



NEXT NCCC MEETING
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MEETING DETAILS:

We have a private room beginning at 6PM, so shmoozing can begin at that time! The Tied House Restaurant is on Villa Street, in beautiful downtown Mountain View, between Castro Street and Shoreline Boulevard.

Braumeister Ron (W6RN) offers a brewery tour. The menu will include beef, chicken, and fish entrees,

with vegetarian menu available. The price, including soft drinks, tax, and tip is \$16. A map is online, at:
http://www.tiedhouse.com/tied_mv.html

AW-some

It's been a fast month. I was fortunate to be invited to HC8 by Trey, N5KO, and Rich, N6KT, and spent the first two weeks of July there helping work on antennas and scouting for new station locations. Trey and I also worked about 5,000 qsos, mainly on the WARC bands running low power. The last weekend we were there we operated multi-single in the IARU Radiosport Championship --it was great fun, and a treat to operate with such talented contesters as Rich and Trey.

Once back it was time to travel to Jackson for a joint summer picnic meeting with the Mother Lode DX and Contest Club. There 46 stalwarts braved the ultra-high temps to attend the meeting, eat some terrific food provided by the MLDXCC, and listen to Jim, W6EU present his trip to Scarborough Reef. The MLDXCC folks outdid themselves, providing a very nice facility, great food and hospitality. Thanks to Shirley N6TNW, Dick N6TNX, Ken K6DB and Kay K6KAY for their hard work. AD6E and I were so impressed, we joined MLDXCC on the spot.

Next month's meeting will be held on August 10 at the Tied House in Mountain View. If you attended the NCCC hospitality suite at Visalia, you'll remember the great beer from the Tied House, provided by Ron, W6RN. The main topic of the meeting will be a presentation by Tree, N6TR on "How to Win the Sprint." I know many of us, myself included, have wondered about this for years. Here's our chance to listen to Tree explain how to do it. He may even demonstrate how to do it using his logging program.

We have a new NCCC web site. It's been up in one form or another for several weeks now, and I think it's time we opened it to the membership for comments. So have a look at <http://www.nccc.cc> and send your feedback to any officer, or e-mail to the webmaster@nccc.cc. A few sections are not quite completed, but having the membership looking at the site will no doubt prod us to get things finished. Special thanks go to Dave, N6NZ for his pioneering work on the original CQP site which will continue; to Ed, W0YK for volunteering to take over Dave's work; and to our web designer Heidi Larson who created the new web site. Thanks also to Bob, K6XX and John, K2MM for contributing time, energy and web space for portions of NCCC's vast archives.

This is the time of year for us all to be checking antennas, rotors, feedlines and all parts of the inside station, making sure everything is in working order. Once August is over the fall contest season will be upon us – first with a Sprint, then CQWW RTTY, then CQP and CQWW SSB, etc., etc. If you have antenna projects you need help with, let us know so we can help arrange a visit from the club's antenna police!!

We've had an organizing meeting for CQP and SS. We will be looking for folks to help with calling trees and related projects. And we will be making a concerted effort to get at least 150 SS logs this year. This is a relatively small percentage of the total logs possible with a membership of nearly 200, and we will be trying HARD to hit or beat that number.

The August North American QSO Parties (NAQP's) are coming up very soon – in fact the CW portion may be over by the time you read this. These twice-a-year 12-hour contests are a lot of fun, they're modeled on the old CD Party format, and are great tune-up events for CQP and SS. Rules are posted on the NCJ web page.

73, Steve K6AW

Contest Calendar

August 1998

10-10 Int.Summer Phone
 0000Z, Aug 1 to 2400Z, Aug 2
 European HF Championship 1000Z-2200Z, Aug 1
 North American QSO Party, CW
 1800Z, Aug 1 to 0600Z, Aug 2
 ARRL UHF 1800Z, Aug 1 to 1800Z, Aug 2
 YO HF DX 0000Z-2000Z, Aug 2
 QRP ARCI SummerDaze SSB Sprint
 1900Z-2100Z, Aug 2 and
 1900 local to 2100 local, Aug 2
 WAE DX , CW 0000Z, Aug 8 to 2400Z, Aug 9

Maryland-DC QSO Party
 1600Z, Aug 8 to 0400Z, Aug 9 and
 1600Z - 2359Z, Aug 9
 SARTG WW RTTY 0000Z-0800Z, Aug 15 and
 1600Z-2400Z, Aug 15 and
 0800Z-1600Z, Aug 16
 SEANET WW DX , SSB
 000Z, Aug 15 to 2359Z, Aug 16
 Keyman's Club of Japan
 1200Z, Aug 15 to 1200Z, Aug 16
 W/VE Islands Contest
 1700Z, Aug 15 to 2300Z, Aug 16
 North American QSO Party, SSB
 1800Z, Aug 15 to 0600Z, Aug 16
 New Jersey QSO Party
 2000Z, Aug 15 to 0700Z, Aug 16
 and
 1300Z, Aug 16 to 0200Z, Aug 17
 ARRL 10 GHz Cumul.
 0800-2000 local, Aug 15 and Aug 16
 TOEC WW Grid, CW
 200Z, Aug 22 to 1200Z, Aug 23
 SCC RTTY Championship
 1200Z, Aug 29 to 1200Z, Aug 30
 Hawaii QSO Party
 1600Z, Aug 29 to 2200Z, Aug 30
 South Dakota QSO Party
 1600Z, Aug 29 to 2200Z, Aug 30
 BUBBA Summer QRP Sprint 1800Z-2200Z, Aug 30

FD RTTY Tactics Revealed

Well, we brought the extra radio, the TNC (TU for old timers) and the extra computer for FD RTTY. We forgot the software. We didn't think about how we were going to log the rtty q's. The other two stations were networked using CT v 8.sumpin.

