Iris' July 4 bash and we will see how much I learnt. All fotos this month, and in *JUGs* past, are from color prints.

Congrats to NCCC friend ERIC, W6DU, who was elected president of the NCDX Foundation replacing NCCC's RUSTY, W6OAT. Great job Rusty! VP is NCCC's own, and owner of the lost D-104, LOU, K6TMB. Treasurer is BRUCE, W6OSP, also one of to NCCC's own.

NOTICE. How can we have a NCCC without a logo? Answer: we should have a logo! So, the Bored of Direktors of NCCC appointed W6CF, to create a contest to find the best NCCC logo. All members should participate. Send in your ideas to W6CF immediately. Actually, the contest may be over before it started because W6ISQ has a tererific idea for the logo: a pen and ink drawing of two muscular arms (mine and whose else?) locked in armed combat. What is the prize, James? Just in case I don't win for some petty reason, better send in your suggestions pronto. In addition to the prize W6CF names, a DUB IOU will be issued not only to the winner and up runners, but to each who submits an idea.

NCCDXC ?? What do W6CF, W6ISQ, W6OAT AND W6QHS have in common? They believe in gradually re-uniting NCCC and NCDXC in some way. Could begin by forming a single club unit with separate divisions, but with no distinct dividing line between the two present groups. Can we discuss this yet? Don't panic or quit the club! Didn't say it would happen in August or any time yet. Just thinking. We'd like to have your ideas and thinking about this.

FREEBIE FOTOS. During the past year, W6ISQ has taken photographs at many club functions. Some have been published in the *JUG*, albiet some pretty poorly reproduced. It's now give-away time. ISQ will bring remaining photos to the next several club meetings and circulate them. All are invited to take any they like.

CONDOLENCES to BIP, W6BIP. He slipped and cracked his knee on a cabinet, and wound up in the hospital. Got home and entered the All-Asia, but a few hours into the contest, he developed complications and had to go back into the hospital. He's back charging now, however, and is buying tickets for himself and Elsie to go the the National ARRL Convention in Michigan. Don't forget your original blinking CQ ID badge and whirley-gig hat, Bip!

THRILLS. Imagine the thrill of seeing your name and call in print. Write something for the *JUG*!! Ham tips for special conditions, computer programs that work, how you got started in hamming, club comments, contests and which you like best and or least. Be creative! We'll print it, and what's more, you'll win a DUB too.

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N6MG	Vern Buerg	456 Lakeshire Drive	Daly City	CA	94015	415 992-2733	415 991-0644
K6MO	Stan Andrews	2432 Melendy Drive	San Carlos	CA	94070	415 591-1086	415 591-8411
WB6MZQ	Steve Demetrescu	39 Ardilla Road	Orinda	CA	94563	415 254-3350	
N7NG	Wayne Mills	P.O. Box 1945	Jackson	WY	83001	307 733-2670	307 733-3036
WA7NIN	Pat Bacon	3450 Conte Drive	Carson City	NV	89701	702 882-3916	
W6NLG	Gordon Girton	P.O. Box 60031	Sunnyvale	CA	94088	408 253-8688	
W6NV	Oli Sweningsen	88 Redwood Terrace	Orinda	CA	94563		

