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**NCCC Meeting:
Everything You Wanted To Know
About 10-Meter Contesting**

Dave - KA6BIM, Kent - K6ENT, Dan
- K6IF, Jim - N6JIM, Bill - N6ZFO

Date: Monday, 11 November 2002

Time: 6:00pm schmooz, 6:30 pizza,
7:00pm program

Location: Tibco Software
Incorporated - Building 2, 3301
Hillview Avenue, Palo Alto,
CA 94304 (650) 846-1000

Pizza and soft drinks (the latter
compliments of TIBCO). RSVP to
K6RB ASAP, but in any case prior to
9am Monday, 11 November.

And don't forget the Holiday party!
Monday, 9 December 2002
Chef Wang's, Los Altos
RSVP to K6RB

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Musings from the VP/CC

Bill Haddon N6ZFO.

Thank you, all who have helped to
prepare for NCCC's effort to again make
a major splash in ARRL SS. Your
enthusiasm, suggestions and score
pledges have exceeded my expectations.
Thanks, Ed for the web updates, which
we'll continue up to the 10m contest.
Ken, N6RO and others, you have been
most helpful.

As we approach SS and the ARRL 10m
Contest, please continue to scout for
more SS and 10M contesting new
members. We can add qualified new
members for phone SS and the 10m
contests up to November 11 with the
zero-cost trial membership option. For
the 10m contest, the club can induct new
members eligible for 10m at the Holiday
Party, but they will need to pay the
reduced part-year membership fee of, I
think, \$14. Tell them it's a bargain. As
you can tell, I'm a little pushy about
maximizing our score. But then that's
what the VP/CC is supposed to be
doing! Please continue to forward your
new member suggestions to me at
n6zfo@arrl.net. And special thanks to
Dan, K6IF, Jack, N6EM, Tim, NU6S,
Rob, K6RB and probably others I'm not
aware of, for their recruiting efforts so
far.

Most important for Sweepstakes - Please, everyone, even if you're unable to do anything else, participate in our 75/80m NCCC SS Rendezvous (2 Q's for us, none for them):

CW SS Sat Nov 2, 2200 PST (0600Z Sunday) on 3550 +/-.

Phone SS: Sat Nov 16, 2200 PST (0600Z Sunday) on 3850 +/-.

Remember, during the rendezvous, call "CQ SS" about half of the time, even if you're a low power or small antenna station - we'll dig you out. If you don't call CQ, other search and pounce stations will never work you. The rendezvous is not about maintaining a run frequency. In like manner, don't JUST call CQ SS; a mixture will be most effective. To help you locate NCCC folks, I'll post a list of NCCC calls and first names to the reflector near SS time. If you'd like this list in spreadsheet format, please e-mail me at n6zfo@arrl.net. How long to continue the rendezvous? Until rates decline. Probably 15-30 minutes. Do the math: 50 stations working 49 others with an average of 50 multipliers generates: $50 \times 49 \times 2 \times 50 = 245,000$ points, all for NCCC; double it for phone and you have 0.5 Meg, the equivalent of about five average nccc logs -- but the total score goes up with the square of the number of stations at constant average number of multipliers, so 100 participants each weekend would produce 2M points, phone plus cw. That's partly why I changed this year to just one rendezvous session, hoping to concentrate and intensify the rendezvous effort. So it's as always a bit of an experiment.

Finally, in addition to posting results to the reflector, please share your sweepstakes CW success with other members at the November 11 meeting at TIBCO, where you'll additionally hear inspiring and informative prognostications about the ARRL 10m Contest from several noted speakers. The highlights are Dan, K6IF's legendary 10m Phone effort of two years ago and a tutorial on meteor bounce from N9JIM (No --Jim's NOT from SMC). Those who don't know Jim already should come to the meeting and find out who he really is. Kent, K6ENT, will actually hold forth on 10m contest awards (and present some as well), and of course Dave, KA6BIM will wrap up the meeting with a general call to arms for the 10m event.

73 and kb in a big way this year in SS.

