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President's Report

David West, KO6M

Greetings KB'ers! Have you ever actually thought about that sentence? "Greetings Kick Butters". Should I be saying "Greetings to those who Kick Butt"? Like AC/DC does in their song," For Those About to Rock…" Well either way, we salute you all! Clearly, I've been working too hard and staying up late if that's what I'm going with as my opener.

Next, the business, I feel like we have a lot coming up. Truckee in July. MLDXCC joint Meeting in August. IT changes to help with our communication. On Air Event for our 55th Anniversary.

So, with that said, don't forget about Rick, N6XI, opening up his house for us all on July 27th. Please RSVP so he may plan properly. I hear it was a blast year and this year I really hope to make it this year. In August, we will team up with MLDXCC for a joint meeting. Bob and I are finalizing the location now, I need to take a quick look at a restaurant and vet it for us, but we should nail it down soon.

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Also in August, we will be hosting our own NCCC 55th Anniversary Fiesta. August 9th, 2025, (noon – midnight pacific time). Work anyone. This is in honor of the 55th anniversary of the club. I want to stress that it's an event not a contest. Get on the air, contact others, contact long lost friends. We will be doing 15M, 20M, and 40M. CW, SSB, and RTTY. Rally times to be announced soon. In fact all the rules/guidelines will be announced very shortly. Save the date! Want to be a special call sign station? Contact me and let's work it out. I would love to see/hear N6N, N6C, K6C, AND W6C and even their 7 land counterparts on the air for this.

Finally, the IT change, we have been researching a roll out of Slack. Stay tuned, Chris, N6WM, will be helping us roll it out this month. We are very excited about this additional tool for quick communication and archival of information. We thank Chris for setting it up.

Wow, lots going on. Plus Field Day! I hope you all have fun plans. I plan on being with one of my nearby clubs. I've never done it with a group but I'm looking forward to it this year.

Upcoming State/Province QSO Parties

Thanks to WA7BNM

https://contestcalendar.com/stateparties.php

State/Province	Dates/Times
West Virginia	21 Jun 1600Z to 22 Jun 0400Z
Alabama	26 Jul 1500Z to 27 Jul 0300Z
Maryland	9 Aug 1400Z to 10 Aug 0400Z
Hawaii	**23 Aug 0400Z to 25 Aug 0400Z**
Ohio	23 Aug 1600Z to 24 Aug 0400Z
Colorado	30 Aug 1300Z to 31 Aug 0400Z
Kansas	30 Aug 1400Z to 31 Aug 0200Z 31 Aug 1400Z to 2000Z
Tennesee	7 Sep 1700Z to 8 Sep 0300Z
New Jersey	20 Sep 1400Z to 21 Sep 0159Z

Upcoming Larger Contests

ARRL Jun VHF	14 Jun 1800Z to 16 Jun 0259Z
All Asia CW	21 Jun 0000Z to 22 Jun 2400
ARRL Field Day	28 Jun 1800Z to 29 Jun 2100Z
NAQP RTTY	19 Jul 1800Z to 20 Jul 0600Z
NAQP CW	2 Aug 1800Z to 3 Aug 0600Z
NAQP SSB	16 Aug 1800Z to 17 Aug 0600Z
CWops CW Open	6 Sep 0000Z to 2359Z
WAE DX - SSB	13 Sep 0000Z to 14 Sep 2359Z

Weekly CW (1 hr) Events

ID	DAY	UTC	EXCH	WPM	SPONSOR
SST	Fri	2000 - 2100	Name+SPC	<20	K1USN
	Mon	0000 - 0100			
MST	Mon	1300 - 1400	Name+QSO#	20-25	ICWC
	Mon	1900 - 2000			
	Tue	0300 - 0400			
CWT	Wed	1300 - 1400	Name+CWO# or Name+SPC	20->∞	CWops
	Wed	1900 - 2000			
	Thu	0300 - 0400			
	Thu	0700 - 0800			

Thursday FT4 NCCC Sprint

The Northern California Club is again pleased to sponsor our weekly FT4 Sprint, aka FT4NS (NCCC Sprint). This contest is held every Friday UTC between 0100Z and 0130Z (Thursday evening in North America). Non-North American stations are welcome to participate. No logs are necessary; please submit your score to 3830scores.com using the "NCCC FT4 Sprint" template. FT4 NS Sprint Rules are posted at: https://www.ncccsprint.com/ns.html See you on the screen! Frequencies: 1839, 3575, 7047.5 (also 7080), 14080, 21140, 28180, 50318.

