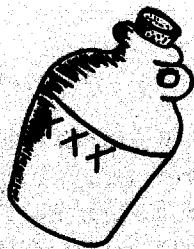


The Contest JUG



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What Ever Happened to QST?

PREVIEW OF COMING DISTRACTIONS

- May 14 Pre-FRESNO blast at W6PAA
15-16 FRESNO DX Convention, Hilton
24 NCCC Club Meeting, AS&L Bldg, Hayward; 7:30 PM PDT
- June 5 NCCC Picnic, K6SG, Carmichael
12-13 VHF QSO Party
19-20 All-ASIAN Contest (Phone)
21 NCCC Club Meeting (place TBA)
26-27 ARRL Field Day (W6PAA/6)
- July 24-25 ARRL BiCentennial Celebration
26 NCCC Club Meeting
- Nov 6-7 CW "SS"
20-21 PHONE "SS"

PRE-FRESNO BLAST (PARTY) AT W6PAA

Hear YE, Hear YE ---turn up the volume & BYOB and come on over this Friday to the base of the only 120 foot tower in San Jose. The QTH is lavishly adorned with antennas of all types (and kinds) and there will definitely be some surprise guests. It starts (more-or-less) at 8 PM, Friday, May 14. Address is that of W6PAA 4133 DeMille Dr. San Jose (off Saratoga Ave, South of 280). Phone is 249-7447. Snacks will be provided.

A "convoy" will leave for Fresno from PAA on Saturday AM. Breakers c'mon in! :

A NOTE FROM THE NEW PRES, OR PAA's PRESIDENTIAL POOP.....

I'm sure the membership joins me in thanking Bill Zachary and his board for their stellar leadership of the club for the past 16 mos. The growth of the club and our achievements such as CQP and the SS club gavel are the obvious results of the work of the CEP, DIL, KHI, RGG, DSV, AIN, OAT crew. I'm looking forward to the future.
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Those of you who have received your copy of May QST have undoubtedly read the empty words written about SS that are void of recognition but packed with opinions and complaints. There is absolutely no mention of the NCCC's KB 128 entries except the first line placement in the club listings.

One can only speculate as to the reasoning behind printing such a blanched bit of boredom. Not only is the NCCC's effort unnoticed, but also WA5LES and W7RM (VPF) records and TLV's operating have been omitted. Perhaps it would be expecting too much to anticipate coverage similar to that which MM received when they beat PVRC, but there should be some mention of such TRIUMPHANT achievements. Something -- anything!

We should all properly be taken aback by this vacuum in the May QST, and when we have recovered, let us take a look at what we
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New Officers

The April 26th meeting was sparked by a thunderous standing ovation for the past NCCC officers and BOD for their outstanding performance during the past term. As the din of applause faded, those elected to head this rebellious, West-coast, king-of-the-hill, KBing contest club are the following:

President - Ken Keeler, W6PAA
Vice Pres - George Varvitsiotes, WB6DSV
Sec-Treas - Gary Caldwell, WA6VEF
Directors - Bruce Swearingen, WB6LPK
Doug Docherty, WA6DQM
Bill Zachary, WB6CEP (incumb.)

Three cheers and best of luck to all of them in the forth-coming year. ER---keep the rate up



WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO QST ((from p. 1))

can do to levy our own, personal displeasure. We can write. Yes - write. Write to a person at the ARRL. Write to all of them. Write to whomever sounds important enough in the structure to hear your viewpoint. A suggestion is to write to Mr. Cain with copies to Mrs. White and our Director, Mr, Gmelin. These people will listen. You might also send a copy to K7NHV, the CAC chairman. With the latest rumblings about dropping coverage and reporting of contests, we must keep our voice loud and clear. Contestors are a very important sector of people within amateur radio. You are important. The ARRL is our organization. Let us not get stepped on and not yell, "FOUL".

Of course, the soapbox is interesting and the scores are listed (yes- they really are). The opening pages??? Well, one positive comment can surely be made -- even though the article is void of meaningful substance, the author is definitely over-paid.

PAA's POOP ((from p. 1))

ing forward to working with the newly elected board, DSV, VEF, LPK, DGM, CEP. We'd like our own administration to carry on the participative leadership style of the previous board and ask for your help in supporting club projects and carrying the load when asked. Our numbers are approaching 150 members and the resulting workload to keep things on course needs to be shared by all active members, not just the six-man BOD.

