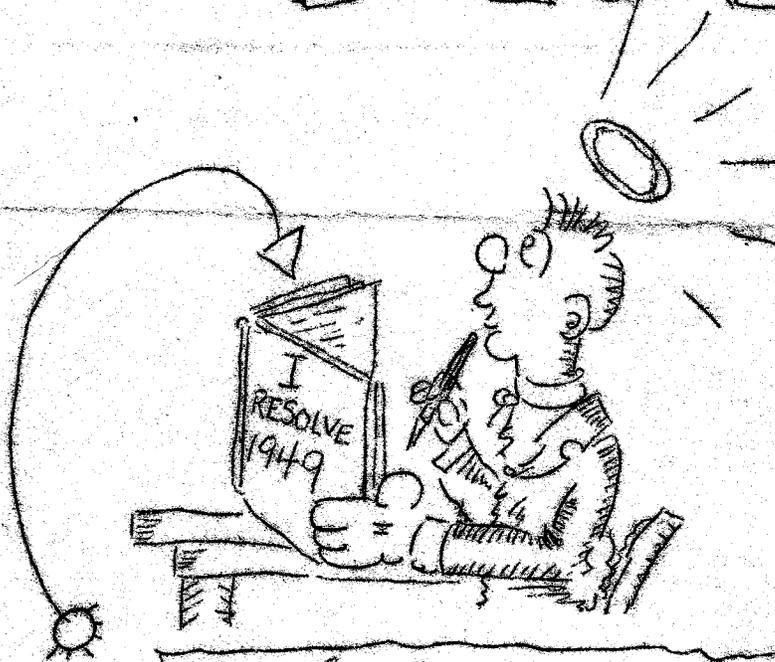


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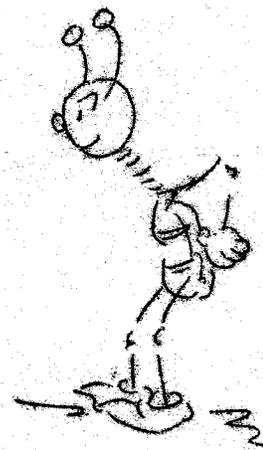
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my Resolutions for 1949

1. Fix my key klip.
2. Eliminate all splatter.
3. QSK to everyone.
4. Don't call on frequency.
5. Take the XYL out.
(more often)
- 6 etc, etc, etc,

Signed A. Hamm!



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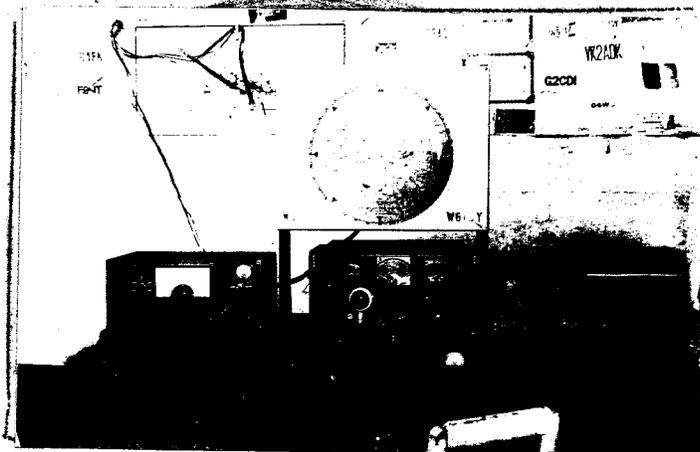
DX having been as it has, and with the XMAS Holidays cutting a huge part of our DX time, the past month has been a slim month for most of the Northern Calif. DX Club members.

However, there are slumps which do occur periodically and we will have to expect them from time to time. Yet, despite only fair DX conditions, many of the members have been able to add to their country totals and there are several members who have either applied for DXCC or WAZ in the last month or have been the happy recipients of either or both.