W6OAT	Rusty Epps	651 Handley Trail	Redwood City	CA	94062	415 365-5918	408 441-1166
N6OM	John Gibson	808 Kilbirnie Court	Sunnyvale	CA	94087	408 245-3369	
W6OSP	Bruce Butler	4220 Chardonnay Court	Napa	CA	94558	707 255-5424	707 257-1880
W6OWQ	Bill Jackson	2873 Lakeview Drive	Nice	CA	95464	707 274-2289	
WX7P	Dave Lowery	3148 Wildewood Drive	Concord	CA	94518	415 682-7710	415 671-3518
AA6PG	Dave Stamm	12341 Stonebrook Court	Los Altos Hills	CA	94022	415 948-0186	408 428-2010
K6PJY	Dan Ramsey	2726 Roosevelt Lane	Antioch	CA	94509	415 757-8148	
K6PU	Ken Anderson	P.O. Box 934	Los Gatos	CA	95031	408 353-4466	408 473-4342
N6QC	JW Reimer	1528 Colwood Drive	Petaluma	CA	94954	707 763-9715	707 527-5555
W6QHS	Dave Leeson	15300 Soda Springs Road	Los Gatos	CA	95030	408 353-1927	408 732-4000
W6QL	Iris Colvin	5200 Panama Avenue	Richmond	CA	94804	415 525-0756	415 524-1177
KK6QM	Barb Leeson	15300 Soda Springs Road	Los Gatos	CA	95030	408 353-1927	
AA6QY	Hersh Stansch	1917 Dandini Circle	San Jose	CA	95128	408 295-4492	408 295-4492
WR6R	Al Crespo	111 Scenic Drive	Orinda	CA	94563	415 254-3233	415 553-9303
N6RA	Tom Gallagher	225 Topaz Way	San Francisco	CA	94131	415 285-7895	415 362-5556
W6REC	Duane Ausherman	13827 Sargent Avenue	Galt	CA	95632	209 745-3935	
K0RF	Chuck Cullian	706 San Simeon	Sunnyvale	CA	94086	408 736-3217	408 742-7237
W6RGG	Bob Vallio	18655 Sheffield Road	Castro Valley	CA	94546	415 537-6704	
W6RJ	Bob Ferrero	241 Santiago Lane	Danville	CA	94526		415 831-1771
K6RK	Chuck Patterson	3101 Withers Avenue	Lafayette	CA	94549	415 934-3419	
N6RO	Ken Keeler	Route 2 Box 177C	Oakley	CA	94561	415 625-2707	415 932-4949
AF6S	Dave Barton	14842 Nelson Way	San Jose	CA	95124	408 377-1707	
NF6S	Larry Word	3944 Dartmouth Way	Livermore	CA	94550	415 499-9195	408 434-2528
NU6S	Tim Coad	10292 Judy Avenue	Cupertino	CA	95014	408 996-1572	
WA6SDM	Jim Hollenback	1892 Bethany Avenue	San Jose	CA	95132	408 923-4074	408 447-0725
WB6SHD	Rob Van Geen	6977 Empire Grade Road	Santa Cruz	CA	95060	408 458-9779	408 285-1606
K6SIK	Bill Franzwa	3538 Arcadian Drive	Castro Valley	CA	94546	415 538-6383	415 877-6252
N6ST	Steve Thomas	13707 Skyline Boulevard	Los Gatos	CA	95030	408 741-1203	415 694-2617
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W6SYL	Paul Letsinger	23 Vine Street	San Carlos	CA	94070	415 591-1913	
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NH6T	Reg Olson	1420 Spring Hill Road #325	McLean	VA	22102	415 457-1705	
N6TIB	Bill Philpott	26985 Spring Court	Pioneer	CA	95666	209 295-3732	
N6TJ	Jim Neiger	P.O. Box 4355	Orange	CA	92613	714 998-5998	213 649-3477
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KA6W	Ted Algren	12324 Skyline Blvd.	Los Gatos	CA	95030	408 867-6226	415 948-6533
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K6WJ	Mark Montrose	2353 Mission Glen Drive	Santa Clara	CA	95051	408 247-5715	408 991-7829
W6XB	Ken Crandall	1172 Hyde Avenue	San Jose	CA	95129	408 996-7884	408 943-0777
N6XI	Rick Tavan	20297 Hickory Hill Way	Saratoga	CA	95070	408 867-5797	415 325-1025
K6XV	Bob Frizzell	1194 Blanc Court	Pleasanton	CA	94566	415 462-2307	408 735-3919
W6XX	Pete Gaddie	355 Solana Drive	Los Altos	CA	94022	415 941-3354	415 859-3945
WI6Y	Mary Bradshaw	21 Altamont Drive	Orinda	CA	94563	415 376-0762	
KI6YB	Charlie Southall	4076 Sunset Lane	Pebble Beach	CA	93953	408 625-3651	415 781-8345
W0YK	Ed Muns	P.O. Box 1877	Los Gatos	CA	95031	408 739-5170	408 447-2244
W6YKM	Fred Honnold	17890 Sharon Court	Pine Grove	CA	95665	209 296-4994	209 223-4490
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Because of the tremendous interest generated in this series, the author, Hugh Cassidy, W6GAUD completely revised "The Odd One" so that we may read the most up-to-minute info.

