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Our Next Meeting

Farrallons, by K6VVA
Logbook of The World (LoTW), by W6ZZZ
Election of 2007-2008 Officers and BoD, N6BV

Date: Monday, 9 April 2007

Time: 6:00pm schmooze, 6:30pm dinner,
7:00pm program

Location: Harry's Hofbrau, 390 Saratoga Avenue,
San Jose, CA (408) 243-0434

Dinner: cafeteria style; you buy your own

Directions From 280

Take the Saratoga Avenue exit and go North on Saratoga about 1.5 blocks. Harry's is on the right (East) next to a large Casino.

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K6DGW
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Presidential Musings

By: Dean Straw, N6BV

It's hard to imagine that it's been a year already since I took up the President's job, but it's been an exciting, fulfilling year serving the duck flock. We will be voting in a new slate of officers for NCCC's 2007-2008 year at the April 9 meeting.

Speaking of meetings, the March 12 NCCC Awards meeting was held at the Tied House in Mountain View, with more than 50 NCCC contest ducks attending. What a great turnout! Many, many awards were handed out to our members. Congratulations to all! See the awards lists elsewhere in this JUG.

The April 9 Elections meeting will be held at a new venue for us – Harry's Hofbrau in San Jose. (For those of you familiar with the NCDXC meetings at the Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City, the San Jose restaurant has much larger facilities; so don't worry about being crowded.)

The Board is looking for candidates for the three officers (President, Vice-President/Contest Chairman, and Secretary/Treasurer), since the club Bylaws say officers can hold a position for a year only. The Board is also looking for candidates for the three elected members on the Board of Directors. Let's keep this wonderful club we call NCCC going with vital, dedicated leadership! Step up and be counted, volunteers.

On another front, while I was back East in early February, I had an opportunity to speak with Mark Pride, K1RX, President of YCCC about some fledgling efforts to combine and shepherd resources from the major contest clubs for the betterment of the contesting game itself. The e-mail reflector started some time ago by Rick, N6XI, for contest-club Presidents has been kick-started again. The talented and ever-enthusiastic Jim, WX3B, President of PVRC, has volunteered to head up this group and an operating agenda is being developed.

I continue to receive positive feedback from other contesting clubs to whom we sent the K6VVA-produced "SO2R Contesting" DVD. On reflection about this last year, I think NCCC has done a *lot* this year to improve the contesting game. And I know that we continue to do so in the years to come. I'm really proud of the NCCC for always taking the "higher road" and for trying to improve contesting for everyone.

Kick Duck,



VP/CC Report

By: Fred Jensen, K6DGW

I made my first NCCC meeting in Mt. View a week ago last Monday, and had a blast. I really wish I lived closer to make more of the meetings, however I really like where I live. Life is filled with conflicts, I guess.

Coming up for April:

We have of course, the annual running of the Poisson d'Avril Contest, rules, such as they are, can be found on the very official looking web site

www.freewebs.com/poissondavril but don't count on winning. Poisson d'Avril is my wife's birthday, so I'm pretty careful about engaging in ham radio activities on that day [and night ☺].

Spartan Sprint is on 2 Apr, 1900-2100 PDT. "RO" has been a regular in these in the "Tubby" class ... undoubtedly due to his very high-weight antenna farm. MOQP on Sat/Sun 7-8 Apr, JIDX on 14-15 Apr, and ONQP on 21-22 Apr.

The VE3 crowd is a big supporter of CQP and this is a great opportunity to return that favor. Besides, nearly all the Canadian hams live in Ontario so there will be a big pileup on each of them. A small number in MB, SK, and AB ... a few more in BC, and so far as we know, two in VY1.

MIQP also overlaps ONQP, I'll be in that one too, two of my combat team members from long ago are CW hams and live in MI and if we connect, we'll digress from the contest for a bit and chat.

My PropFire plug-in to FireFox tells me that SFI=72, A=2, K=0. I seem to remember that our esteemed President [BV, not W] told me once that no sunspots equals SFI of 60? I really think we're at the bottom of the cycle. Let's just hope there is a Cycle 24 and not the dearth of spots that occurred in the 19th Century.

The Awards Banquet was really great, and I got a lot of faces to put with names and calls. Seems several of us are Cal Poly grads. I do want to take special note of Marc [ZZZ], Bill [ZFO], and Ed [YK] who have mentored this totally green newbie through a year of VP/CC. It's been a lot like being a green 2Lt and having a couple of senior NCO's teach me ever so gently how to be an officer. All three managed to instruct me without making it painful, and I am very grateful for that.