SAVE THE DATE!

N6XI Truckee Radio Grill

27 July 2025

Priliminary Notice: Rick and Ann are planning to host the NCCC Sierra radio grill at their Truckee home overlooking Boca Reservoir. Begins at 1100, Burgers et al go on the fire at 1200

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THE LUMBER YARD

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Antenna of the Month

Gary, NA6O

Fan (Parallel) Dipole

Those who must live with simple wire antennas are always searching for a way to get as many bands as possible with a single feedpoint. We've looked at things like off-center fed dipoles which may work ok though it has issues with common-mode current and some unpredictability as to what bands may actually work, plus the fact that a tuner is mandatory. And then there's the G5RV which may be ok in some situations, and also some fairly nutty end-fed wires that leave many users rather dissatisfied. But I'm quite convinced that the most compromise-free choice is the fan, or parallel, dipole, which is simply a set of dipoles cut for different bands, all connected to a common feedpoint (Fig. 1).

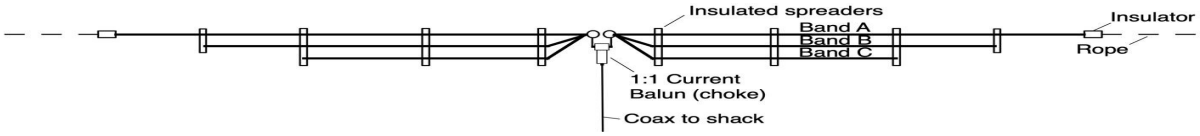

Fig 1: *Plan for a basic fan, or parallel, dipole*

Advantages and Disadvantages

The main advantage of a fan dipole is that it's… a plain old dipole. That means it's balanced so you don't have to battle with excessive common-mode current on the feedline as you would on an off-center fed design. It's also highly predictable when it comes to the radiation pattern, which is primarily driven by how high you install it. Finally, it's impedance at resonance on all selected bands typically will be in our very friendly range of about 50 to 75 ohms without the need for any transformers or odd feedlines, again height-dependent.

The main drawback is that you can't realistically expect to access more than about four bands on a single fan. There are several reasons for this. First, the various lengths of wire do interact and an overly-complicated array becomes very difficult to tune. Second, the SWR bandwidth may be slightly reduced on some bands. Third, certain band combinations are not recommended because they may produce an undesirable feedpoint impedance. An example would be where the frequencies are rather close (12 and 10m).

Here are some common combinations which you may also find in commercial products such as those from Alpha Delta:

- 80, 40, 20, 15 (via third harmonic of 40) using 3 dipoles
- 40, 30, 20, 15 (via third harmonic of 40) using 3 dipoles
- 40, 20, 15 (via third harmonic of 40), 10 using 3 dipoles

Construction

Most commonly we hang the shorter wires under the longest one via insulating spacers. Spacing between wires really isn't critical. A few inches is acceptable and commonly used. The longest wire needs to be the strongest and is firmly anchored and tensioned at each end. Spacers can be made of things like small PVC pipe, acrylic, or Lexan strips with holes for each wire. With close spacing, the higher frequency dipoles tend to be longer than expected (10-15%), so be sure to start out with excess wire to trim off. Also, the SWR bandwidth on those higher bands is reduced somewhat. If you want lots of separation, run each wire to a separate tie point. Some comparative data is presented in Ref. 1.

