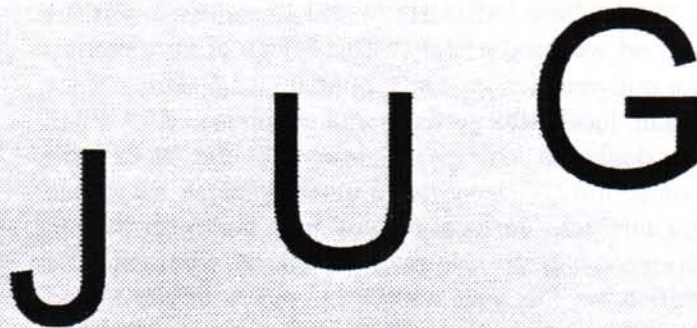


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NEXT NCCC MEETING

DATE: Saturday, July 18
Potluck/BBQ With MLDXCC
DIRECTIONS INSIDE!

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CONTEST CALENDAR

RAC Canada Day Contest 0000Z - 2400Z, Jul 1
 Venezuela Independence Day, SSB
 0000Z, Jul 4 - 2400Z, Jul 5

IARU HF World Championship
 1200Z, Jul 11 - 1200Z, Jul 12

CQ Worldwide VHF 1800Z, Jul 11 - 2100Z, Jul 12

Colombian Independence Day 0000Z - 2400Z, Jul 18

SEANET WW DX Contest,
 CW 0001Z, Jul 18 - 2359Z, Jul 19

South Pacific 160m Contest 0500Z - 2359Z, Jul 18

North American QSO Party,
 RTTY 1800Z, Jul 18 - 0600Z, Jul 19

Venezuela Independence Day, CW
 0000Z, Jul 25 - 2400Z, Jul 26

IOTA Contest 1200Z, Jul 25 - 1200Z, Jul 26

Simply AW-ful

It was, you know, simply awful if you missed the Field Day celebration at K6ZM this past weekend! The weather was perfect, the food and drink were first rate, and the conversation and war stories were among the best ever. Propagation was not great until Saturday night, but everyone had a great time in spite of that. There were approximately 50 people in attendance at this event that started Saturday morning and went the full operating period until 1100 local on Sunday. Members who had not been to a meeting in awhile, like WC6H and WB6DSV, joined in the fun – Rich did a long stint on 20M CW. Our up-and-coming young contester Jenny, KD6KKP, operated both modes on all bands. OM Ray, KT6RA spent the day shooting electronic photos of the goings-on and being ever so slightly proud of his daughter. N6ST, AA6TD and harmonics spent the day – it was nice to see the Thomas family again. And of course, many, many club regulars were there as well. Early reports of the operating event totals indicate there were over 1,000 Q's made – look elsewhere in this JUG for more details.

A big NCCC thank you goes to Al NH7A, Steve WB6MZQ, Kenny K2KW, and Stan K6WG for all of their work at the station. Thanks also to all the other members and volunteers who donated their time, energies and ideas to make FD a big success. A special thanks goes to our hostess, Peggy Frazier, KF6NIA. If you enjoyed this year's FD event, show your appreciation by dropping Peggy a quick note of thanks at the Toyon Terrace address on the front of the JUG.

This being picnic season (well... what to do when there's no propagation...) we're having another one in July. This meeting/picnic is with our neighbors in Gold Country, the Mother Lode DX and Contest Club.

Details elsewhere in this JUG. I hope everyone can make it.

The 1998 IARU HF World Championship is the second weekend of July. This is one of my favorites for mid-year action. Only 24 hours long, starts/ends at 5 a.m. local – the perfect summer contest. K6XX will no doubt be on, giving everyone else some stiff competition. I have heard other callsigns mentioned for this year, so local activity may be higher than in the recent past. Normally I get on from N6RO's station but this year will be in HC8 with N5KO and N6KT, so please look for us there, using some HC8-style callsign.

We are revving our engines, getting ready to wheel out the big CQP-SS machine for the fall season. One way we think we can be more effective as a club is to institute club "chapters." These will be groups of members who live on or near the club's borders and who have a few meetings of their own each year. This would permit us to encourage growth in the club in such areas as the Sierras, Gold Country, Central Valley and Paso Robles (are you reading this, Tom?) Several other successful clubs use this approach, including YCCC and PVRC – and we all know what PVRC did last year in SS. At any rate, this idea is being discussed heavily by the board, and will most likely require a by-laws change. Stay tuned. Beyond instituting chapters, we will be using the time-tested methods for encouraging participation – phone trees, blackmail, water torture. And there are a few new (or at least new this year) ideas coming along that you'll hear about very soon.

