



NEXT NCCC MEETING

**DATE: Thursday, February 17
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February Contests

New Hampshire QSO
 Vermont QSO
 10-10. Winter, SSB
 Minnesota QSO
 YL-OM Contest, CW
 Delaware QSO Party
 Mexico RTTY International

North American Sprint, Phone

CQ/RJ WW RTTY WPX
 Asia-Pacific Sprint, CW
 YL-OM Contest, SSB
 FISTS Novice Roundup
 Dutch PACC
 RSGB 1.8 MHz

North American Sprint, CW

ARRL DX, CW
 CQ 160-Meter, SSB
 RSGB 7 MHz DX, CW
 North Carolina QSO Party
 UBA CW
 High Speed Club CW

March Contest Summary

ARRL Inter. DX, Phone
 World Wide Locator
 RSGB Commonwealth, CW
 North American Sprint, RTTY
 UBA Spring, CW
 Wisconsin QSO Party
 High Speed Sprint, RTTY
 Bermuda
 BARTG WW RTTY
 Russian DX
 Virginia QSO Party
CQ WW WPX, SSB

Full details are on WA7BNM's up-to-date web site:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

Dates

Feb 5- 6
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Feb 13

Feb 19-20

Feb 25-27
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 Feb 27

Dates

Mar 4 - 5

Mar 11-12
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 Mar 18-19
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 Mar 18-19
 Mar 18-20
Mar 25-26

RULER SCHULLER

Another FIRST for the NCCC.....first place, that is! NCCC Team #1 scored a first place finish in the September, 1999 NCJ CW Sprint. After years of coming up just short, the team managed to put everyone else away! (See "Victory at Last" in this JUG for more details.) Congratulations to all, and also to W6CT for organizing the team.

The sprint is full-frontal contesting at its best... four hours of pressure! And, the NA Sprints are just around the corner; phone first, and then CW. Your initial foray can be a humbling experience, but it is worth the effort. I can't think of a better way to improve operating skills in a short period of time. It is also a great place to exercise that 2-radio setup.

Speaking of skills, our February meeting topic will be "Contesting Tips and Techniques - Unlocked Secrets of NCCC Members"! We have some excellent operators in this club, and they all have learned (and mastered) special skills over the years to keep them on top. Come hear some of the obvious (and not so obvious) tips from your fellow members. If YOU have a "tip" or technique that you would like to share, please send it to me at K6CTA@arrl.net by February 12, and I will see that it gets included.

We now have 3 (!) NCCC members who will be competing at WRTC 2000. Besides N6IG, whom we chose to represent the NCCC, N6TV and K7BV have been selected as the non-club member by 2 other clubs. Congratulations to all!

Club elections are only a few short months away. Serving as an officer and/or board member is a rewarding (and fun) experience. It also isn't as hard as one might think. If you have an interest in being considered for one of the spots, please let me (or any Board member, for that matter) know.

As a reminder, the March meeting will feature Rod Stafford, W6ROD, ARRL President. If you have any questions about what the ARRL is up to, this will be the place to find out. The meeting will be at HP/Agilent in Santa Clara.

Also, Steve, K6AW, is working on the second annual contesters' banquet for the Visalia DX Convention. This was a great show last year... don't miss this year's!

There is still lots of fun contesting to be done in the next couple of months.

73, Ed, K6CTA

DOUBLE CROSS

Now, the Good News

Things just keep getting better and better for NCCC. Here is an items that should make your day... The Sprint is Ours! (finally)

After plenty of years, NCCC won the team competition in the North American Sprint (CW). Our "Team 1" has unquestionably taken second place more times than any other group, but first place has been elusive. N6TV's message summarized it perfectly:

NCCC Team 1 Took FIRST PLACE in the September 1999 NCJ CW Sprint:

NCCC#1	125,162
SCCC#1	109,912
SEST	100,923
FRCD	97,737
YCCC	93,604

Fantastic! We have been struggling against SCCC in this contest for YEARS. Way to go team, and a big THANK YOU to Scott Lieberman, W6CT, for putting this winning Sprint team together, last September: N6TV, N5KO, N6IG, N6RO, K6XX, K6AW, K7BV, AE6Y, W6EU, and W6RGG.