Last month Cass told us how to get the honey out of the comb, plus a little about honey colors and granulation. This month Cass continues that subject, then tells us where to get bees.

The exciting narative continues.....

THE ODD ONE  
by Hugh Cassidy, W6GAUD  
Chapter IV  
BUYING BEES

Why does the honey from some bees granulate and not others. Blame it on the enzyme invertase. Perhaps you have sometimes wondered how you can buy dipped chocolate candies with soft, liquid centers. Bees learned all about invertase centuries, no, let's say millenniums, back. The humans found out about it but recently. It's all in the enzymes.

Fermentation can be indicated by small bubbles on the honey. This can also cause the honey to have a sour taste. You can also detect an unwelcome smell. Air bubbles trapped in newly bottled honey are of no concern, these being trapped when the honey is bottled. The trapped bubbles of air will gradually move to the top of the container and the honey will clear.

Where do you get bees? You buy them by the pound. Bees will run about \$0.80 to the pound, packaged bees usually are sold in two pound or three pound packages along with a fertile queen. There are two monthly bee magazines and packaged bees are advertised in their pages, along with a lot of other interesting items.

Actually, there is a big package bee business in Northern California and you can either order the bees shipped by mail or you can make arrangements to drive to the apiary and pick them fresh. Vacaville has a number of such outfits, a visit to one of them can be memorable.

It might be more memorable if you do not bring a head veil with you. And it is interesting to see the gallant beekeeper, working bareheaded among a hundred or more hives in front of his work building, putting a funnel into a shipping box and shaking two or three pounds of bees out of a hive. Add a can of liquid rations to sustain the bees on their journey to their new home and a queen bee in a little cage and the loaded package is nailed tight, ready to go. A smoker is always at hand during these packagings, you can show your familiarity with beekeeping by nonchalantly using the apiarist's smoker to smoke your arms and hands. Naturally you will be there with bare arms and the great nonchalance. Naturally there will be bees flying all over the place. Naturally, being upset that their hose is being taken apart, they will try to get in a nip or two. Naturally your veil will thwart them. Naturally you will drive home down the freeway nonchalantly ignoring the bees sitting behind the front seat of the car. Naturally there will be a few loose ones flying around. Just ignore them. Be nonchalant, always.

Surprisingly, you will find that they will also ignore you. If you begin to think you are starring in a late night horror show, either just pretend they are not there or stop the car as soon as you note them and urge them to leave the car. However, they often go all the way, riding the roads to the new little nest in the west. Actually, they are more interested in getting close to the queen than bothering you. Really!

Northern California Contest Club  
1991-1992 Budget  
6/20/91

Revenue	
Dues	\$3,000
Advertising Revenue	\$670
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,670</b>
Expenses	
Jug	\$1,800
CCF	\$1,000
Membership Awards	\$1,000
Visalia Hosp.	\$200
Sponsored Awards	\$150
Contingency/Misc	\$200
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,350</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>(\$680)</b>

