

# The Contest JUG



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## WPX VICTORY ??

### COMING EVENTS

June 22-23	Field Day
June 24	Membership Meeting, CWA Hall
July 13-14	Radiosport Championship (See May QST, p. 82)

### FROM THE PRES

Ah yes! Field Day, for some, an experience never to be forgotten. It occurred to me recently that I have never operated this most popular of contests. Therefore, the red van will be on the Bay with the Palo Alto Club, supporting such activities as the Oscar Satellite and 2 meter F.M. Actually, I'm looking forward to a few hours on HF phone and I hope many of you get on and have fun running a few. The practice can't hurt.

Elsewhere in this issue are scores for the WPX CW weekend. Ron Chiappari needs your summary sheets now -- the results must be turned in to CQ. It looks like NCCC may be the new WPX champs but, without all the scores reported, we may not be. Something like "the job's not done until the paperwork is finished."

Speaking of paperwork, a new roster has been published. That's the good news. The bad news is, "it ain't perfect." However, now that I understand the method, it will be easy to do again some day. Actually, updating your own copy is easy when reading about new members in the Jug.

Did somebody say "new members"? Lurking about Northern California are 130 active members, 79 almost inactive



members (no 1984-85 dues paid) and about 80 former members. I, for one, am a former member, now active again and all it took was an active member calling me and saying, "Want to come play contest?" While we are organizing a membership campaign, that does not preclude each of us from asking others to come play contest with us.

June 8 and 9 was the ARRL VHF party and among the many NCCC'ers heard were AA6AD and KF6GL at Santa Cruz, W6REC from Modoc County on 2 meters, K6XO working 49 Q's mobile on 2 FM, WB6KBZ and WA6AZP with K6GSS at Soda Springs Ridge, K6KLY on 6 and 2 members, and KA6ING on 6 M, 2 M and 70 CM. A big "thank you" to those who worked the VHF'ers.

The June meeting is our first attempt at having our meeting in a pizza parlor -- except that we will be ordering pizza and consuming it at the CWA Hall. Liquid will be available, one buck donation per can (we need the money). See you at the CWA, June 24.

73,

John

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6 June 1985

Attending the meeting at the home of W6RGG were AJ6V, K6GSS, KN6K, K6ZM, W6RGG, WA6AUE, WA6VEF, WB6FCR, and WB6KBZ.

1. Membership reinstatement was discussed. The BOD, on a 4-3 vote, concluded that any present or future "problems" can be resolved through the current by-laws, which require an annual review of all members and permit expulsion under appropriate circumstances.
2. The roster and new by-laws are being printed and will be distributed before K6HNZ leaves on an extended vacation in Nova Scotia. W6SZN will take over assembling and mail the Jug as of the June issue.
3. W6RGG talked with Coleman Trophy Co. in Hayward which might be interested in making badges. Bob will pursue this project.
4. As the Clipperton slides will be shown at the June meeting of NCDXC, several recent travelers will be invited to show slides at the July 19 dinner meeting. W6RGG is handling reservations at Miguel's.
5. Planning continues for the August picnic, which may again be held at AJ6V's home.



6. Recognition of smaller stations and their essential scores was discussed. Certificates for 500K points both modes were mentioned. WB6FCR and WA6AUE will report on this subject at the next BOD meeting.

7. The S.C.C.C. made another unrecognizable, unrealistic challenge for the WW contest this fall and the Board dispensed with it quickly.

8. AJ6V reminded everyone that a copy of their CW WPX summary sheet should be sent to N6AUV for early publication in this Jug.

9. The budget was discussed. K6ZM will give the bank account figures to K6GSS immediately.

10. The June meeting will be a short business meeting, after which beer and pizza will be brought in.

11. WA6VEF volunteered to help publicize the CQP to contest groups around the US which should increase activity considerably.

12. The July Board meeting will be at WA6AUE's QTH in San Francisco at 1866 26th Avenue (between Ortega and Noreaga Streets) at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 9:55 p.m.

Phil Frazier, K6ZM

#### WPX CW 1985

	<u>Q's</u>	<u>Mult.</u>	<u>Est. Score</u>
AI6V (+ W6SZN)	1858	564	3.0 M
KI6P (WA6VEF) (duped)	1678	490	2,684,710
NU6S (+ N6CQ & W6RGG)	1250	400	1.4 M
WC6I (+ N6AUV) (duped)	1142	401	1,472,472
AJ6V (duped)	1011	388	985,520
AK6T (+ K6ZM & K4UVT) (duped)	918	369	1,010,322
N6ICV	972	?	?
KJ6V	760	384	817K
WA6AUE	747	277	580K
K6XO (duped)	595	324	504,144
W6CF (duped)	362	255	228,375
WA6TKT	421	180	212K
WA6OCV (N6RZ)	210	165	97K
K6CSL	161	132	59K
N6TU	190	100	53K
K6LRN (duped)	107	95	17,955
WE6G (duped)	83	69	8K

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SEND YOUR SUMMARY SHEET TO:

Ron Chiappari, N6AUV  
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SPX SSB 1985  
(All scores from summary sheets)