NCCC team two, with only half the number of players, took 13th place out of 18 team entries with 45,426. As both of my readers can attest, winning the CW Sprint team competition has been a major goal of mine (and many others) for quite awhile. Congratulations all! Don't forget the next Sprints are this month – phone on 6 February (5 February local) and CW on February 13th (12 February local). N6RO is wrangling a phone team or two; W6CT endeavors to maintain our "streak" on CW. Wanna join? Give these gentlemen a call or e-mail!

Scores

After you enter the myriad of second-half contests this season, make sure you get your scores posted so your fellow NCCers can marvel at your prowess. Post them to our reflector, nccc@contesting.com, and/or send them directly to me.

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More Scores

ARRL 10m

Call	Class	QSOs	Sect	Countries	Score
K6KAY	LPPH	2539	62	53	566,030
K6EP	Lpmix	319	84	37	128,018

Internet SprINT

Call	QSOs	Score
K6XX	147	147

ARRL RTTY Roundup

Call	Class	QSOs	Mult	Score
AD6G	LP	267	64	17,088
K6EP	LP	160	54	8,640
N2ALE	LP	32	17	544

JIDX Low Band CW

Call	QSOs	Prefectures	Score
N6RO	327	91	47,775
K6XX	355	73	33,507
K6III	12	9	109

North American QSO Party, CW

Call	QSO	Mult	Score
NCCC Team 1			
N5KO@W6NL	1064	276	293,664
K5RC	910	263	239,300
N6RO	29	256	237,824
ZF2NT	849	242	205,458
K6AW@K6DB	836	244	203,496
Team 1 Total			1,180,230

NCCC Team 2

K7NV	731	227	165,937
K6CTA	604	190	114,760
WA6O	495	138	68,310
K6EP	128	80	10,240
AA6W	50	30	1,500
Team 2 Total			360,747

Freelancers

W6YX(N7MH op)	719	214	153,866
K6III	243	107	26,001

North American QSO Party, Phone

Call	QSO	Mult	Score
NCCC Team 1			
K7BV	1149	238	273,462

Freelancers

N6JS	517	161	83,237
K6DB	184	71	13,064
N2ALE	52	30	1,560
NR6O	1517	245	417,175
(K2KW, K3EST, K6AW @N6RO)			

MATTERS

But first, welcome to new member Bill Haddon, N6ZFO email: haddon@pw.usda.gov Formerly K6OPI, Bill was licensed in 1955 and has scored #1 in the San Francisco Section in CW SS in 1957, 1958, 1996 and 1997. He now operates a Ten Tec Omni V to a tribander and wires, using CW 80%, Phone 10%, and PSK31 10% of the time. It's too bad it is now too late to count his 1999 CW SS score for the NCCC! And now, the "Treasurers Report":

Cash flows through 31 Dec. 1999

INFLOWS

Dues:	
Current Year	3547.00
Future Years	48.00
Prior Years	24.00
TOTAL Dues	3619.00

General Fund:

Prior Years	3048.21
Current Year	295.00
TOTAL GF	3343.21

Repeater Fund:

Prior Years	1159.65
Current Year	93.00
TOTAL RF	1252.65

TOTAL INFLOWS 8214.86

OUTFLOWS

CQP:	
Plaques	-1470.00
Premiums	-1403.00
Publicity	735.96
TOTAL CQP	-2137.04
JUG	1138.49

Miscellaneous 242.70

Self Funding	148.36
Visalia	17.84

TOTAL OUTFLOWS -589.65

OVERALL TOTAL 8804.51

Notes: All figures above are net per account. A negative outflow is actually a cash reserve against an expected expense in that account. This month includes the expense of printing and mailing the annual roster of \$435.35. Next month will include the expense of CQP tee shirts.