W6OAT and I traveled to Reno the day before Field Day to attend the N7TR 10th Annual Cluster Muster. This event celebrates the fact that Rich has endured operating a Packet Cluster node in Reno for 10 years without committing any known acts of violence -- no mean feat. After some afternoon meetings at K5RC's QTH with Tom K5RC, Midge K7AFO, George K5KG, Paul KB8N, and Dennis K7BV, we retired to a Round Table pizza joint in Reno. (You can imagine how much fun going to Round Table was for Rusty...) There were several NCCC members present as well as a few former members. K5KG presented slides from the recent 3B7RF dxpedition. This was a great meeting -- the folks in that area are energetic and enthusiastic about being part of NCCC. I'm certain this is indicative of how well the chapter format will work for NCCC.

On a more mundane note, dues are due. Fill out the form, and send your \$\$ to AD6E, thanks. And see you in IARU!

73, Steve K6AW

FD Observations

What made Field Day so much fun? Here are a few observations by your ol' ed...

JT making his first contest CW contacts using CT, and pretty much getting hooked!

JT (on 20 SSB) telling a KH6 "Hey, we just ordered a pizza! A Hawaiian pizza!" The KH6 responding "That's very nice... do you have an exchange for me?" and Ray (KT6RA) laughing about the KH6 pizza episode on into the night!

Jenny's pleasant, clear, young female voice attracting calls, and her proficient handling of every QSO! She's also a whiz on CW... but I wonder how the other stations know she's a young female by her CT-generated CW signal? Whatever... she's good!

Jenny saying "Who wants the last piece of (KH6) pizza?" when her eyes were saying "Is somebody mean going to take MY last piece of pizza?"

When other stations say "K6ZM, big signal!" I miss being able to tell them "It's our antenna... we have 3 1/2 elements!" (Thanks, Stan and gang!)

Of course, there was the constant... the gracious, good-humored hospitality of Peggy, who puts up with the horde every year, and pretends to enjoy it!

73, K6GT

SCORES

WPX (SSB)

KT6RA(+KD6KKP)	M/S	1646	628	2002692
NP4IW/WX6	15M	353	216	142776
K6III	15M	312	218	146496
W6ISO	SO HP	366	260	202540
N1CS	SO LP	553	302	267270
K6BZ	SO HP	1156	592	1251488
W6PLJ	SO LP	333	217	172515
VP5E(K6HNZ)	SO LP	3491	824	7021304
N6CCL	SO AS	454	349	369242
KI6CG	SO HP	1318	557	1566284
EA9AM (AI6V)	SOHP	2896	760	6998840

WPX (CW)

KO6N (AE0M, KX7M, K6AW, K3EST, W6RGG, K6GV, K6XX, K2KW)	MM	3008	829	6851685
W6ISO				43354
N6TV	SOHP20	1389	615	1707240
WR6AAA (N6IG)	SOHP	2106	688	4217440
K6III	SO HP15	252	450	81450
K6UM	SOLP	275	676	139932
HC1OT (N5KO)	SOHP	3561	812	11733400
P49V (AI6V)	SOHP	3105	774	8302698
W6PLJ	SOLP	371	273	225225
AE6Y	SOLP	376	269	211165

CQ 160 CW

KF6T(+WX6V)	M/S	734 75		172050
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ARRLVHF

K6UM	SOSB	60	31	1860
ALL ASIAN	CW			
N6TV	SO	107	351	398385
K6III	SOSB	50	35	1750

July meeting info:

Saturday the 18th, 12 noon, Jackson, CA.

We'll have a "Talk-in" on the Amador County Amateur Radio Club repeater, **K6ARC, 146.835 minus 600 KHz**. In the unlikely event of repeater failure, use the Stockton ARC repeater, W6SF, 147.165 plus 600 KHz.

The July meeting will be a joint meeting of the Mother Lode DX/Contest Club (MLDXCC) and the Northern California Contest Club (NCCC) in Jackson, CA. Jackson is located at the intersection of State Highways 88 and 49 in Amador County, southeast of Sacramento and approximately 2½ hours from the Bay Area, Nevada, Southern SJV, and Northern SV.

