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NEXT MEETING

Holiday Dinner

Date: Monday, 14 December 2009

Time: 6pm schmooz, 6:30pm dinner, 7pm program

Location: [Michael's at Shoreline](#), 2960 Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View, CA 94043 (650) 962-1014

Dinner Choices and Other Details:

(see www.nccc.cc "meetings")



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Inland View

By Jack Morgan, KF6T

Tis The Season

This is a crazy time of year – so many things are happening. SS, turkey, flu, parties, CQWW, 160 and 10 meter contests to name a few. It is tough to keep up and now I hear Christmas music. It is high season in many respects.

No matter how jammed your calendar is getting, make a note to attend our annual Holiday Dinner on Monday, December 14th. "Michael's at Shoreline" in Mountain View always does a wonderful job serving us and the Club is providing some great entertainment. Don't miss this festive gathering – we all have so much to share.

SS 2009 is history

What an amazing effort by so many people with a significant increase over last year's score. Thanks to everyone who contributed to make this a success. There were many creative swaps and collaborations of operators and stations.

One amazing effort was by Dean, N6DE and Risto, W6RK piloting the K6IDX station - side by side - amassing almost 860K points for the Club. Then there was Rich, WC6H - disappointed that he had no 40 meter antenna going into the phone SS still managing to work 1759 stations for a total contribution of about 474k points. How about Bob, N6TV who managed to clip an old Heil element to his paddle and shout out over 1500Qs on phone – he will never be the same! There were lots of other great stories and I am sure you will hear about them at the Holiday party.

Single Banders

I hope you have a chance to enter the HF band extremes contests this month – the ARRL 160 and 10 meter contests. They are so unique, different and fun. And they are so very unpredictable. With the 160 contest, you can relax during the day and hope that things open up during the night and new countries appear. Openings do occur and they are magic.

The 10 meter contest allows you sleep at night and hopefully work the world during the day. We saw a glimmer of hope during the CQWW on 10. The 10 meter contest is dual mode - phone and CW so you never get bored if things open. It is fun to pass mults to yourself by trying to get that rare state to QSX to the other mode. Finally, if you get on 10 later in the evening (especially CW), you can snag some of the Western states by way of meteor tails and other strange ion gatherings!

Have a great Holiday Season!

VP/CC

By: Fred Jensen, K6DGW

Well, the excitement of SS is dying down, EXCEPT for those who haven't gotten their SSB logs in yet!

We did really well in the logs-submitted-department for the CW weekend, and as I write this, it's looking like we'll do well for SSB as well.

John, K6MM, identified 87 stations inside our territory that operated. Thanks to Tiny, KT6YL, we're running them down, both for their membership and their logs. I think we have a really good shot at the Gavel again this year, but one should never underestimate one's competition.

I got into the CQ WW CW this last weekend mainly to work a few new ones, and I was really surprised.

First off, 15 was wide open on Saturday; and Africa was huge ... got three – Botswana, Nigeria, and Sierra Leon, plus Mongolia on 20 in the late afternoon. Now to get them confirmed.

Heard lots of NCCC folks, usually very weak on 15/20 except for WX6V and W6OAT who I think was at K6IDX because he was very, very strong. Brad's place is LOS and about 15 mi from me.

Coming up right after the New Year ... and that is *really right after* the Rose Bowl game – 2 Jan ... we have the ARRL RTTY Roundup. We've had a huge increase in RTTY interest in the last couple of years. Last time, we were the only unlimited club and we won, of course. While winning is always good, winning with some competition is better, and it would be good if we could attract some.

Our PVRC buddies were in Medium Club, given their efforts in SS, it would be cool ... and fun ... to get them into our class.

We don't have a regular meeting between now and RU, so we're planning a Webinar or two for RTTY things. For those who have never tried it, it's much easier than you might think. Far less noisy than in the past, you don't need a teletype machine, and it is a lot of fun.

There is plenty of help available in the Club for anyone who wants to get started in RTTY. RU is also a good time to get those

50 Q's with each state on digital modes taken care of for the Triple Play award.

Coming up in December, we have the ARRL 160 [next weekend], the ARRL 10m [12 Dec], the OK RTTY and RAC Winter [19 Dec], and the Stew Perry the day after Christmas. The rain we've had seems to have really quieted down the power line noise for me and 160 is again usable, and I'm looking forward to some "topband" action.

