



NEXT NCCC MEETING

**DATE: MONDAY, APRIL 10
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INFO & DIRECTIONS INSIDE**

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<http://www.nccc.cc/meetings.html>

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April Contests

Dates

Japan Int. DX High Band CW	Apr 7 - 9
QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party	Apr 8 - 9
His Maj. King of Spain	Apr 8 - 9
UBA Spring, SSB	Apr 9
Australian Postcode	Apr 15
YU DX	Apr 15 - 16
EU Spring Sprint, SSB	Apr 15
Michigan QSO Party	Apr 15 - 16
Holyland DX	Apr 15 - 16
SP DX RTTY	Apr 22 - 23
Helvetia	Apr 22 - 23
Six Club Sprint	Apr 22 - 23
NA Hi Speed Meteor Scatter	Apr 29 - May 7
Florida QSO Party	Apr 29 - Apr 30
Nebraska QSO Party	Apr 29 - 30
Ontario QSO Party	Apr 29 - 30

May Summary

Dates

10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW	May 6 - 7
Indiana QSO	May 6 - 7
ARI International DX	May 6 - 7
VOLTA WW RTTY	May 13 - 14
FISTS Spring Sprint	May 13
CQ-M International DX	May 13 - 14
Major Six Club	May 19 - 22
EU Spring Sprint, CW	May 20
Baltic	May 20 - 21
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	May 27 - 28
QRP ARCI Hootowl Sprint	May 28
MI QRP Clb Mem. Day CW Sprint	May 29 - 30
RSGB 7 MHz DX, CW	Feb 26-27
High Speed Club CW	Feb 27

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

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

RULER SCHULLER ...QRT!

As impossible as it seems, this is my last column as your President. My chance meeting with Steve, K6AW, in the halls of the DX Convention last year, when the subject of doing this first came up, seems like a long time ago.

I'd like to thank all of the NCCC members for their participation this year. We had a full plate of contests, and I think that we can be proud of our accomplishments. Your enthusiasm helped keep us going. It is certainly easier to serve as an officer when you feel that the members are having fun, and enjoy participating.

I would also like to thank the other officers that served this year: Bob Wolbert, K6XX, VP-CC, and Tony Becker, AE0M, Secretary/Treasurer. Bob did a wonderful job organizing our contest activity, the results of which speak for themselves. He also re-wrote the now famous SS Handbook. Tony did a good job keeping track of the money! He never let a meeting pass without roping in a new member. Thanks also go to our hardworking board of directors: Tom Taormina, K5RC, who also organized our Reno meeting; Al Maenchen, AD6E, our resident CQP "czar"; Ed Muns, W0YK, who also is our webmaster, e-mail reflector guru, and awards chair; and Steve Merchant, K6AW. The input and advice from this group was a great help to me.

There are some other people, that while not on the "official" list, were a big help to me over the year: Bob Wilson, N6TV, our CAC representative; Ken Keeler, N6RO, who ran the weekly net, and organized the "practice" Sprint and SS runs before the actual contest; and Andy Faber, AE6Y, who once again produced the CQP Certificates. There are many others, too numerous to list, that provided me with input and thoughts throughout the year... thanks to everyone.

One last BIG thank you: to George Daughters, K6GT, our editor. The monthly production of the JUG is a monumental job, and he makes it look so smooth and easy. His gentle reminders for JUG material come at just the right moment. He has filled in many blank spaces when it comes to material to publish. K6GT not only "tries harder", as he often states in his contest summary sheets (yes, he manages to make time and get

on in contests – and does well), he does a great job. Thanks, George.

Our next meeting will be the Awards Banquet and election of new officers and directors. The date is Monday, April 10, and the place is the San Jose Tied House. Details elsewhere in this issue. Don't miss it! And, don't forget the Contesters' Dinner at the DX Convention on Friday, April 14. This was a great event last year, and should be lots of fun.

WPX has just ended, and from the looks of things, the NCCC did quite well. The scores are just starting to come in, and they look great. N6RO, under the call NR6O, was going for a new M/M record. I had the pleasure of operating there on Saturday, and the group was really moving. I know that everyone was out to meet the challenge from the CCF... those folks won't know what hit them!

All in all, it has been a great year. I had some goals for the club; and by and large, we met them. The effort that you put forth for Sweepstakes this year was phenomenal; we still don't know how it all ended, but this will be one of the closest club competitions in years! Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to serve what has to be one of the finest collection of contesters (and people) anywhere.

See you at the meeting!

73, Ed, K6CTA

DOUBLE CROSS

CQ-WPX Phone

It's too early to compile scores from WPX Phone, but band conditions were great and lots of NCCC'ers were evident. Unfortunately, quite a few OH's were around as well.

Now that we are in the springtime contesting slump, it's a good time to plan additions or modifications to your antenna farm. Looks like we're going to need lots of well-oiled (?) aluminum in the air for WPX - CW come the end of May.

Scores

I've kept it short this month to make up for the overruns of previous months. Please remember to post your scores to our reflector, nccc@contesting.com, and/or send them directly to me.