Directions:

The meeting will be held at the Senior Services Center, 229 New York Ranch Road, Jackson, CA. Take State Highways 49/88 to Jackson. From the West (State Highway 88) or North (State Highway 49), turn left at the 2nd stop sign (Safeway and Chevron gas station will be on your right), onto State Highway 88 East toward Lake Tahoe. Follow signs to the Senior Center, and turn left on Court Street (approximately 1 mile). New York Ranch Road will be the first stop sign (1/4 mile). Turn right and the Senior Center will be on the left approximately 100 yards from the intersection, behind an apartment complex (signs will direct you to "Oak Manor"). Parking is available in both the front and back, but please **do not** park in the spots marked for the Oak Manor Convalescent home.

In addition to the Safeway mentioned above, if you continue South thru the stop there will be a Lucky on the right (1/4 mile) and a Raley's on the right (1 mile).

To Jackson from the Bay Area - Take Interstate 580 East to Interstate 205 (bypass Tracy) and proceed to Interstate 5 North. Proceed North to Stockton and take State Highway 4 (Ort Lofthus Freeway) East to State Highway 99 North. Proceed North for approximately 1 mile, and take State Highway 88 East to Jackson.

To Jackson from Nevada - Take Interstate 80 or State Highway 50 West to State Highway 49, and

proceed South to Jackson. Or take NV/CA State Highway 395 South to State Highway 88 West to Jackson and turn right on Court Street.

From the North or Sacramento - Take State Highway 16 (Jackson Road) East to State Highway 49 and proceed South to Jackson.

From the South - Take State Highway 99 North to State Highway 88 East to Jackson.

The meeting will be a Barbecue/potluck. Hamburgers, hot-dogs, grilled chicken breasts, condiments, buns and plates/eating utensils will be provided by MLDXCC. NCCC will provide soft drinks and other non-alcoholic beverages. BYOB if you desire. Please bring the following to share, based upon the *first letter of the suffix of your callsign*, and serving utensils if necessary:

A - G - Chips/dips/salsa

H - N - Salads (potato, fruit, green, etc.)

O - U - Relishes (pickles, veggies/dip, etc.)

V - Z - Cookies or other simple desserts.

Following short business meetings, Jim, W6EU will give a presentation on his Scarborough Reef experiences.

Amador County is in the heart of the Mother Lode Gold Country. Our meeting location will be minutes from antique shops galore, 18 wineries, gold mine tours, camping and fishing sites, and the historic Chaw'se Indian Grinding Rock State Park. Motels/hotels and B&B's are close by if anyone wants to make a weekend of it. Information is available on the Amador Chamber of Commerce website at:

<http://www.amadorcounty.com/chamber/>.

There are also published brochures available detailing the winery tours and B&B's which can be mailed to anyone interested by sending an e-mail note of your interest to: k6db@volcano.net.

For additional information contact:

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Kay, K6KAY - koa@volcano.net

(Phone 209-296-5577)

Ken, K6DB - k6db@volcano.net

(Phone 209-296-5577)

This promises to be a fun event - please plan to be there and join in!!

73, Ken, K6DB
k6db@volcano.net

Letters to the editor

ALTERNATE E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If you've spent a fair amount of time on the Internet, you begin to develop strong opinions about the various NG (newsgroups). They can be a bit unruly and full of colorful language. They could be said to parallel the more familiar yet civilized reflectors, such as CQ-Contest. However, unlike most of our contesting OM's & YL's, their members appear to want to hide their identity. I have noticed that these shadows of the WEB appear to have multiple e-mail addresses in order to weave past any "filters". Can we learn anything from them? Well, there is a notable advantage for any contender who has to share a conventional e-mail address with an XYL and wade through lots of messages. There are many sites which support "free" e-mail addresses, and "http://www.freemail.mcom.com/" lists many of them. Now I have become

"n2ale@yahoo.com",

and have access to my e-mail through any browser and any computer connected to Internet. That is, at home or at work or even at the public library without thinking about access phone numbers, account numbers, or other extraneous technobarriers. This is the way it should be; free and accessible like the NET.

de alan, N2ALE/6

Field Day was a blast!

I dropped in at K6ZM with about 1/2 inch of built up sweat and dust from setting up the W6YL stations. I hope I didn't offend too many of the folks at the BBQ. At W6YL, we do a macho field day. Who else sets up full size 4 element yagis on 40 meters? Who else has a 3 element yagi on 80? Who else kill themselves for 24 hours preceding the first QSO to the extent that there's no energy left to work the contest (excuse me . . . 'operating event')?

Our site is as impressive as the antennas. We used the Sunol ridge QTH of Oli, W6NV which has a great cliff effect at about 2000 ft. We overheard K6ZM on 10 SSB trying in vain to work some guy under the mud while for us the other station was Q5.