Bill N6ZFO

Somehow, the author's name became mysteriously disconnected from this submission - Ed.

TREY SETS ANOTHER RECORD

NCCC's very own Trey, N5KO, set yet another record!! His hansum cover boy grin appeared on two QST covers within a seven month span. Some people go all their life and never get their foto on a QST cover. But Trey done it!!

We have had NCCers on QST cover before (K6RU sitting on his 40 meter boom (end to end 50 ft towers welded together)....on the ground), and K6DC's tangle of coaxes and wires behind his

rig), but never two covers this close together of the same fella.. Is it because of Trey's great talent or is it his good looks? Let's say it is both! Megagrats to Trey. P.S. to Trey.....Please OM, when posing for front covers in the future, please wear your NCCC CQP T-shirt. Thank ya.

Dave's Waves



Well, you will notice that this Jug is less polished than usual. The reason is that our esteemed editor, Mary, is unfortunately unable to continue in that role. Mary has done a wonderful job, and I'm sure you all join me in thanking her for her hard work putting together many fine issues of the Jug. Mary, you have been a wonderful Jug editor, we will miss you.

Which leads to the next topic: We need a new JUG editor! Please contact me if you are interested in trying your hand at this important job. Or part of the job – if you want to take on the editorial job but not the printing/ mailing or vice versa, that works, too. I'm filling in by doing it myself for this month – and the way I figure it, if I do it badly enough it will help my recruiting efforts! Hi!

October Meeting

We tried out a new venue in Mill Valley for the October meeting. Except for a few World Series noises from the bar, it worked out very well for the meeting. Thanks to everyone who made the trek. We had some great SS prep presentations – guaranteed to boost the club scores.

We voted in two new members, Adam N4EKV and Paul K8PO. Adam is a real CW man and Paul is contest regular from way back. Please join me in welcoming these two new members.

Contests Past

CQ WW Phone is behind us. It was fun to hear so many NCCC'ers on, both locally and from far-off places. I hope you had a good time if you were on, and got well warmed up for CW SS.

This Jug will hit the web site and the snail-mail as we sit down for CW SS. If you manage to read this before the contest, all I can say is: Why are you reading my column *before* the contest? You should be reading the propagation reports and getting those last minute strategic plans in order.

Contests Future

The November meeting will give us a chance to recalibrate between CW SS and Phone SS. We'll have a read on how well we did in the CW weekend, and a better handle on conditions. In any case, it is pretty clear that we really need as many members as possible to send in logs for both modes. So, even if you consider phone that "other mode", scrounge up that mic and get on. Obviously, the more time you can operate, the better, but even a partial effort will give the club much-needed points.

The 10 meter contest is coming up in December. Then NCCC will have special awards for the 10 meter contest this year. Given the direction of the sunspots, this is a year where the 10

meter contest is not to be missed. The contest is not really all that far off, so now is the time to put up that extra antenna or other secret weapon that will optimize the performance of your station on 10 meters.

The presentations at the November meeting will be covering the 10 meter contest from A to Z. You won't want to miss this one. Bill 'ZFO has lined up several speakers with in-depth knowledge of this contest. See you there!

GARRIE, N6IT, WINNER IN DRAWING

As reported last month in the JUG, a drawing would be held to select the victim who would be responsible for creating a lead story for the next JUG for the good of the membership and for the good of the JUG editor who is over-worked and underpaid.

For that selection, The Committee met in solum seshun at the HRO sangwitch shoppe one noon on Tuesday of last week. Selected names of many, many qualified semi-literate to literate NCCCs were crammed into a sangwitch bag. One of those named on the slips would the victor.....ahhhhh...victim.

Who would draw forth the slip? None of The Committee would volunteer for fear of invoking eternal rath upon himself by the victim. What about that sweet, smiling lady who makes the sangwitches? A delegation from The Committee approached yon fair lady and posed the query. Would she? Ahhhh. "Well", she meekly retorted, did she

know any of the folk whose name appeared on the ballots as would maybe not come back to the ristorante if she drew hisn or hern neame? She did not wish to lose business. Naw, care not fair lady, you will be held anonyminous. Please draw.