	<u>Q's</u>	<u>Mult.</u>	<u>Score</u>
KI6P (WA6VEF)	2,474	568	4,485,496 (New USA Record!!)
NB6L (+ K6ZM, AK6T, WB6FCR, WB6MZQ)	1,610	524	2,421,404
K6HNZ	1,708	387	2,289,105
WC6I (+ K6TMB, N6AUV)	1,009	400	1,090,400
KJ6V (M/S)	554	342	422,028
K6XO (M/S)	429	264	211,728
W6RJ (80 meters)	409	231	148,995
AK6T	229	158	66,044
AJ6V	196	145	49,010
WE6G	151	132	30,624
K6CSL	114	77	19,866

OTHER CONTEST SCORES

1985 CQM

WC6I (20 meters CW)	326	40	36,240
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1985 ALL ASIA - SSB

W6SZN (20 meters)	279	69	19,251
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VP/CC REPORTS

CQ Magazine is having its first VHF WPX contest on July 20-21, 1985. At the June meeting entry forms and logs will be on hand. The contest has numerous entry levels so it looks interesting.

For those of you interested in setting up or operating from a multi station for CQWW, contact me so I can start to make arrangements. Don't be bashful -- every member can be helpful.

Next month I will be sending out letters to contesters in the area who are not members, asking them to join us for our dinner meeting in July. If you know of any,



invite them along. The program will include a slide show of BY1QH and China which should be enjoyable even to non-hams.

73,

A1, WB6FCR

## The ART of Contesting

**George Leone, K6SG**

I'm not a professional contester, nor do I consider myself an "expert" in this field. However, contesting has been one of the more enjoyable aspects of Amateur Radio for me, so I have taken part in contests for a good many years. Maybe I can pass along some ideas. Since contest announcements, rules, etc. are covered in

QST, CQ, 73, Worldradio and other publications, I do not intend to address any particular contest. Rather, I'll ramble on with techniques, equipment, station layout, etc. that may be of interest to potential or existing contesters.

You might ask yourself, "Why would I want to get into a contest?" Why, to have fun, of course. Now, some people have a competitive spirit that needs to be fed every now and then, and a lively contest will certainly do that. A fringe benefit of contest operating will be improvement of your operating skill. And if the contest bug bites a little deep, you might wind up orienting your station for contest operations. Now that might just improve your station for better and more efficient day-

to-day operating as well. None of these things are really bad for you, you know!

There are a variety of operating activities that provide the benefits mentioned above, some of which are: DX contests, sweepstakes, QSO parties, Field Day, Simulated Emergency Tests (SET), etc. Pick out one (or more) that suits your fancy and get with it.

Study the rules so you know such things as starting and ending times and dates, logging requirements, message exchange, scoring, awards, date by which logs must be submitted, classes of operation (single operator, multi-operator, multi-operator/multi-transmitter, all band, single band, high band, low band, etc.). If logs and check (dupe) sheets are

furnished by the sponsoring organization, be sure to send for them in time to have them by the starting date. You may want to make your own logs and check sheets to suit your own needs, but remember that the format should closely follow that prescribed by the sponsor. Some people can't write small so they need larger writing spaces and hence make their own logs and check sheets.

While I'm talking about logs and check sheets, I might give some hints on how to keep them up during a contest. I like to use a thin lead or .5 mil lead pencil with H type lead. It's impossible to write small with a blunt wooden lead pencil, and this will always happen when you're having a good run of JA's. The log must be kept in UTC (Coordinated Universal Time), entering the hour digits once and then only the minute digits until the next hour rolls around. I have found log keeping to be fast and simple if I write in only the information which is variable such as time, call sign, serial number, zone, etc. For example, if the contest exchange requires an RST report and most stations are giving me 599, I enter only those reports other than 599 and fill in the 599 after the contest is over.

In keeping up the check sheet, I have found that writing in two- and three-letter suffixes is all that is needed to avoid duplications. In the case of 2x1 calls, I write in the entire call under the suffix letter heading. It's not likely you will work two or more stations with different prefixes and the same two or three letter suffix. It is very apt to happen with 2x1 calls; thus, enter the full 2x1 calls. Some stations do not keep check sheets during the contest, and some rules do not require check sheets if you have under 200 contacts. Not keeping it results in lost operating time working duplicates which must be found and crossed out later. Some rules exact severe penalties for duplicate entries. Sometimes during a heavy run, I'll let the check sheet go and catch up during a break.

I might add here that it is a great help to be able to read call signs and remember them without having to write them down on scratch paper unless it's absolutely necessary. Every time you write a call sign down on scratch paper, it's that much more work. Write it down in the log as soon as contact is established. Practice reading and remembering call signs in your day-to-day operating so that when it's contest time, you've got it made in spades!

Stay tuned for the next episode. 73 es  
cul - George K6SG □



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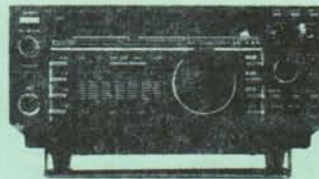
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