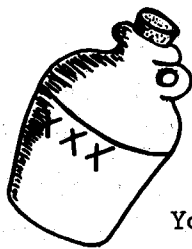


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PREVIEW OF COMING DISTRACTIONS

Feb. 21-22 ARRL DX Competition (CW)
23 NCCC Club Meeting, AS&L Bldg,
Hayward (7:30 PM)
Mar. 6-7 ARRL DX Competition (phone)
20-21 ARRL DX Competition (CW)
22 NCCC Club Meeting, AS&L Bldg,
Hayward (7:30 PM)

HICKERY ZACHARY DOCK, THE PRESIDENT WILL TALK

OK, Bill, stand before us and bore us:

NCCC #1 in FD! Hmmm . . . phraseology sounds rather familiar. However, this is a totally new concept so far as the NCCC is concerned. We're talking about not only topping Class A category in '76 -- but also turning in the best ever QSO total in that category!

Feel fired up about working on another national title? W6PAA, ably seconded by W6OWQ and WB6DSV, has already kicked off the planning phase of this operation. Join Keeler's Killers today by checking the Field Day Committee box on the enclosed questionnaire (and read Ken's FD article elsewhere in this JUG).

Questionnaire? Well, it wouldn't seem right to have a JUG without an insert, and Rusty still hasn't obtained that color glossy of WA7NIN (undraped) he promised us. A 1976 Club questionnaire seemed like the most practical substitute.

Actually, the answers to this set of questions are pretty important, particularly since Club elections are coming up in only two months. It would be really nice if the new crew didn't have to fake it like the current bunch did, but instead had some solid sense of where the membership was at.

Thanks for an enjoyable and provocative joint meeting are due to January ARRL DX Contest Forum panelists K6AHV, K6AQ, W6NJU, W6OAT and K6RU. Special thanks go to W6OWQ for arranging the meeting place.

This month, as we finally return to our regular meeting time and place, we'll hear

Pete Dalton, W6NLZ, speak about "gray-line" DX-ing on 80 meters. Should be fascinating -- and no doubt useful input for KB ARRL DX Contesters.

In closing, we note, with some shock, that in two months we won't have ARR as JUG Head to kick around anymore -- and vice versa. As yet, nobody has come forth to volunteer his/her services, either. This means that publication of the JUG will cease after the April issue unless a new Editor is found pretty quick. It's up to you, gang! Please get in touch with me if you are interested, even if only on an interim basis. -- 73 es KSB! Bill, WB6CEP

1976 NCCC FIELD DAY

Yes, we're doing it as a unified Club effort. You saw what organization, leadership and commitment of the membership did for our SS effort. These elements will make possible a national win in our category and maybe a scoring record for FD in that class. In the past few years, several factions of the Club have fared well in national standings (2nd in 5A and 2A). The BoD decided this year to promote a full-bore Club effort for FD -- and we'll do it!

Planning is the key to FD and initial ideas are spinning wildly in the Chairman's head. A meeting will be held in late March to determine site location, logistics and a myriad of other considerations. Invited will be all team captains, staff coordinators and others turned on by the idea of a biggie FD by NCCC.

Initial ideas include 5-transmitter category with big antennas on all bands, hilltop QTH, etc. What ultimately happens depends on the people involved, particularly how many people. We can't man 5 xmtrs with 4 people, so we need commitments from all interested early enough in the planning to know which category to enter. This in turn determines antennas and equipment requirements. Initial surveys show we have enough towers, antennas and equipment to man 8-10 xmtrs, but we need to know who will set them up and keep them on for 24 hours.

FD is June 26-27. Circle the calendar, arrange with the family, etc., and let me know of your interest by mid-March! -- 73, Ken, W6PAA

Next meeting of the NCCC will occur on the evening of Monday, Feb. 23, at 7:30. QTH: American Savings & Loan Building, 22533 Foothill Blvd, Hayward (downtown, between A and B Sts.). Parking behind the edifice is free and plentiful. Come in through the rear entrance and proceed to the 2nd floor mob scene. PLEASE WEAR YOUR NCCC SS T-SHIRT! We want to take a picture or two for possible use in the SS writeup in QST. Also, please bring a camera if you own one, plus some black-and-white film (color is OK, too).

VP/CC WA6DIL reports in with these first-weekend phone tallies: W6OKK (M/S) 820-129, WA6VEF/6 417-96, K6HIH (M/O) 493/96, WA6DIL (QRP) 207-35 in 5 hours, WA6HAF (80) 88-32, PXG (H/B) 700-107, W6ONV (M/O) 1117/182, W6PAA (M/O) 260-80. Other NCCC'ers heard on: K6BR, K6ZX, WB6KBK, W6BIP, K6CQF, W6YX, W6NLZ, W6LQC, W6NUT, WA6TKT. If you worked KC6AQ, 5W1AU and/or 3D2KG, the ops were WA6AHF, WB6OOL and the Colvins (W6KG/W6DOD), respectively.