Let's get those final SS logs in!

Dues

Have you paid your dues for the year? It's still just \$24 (cheap), with students just \$12 (even cheaper) and family members \$12 (what a deal).

Contact [Jack Brindle, W6FB](#)

We can get your dues via PayPal or snail mail or via cash at the next meeting.

December Webinars:

Watch out on the reflector for news about upcoming RTTY Webinars.

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-Dean - N6DE

Some China Wok Photos

Courtesy of N6TV



N6ML and W0YK



New member, Scott, AF6RT



WA6O



N6AJR and KG6TT



K9YC and N6BV



K6DGW



N16T and K6SRZ



W6GS



K6QXY



AF6EV



N6ZFO



K6RIM



K6TD



W6OSP, K6JS



W6XU and lots of CM500 headsets



N6DE

More Contest History

By: Rob Brownstein, K6RB

Ever wonder when CQ WW first started? It was in 1947. Only the contest period was not 48 hours – it was a full year. Back then, it was called the CQ DX Marathon. It is the inspiration of the current CQ DX Marathon award.

ARRL 160

Next week is the ARRL 160 contest. That's one of ham radio's oldest bands, right? So, this contest must be, what, 80 years old, right? Wrong.

The first ARRL 160 contest was actually held on December 12, 1970. It's really one of the more recent contests. Back then, you got 2 points per section (there were 74) plus one for VE8, and one for any number of DX stations worked. That gave you a maximum of 76 points. You did get 5 points for DX contacts.



W6OAT and former employee

The contest started at “0001 GMT” on December 12 and ended at 1600 GMT on December 13. It was a 40 hour contest with no limitations on operating time.

In that first contest, all you needed to submit was your dupe sheet and summary sheet – logs were not required...unless requested, later.

Competition was within sections and non-W/VE countries. Winners received certificates. Multi-op entrants had their scores recorded but received no certificates.

ARRL 10

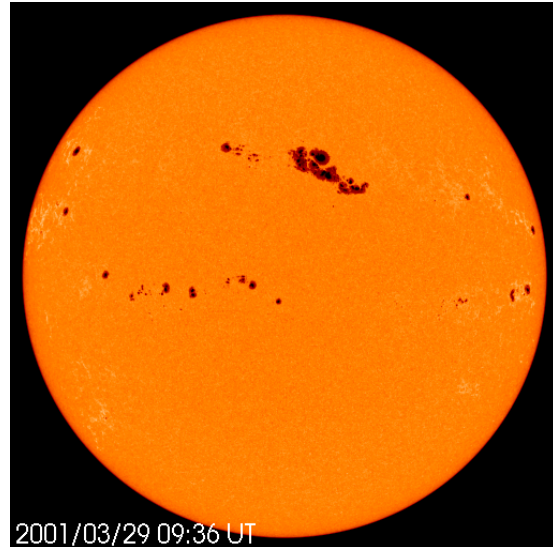
The weekend after ARRL 160 is the ARRL 10. Here’s a trivia question. Which is older, the ARRL 160 or the ARRL 10?

If you said “ARRL 160” you’re right...and wrong. The ARRL 10 was first held on December 15, 1973. So, you’re right. But, in 1953 the ARRL sponsored a 10-meter WAS-type contest aimed at general-class amateurs who then were prohibited from working AM on any other band. So, in a way, you’re also wrong.

The first ARRL 10 began at 1200Z on December 15, 1973 and ended at 2359Z on December 16. (Notice that by then the ARRL was using “Z” rather than “GMT.”) Like the 160, there was no time limit. The QST announcement said “if you want to stay up all night and listen to your receiver hiss, go right ahead.”

The exchange was signal report and S/P; and signal report plus progressive serial number for non-W/VE. Stations that were not land based sent signal report and ITU region.

A two-way QSO was worth 2 points, and a QSO with a novice was worth 4 points. You could work a station once on CW and once on phone. Multipliers were states, provinces, countries (based on ARRL countries list) and ITU regions.



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