Over the next few months the new board will be setting the course of events for the remainder of 76 and Spring of 77. Some of our goals are already assumed: #1 again in 76 SS; major participation in ALL ASIA, FD, CQP, and a serious effort in a major DX Contest. In reaching these targets, we'll need to help, coach and teach each other better operating techniques, station layout, antenna effectiveness. We'll be looking for new members also, but developing the SUPER potential we already possess should be our overriding aim.

Board of Director meetings are generally

held on the first Thursday of each month. These meetings are open to any member with a concern he thinks should be brought to the attention of the board. We welcome and need your input to know which direction is best.

A few major club assignments have already been taken over by the new guys: congrats to WAØENP and WB6DSV on their virgin issue of the JUG. Bruce, WB6LPK is now Erector Set Chief (he always wears his hard hat). Those needing help with antenna work should contact Bruce so he can coordinate the work parties. I think you'll find the best way to get help is to sign up and join the crew on current projects. There's always something to learn that will help you in your own project(s).

May 24th regular meeting will be detail FD plans and hopefully another special antenna presentation. We still need crank-up towers plus campers, vans, etc. for site shelters. Any help??

73 and CU at FRESNO,

Ken, W6PAA

ERECTOR SET UPDATE, OR
GET IT UP, YOU GUYS.....

And now a few words from your new Erector Set Chief, "I hate putting up antennas." These famous (expletive deleted) words were heard gushing forth while LPK and the intrepid aerial acrobats PAA and OWQ hoisted a 5-element KLM 20 mtr yagi atop Bill's crank-up tower in Belmont the week-end of May 1. A tentative work calendar is now being drawn up for Erector Set activities. If you are interested in helping out and learning to climb towers and install antennas, contact me -- I'm Bruce, LPK.

If you need some major work done or only a helping hand, give me a call and we'll set up a tentative date. Phone numbers:
Bruce Work 733-7800, Home 967-0194.

Upcoming, scheduled erections---
WB6ION Date not definite, but pending
Pre-FD June 6th, 12th, 13th
73, Bruce

WHAT'S IN A QSL?? OH, ABOUT \$14.00 per THOUSAND.

Yes, that's right, folks. We really can get QSL cards now. All orders should go to W6RGG, Bob Vallio

18655 Sheffield Rd.
Castro Valley, CA 94546

Send along money at the above rate for the amount you desire and be sure to include all information to be included on each card.

CONTEST CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Well, gang, NCCC #1 in FD, right? RIGHT But, remember, there are other contests we should keep in mind. For example, the California Sweepstakes... er, the California QSO Party. We will again sponsor this super contest during October (great warm-up and antenna tester for SS). WA6DQM is the chairman of this KB event. Doug is a Damn Quick Man, evenso, to make the CQP another success, he will need a committee to chair. If you want to assist Doug in the CQP, please contact him ASAP. Doug's info is:

106 Monserat Belmont, CA 94002
Phone- Home 593-5126 Work 593-8491

Chairman of the 1976 "SS", WB6CEP, has already begun strategy planning for the next title bout between the NCCC and those poor East coast clubs, whatever their names are.

Let us also not forget the Phone weekend of the JARL's ALL ASIAN Contest which is June 12-13. Don't disappoint all of those thousands of JA's - remember, this club was instrumental in persuading the JARL to sponsor the Phone weekend.

73 and CU in the pile-ups,

George, WB6DSV

A NOTE FROM THE GUY BEHIND THE J U G

This being my and George's first attempt at getting out the JUG, it seemed fitting to say a kind "Hello" to all of you. This is, of course, in case you do not receive the issue before Fresno. We want you to still like us and understand that every effort was made to publish the JUG in time for the convention. We do, also, accept all praise that could

and, most assuredly, will come our direction.

All seriousness aside, WE DO appreciate your support and the continued success of the NCCC JUG rests a great deal on the shoulders of all of you great guys. It is your input that comprises these pages and makes them readable and more usefull than that normally found on a roll. All input - regardless of how trivial it may seem to you - is worthy of incorporation into the JUG. Afterall, it is about the NCCC and that means each and every one of you has the right to include your own information. It also means that you can request special coverage of topics you find interesting, such as antennas or how to fix a crystal set. One never knows just how much a few thoughts of one person may mean to another.

If there is no objection, there will continue to be sections on antennas (except this issue for time and publication considerations) that will enable you to do more than the average share of KB'ing up-and-coming contests. It is even rumored that there is work going on right now to develop an efficient contest antenna set-up for the typical tower situation of 45 feet. Your information may prove to be useful towards this effort. Please forward the dope to me and I will take care of the rest. Afterall, the Beverage antenna was actually developed way back in 1923 - who knows what else is lurking in the woodwork??