Aside from a fair 10M opening and good 15M path to JA, both on Saturday afternoon, condx were mediocre at best. 20 on Sunday was close to disastrous even with 5L at 120'! Lettuce pray for better CW circumstances.

SS HIGH CLAIMED SCORES

Through some devious means or other, W6OAT has managed to glom onto the top 20 SS scores as they will shortly appear in QST:

CW: WA5LES 178K (record), KP4EAJ 171, K4-PUZ 165, W7RM 163, K5PFL 162, W6RTT 160, K4-GSU 160, WB4AEX 160, W6HX 160, WA7NIN 160 -- with the last five being within FIFTY POINTS of each other! ... PHONE: W7RM 261K (record), WA0CVS 247, W6HX 243, W5MYA 230, WA7NIN 230, WB5DTX 229, W6RR 227, WB4AEX 224, WA5RTG 222, K5PFL 219.

2nd ten on CW: K3EST, K7NHV, W6MAR, W3LPL, W6NUT, W7IR, W5WMU, WA2UOO, WA0CVS, K6OVJ ... 2nd ten on PHONE: W6MAR, WA5LES, K4VX, WA9BWY, WB2OEU, WB6YBL, W6DGH, K4TIG, W3LPL, W5WMU.

As for the BIG question, the answer is not likely to come until late March at the earliest -- perhaps not till late April. In any event, it will be known to all by Fresno time.

Speaking of scores, we inadvertently omitted WB6ION from the Top 10 CW SS scores in last month's JUG. Rich's total of 114,026 was good for 9th place in the Club on Morse.

JUG OFFICIALLY SECOND-CLASS PUBLICATION

Careful readers will note that there are some new wrinkles in the address portion of this publication. These modifications are now required in order for us to mail the JUG under 2nd Class rates, which will save us a barrel of bucks as well as eliminate the necessity of affixing stamps (assuming the JUG finds a new editor and continues to be issued, of course).

Folder, Stapler & Mutilator W6OAT has done all the spadework and deserves hearty thanks for his efforts. Rusty asks that you please note the date this issue arrives at your home -- it'll give us some idea of what kind of transit time we can expect. Other clubs use this method and seem to find that it doesn't take much longer than via 1st Class, if any.

LET GEORGE DO IT

That about sums up the news contributions for this month, although reliable WA6GSN also checked in to QSP regrets that he hadn't had a chance to poll the troops. Anyway, Georges K6SG and WB6DSV came through.

From K6SG: K6RLY converted 4 guys on his tower to 3.5-MHz slopers and also put up a 2L 40M delta loop. Indications are that all work well -- but the DX Contest will tell how well! ... K6SG put up 2 slopers for 3.5 MHz and worked JT0OAQ on 80. Also QSO'd VU2DX on 7 MHz 0030 GMT.

WB6DSV tidbits: WA0ENP/6 has purchased 1/4 acre in Los Altos and hopes to complete construction of his house before the end of March. Tom was overheard saying that, while he was taking down some of his towers in Minn., the average temperature was 20 degrees F and the snow started at the 80' level on his tower! ... W6PAA, with help from WB6LPK, W6LPM, WB6DSV and WB6OOL, put up the 40M beam and other assorted antennas and towers at Ken's new QTH in SJ. If the wx holds, this weekend will see another crew assisting with a 15/10 spinner, slopers for 80 and another tower.

WB6OOL is in 5W1-land helping Phil, 5W1AU, put up big antennas. From there, Pete heads for some small rare-DX-type islands. ... Some out-of-area member QNI's on the Tues. night net include WALABW, WA9UCE/6 and K7JCA. WA6GSN/6 was heard checking in rebroadcast from the Club 450-MHz repeater. ... For those who have built the WB4VVF Accu-Memory Keyer, WB6DSV (thanks to K6SG) has the modification sheet to cure the difficult loading problem. K6SG, WB6LPK and WB6DSV all report the modification, and if you have built the keyer and want the sheet, send an SASE to WB6DSV or see him at the meeting. ... W6RGG suggests that, when PDST returns, the 3815 net remain 7 PM pre-net, 7:30 net.

FILL OUT / RETURN TO:

DAVE WILKINSON, WA6DIL
1912 VINCENTE DRIVE
CONCORD, CA 94519

NCCC in 1976

Dear Fellow NCCer,

A major topic at the last two Board of Directors meetings has been the question of Club goals in 1976. We considered which contest operating events should be pushed by the Club, what specific goals we should shoot for in each contest (e.g., #1 in SS), what kinds of meetings and meeting programs would be of greatest interest to the most members, and, perhaps more basically, what kind of guiding philosophy the NCCC should adopt at this stage in its organizational development.