73, Tony, AE0M

FISCAL

THE CW SPRINT: VICTORY AT LAST!

I know that the NCCC has never won a CW Sprint for the five years or so that I have been managing the teams. But, at the January meeting, I was shocked to find out from Rusty, W6OAT, that the NCCC has NEVER won a CW Sprint.

Well folks, that 20 year or so streak is over! NCCC #1 won the September 1999 CW Sprint with 125,162 points. The second place team was long time nemesis SCCC #1, with 109,912 points. If you look at the results, you will see that we had the full complement of 10 team members, but SCCC could only muster 9 competitors. However, even if you give them a tenth team member with a score equal to their best score, we still would have beaten them by 150 points. In other words, it was a **win**, fair and square!

I thank all ten member of NCCC #1 for their fine work-N6TV, N5KO, N6IG, N6RO, K6XX, K6AW, K7BV, AE6Y, W6EU, and W6RGG. Being the modest guy that I am, I stowed away on Team 2 (which was a good idea, since I scored a good 400 points below the tenth place person on Team 1).

I also thank those of you who were on Team 2, along with those got on anyway and made QSO's with our teams!

The February CW Sprint is Saturday, Feb. 12. We would love to have you on an NCCC team. After you "get" the QSY rule, which makes you change frequency every one or two contacts, you can have a lot of fun. Please e-mail me if you would like to be on an NCCC team next month.

73, Scott , W6CT

FEBRUARY MEETING DETAILS

Menu : Dinner choices available are:

1. Grilled beer mustard chicken-includes rice and seasonal vegetables.
2. Tied House Chicken Sausages-with rice, glazed onions, and black beans.
3. Blackened Louisiana Catfish-amber beer salsa, sour cream, rice and beans.

All entrees include choice of soup or salad and assorted soft drinks, coffee, tea, or milk. The price is \$16.00 and includes gratuity and tax.

Please send reservations with dinner choice to Tony, AE0M, by Monday, 14 February.

Program : Contesting Tips & Techniques (Unlocked Secrets of NCCC Members!)

Parking : There is free parking after 6PM at the garage on San Pedro Street.

There is a map showing the location of the Tied House at their website

<http://www.tiedhouse.com>

The San Jose Tied House is in downtown San Jose, just a block away from Market Street and from Santa Clara Avenue.

NCCC MEMBERS ON WRTC 2000 TEAMS

Congratulations are in order to 3 NCCC members who will be competing on WRTC-2000 teams in Slovenia! Besides our selection of Jim Pratt, N6IG, other noted contesters have chosen NCCC'ers Bob Wilson, N6TV, and Dennis Motsenbacher, K7BV, to serve on their teams. Recalling that teams cannot have two members from the same club, this shows that other clubs recognize that NCCC has some true "big guns" (in case anyone doubted it!)

BIG SIGNAL VISITS NCCC



At the January meeting contesters, exchange left coast secrets (example: “Call CQ and listen carefully in case somebody answers” and right coast secrets (example: “Don’t work more than a thousand DL’s, EA’s, and I’s without standing by for Eastern Europe and zones 22 and 34 occasionally.”) From left to right are Steve “Krelman”, K6AW, Jim, N6IG, Bob, K3EST, John, K2MM, (right-coast visitor) Frank Donovan, W3LPL, Kenny, K2KW, and Jack, W6PLJ.

4M7X PHOTOS



Tukee and K2KW enjoy non-contesting activities on Coche Island, Venezuela.



The “Vertical Forest” at 4M7X during a good moment.



Kenny, K2KW, surveys the wreckage of some “not-at-all-verticals” while he ponders the title of his presentation at the January NCCC meeting on the 4M7X experience. After this and other difficulties, like seasickness, no windows, no doors, no electricity, no Spanish interpreter, 1500 feet of bad coax and the like, he settled on the title “Overcoming adversity while keeping the winning spirit”

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