Fig 2: Closeup of my backyard fan dipole (40/30/20/15m) with a 15m hat. Wire is Teflon-insulated 20 ga. Spreaders are 1/8-inch acrylic strips about an inch wide. It's been up for 12 years

You can potentially add all kinds of dipole enhancements including loading coils or bent ends to shorten things up, inverted-vee format, or my famous third-harmonic capacity hat that was discussed in a recent Antenna of the Month article (Fig. 2). Traps are possible but tuning such a contraption could be frustrating. At the feedpoint, always use a good common-mode choke. K9YC [Ref 2] has all the design information if you want to make one that is fully optimized to reduce receive noise and improve the radiation pattern.

Tuning and Typical SWR

A good antenna analyzer is highly recommended when tuning. Begin with the lowest frequency band first and work progressively to the highest frequency band. Expect to go through all the bands at least twice to walk them in to desired resonant frequencies. I prefer to fold the ends of wires back on themselves and twist them when tuning. That way, it's easy to "add" wire if needed. Figure 3 shows the SWR of my 40/30/20/15m installation. SWR bandwidth (2:1) was at least 200 kHz on each band. I ran it for many years at 500 W and even though it's quite low (only 15 ft up!) it was effective enough and trouble-free for my DXing and casual contesting activity in an HOA community.

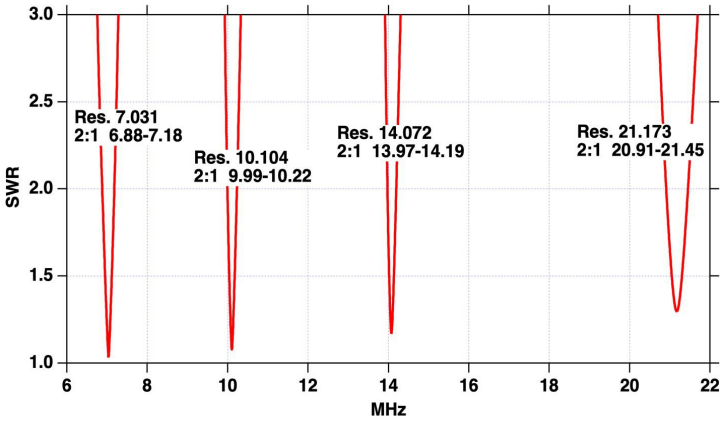

Fig 3:. SWR of my 40/30/20/15m fan dipole showing 50-ohm 2:1 SWR bandwidths

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Revolutionizing Recognition in Contests

Clubs: Balancing Competitive Excellence with Community Inclusivity

By Lee Zalaznik, KI6OY

Contest clubs, like the Northern California Contest Club (NCCC), thrive on the spirit of competition and the joy of participation. For years, awards have traditionally focused on top performers, but a growing dialogue within these communities suggests that recognizing every effort can be just as transformative. This article explores the benefits and challenges of awarding participation certificates—or similar tokens of merit—to all contest operators, while ensuring that competitive excellence maintains its prestigious standing.

The Case for Recognizing Every Contender

Participation certificates represent more than just a piece of paper; they are a celebration of every individual's time, effort, and dedication. Awarding certificates to every participant can:

- **Boost Engagement:** When members know that every contribution is acknowledged, they're more likely to take part actively. This inclusivity fosters an environment in which everyone feels they have something valuable to contribute.
- **Elevate Morale:** A tangible recognition of effort—even in the absence of a top score—can enhance self-esteem and encourage future participation. The certificate becomes a memento of dedication and the spirit of perseverance.
- **Build Community:** Publicly recognizing all participants reinforces the idea that every contact made, every improvement achieved, and every moment of effort adds to the club's collective success. It's not just about winning; it's about growing together.

Potential Pitfalls and Considerations

However, the practice of universal recognition is not without its challenges. Some key drawbacks to consider include:

- **Dilution of Prestige:** When everyone receives a certificate, there is a risk that the award may lose its special significance. Top awards and exceptional performances require distinct acknowledgment to celebrate the highest achievements.