Congratulations to VA7RR!

Last month, I mistakenly renamed Gary VA7NN. Sorry, Gary! As you know, Gary, VA7RR (WA6VEF,

ex-VE7NTT) has been selected for one of the two Canadian teams. Congratulations & KB, Gary!

The list of NCCC competitors at WRTC stands at four: N6IG, K7BV, N6TV, and VA7RR. We'll have quite a crew in Slovenia! Who else is attending?

73 & KB
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NCCC SCORES

ARRL DX Contest, CW

DX/Contest-peditions

Call	Class	QSO	Mult	Score
ZF2NT (N6NT)	HP	5244	330	5,191,560
HC8L (W6NL)	HP	5205	331	5,167,572
C31LJ (AA6WM)	Q	651	136	265,608
VP5TT (K2KW)	15m	2036	59	360,903
JH1SBE (KM6F)	15m	299	115	103,155

Calif. Stations

K6XX	HP	1244	248	925,536
K6SRZ	HP	816	237	580,176
K6GT	HP	532	166	263,940
K6RIM	HP	328	159	156,456
N6EE	HP	181	129	70,047
AJ6V	HP	85	38	9,435
K6UM	LP	605	240	435,600
W6PLJ	LP	637	191	364,428
KF6RIP	LP	305	153	137,700
AD6G	LP	333	126	125,874
K7BV	10m	1202	96	330,048
KA6BIM	10m	862	101	261,186
NU6S	10m	787	91	214,851
K6III	15m	313	77	72,303
W6OAT	U	1455	308	1,344,420
N6RO	MM	4582	481	6,538,233

(+ WA3HAE, K6AW, N6BV, WA6O, KX7M, K7NV)
NCCC CW Total 22,913,076

ARRL DX Contest, Phone

DX/Contestpeditions

Call	Class	QSO	Mult	Score
WH6H(AD6E)	HP	3650	265	2,901,750
VA7RR	15m	2607	120	938,520

Calif. Stations

WC6H (NU6S)	HP	2519	336	2,536,128
K6GT	HP	781	202	470,862
AJ6V	HP	584	203	355,656
W6ISO	HP	525	191	300,825
K7NV	HP	415	194	241,530
K6XX	HP	614	127	233,934
K6III	HP	371	184	204,792
NI6FW	HP	231	118	82,574
K6CTA	HP	179	141	75,717
AE6Y	LP	772	233	539,628
W6PLJ	LP	566	194	328,830
K6UM	LP	501	178	267,534
AD6G	LP	232	98	68,208
KA6BIM	10	1407	122	513,132

N6RO	MM	5304	514	8,178,768
(+ K3EST, K6AW, WG6B, N6BV, N6BZA, K6EP, KM6F, WA6O)				
KR6RF	MS	1715	259	1,331,778
(N6DE, N6EE, W6XK)				
NCCC Phone Total				19,570,166
DX Contest Club Total:				42,483,242

CQ WPX RTTY

Call	Class	Q	Prefixes	Score
N6DE (@ N6IJ)	LP	587	268	308,468
W6ISO	LP	312	168	97,272
AD6G	LP	305	148	86,284
N2ALE/6	LP	87	58	8,758

DIRECTIONS TO THE APRIL MEETING

It's time again for our annual club awards, which will be formally presented at the Awards Banquet on Monday, April 10th, at the **San Jose Tied House restaurant** located at 65 North San Pedro Street in San Jose. Please note the change in date and location!

Menu : The meal price is \$16 for: soup OR salad and your choice from 3 entrees; ½ Slab of Baby Back ribs smoked and smothered with BBQ sauce; Blackened Louisiana Catfish with rice and beans; or Grilled beer-mustard Chicken with rice and vegetables. The \$16 price includes beverage, taxes, and gratuity.

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

We hope to see you there to pick up your awards including CQP plaques, certificates, wine, T-shirts, ARRL Sweepstakes certificates, plaques, hats, letter openers, cash prizes, and special award plaques for: SS Big Gun, SS Little Gun, Contester-of-the-Year, Rookie-of-the-Year, Most Improved Contester, Founders Award, K6RU Memorial Award, etc.

Please make reservations as soon as possible by calling AEOM by Friday, April 7th.

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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.

CQP COMMITTEE FORMED

I would like to announce the formation of the "CQP Committee." The purpose of this committee is to review the rules and procedures of the contest, and to make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Over the years, the California QSO Party has grown into the largest state QSO party in the country. I felt that it was important to put into place a group of highly experienced individuals that could help guide the club in running the contest. As CQP continues to grow, we want to insure the integrity of the contest, and make it an activity that participants will return to year after year.

The members of the committee are:

K6AW - Chair

K3EST

VA7RR

AE6Y

N6RO

Current CQP "Czar" (AD6E)

Ex-officio member: Current President of NCCC
(presently K6CTA)

73, Ed, K6CTA

A NEW TUBE FOR AMPLIFIER BREWERS

Recent e-mail "chatter" has included talk of a surplus ceramic/metal high-power triode from Russia, the GS-35B, which features "instant on" *i.e.* it has a directly-heated cathode. One contributor writes "Well, my latest info shows the supplier to be a legitimate ham, who wants to help others obtain these beauties at incredible prices. Do any of you want to include a tube or two for yourself?"