So how did we do with two HF stations, a full time novice station, and a full time VHF station? The final tally isn't known yet, but the two HF stations worked about 1100 CW and 850 SSB Q's. HF operators included AE0M, N0BBS, W6WS, WR6K, KX7M, and AD6E. Note that 5 of the 6 are NCCC members! We also had 3 novices and two non-hams.

The only problem was the XYL getting upset over all the (major) scratches I put on the new Jeep!

73, Al, AD6E

K6ZM QSL REQUESTS?

A reminder to those who have requests for confirmations of K6ZM QSO's: if you have ever used the club callsign, then you probably have scads of requests. If this is the case, please mail your requests (and appropriate logs) to George, K6GT, who is serving as the QSL manager for K6ZM. George's address is:

George Daughters, K6GT
1560 Klamath Drive
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Another option is to give the requests to George at the next meeting.

FISCAL MATTERS

Here is the Budget for 1 July '98 – 30 June '99 which was approved by the membership at the June meeting:

Income

Dues	\$4,410.00
Donations	300.00
JUG Ads	300.00
total	5,010.00

Expenses

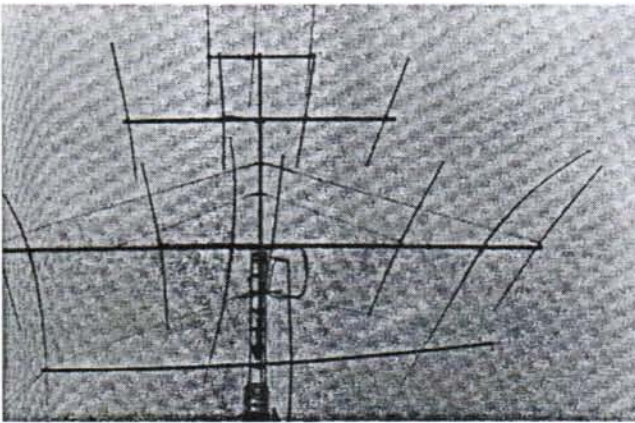
Jug	\$3,300.00
CQP net	610.00
Awards net	600.00
Visalia	200.00
Misc.	300.00
Self-funding	0
total	5,010.00

73, Al AD6E

SELECTIONS FROM THE NCCC PHOTO ARCHIVES

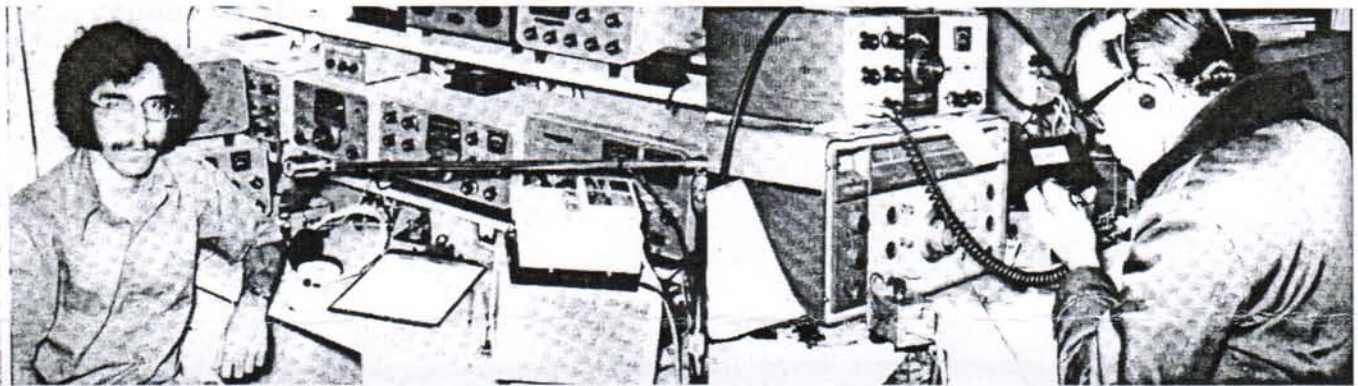


This photo is of a young fellow in 1975. Since that time, a lot of CW QSO's have entered the ears and head (is CW a causative agent of alopecia?) of N6TV!



This is a photo of a nice antenna installation and a struggling young lawyer in front of his operating

position in 1975. He's now a struggling young (?) pizza - maker, with a law practice. It's W6OAT.



Here is another photo from 1975. This fellow still has just as much hair! It was great to see him at K6ZM for Field Day this Year! It's WB6DSV.

Finally, here is an op who was featured in the May '98 JUG, in the same position, having just as much fun. It's K3EST, doing his thing in 1975.

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