- **Administrative Demands:** Whether digital or physical, creating and distributing certificates for every member requires careful planning and resources. Without proper management, this endeavor can become a logistical challenge.
- **Perception of Value:** If certificates are seen as routine or automated, their intended purpose—as symbols of merit and appreciation—might be undermined. Ensuring that each certificate feels personalized and meaningful is essential.

For clubs aiming to strike a balance between inclusivity and distinction, several alternative approaches can complement or even replace traditional participation certificates.

Tiered Recognition Systems

A tiered recognition system adds depth and variety to awards by categorizing achievements at different levels of effort and accomplishment. This approach ensures that every participant is acknowledged while still maintaining a spotlight on to:

- **Bronze Tier**: Awarded to participants who meet the basic criteria for contributing to the contest, such as making a minimum number of contacts or participating for a set duration. This tier recognizes effort and participation as an essential part of the contest's success.
- **Silver Tier**: Reserved for operators who exceed baseline participation, demonstrating notable commitment or achievement. This could involve reaching a significant contact milestone or engaging with multiple bands/modes.
- **Gold Tier**: Honoring top contributors who showcase excellence in contesting. This tier could be based on the highest scores, exceptional multiplier captures, or innovative strategies during the contest.

Additionally, “custom” tiers can be employed to capture achievements beyond scores:

- **Most Improved Award**: Recognizing operators who show the greatest improvement in score or strategy compared to previous contests.
- **Multiplier Specialist**: Celebrating participants who excel at capturing rare or high-value multipliers, critical for maximizing scores.
- **Club Contributor Tier**: Acknowledging operators who go above and beyond to support the contesting community, such as mentoring newcomers or promoting participation within the club.

Benefits of Tiered Recognition:

- **Encourages Broad Participation:** Operators at all skill levels have a pathway to recognition, motivating newcomers and seasoned operators alike.
- **Promotes Growth and Learning:** Intermediate tiers, like Silver, incentivize operators to strive for higher levels of involvement and achievement.
- **Maintains Prestige:** By reserving Gold-level awards for top performers, the system ensures that

competitive excellence retains its value.

The State QSO Party Challenge

If you look at the State QSO Party Challenge leader board, you'll see the vision I have in mind. The leader board illustrates how structured recognition can incentivize participation, encourage competition, and celebrate achievements across different skill levels.

Additionally, the 2024 SQP results reflect a marked increase in participation, showing that when operators feel their efforts are acknowledged—whether through rankings, certificates, or tiered awards, engagement and enthusiasm grow. This trend underscores the importance of balancing competitive excellence with community exclusivity, fostering a contesting environment where every participant feels valued.

Some ideas for implementation:

- Create visually distinct certificates or digital badges for each tier, incorporating unique designs or color schemes to reflect the level of merit.
- Highlight tier recipients during award ceremonies or in newsletters to celebrate their achievements.
- Share recipient success stories or strategies to inspire others in the community.

Beyond certificates, consider creating an interactive honor board on the club website. Regular newsletters or social media shoutouts can also spotlight the contributions of all members, strengthening the club's sense of community. Sometimes a certificate may be paired with non-traditional rewards such as access to exclusive workshops, training sessions, or even discounts for future contests. These perks serve as both acknowledgment and motivation.

Striking the Right Balance

A balanced approach is the key. Every contest club needs to celebrate competitive excellence while nurturing the broader community. The solution might be to maintain prestigious awards for standout performances while implementing tiered or alternative forms of recognition to honor every participant's contribution. Engaging club members through surveys or feedback sessions can provide valuable insights into what recognition methods resonate most with the community.

Conclusion

The evolving landscape of contest club culture calls for innovative recognition strategies. By adopting a balanced recognition model—one that values both competitive prowess and the inclusive spirit of participation—clubs like the NCCC can foster a vibrant, engaged community where every member feels celebrated. Whether through beautifully designed participation certificates, digital badges, or interactive community acknowledgments, the journey toward more inclusive awards systems is a transformative one, promising growth and unity along the way.

WPX CW and I am on the road? No problem!