I plan to modify my old 2 x 813 amp that came with a huge HV supply, with the GS 35B. Maybe I'll do the same for the 4-400 Amp... though I like the looks of orange plates, and bright filaments, which would be lost with the GS-35B. The 35B only needs about 3 amps at 12v for filament (Cathode), and can easily put out 1.5kw, apparently as high as 1 gHz.

The grid connection is a metal ring/flange, which can be mounted directly to chassis, so no sockets are needed. Use GS-35B as a search term, and you will

find pictures of this tube on the web. Can anyone convert 1500 liters per minute to Cubic feet per minute? Specifications say the tube needs 1500 liters per minute at maximum dissipation.

FISCAL MATTERS

(Treasurer's Report)

INFLOWS

Dues:

Current Year	3547.00
Future Years	48.00
Prior Years	24.00

TOTAL Dues	3619.00
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General Fund:

Prior Years	3048.21
Current Year	295.00

TOTAL General Fund	3343.21
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Repeater Fund:

Prior Years	1159.65
Current Year	93.00

TOTAL Repeater Fund	1252.65

TOTAL INFLOWS	8214.86
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OUTFLOWS

CQP:

Plaques	-1208.56
Premiums	-1403.00
Publicity	735.96

TOTAL CQP	-1875.60
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Jug	1248.81
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Misc	242.70
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Self Funding	148.36
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Visalia	17.84

TOTAL OUTFLOWS	-217.89

OVERALL TOTAL	8432.75
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Notes: All figures above are net per account. A negative outflow is actually an expected expense in that account. This month includes the expense of some CQP plaques.

Respectfully Submitted, Tony, AE0M

CONTEST DINNER AT VISALIA!

The Northern California Contest Club is pleased to announce:

The 2nd Annual International DX Convention Contest Dinner

The dinner will take place on Friday, April 14, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. (A cash bar opens at 7:00 p.m.), in the Laurel and Birch rooms at the Holiday Inn Visalia, 9000 West Airport Drive, Visalia, CA.

Menu: Prime Rib of Beef -- \$28.50 /or/ Chicken Princess -- \$23

Meals include salad, entree, starch, vegetable, bread, tea/coffee, dessert and all taxes and gratuity. (Chicken Princess is a grilled chicken breast topped with asparagus, shrimp, and a cream-wine sauce.) The cash bar will remain open during dinner.

Seating is random and not reserved. Tables are set in rounds of 10. You can order tickets only by calling, faxing, or e-mailing Champion Radio Products:

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Payment methods: Visa & Mastercard (only), checks, money order, or cash - sorry, no CODs. If paying by Visa/Mastercard, please supply: card number, expiration date, and name as it appears on credit card. Deadline for ticket orders is Friday, April 7, 2000. Tickets are not being sold at the door.

Tickets will be held at the door for pickup beginning at 6pm, April 14 (or see K2KW in the halls).

Visalia is less than 2 weeks away, so if you haven't done so, now's the time to buy your contest banquet tickets! There will be a short program on contesting, a guest speaker, and door prizes.

Many contesters from around the world have already made their reservations. You don't want to miss this opportunity to meet and hang out with close to 200 top contesters and DX'ers!

73, Kenny, K2KW, & Steve, K6AW

MORE CQP SOAPBOX

We set up in a deserted RV park in the town of Shoshone, CA. It was a very quiet radio site. As far as I can tell the Inyo county record was set in 1979 and is the oldest record on the books. Even though I broke the record, someone else operating in Inyo county may have a better score. It was a great radio weekend even for a field day type installation. Thanks for sponsoring this fine and fun event.

- W7CB/6

This was my first real effort for a HF contest. What a blast! I can't wait until the next one.

- KF6HAM

This is not good enough to win anything, but I'm entering anyway to show my appreciation for the new QRP category. Conditions not quite as good as last year, especially 10M, but it was fun anyway, especially with my new Kenwood TS570D.

- K3WWP

I am happy to catch the last two CA counties: Mendocino and Trinity. Thanks for the excellent operating ability of all CA stations!

- OK1KT

Courtesy and high operating skills marked this contest.

_ K9DIY

Enclosed is a small amount to help with expenses. I'm not really a contest operator at all, but I certainly do enjoy the CQP. As my log shows, I work CW wherever possible, and only in the hunt and pounce mode. Those who want Idaho for a multiplier would do well to make lots of noise on 20, 40, and 80m CW. Their speed doesn't matter much; I will try to find them.

- W7RH

Great Contest! I really enjoy taking part in contests where there is a lot of participation! California puts on one of the best. Thanks to everyone who organized and participated. Special thanks to the ops who put out Madera, Modoc, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino and Placer counties (six new ones for me) especially if you made a special trip to put the county on the air. That's very much appreciated. See you next year!

- N0JVR

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