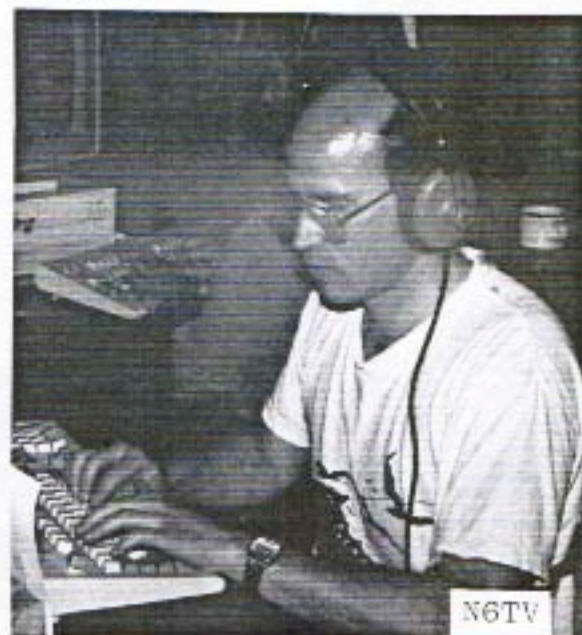
NCCC Treasurer's Report July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991

	BUDGET	TO DATE
Membership Dues, donations	\$2,250.00	\$2,512.25
JUG and Roster Ads	\$500.00	\$670.00
JUG and Roster Publishing	(\$1,000.00)	(\$1,914.51)
CCF	(\$1,100.00)	(\$1,101.74)
Membership Awards	(\$800.00)	(\$871.96)
Visalia Hospitality	(\$200.00)	\$0.00
Self-funding Events	\$0.00	(\$26.27)
Sponsored Awards	(\$150.00)	(\$100.00)
Contingency Fund	(\$200.00)	(\$211.47)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$500.00)</b>	<b>(\$103.40)</b>

Notes:

As of June 30, 1991, the balance in our Wells Fargo checking account is \$437.54. (The reserve fund does not belong to the club; will no longer include it in the Treasurer's report.)

Respectfully Submitted, Henry Stewart, Secretary/Treasurer, NCCCLD  
6/20/91



# MINUTES OF JUNE DIRECTORS' MEETING

# THE SOLAR STORM OF JUNE 1991

A1 Lotze, W6RQ

The regular board of Directors' meeting was held at 6 PM, Friday June 21 at the Wagon Wheel. Louese, KA6ING; Ace, N3AHA; John, W0ZZ; Jack, W6ISQ; Jim, WA6SDM, and Henry, KJ6LD were there.

Howard, WZ6Z, has resigned from the board. His business commitments were too great to allow him to properly serve. His place has been taken by John, W0ZZ.

The picnic will be held at Coyote Point, August 24, as previously announced. It will be a southern style barbecue. The menu includes: Corn on the Cob, Pork Ribs, Chicken, Bean Salad / Green Salad, Potatoes, and Watermelon.

The Christmas party will be held at Miguel's on December 21. They are currently remodeling some of the banquet rooms, and we have been assured that one of them will be ready for us in December.

The next regular meeting will be held at Miguel's in Hayward on the 3rd Friday of July. Social hour starts at 6 p.m., dinner at 7. Board of Directors' regular meeting will also be held at Miguel's on the same day, starting at approximately 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Henry KJ6LD, Secretary/Treasurer

The first through the thirteenth of June gave us what will surely be considered the largest solar storm since we have had modern measuring capabilities. In the past, as in March 1989, we may have had one enormous flare which saturated our satellite sensors; in this storm we had four of these X12 flares, as well as many smaller ones.

The intensity of solar flares is classified by the level of X-ray radiation as measured by the GOES-6 and GOES-7 satellite's X-ray sensors. Unfortunately, these sensors saturate at the X12 level ( $12 \times 10^{-4}$  watts / square meter at the Earth). With a duration of almost four hours, the X12 flare of 4 June released a tremendous amount of energy. The total energy produced by one of these superflares is considered to be equal to the total U.S. energy requirement for 100,000 years, or the energy output of 100 million hydrogen bombs! Fortunately for us, this all goes on 93,000,000 miles from Earth.