Roberto K6KM

This year I decided to travel to Hamvention for my second time. My main motivation was to attend FDIM ("Four days in May") which is a QRP gathering happening before the Xenia Hamvention. Through my SOTA obsession I have come in contact with people who regularly attend such convention and heard good things about it. Since I was to travel all the way why not stay a little longer and have some SOTA fun in the hills of Pennsylvania? Last time I activated 19 peaks in Ohio (Yes, I know, peaks?).

Well, I schedule a whole two weeks of traveling. From Xenia to visit K3LR, then Pittsburgh, then Gettysburg, then Philadelphia, Edison Museum in West Orange, NJ, ARRL in Newington CT, more SOTA in the Warren PA area, Cleveland and back to Dayton to enjoy the Air Force Museum.

After I purchased the tickets and reserved the car plus hotels, I realized WPX CW is overlapping my schedule. Well, I had my SOTA gear, can I at least have a little fun on a SOTA peak and work the contest QRP?

I started by learning how to control a KX2 via N1MM+. That was not too hard. Then I purchased a little inverter for the car so I can plug the computer. Gary NA6O and I went to lunch in Livermore and I commented my plans to him. His question immediately was: Is the inverter noisy?

Next day I plugged the whole system in the car and sure enough it was S9+20. After unplugging one by one all the gadgets, it turned out to be not the inverter but the laptop brick. It was not the original manufacturer but one of those eBay specials where there is not even a fake FCC homologation sticker on it. I proceeded to turn the house upside down looking for the original brick and I found it showing no signs of significant RFI.

Contest Strategy

I was going to be on different places every day and the contest has to be run from a single location. The weather Friday and Saturday was horrible with rain, fog and cold (in the 40's). My best bet was going to be Sunday as fresh meat which didn't matter much as, good luck running with 5W and a low wire but at least many stations would be tired and hungry for QSOs.

Sunday I drove to Richfield, OH where I had a hotel reserved. There is a SOTA peak in that town; in fact half of the town is in the activation zone (25m vertical from the peak). From previous activators I knew that there was a cute park ideal for a SOTA activation. After arriving (3 hour drive from Warren,PA), had a quick lunch and headed to the Park.

Luckily on Memorial Day weekend the park was not that busy and I found a corner in the parking lot where I could string a 40m End Fed Half Wavelength. First I activated SOTA from a picnic table and got my 4 contacts. Then I moved to the car and set up the station with the laptop.

The first thing that came to mind was how easy we have it when we are in our comfortable shack sitting on a chair, table top and big monitor. The way N1MM+ communicates with the KX2 is via KY codes. Every time you launch N1MM+ there is a pop up message telling you not to use KY codes. Now I know why. They work but if you fumble an F key all bets are off. I have to cycle N1MM+ and probably power cycle the KX2. If you worked me and I disappeared for 10 seconds now you know what happen.

First I listened to the bands. 40m very few local stations (was probably my best bet with a low wire), 20m was ok, 15m smoking but S5 (hold this thought), 10m had DX but no local stations.

When I checked the station in my car at home I might not have probed all the bands. 15m was very noisy, noise blanker helped some. So I decided to move my station to the picnic table anyhow and operate portable (battery).

I tried 40m and got K3LR after 4 repeats plus some other strong stations. 20m got NR6O and some other KB'ers. 15m was the money band. Now, no east coast stations would hear me on 15m, some on the other side of Colorado did. Caribbean stations were quite easy to get and my longest distant station was a very strong PY. I managed 36 QSOs in about an hour and was running out of stations who could hear me so that was it for me. Did I have fun? Some, but got the log. The most enjoyable part was to listen to half of EU on a low wire, something that I might not be able to experience in W6 very often.

There you have it. No excuses. You travel, get a QRP rig, a wire and get into the action.