With trembling, rubber-gloved hand, she dipped into the sangwitch bag, shuffled thru the many ballot slips and drew forth a small mayonaise-stained piece of paper upon which was a name inscribed. The chair of The Committee peered at that scribble on the paper and, quote, any you guys recognize them lines on the paper, unquote? No one recognized the scratchings. Give the paper to The Subb Committee on Translating Ancient Scrip. Verbal battle ensues. That's Persian of the time of Xerxes. No, that's Chinese before Kubla. Commmmonn, that's Olmec, anyone can see that from them gliffes. Obviously, no agreement. At that point, the lovely sangwitch maker peered at the paper. Oh, she cooed, that is runic. Old Nordic language. I recognize it from the Icelandic Sagas. You see those vertical lines and the horizontal line??? Clearly runes. I thought you Silicone fellas knew those things.

"Wat it say", sez The Subb Committee in unison.

"It say Jerrie" . Who Jerry? Wat else it say? "It say letters and numbers like ITN6".

Now what or who dat? Hmmmmmm..... maybe Gerry Sombody? Or Gerrie.....Hey, that must be Garrie. Do we know a Garrie? And what about

them Capital letters and number? Hmmmmmm.... Hey, could it be old Garrie....our buddy...N6IT? Yeah yeah yeah....must be Ole Garrie. He won!! How lucky can he get? He is chose to be the scribe for the BIG story in next month's JUG.

Congrats to Garrie. He will write us the Big Story next time. And with that the Subb Committee and The Committee adjourned until next Tuesday.

Final assignment: Gerrie. N6IT, OM., you got the ball and pen. Run.

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CQP operations at NC6DX. On the left, displaying his favorite contest operator rations is Gordon, W6NW. That's Ted, K6XN on the right. Operator Jerry, K6III is behind the camera.

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1	Contest Calendar for November-December 2002					
2	<i>Compiled by N6ZFO</i>					
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4	Special NCCC Club contests in red.					
5	Events that may be of particular NCCC interest in bold .					
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7	<i>Arkansas QSO Party</i> - Last of the season? Nov 10-11. Unusual separate					
8	category for PSK-31. See www.arkan.us					
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10	HF Contests --November					
11	**** ARRL SS CW ****	2100Z	Nov 2	0300Z	Nov 4	www.arri.org
12	North American Collegiate ARC Championship, CW -- Coincides with SS CW.					www.collegiatechampionships.org
13	Japan Intl' DX Contest	2300Z	Nov 8	2300Z	Nov 10	see Nov QST
14	OK/OM DX Contest	1200Z	Nov 9	1200Z	Nov 10	okomdx.radioamater.cz
15	European DX Contest RTTY	0000Z	Nov 9	2359Z	Nov 10	www.waedc.de
16	**** ARRL SS SSB ****	2100Z	Nov 16	0300Z	Nov 18	www.arri.org
17	North American Collegiate ARC Championship, CW -- Coincides with SS Ph.					
18	CQ WWDX CW	0000Z	Nov 23	2400Z	Nov 24	www.cqww.com
19	HF Contests --December					
20	ARRL 160 M Contest	2200Z	Dec. 6	1600Z	Dec 8	www.arri.org
21	**** ARRL 10 M Contest ****	0000Z	Dec 14	2400Z	Dec 15	www.arri.org
22	RAC Winter Contest	0000Z	Dec 28	2400Z	Dec 28	www.rac.ca/CANWIN.htm
23	Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z	Dec 28	1500Z	Dec 29	jzap.com/k7rat/stew.htm
24	50 MHz and Above					
25	ARRL Intl EME Contest		Nov 23/4			www.arri.org/contests/rules/2002/eme-rules.html
26	Sources: ARRL, WA7BNM (www.hornucopia.com/contestcal)					
27	Calendar Links: SK3BG www.sk3bg.se/elinks3.htm#CONT					
28	Rules Links: Good example: www.yccc.org/Links/Rules.htm					

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