Well, hope to hear from you and until then, 73 and keep the rate up!

FIELD DAY TIME TABLE

- June 6 Assemble all towers, antennas; haul it to the FD site.
- June 12 Assemble BIG tower(s)
- 13 Test LW antennas, erect small towers.
- June 19 - 20 Install remainder of antennas on existing towers.
- June 26-27 Set up vans, rigs, sleep. Then add finishing touches and start at 11 AM.

KNOWN PARTICIPANTS (of this madness):
AIN, DIL, OWQ, DSV, ENP, DQM, BMV, LPK, BWP, ION, HIH, PAA, VEF, OKK,
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FD TIMES TABLES ((from p. 3))

GSN, ARR, RGG, PXG, CTH, VZX, RM, TLV, QDV, AYA, RNF, ZM, KZJ, MQJ, PCO, KHI, OAT, HAF, KID, RIU, JUD, DZC

If your call is not included in the above listing, let's get it rolling for a good time and some great operating during the NCCC Field Day. Give PAA the pertinent info.

WANTED:

2 mtr rig to borrow for FD mobile operation contact Bill, WB6CEP
Drake T4XC, late R4C, 204BA, and lots of Rohn 25, 45 or similar tower - W6PAA

Scuttle-butt has it that PVRC's butt will again be scuttled and kicked.

FORE SAIL:

Hy-Gain 14AVQ, radials and all hdwe-\$50
Archer ARCHEROTOR II small antenna rotator w/85' 4-conductor cable----\$27
Hornet 3 ele tribander (good shape)--\$50
Heath TWOER souper per CQ article w/all cables, etc-----\$20
Gonset COMM II (2 mtr) cables, xtals -\$30
Triumph 3"CRT Oscilloscope-----\$25
Eico Model 1040 Btry Elim. -----\$15
Link 450MHZ XCVR with head-needs couple tubes, ovens, xtals good shape -----\$20
Heath HW-16 XCVR, 2 yrs old-----\$100
ALL ABOVE, contact WA6BMV, Jim Pratt 2024 Otis Drive Alameda, CA 94501 Home 522-3178 Shack 523-5653

SB-101 XCVR w/AC DC supplies, speaker CW filter, mobile mount. offer or-\$350 -- W6PAA

NCCC MEETING NOTES (APRIL)

Besides the elections, which were covered on page uno, there was a decision made relevant to the SS gavel. This first gavel will be retired and mounted for posteriority (KB) and all future gavels (plural, of course) will be awarded to the highest total scoring

member of the NCCC. This member will retain the gavel in his (or her) own collection. No member will be allowed to win more than one gavel. This gives every member a competitive opportunity to obtain one for his efforts. Let us win the gavel again this year and get our club awards rolling.

Also at the meeting was a terrific discussion concerning antennas with LPK and ENP on the extinguished panel. Receiving and transmitting antennas were covered along with some tower considerations. From the attitude at the meeting, it was obvious that this topic will be expanded with the end result being better antennas for everyone. Come to the May meeting and get in on the fun and thought-provoking merriment.

K6SG---HOSTS BASH IN JUNE

NCCC PICNIC - On June 5, 1976, all hands (and feet) are invited to attend a fund-raising and fun-raising picnic at the home and QTH of K6SG, George. Time is set for high noon with no limit for the end. You will find hot dogs, beer, and an abundant supply of George Wine (super stuff). To round things out, you can bring something e.g. baked beans, chips, potato salad, cheese & crackers, dessert, etc. Bring folding chairs, lawn chairs and, if you plan to spend the night, a sleeping bag. There will be a \$2.00 per head charge to defray expenses of the dogs and beer, with the surplus funds going into the club's coffers.

Place: K6SG George Leone
3631 Kiekebusch* Ct.
Carmichael, CA Phone 916-944-3838

Take I80 to the junction of I80 and US 50 and 99. Stay to the left on I80 and take either El Camino or Marconi (appropriate) to the right. Continue on until Fair Oaks Blvd and take a left. Fair Oaks will swing to the right and take a right turn onto Hollister. Take a left onto Kiekebusch (about 3 blks) and on to George's. See you there.

*Kiekebusch is Dutch for Kick Butt

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Held an EXTRA before 7-1-76	April 1, 1976
Get an EXTRA after 7-1-76	July 1, 1976

NEW MEMBER

Congrats to WB6RIU, Andrew Gudas, for becoming a member of our gang in April. Andy has held WN9PRS as well as HL9UH and uses KWM2, 75S1, FL2500 and TR2200G with 80-20 inverted Vee's at 60'. Holds DXCC, WAP, NZC and an Advanced license. (Get that Extra, Andy) Prefers 90% phone operation and is currently 26 years old.