While we did come up with a lot of ideas and opinions regarding the above questions, we also became aware that the composition of our Club has changed quite a bit in the past year and a half. Maybe we don't really know what this new NCCC wants to do? [though we did assume that "KB in the '76 SS" was a pretty safe bet!] Maybe we ought to ask...

SO WE'RE ASKING!

Bill

WB6CEP

Name: _____ Call: _____

This year, in my opinion, the NCCC should

(Please feel free to use more paper if you need it)

Rig(s) and accessories: _____

Antennas: _____

Need Erector Set (antenna raising) help. Approximate date: _____

I would be willing to do some Erector Set work in my local area.

Projected Contest Activity

ARRL DX (Feb, March):

CW Single op Multi-single Multi-multi
 Need ops Guest op OK Need a station

PH Single op Multi-single Multi-multi
 Need ops Guest op OK Need a station

ARRL OPEN CD (April): CW PH Need a station Guest op OK

ARMED FORCES DAY at NPG (May): I want to participate.

JARL ALL ASIAN PHONE (June): Single band All band Single op M-S
 Need ops Guest op OK Need a station

ARRL FIELD DAY (June): NCCC portable NCCC mobile Other group
I would like to work on the NCCC Field Day committee.

ARRL BICENTENNIAL (July): I plan to operate.

JARL ALL ASIAN CW (August): Single band All band Single op M-S
 Need ops Guest op OK Need a station

NCCC CALIFORNIA QSO PARTY (Oct): I'll be on to tune up for SS.
I would be interested in going on a county DX-pedition.
I would like to work on the NCCC CQP committee.

ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES:

CW KB Single op Limited single op Multi-single
 Need ops Guest op OK Need a station

PH KB Single op Limited single op Multi-single
 Need ops Guest op OK Need a station

Other contests I plan to operate: _____

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO VPCC WA6DIL

KB KB

DALE'S ALIVE & WELL IN TEHRAN

Word has been received from NCCC member Dale Jones (W6GEN/W7CFJ) via a newsy note postmarked Tehran, Iran (EP-land), which traveled over

11 and dale to reach Hill from Dale. Further comments are superfluous and only draw boos from readers anyway, so let's let Dale tell it:

First let me offer congratulations to everyone in the NCCC for what appears to be one super KB effort in the '75 SS. Got my JUG about a week ago ((Dale's letter written Jan. 9)) and Bill Snider (K6KM) and I really enjoyed looking over the scores. Sure wish we could have been a part of the effort!

Getting licensed here is truly one outstanding pain in the butt. Bill has had his application in now for about a month and he's fairly sure that absolutely nothing has been done with it. Don't even think it's reached the PTT folks yet. Since I'm just now going through the Residence Permit / Work Permit fiasco, I haven't even turned in my application yet. Copies of these permits must be included with the 19-page application, which is written mostly in Farsi. Maybe I will be able to turn it in next week when I get my permits.

Because of these troubles, Bill and I have decided to push hard to go on a DXpedition. We are really shooting for the CQ WW CW test in November, so I've got about 15 Letters of Inquiry out to all the countries in this part of the world. Looks like we should be able to get licensed from Kuwait, and I've written W6RGG to see if he can give us a lead on his friend down there who has the big antennas. Jordan is also a pretty sure possibility.

One country that interests both Bill and me is Iran's neighbor to the immediate west: Iraq. Since YI is on almost everyone's Most Needed list, an operation from there would be a super coup. I'll be in Baghdad in about 3 weeks with my Field Engineer; we are about to appoint a distributor there. Sooooo ... I'm going to pursue getting a license through the Ministry of PTT. Looks like W7KW is also looking into this, so I've written him a letter, too.

If any of the guys know anything about getting licensed in any of the countries here, we would sure like to hear from them. This kind of information is in very short supply here, and almost anything in the way of someone's name, a telephone number, etc., would help.

Band condx here are fair to lousy; 40 seems to be the one with best worldwide propagation. There is a tremendous amount of broadcast and junk QRM there, though.

Pass my regards to all the NCCC gang -- I

hope we can get something together for one of the contests. I may be on Guernsey for the 2nd CW weekend of the ARRL DX Test. Have applied for my British license (hopefully GC5BOX, if my sweet-talkin' did any good), so may CU from there. 73! -- Dale, W6GEN/EP

((Dale's address is 18, Koutche Erfan; Khibani Shah Abbas; Tehran, Iran. Telephone 612-417. He also gets mail sent to his stateside office address: 1258 Ortiz Drive, Albuquerque, NM 87108.))