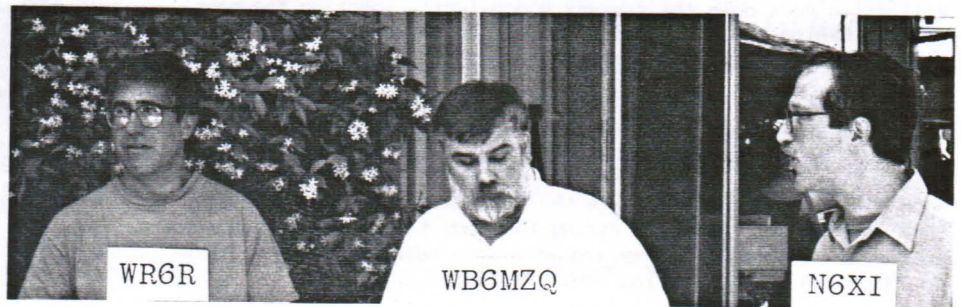
What happened to radio propagation? With two weeks of Sudden Ionospheric Disturbances, D-layer absorption, Proton Events, Polar Cap Absorptions, Auroras, and violent Noise Storms, for most hams the "big switch" was pulled for most bands. Still, there were after-dark openings, mostly transequatorial and on the lower frequency bands.

The good radio propagation measuring stick is the geomagnetic A-Index which we hear updated on WWV at 2118 UT. The WWV Solar Terrestrial Report was at 1818 UT until 8 June at which time the Canadians shifted their Solar Flux measurement from the Algonquin Observatory in Ontario to their Penticton site in British Columbia. For a day with really good worldwide radio propagation we want an A-Index of 10 or lower (a low A-Index for yesterday also seems to help). The average Boulder A-Index for April 1991 was 13.2, for May 14.6. For the first 13 days of June the average was 52! The peak A-Index day was the fifth, with a Boulder Index of 151. Of course, we have had days in the past with higher figures, the 13th and 14th of March 1989 figures were 155 and 175. But that storm was of short duration; the A immediately dropped to below 40 even with several X3 and X6 flares



Were our eyeball observations of the Sun of interest? We saw a neat corroboration of the theory that a sunspot region will probably be a flare-producer when the spots tend to rearrange themselves rapidly. Our subject sunspot region, officially titled Region 6659, was unique in that it had only one large significant spot. But he had an area 2000 one-millionths of the Sun's visible surface. That's BIG, a 600 is considered naked-eya visible - we actually saw this spot without the telescope - just held the very dark solar filter in our hand and there he was.

Most of the sunspots we draw have the exciting contours of a potato. But this big spot of Region 6659 went from plain ordinary to a couple of exotic configurations before the big flare of the ninth collapsed his magnetic field and blew him to pieces. The spot group departed over the West limb on Sunday, 16 June. Boulder thinks the M5 flare at 0355 on the 17th was his parting shot. Even from the Sun's backside, somehow an A-Index of 37 was developed.





Membership Meeting  
June 21

This month we met at the Wagon Wheel in Mountain View. 15 members and one guest enjoyed the hospitality of fellow contesters as we swapped fish stories about "the one that got away" around the bar. I think I also heard Jim W6CF start up a discussion about the weighty issue of "how many DXCC members could dance on the head of a pin."

We sat down to eat at approximately 7 PM with our choice of beef, chicken, or fish. Louise opened up the meeting with an introduction of our new board member, John W022. She also talked about the picnic and Christmas party.

The increase in dues from \$20 to \$24 a year was also announced. The proposed 1991-1992 budget was also presented to the membership for a vote. The largest area of concern expressed by the membership was how to continue the high quality of the Jug. Alex K16EZ reminded people of the fact that there was no Jug during parts of 1988, and pointed out that the club interest was quite low as a result. Several board members explained that they had both a responsibility to maintain a high quality Jug along with a fiscal duty not to put the club into poor financial conditions. The board felt that the budget was an effective compromise which shouldn't detract from the Jug, yet still be fundable with dues and donations. The membership then voted to accept the budget as written. (A copy of the budget is included in this issue of the Jug.)