Sooooo, we used Procomm-Plus and the PK-232 manual to run in baudot! We got out the latest NCJ and followed the examples for the exchange segments.

Logging? Since the cw station was down during rtty to maintain 2A status, the rtty operator would just yell, "20 Meter rtty, W0ABC, 4E, Kansas!" The logger would enter it under the packet band selection and make an ALT-N annotation of the band.

The real (not artificial) intelligence needed to perform this sequence got less intelligent as the 807 cache depleted.

The rates were not high enough to need a spooler between ops either!

Eric, K6GV

JT's Corner

The California QSO Party is coming in October! So what are your plans for CQP? Now is the time to

plan for which county you are going to activate. Which county are you going to break the record in? If you haven't made plans, MAKE THEM NOW, as you all know this is not a quilting club! When you decide where you are going please send an email to: cqp@contesting.com so we can keep records of which counties are not planned for. The Board of Directors and others are making massive efforts in the publicity of CQP so we should have more people on this year than ever before. Rumors say that the Pennsylvania QSO Party has become the largest QSO party in the states. I want the CQP to make sure that rumors like this are just rumors. If you would like to operate this year but do not have a station, you should also email cqp@contesting.com and every effort will be made to find you a station or help you with an antenna project. I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming meeting.

73 de JT, K7CO/6

SCORES

IARU

	Q's	Mults	Zones	Score
N6TV	1323	128	39	830,157
K6GT	401	66	28	130,378
K6III	101	27	13	16,520
N2ALE	28	11	2	1,222

and, finally,
HC8A

Band	Q's	Points	Mults	Zones
160CW	6	30	0	6
80CW	29	131	2	9
40CW	492	2374	18	22
40SSB	2	2	1	0
20CW	516	2540	8	4
20SSB	553	2673	13	24
15CW	549	2688	6	8
15SSB	733	3615	11	21
10CW	1	1	1	0
10SSB	363	1777	4	14

Total 3244 15,831 64 108

Score = 2,722,932 ...and all ops were NCCC members!

“OLD BUSINESS”

At the June meeting at K6ZM, the 1998-99 budget was presented and adopted by the membership in attendance. There was also a motion to have the club Treasurer look into moving some of the club funds into interest bearing time deposit accounts.

In response to that, I checked with our bank (Wells Fargo) to determine how to go about doing that without losing our present, free, checking account. I was surprised to learn that our account is considered a business account subject to rather significant fees should the balance ever drop below \$3,000. Our

account balance at the end of the year (June 30) was \$4,465.78 which includes the \$1,140.65 repeater fund.

To make matters worse, the bank will not even discuss time deposit accounts unless we are willing to deposit at least \$10,000.

Therefore, I am not considering changing anything at the present time. We simply do not have enough cash to make this course worth while. Wells Fargo has given us good, convenient service for many years. However, if anyone knows of a different bank that would allow us more flexibility please let me know. It seems we are held hostage to these good economic times of low inflation and low interest rates.

73, Alan Maenchen AD6E
NCCC Secretary/Treasurer



It's often said that there's not enough young blood in contesting. While the JUG editor doesn't want to give too much column space to Jenny, KD6KKP, lest she get a swell head, here she is running stations on 40m phone during the Field Day event at K6ZM. The "old guard" is all pooped out, crashed on the bed in the back. I won't tell what that old guy's call is, but it used to be WM2C... "Youth is a wonderful thing; it's too bad it's wasted on the young." M. Twain



Here is the newest NCCC member. This is Kay Anderson, K6KAY, of Pine Grove, who was accepted by the NCCC folks who attended the joint NCCC/MLDXCC meeting in Jackson. It's rumored that some NCCC members also joined the MLDXCC club at the same time!

K6ZM Cards Mailed!

All known requests for K6ZM confirmations have been mailed. K6GT mailed 283 cards in July via the ARRL outgoing bureau. If you have used the club call and have any QSL requests, please get them to K6GT!

MORE FD PHOTOS!



Al, NH7A, works on preparation of some of the (approximately two million) boneless chicken bits he fixed for those smart enough to come hungry to the meeting at K6ZM.



Dave, N6NZ, at work. Let's see... computer... check! Extra headphones... check! Bag of cookies... check! Radio... Uh, Radio??

PHOTO ERRATUM: Last month's JUG mistakenly identified one of the pictured operators as K3EST. It was not Bob, but Pat, W6OKK, (now a SK) operating WB6DSV's station, while George was at W6OKK's. (I hope that clears it up! ... ed)



Jerry and Jerry (that's K6III and N6IFW) working on getting a laptop to function with CT... that is, *this* version of CT to function on *this* laptop.



Ray, KT6RA, hard at work on the 10m/80m station. It was hard work on both of these bands; it didn't seem to matter which antenna was connected.

DO YOUR DUES, 'CAUSE DUES ARE DUE!

See the next page!



This is a photo of the "Sierra Chapter" of the NCCC, who met in Virginia City, Nevada, immediately before Field Day Weekend. Shown are Tom, K5RC/7, Midge, K7AFO, Rusty, W6OAT, Dennis, K7BV, Paul, KB8N, Steve, K6AW, and George, K5KG. Rusty and Steve were guests at N7TR's Cluster-Muster, where K5KG presented slides from 3B7RF.

DUES ARE DUE

USE THIS FORM TO PAY DUES FOR 1998-1999 (July 98 through June 99)

Name _____

Full Membership..... x \$24 = _____

Call _____

Family Membership... x \$12 = _____

Address _____

Associate / Student.... x \$12 = _____

Donation to General Fund..... _____

Donation to Repeater Fund..... _____

email addr _____

Total enclosed..... _____

Home phone_____

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Work phone_____

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