Address is:

18840 Newsom Ave.
Cupertino, CA 95014
408-446-2140

Welcome to the club, Andy, and get ready to KB this Fall !

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS

K6CQF

1075 Whitebick Dr.
San Jose, CA 95129
252-7373 (nice number, Ken)

WALKID - Robert L. Huffman
1524 Hawser Lane
Half Moon Bay, CA 94109
726-4677

(Come to the meetings and join the NCCC!)

WHATSOEVER HAPPENED TO THE NCJ???
(NCJ=National Contest Journal)

FD MOBILE NUMBER 1 - AGAIN

We strongly urge every club member who is excited about Field Day to participate in the paaresident's PAA portable 6 operation. The rates should be very high, the opportunity to pick up helpful domestic contest operating techniques (THINK SS '76) will be unprecedented, and the chance of having a great time should be around 99 & 44/100ths percent.

However, we would like to offer a club alternative for those who want more H. F. operating time and/or an opportunity to experience a "different" style of contesting. The NCCC is the defending club aggregate mobile champion (and record holder) and we'd like to keep it that way!

What's different about mobile contesting? Well, you ain't got a big signal all of the time. You will start the contest searching and pouncing instead of calling CQ and the going may get rough for the first several hours. However, there will be times when you are a big signal. "You're 30 over 9 in Colorado and I don't believe you're mobile." Also, the reason Field Day is the King of all contests allowing mobile entries is that most portable entries are multi-transmitter. This means most stations will work out several bands at once instead of just one. When a band runs dry, the big sig is forced to search and pounce -- and this is when the mobile starts calling CQ. With a relatively weak signal, East coast runs are rare but if you can work every station west of the Rockies on 5 bands/both modes, you will have a very respectable score and QSO total.

"I'm gonna go with the PAA bunch, but this mobiling sounds like it might be a lot of fun." If this is what you're thinking, consider a compromise. Operate your regular stint at PAA/6, then drive a few miles down the road and put in a little mobile operating time. A two-mtr rig will net you 25-75 QSO's, and an H. F. rig will net a bit more. Nothing like contributing to two potential, national champions in the same contest!

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FB FD MOBILE MOBILED from p 5

So, if you want to give FD mobile a whirl, call me at 642-1871 mornings. Or, drop me a card or see me at the May meeting.

KBFD/M6!
Bill, WB6CEP/M6

NOEL'S NOTES

Believe it or not, its NCCC JUG time again. And, for this month, I'm interviewing the following hams (in more ways than one). This is a very sensitive subject for me because they can both censor the copy.

The first outrageous personality is W1ARR portable 6, Mr. Robert Hill. Bob wanted me to mention and make it perfectly clear that he is not a crook. He has aged tremendously and his hair has greyed since he began to edit this rag.

Bob got involved with the club when he got in touch with PAA on a trip to San Francisco. He got together with NUT and OAT, whom he knew from the East coast (ugh). He joined at the January, 1974 meeting and was impressed with the talent at Fresno. Just what type of talent was that, Bob??

Now that Bob is no longer JUG HEAD, he plans to utilize his talent by selling pencils at the door before each meeting. Bob does

want to be remembered as the JUG HEAD EMERITUS.

Bob feels that some of the disadvantages of the club is that it possesses too many good operators and too few good, efficient stations. When asked what improvements could be made, he said, "The members who do not come to meetings should be shot and members who do not contribute to the JUG should be guillotined."

Bob does mention that his sex life could be better and his last statement was, "Pepperoni pizzas are here to stay and I never sausage-a big pizza."

ENP/6 will be included next time since there has been insufficient time to perform editing upon it. I mean, after all!!

APRIL QNI, minus one week due to unavailability of the data.....

(3)- W6PAA, W6MSF, WAØENP/6, WB6OLD/6, W6KQG, AA6VEF, AA6JVD, K6QZ, (2)- WA6GSN/M6, WB6JGS, K6HIH, WA6HAF, W6PXG, WB6DSV, (1)- W7MRS, W6RTT, WA6UZA, AB6ZVC, K6QX, W6KHI, K6RM, W6RGG, K6SG, WA6DQM, WB6GFJ, WA7NIN, WA6DIL, K6ILM, WBØDJY, WBØQOT/Ø, WB6GCC/6, W6MAG, W6OKK, W6OKK

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