Everyone should keep in mind that: 1) We want new folks to step up to the leadership

positions, both to help NCCC and to promote the Sport of Amateur Radio; 2) Everyone needs nurturing and help, so don't forget them.

My special thanks to Dean, N6DE, for the team assignment help and guidance, you've all seen what can happen when I didn't consult him ☺ It's been a good year for me, I've learned a great deal, and my scores are climbing ... OK, not all of them but I am doing better, and I now can do RTTY! I really like this crowd and I am thoroughly enjoying this new part of my 53 yr old hobby. Tree guy comes on the 26th to climb the tower and fix my low band antenna and set up my Marconi-T for 160/80. SS Gavel seems to be a real horse race ... I think that's what this is all about.

Awards Dinner

The last meeting was NCCC's annual Awards Dinner, and, as usual, it played to a packed house.

The following members received the following awards:

Maxwell Sweepstakes Award: Marc, W6ZZZ

Big Gun Award: Dean, N6DE

JUGhead Awards: Al, AD6E; Marc, W6ZZZ

400K Club Awards:

Operators:

- N6DE
- N6BV
- N7MH
- WC6H
- K6XX
- WX5S
- K7NV
- WA6O
- NI6T

Stations:

- W6YX
- N6XI
- N6RO

- W6NL
- WC6H
- K6XX
- K5RC
- KF6T

Highly Motivated Operators (HMOs)

- N6DE
- N6BV
- N7MH
- K7NV
- WA6O
- NI6T
- W6EU
- AD6E
- K2RD
- N6EE
- WX6V
- K9YC
- ND2T
- K6UFO
- W6CT
- N6RC
- K6VVA
- WJ6O
- K6ST
- NA7RF
- NU6T
- K6SV

KB-4000 Awards: W6YX; Rick, N6XI

KB-3000 Awards: Dean, N6DE; Dean, N6BV; Dave, W6NL; Ken, N6RO

KB-2000 Awards:

- N7MH
- WC6H
- K6XX
- WX5S
- KF6T
- K7NV
- WA6O
- NI6T
- N6XG
- W6EU
- W0YK
- W6XU
- N6NZ
- N6NF
- W6OAT
- K6RIM
- AD6E
- W6CS
- WB6S
- K5RC
- NT6K

KB-1000 Awards:

- K2RD
- K9YC
- W6XK
- N6EE
- N6KT
- WX6V
- ND2T
- K6RB
- AJ6V
- K6IC
- N3ZZ
- WJ6O
- K6MM
- K6UFO
- N6RK
- KX7M
- N2NL
- N7ON
- K6IDX
- N7TR
- NW6P
- N6TV
- K6TA
- K6LRN
- K7XC
- W6NV
- N6RC
- K9JM
- N6TU
- W6CT
- K6NV
- K6XV
- K6GT
- W6IXP
- K6VVA
- K6AUC
- K6SRZ
- N6EM
- K6CTA

KB-500 Awards:

- NO6X
- KI6CG
- N6YEU
- K6OWL
- K6III
- W6SZN
- NA7RF
- K6XN
- K6ANP
- WK6I
- N6KJ
- K2VCO
- W6RGG
- K6EU
- W7CY
- K6PUD
- AE6Y
- K6DGW

- KJ6RA
- AK6DV
- KE6QR
- N6ZFO
- W6RK
- W6LD
- W6SR
- N6CK
- K6ST
- W6ISO
- N6WG
- K6JEB
- N6IJ
- NU6T
- K6GNX
- W6FB
- K6AX
- W6FRH
- K6KO
- K6HNZ
- N6PN

NCCC Rookie of the Year: Jim, K9YC

Most Improved Contester: Jim, W6EU

Most Inspiring Little Gun Award: Bert, K6CSL

President's Awards:

- K6DGW – For service as VP/CC
- K6EU – For service as Secretary/Treasurer
- W6OAT – For service as Director
- N7MH – For service as Director
- K6SRZ – For service as Director
- WK6I – For service as Director
- K6CTA – For service as Director
- K6TD – For service as CQP Chair
- KO6LU – For service as Awards Chair
- W0YK – For long and distinguished service to NCCC
- K6RB – For outstanding JUG Editorship
- WK6I – For generous support of NCCC

**President's Special Golden Duck Award
Super Spotter of the Year: Jerry, K6III**

VP/CC Awards – Contest Organizers:

- CQP – K6TD and entire team
- NAQP – N6DE
- NS – N6RO
- Sprints – W6RGG/W0YK
- SS – W6ZZZ and team

NS Ladder:

- N6RO
- N6ZFO
- K7NV

NAQP:

- NAQP Big Gun Award – N2NL
- NAQP Little Gun Award – N6WG

Special Mentoring:

- W6ZZZ -- Marc
- N6ZFO -- Bill
- W0YK – Ed

Golden Duck Awards:

- Dean - N6DE [*“Team Assigner” extraordinaire*]
- Jeff - WK6I [*“WFOK” -- a new mode*]
- Al - K6RIM [*I have yet to beat you to a Q!*]
- Ken - K6TA [*10 years handling WACC!*]

Founders’ Award: Bob, K6XX

K6RU Memorial Award: K6IDX

Contester of the Year Award: Kurt, K7NV

NCCC Wine Winners:

- 3 W6NL
- 5 K6XX
- 6 K6IDX
- 7 AE6Y
- 8 KF6T
- 9 W6TK
- 10 WC6H
- 11 K6RIM
- 12 N6IJ (NI6T)
- 13 N6NF
- 14 W6XU
- 17 N6NZ
- 18 K6YT(W0YK)
- 20 K6RB

Top California Multi-Multi: N6O

(K6AW, N6BV, KJ6EN, N6KLS, WA6O, N6RO, WX5S, K4VU, W6ZZZ ops)

Top California School: W6YX

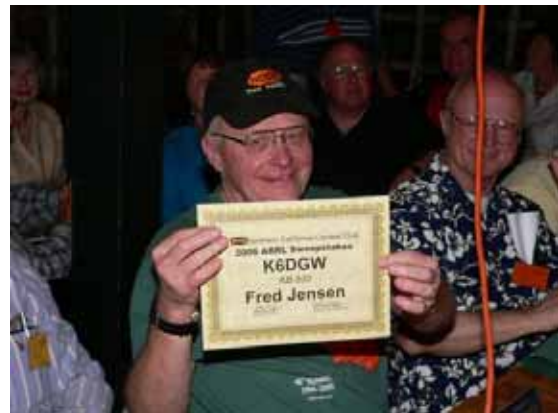
(K6UFO, W6RQ, W6RK, N7MH, DG3SDK, W6KNS, N0AX, AA6XV, W6LD, ops)

CQP Plaques:

- 3Rd Place Single-OP, CA – W6NL
- Most CW QSOs, CA – K6YT (W0YK)
- 2nd Place, Single-Op, Expedition – N6DE
- 2nd Place, Single-Op, Low Power, CA – N6DE
- 3rd Place, Single-Op, Low Power, CA – K6EZ (KX7M)
- Top Club, CA – MLDXCC

CQP Chairman’s Awards:

- Log Checkers
 - W6OAT, N6DE, AD6E
 - K6III, WX5S, K6XX
 - K6MM, W6ZZZ, W4UAT
- N6TV – County Coordinator
- W0YK – CQP Webmaster
- W6ZZZ – Making CQP 2006 Outstanding
- WA6O – Log submission web site
- AE6Y – Certificates
- K6GT – Paper log submission to database



Fred, K6DGW, gets his just reward.



Jeff, N6GQ, formerly KA6LAF, rejoins the group.



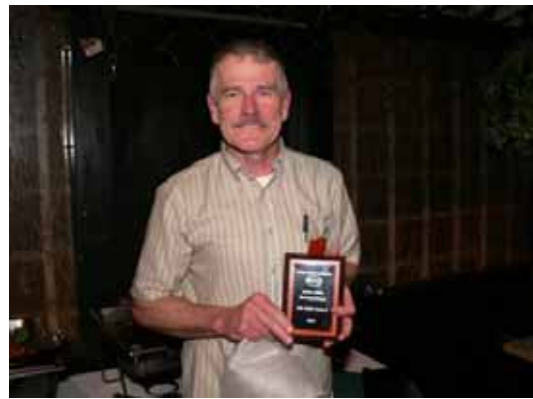
Dean, N6DE, gets his well-deserved “Big Gun” award.



Dave, N6NZ, takes possession of some SS “wood.”



El Presidente, Dean, N6BV, beams with satisfaction at receiving his SS award.



Vic, K6IC, formerly KF6RIP, is happy about his new call and plaque award.



Dave, W6NL, and Barb, K6BL, are pleased with their new wall plaque.



Scott, W6CT, gets to take home some “wood,” too.



Bob, W6RGG, receives his VP/CC reward.



Steve, K6AW, accepts the Top Multi-Multi prize on behalf of the ops at N6RO.



Al, K6RIM, adds another bottle to his growing CQP collection.



Michael, WA6O, gets tangible proof of his CW prowess.



Like Ed, W0YK, really needs a bottle of wine! But, he'll take it.



Matt, WX5S, says "bottoms up, y'all."

