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Dinner Time & Meeting Location: 6pm @ Fresh Choice - 379
Stanford Shopping
Center, Palo Alto, CA - (650)322-6995

Then at 7:30 PM, at Stanford...

"SETI: Pulling Signals Out of Noise"

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Jill Tarter who is the Chief
Scientist at the SETI Institute and was the model for Jodie
Foster's character in the movie "Contact".

Location: Lecture Hall 200 - The Teaching Center at the
Science and Engineering Quad @ Stanford University

**IT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE, SO SPREAD THE
WORD!**

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Call To Arms...

By Steve Dyer, W1SRD

It's almost go time. SS 2003 is upon us
and much still needs to be done.

Things you can do:

- Go to the members section of the Web site
and review the SS plan.
- Step up and pledge points.

We need more operators!

Recruitment has been amazing this year,
but the pledge list is still short of our
goal.

To our new members: Get involved. SS
is a blast. The club needs your
commitment and contribution more than
ever.

- Improve your station.

We need everyone's station to be firing
on all cylinders. This especially applies
to computer interfacing for both the rig
and packet

This year we want to make SS a win-win
for everyone. If you need help getting
your station in order, please don't be shy
about asking for assistance.

Drop a note to the reflector. There is
an amazing amount of knowledge, skill
and talent available to each and
every member.

**SPECIAL
ONLINE
EDITION**

- Read the awesome SS Handbook.

It is in the members' section of the Web site.

- Discuss SS tactics and strategy on the reflector.

This is THE contest for NCCC this year. Everyone should create an individual strategy to maximize points during the time you are on the air.

-Sign up to be a Highly Motivated Operator (HMO).

The HMO portion of the pledge list is still light. The HMO is a key facet of our strategy. If you think you can do it, you can.

-Find available stations.

If you know of anyone with a station that is not spoken for, please let the SS Committee know. They are working to match operators and stations. Think outside the club.

-Volunteer to be a caller for the phone tree.

We will be making reminder calls prior to SS.

For pledges, suggesting available stations or with any question about our SS effort this year, drop a note to anyone on the SS committee: W6OAT, N6RO, K5RC, or any of the club officers.

Remember the club is there for you. Be there for the club.

KB in SS 2003,

73,Steve W1SRD

On To Sweepstakes By Rusty, W6OAT

This weekend marks the start of Sweepstakes. Check out the SS activity on the NCCC Web site.

In the "Members Only" section of the site you'll find written descriptions of the club's SS strategy this year, a huge spreadsheet of who is doing what and where, and an updated version of K6XX's wonderful SS Handbook.

Getting into the Members Only section does require a user name and password, though, and if you don't have those (or remember yours) simply fire off an e-mail to Webmaster Ed W0YK (w0yk@email.msn.com or w0yk@arrl.net) and he'll get you fixed up with everything you need.

And while you're at it, you might want to ask Ed to add you to the special SS2003 Reflector which he set up specifically to facilitate SS planning and discussion.

Ed made this a separate reflector so as not to swamp the regular NCCC reflector with all the specific SS traffic, but SS2003 is open to any club member and you only need to ask Ed to add you as a subscriber.

What can NCCC do to help you and your station be ready for SS? Already we've got a bunch of NCCC members who have been assisting fellow club members with such things as antenna and station work, interference elimination, computer logging, and computer-equipment interfaces. If you need some help, let us know by posting your questions and requests to either the NCCC reflector or to the SS2003

reflector. But remember time is getting short now, so don't wait until the last minute to make your needs known. And while you're at it, please DO let us know what your plans for SS are by emailing or calling me (w6oat@compuserve.com or (650) 365-5918).

We need to know if you plan to be active on one or both modes, or if you need to locate a station from which to be a guest operator or part of a multi-op, or whether you would be amenable to opening your station up to a guest op (either full or part time). The more we know what specific plans you have, the better job we can do planning for and coordinating the Club's overall effort.

Also, we'd love to have your score predictions to add to our SS Spreadsheet -- we won't hold you to these forecasts, but knowing how serious an effort you plan to make and on what mode(s) will be extremely useful to us.

We expect there will be a lot of member activity on the Packetcluster network during SS and we hope everybody who can, will log into that network.

You'll be able to access it either by 2m VHF radio or the internet. A number of NCCC members have been working diligently to get the Packetcluster back in top shape in time for SS, so your presence there will be a great way to acknowledge their efforts.

If you'll be coming in via VHF radio, here are the active network node stations, their locations and the access frequencies:

N6ST (Los Gatos, 146.58 MHz),
W6RGG (Castro Valley, 145.77),
NF6S (Livermore, 145.77),
K6EL (Chico, 145.67),
K6NP (Sacramento, 144.95),
K6OQ (Oakdale, 146.58)
and N7TR (Reno, 144.95).

The addresses for those planning internet access are

DXC.N7TR.COM for N7TR,
NF6S.NO-IP.COM for NF6S, and
W1SRD.NET for W1SRD.

If you've got questions about how to connect to the network, or how to get Packetcluster integrated with the rest of your station, just ask on the NCCC or SS2003 reflectors. Lots of members are there to help.

For those of you who will be using CT, WriteLog or TRLog logging software in SS, club member Ron, N6EE has created wonderful MASTER.DTA files which will help you identify other NCCC members when callsigns pop up in the "super check partial" windows of those logging programs. You can download these MASTER.DTA files from the NCCC Web site right now, although Ron has promised to post even more updated versions just a couple of days prior to the start of SS to ensure that callsigns of all the new NCCC members are included.

So ... we're abuzz with SS activity. Join in by participating on the Internet reflector(s), being on the packet network, taking part in the on-the-air Thursday night NCCC net on 3853 kHz (usually about 8:30 to 9:00 p.m., local time), checking out all the great info on the NCCC web site, but most importantly

BY BEING ON FOR BOTH MODES
OF SS AND SPENDING AS MUCH
OF THE 24 HOURS OPERATING
TIME AS YOU CAN ON THE AIR
MAKING QSOs.

This is a team effort -- let's all KB in
November!

73 de
Rusty, W6OAT