Call: **K6KM**
Operator(s): K6KM
Station: K6KM

Class: **SOAB QRP**
QTH: OH
Operating Time (hrs): 1
Location: USA

Summary: Compare Scores

Band	QSOs
160:	
80:	
40:	2
20:	6
15:	21
10:	7
Total:	**36** Prefixes **34** Total Score **1,530**

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All Asia CW

Chris, N6WM, reminds us: I wanted to send a reminder to the club that on June 21-22 the Alll asia CW contest is coming up. This is a great dx contest that is uniquely fitted to compete from our geographical situation here in CA. There are plenty of categories, including Multi op, Single Op as well as Single banders, so lots of great opportunities to play. The exchange is simply your age, so for newer CW operators this could be a good contest to practice. This is just the second of 6 contests in the NCCC Champion of Asia-Oceania challenge so further opportunities to compete and win awards are very possible here.

www.jarl.org/English/4_Library/A-4-3_Contests/AA_rule_en.htm

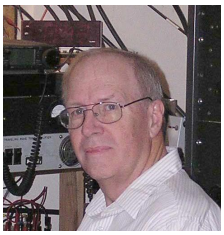
nccc.cc/pdf/COAO-24.pdf

Tube of theMonth

Norm Wilson, N6JV

Visit the Tube Museum at *n6jv.com*

8011 (The Micropup)



In 1940, the British were just holding their own in the Battle of Britian. The outcome was not certain as their cities were being flattened by the Luftwaffe and the German "U" boats were stopping much of their shipping. Nations don't like to share their top secrets with even their best allies, but if they lost, their allies could use their research and possibly stop the Axis. A delegation under the leadership of Sir Henry Tizard, sailed to the United States with a collection of equipment they wished to share with the United States and Canada, They met at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and shared their "Holy Grail", the cavity magnetron, and some other equipment including a working RADAR system that would allow a plane to find surface ships and "U" boats in any weather. The British were hoping to trade for the Norden bombsight. It was decided to form a new working group to conduct research. This became the MIT "Radiation Laboratory" or just the "Rad Lab".

The RADAR was the ASV (Air to Surface Vessel) Mark 11. Its development started in 1937 and it had been successfully deployed against a "U" boat. The transmitting pulsed oscillator used a pair of British VT90 valves that had an output of 7 kW at 175 MHz. Copies of the VT90 were made by each country. The 8011 was the RCA version. The Canadians made the REL1 and Western Electric made the WE710A but all were interchangeable. The sets were basically the same and the US sets were designated ASE/SCR-521. The Canadians alone made 10,000 units. A search aircraft could spot a destroyer or submarine at about 20 miles using the Mark II. Larger vessels could be spotted up to 35 miles.

The 8011 operated with 9 kV on the plate with a dissipation on 100 watts. The filament operated at 8.25 volts at 7 amps. The mu of the tube was 15 and the maximum frequency was 600 MHz. Air for cooling was applied to the side of the plate through a notched tube. I have never found the reason they called these tubes "micropups".

The British had been mounting their Mark II sets in their PBY Catalina flying boats. As new sets were available, starting in Dec. 1940, they were mounted in the U.S. Navy's PBYs and were an instant success. By the start of the U.S. involvement in WWII, the Mark IIs were widely deployed. The Catalinas played an important role in spotting Japanese ships in the Battle of Midway and the Guadalcanal campaign. The Mark II had a receiving antenna mounted near the end of each wing. Other multi-engine aircraft were used including the B-17 bomber. I have seen photos of B-17s flying long range security for a large convoy traveling to Europe.

Editor Notes

Wow! Almost to the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year. It seems like it came very fast, and the days will begin getting shorter agqain too soon. SFI's have been in the lower 100's [110-150 or so] and,, we had an extended G4 storm with Kp's in the 7-8 range for several days which I maintain was organized in honor of my birthday. I can report that 85.0027 feels an awful lot like 84.0073.

Teh E-skip season is upon us and 6 meters is heating up some. My WOOF end fed long wire actually receives so-so on 6 and while monitoring while working on the JUG, I've heard some. I've called a couple to no avail, perhaps it's a one-way antenna?

This space available

Contact the Editor at k6dgwnv@gmail.com

NCCC Membership Information

If you wish to join NCCC, please fill out an application for membership, which will be read and voted upon at our monthly meeting. To join, you must reside within club territory which is defined as everything in California north of the Tehachapi's up to the Oregon state line, and part of northwestern Nevada (anything within our ARRL 175-mile radius circle centered at 10 miles north of Auburn on Highway 49).