ROSTER CHANGE

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San Jose, CA 95117
phone (H) 408-249-7447
(B) 408-249-5500

Reminder: if your address and/or phone number(s) are incorrect and/or out of date in the Dec. 20 NCCC Club Roster, be sure to let JUG Head W1ARR/6 know (1626 Bonita Ave., Berkeley 94709; phone 549-3963). If you don't have a new revised roster, send W6KHI an SASE (2079 15th Ave., SF 94116).

We're having problems with both Club QSLs and Club badges. Patience, OM's . . .

When you fill out the enclosed questionnaire, please give it to WA6DIL at the meeting or send it to him at 1912 San Vincente Dr., Concord 94519.

BULLETIN BOARD

FOR SALE: Collins 51J4 w/ 3- & 6kHz mech filters, cabinet, spkr, instr book; vy gud condx. \$400 (K6SG, 916-944-3838). ... SB101, HP23 (AC) & HP13 (DC) pwr sups, mobile mount, CW fltr, Magnum Six speech proc, SP600 spkr. \$450 (K6SG). ... 32S3 w/ AC pwr sup and 312-B4 console; 75S3B, no CW fltr; 3-1000Z homebrew amp; Johnson KW Matchbox w/ SWR meter; CZ-471 Tristao tower w/ reinforced 20' mast; KLM20 (5L mono); HyGain 402BA (brand new) w/ BN26 balun; Cushcraft 15M (4L); CDE Ham-M II. Prefer package deal on tower & antennas; will sell equipment separately. Best offer takes it (Ron Hill, K6OZL, 1730 Easy St., Hanford, CA 93230. Phone 209-584-8987. QRL Tues. & Thurs. nights w/ night school).

NCCC NET QNI -- JANUARY (TNX W6RGG)

4 -- W6RGG, W6MSF, WB6JGS, W6OKK, WA6JVD, K6HIH, WA6TQK. 3 -- WA7NIN, W6PAA, WB6DSV. 2 -- WB6ZVC, WA6VEF, WB6EXW, WA6UZA, WB6LPK, WA9UCE/6, WA6GSN/6, W6KQG. 1 -- WA6KAC, WA6-PJJ; W6ZRJ, W7LEB, WB6HJN, W6UA, WB6PXP, W6-KHI, WB5QDW, W6AKH, WB6OOL, WA6DIL, K6UWR,

W6HFL, W6ZT, WAØENP/6, WA6HAF, W6NJU, K6SG, WB6AIN, KØIEA, K7JCA. 43 stations, 77 QNI.

WR6ADM (449.2 input, 444.2 output) is operational once again. Members active on the repeater during the first week: W6RGG; WB6OOL; WB6DSV, WB6LPK, WA6GSN, W6MAV, WA6DQM, WB6VEX, WA6LHN.

NOEL'S NOTES -- A YL's Point of View

This publication has always solicited a broad spectrum of viewpoints. With this issue we will begin leaning somewhat more toward a spectrum of broad viewpoints, apparently. Ten years ago you could read LIFE Magazine for the memoirs of Mme. Nhu; now you get to read the JUG for the secret life of Mme. Dil. Oh, well, nothing else has improved since 1966, either. That's your cue, Noel:

I have never done anything like writing for a newspaper before, but I hope that by doing this I might help encourage other members to make their contributions, no matter how small.

I've always felt close to some of the members and have been involved in some of the NCCC activities: Club picnic, Fresno DX Convention, a good percentage of the regular meetings; I've also helped with contest to the extent of getting food into the mouths of weary operators. But I must admit that I do not have a radio license and my knowledge of electronics leaves something to be desired -- so I'll put up with your electronics and hope you'll put up with my small contribution to the JUG.

First, maybe some female words about the Christmas/Awards Banquet. The food was sen-

sational -- and when the seconds came around, to heck with my diet. (Yeah, I know: "What diet?") I did think that we were going to get more into the true Greek tradition by eating stuffed grape leaves and Oso.

After the food came the lounge, but nobody was lounging! Either DSV was up there teaching us those fancy Greek steps or you were ordering a drink or resting up for the next dance lesson. I must say it was extremely good exercise, especially in the area of the armpits and pectoral muscles (didn't have to use my Dyna-Gym for three weeks afterward). Fantastic!

For many of us, the highlight (and we were high) was the infamous KAC doing his Charo imitation. Koochie-koo to you too, Nick.

Fresno countdown: 107 days to go (as this is being written)! Everyone start training for the fun! OAT, HAF, DIL and Yours Truly did at the post-BoD Meeting meeting -- later discovering that a caffeine hangover can be as bad as a liquor hangover. I'm trying to decide which is the worse of the two evils. -- 88, NOEL

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