The program was a discussion of a questionnaire generated by Rush Drake W1RM. Rush felt that changes were necessary in the ARRL contests, and generated a questionnaire which he circulated to approximately 140 contesters he knew. He has received quite a few replies, and the results of that mailing will be in next month's NCJ. He is also soliciting other people's comments through the NCJ and other routes. Rush will tabulate them and forward the specific comments and summaries to members of the CAC.

Ace N3AJA led the discussion. Each person present was given a questionnaire to fill out. Ace summarized Rush's rationale for each change. The membership then discussed the issue, after which each member individually filled out that part of the questionnaire. After we completed the discussion, Ace collected the questionnaires to send to Rush. If anyone that wasn't at the meeting wants a copy of the questionnaire, it will be printed in the NCJ, or you can ask Ace for a copy.

Louise reminded everyone of the field day activities at the QTH of SK Phil W6ZM. After that, we adjourned to get enough sleep to stay awake for field day.

1991 - 1992 NCCC DUES

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Call \_\_\_\_\_

DUES.....\$ 24.00

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Do you want your extra donation acknowledged in the JUG?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

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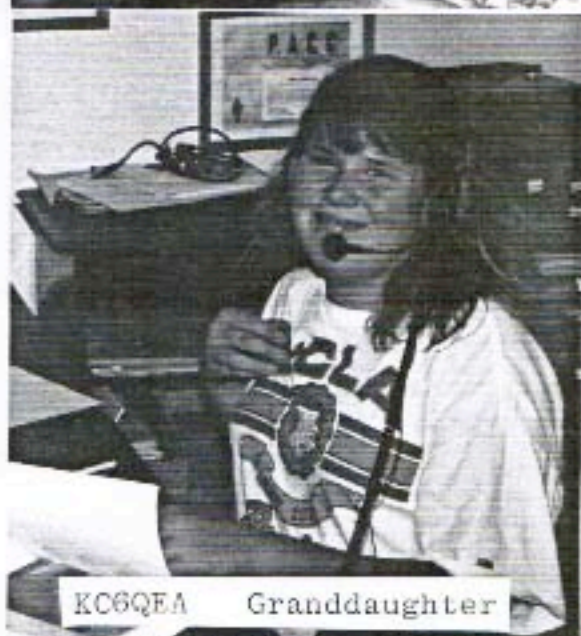
What can you suggest to increase NCCC cash in the bank? A DUB IOU for best ideas.

Louise thanks you, Ace thanks you, Henry thanks you, all Directors thank you, I thank you, and so does George M. Cohan.

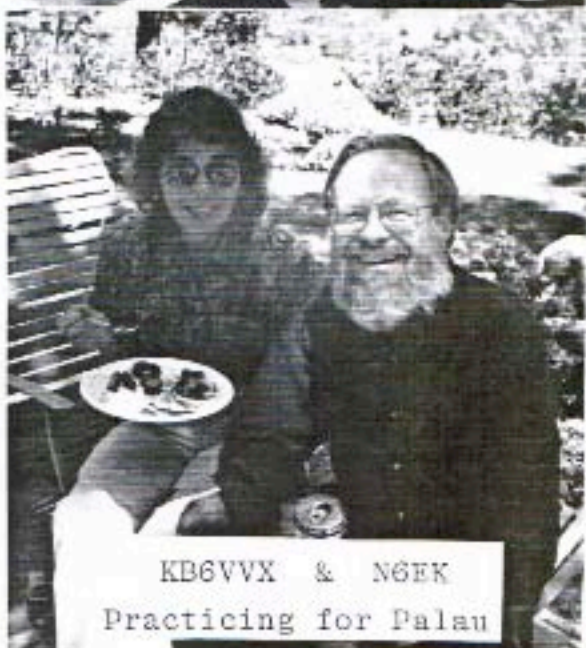
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