Life Memberships

Life memberships are $250.00 Contact secretary.nccc@gmail.com. Members who have reached 80 years of age have and been an NCCC member for 20 or more years are eligible for Honorary Life Membership ("80/20 Rule"). Contact secretary.nccc@gmail.com

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Northern California Contest Club Reflector—Guidelines

The NCCC email reflector is devoted to the discussion of contesting. Topics include contests, station building, dxpeditions, technical questions, contesting questions, amateur radio equipment wants/sales, score posting, amateur radio meetings/ conventions, and membership achievements. Postings may not include personal attacks, politics, or off-subject posts. Such postings will be considered a violation of the Guidelines

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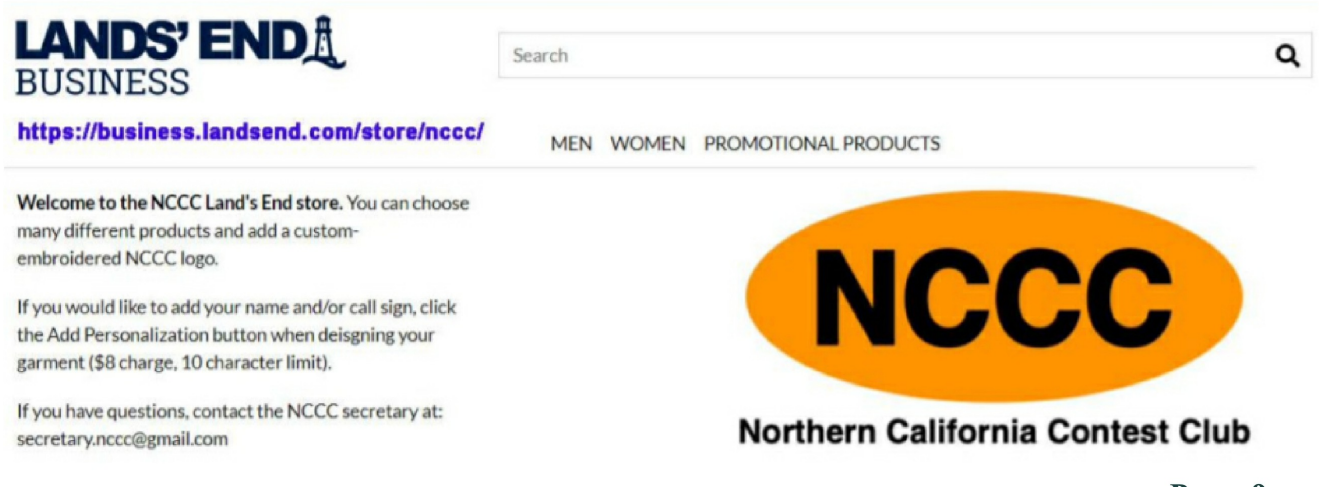

NCCC Lands' End Store

We are pleased to announce that the new NCCC Land's End store is online! You can choose from an array of shirts, jackets, and hats and apply your choice of custom-embroidered NCCC logos: A plain one, or one that also says Fifty Years. And, you can personalize your item by adding your name and/or call sign. The store is open 24/7 and items are shipped directly to you. No more waiting for everyone else to make up their minds on a group purchase.

https://business.landsend.com/store/nccc/ or from the NCCC website: http://nccc.ccc/members/lestore.html
Thanks to W6TCP for helping to set this up. Instructions for purchases from Lands' End NCCC Store

1. Go to https://business.landsend.com/store/nccc/
2. Click on Men's or Women's link, then choose item(s)
3. Pick color, inter quantity of each size you want to order.
4. Click Apply Logos and Personalizations. This will display the logo choices. Try them out. It will show you what they look like on your chosen fabric color.
5. Select a location for logo (left side, ride side, back, etc)
6. Click Apply Logo.
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