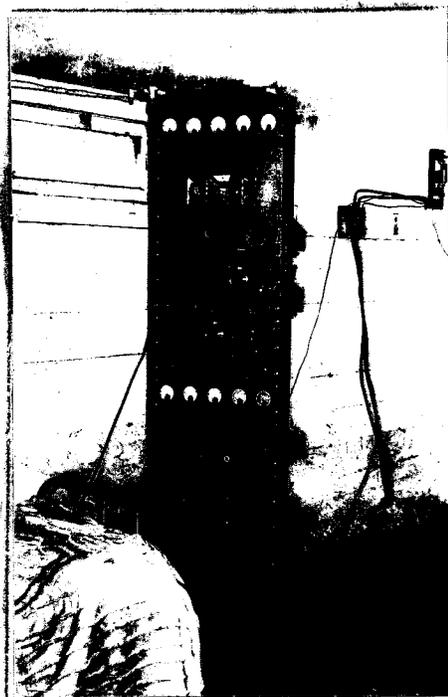
But, to a lot of us, the QSL is the thing. No matter how many the stations you work, the proof of the pudding, in this case at least, is the return QSL card. With a rare QSL card in your possession, there is not the slightest doubt that you were able to contact the DX but without the card- Well, thats another matter. That is the prime reason for the Club's return QSL card which the members may fill out and send to the DX station and merely by signing and returning same we are able to present the card for DXCC credit. Which is a mighty fine thing both for ourselves and especially for the DX station that works several hundred W's and does not have enough QSL cards to go around.

One of our greatest assets is in having a QSL Bureau in this country which becomes a central point for the DX to send his cards. This way, our DX friends are able to send all W cards in one package for distribution to the various QSL managers throughout the U.S.A. Then by merely sending your QSL Manager a self-addressed, Stamped envelope, you receive your cards in reasonably short order. We are of course speaking of the original and only real QSL bureau operated by the ARRL. It is too bad that another Bureau has popped up in the last few years. Unfortunate we say, despite their desire to help the Ham get cards, because the origination of some other QSL Bureau tends to confuse everyone in other countries as to just where to send cards. Confusion reigns and we all would feel better if just one Bureau, the ARRL would be the only one to handle our DX cards. With two Bureaus in existence there is just too big a chance taken in losing or misplacing some of those rare QSL cards for which some of us have been waiting so long.

W6PB-Editor.



W6IDY - MARTINEZ



With one of the finest receiving and also transmitting locations in this area it is small wonder that Dom Lucido, W6IDY has been able to garner over 140 stations in over 140 Countries on 20/10 meter phone.

Which, in no way takes away from Dom's operating ability. But this location really is a honey. There are so many of us who are located in noisy sections that a trip out to W6IDY would open our eyes and ears. Located on a hill, W6IDY overlooks the Bay at Martinez and towards Europe, Africa and the Pacific there seems to be nothing but water. There is a slight rise on the hill towards South America and New Zealand but from the top of the beam tower, one can see right over the hill.

The transmitter pictured at the right ends up with P.P. 250TH's using a 257B driver. Also available is a pair of 257B for the lower frequencies. At the receiving position is the SX28A, Speech and Mike and a home-built ECO, Doubler which ends up in an 807 which is more than sufficient to drive the 257B for the big final or the above mentioned 257B in P.P. for the lower frequencies.

The antenna setup consists at the present of a 4 element 10 over a 4 element 20 beam mounted on top of a 55 foot windmill tower. There is a long wire for the lower frequencies which ties from the tower to another pole. At present, however, Dom is planning a new 10/20 meter common 4 element for the coming DX contest but unless his present business activities slow up a bit we don't see how he can make it as Dom has a radio repair business on the side as well as being the Chief Projectionist at the State Theatre in Martinez. However, heres hoping he gets going. .. When you hear that melodious voice signing: W 6 I D Y, M A A aa-tinez, don't let it fool you as Dom, despite 99% a phone man can really dish out and receive those dots and dashes. Mebbe that good location has made Dom a little lazy as the phone DX really pours in so why should he bother with CW. HI.

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS AND DXCC

Those who were fortunate to contact and receive HDPP's card will be pleased to know that he will absolutely count for intial DXCC or for additional DXCC credit..However, it still doesn't look good for LUIZA who at this time still does not count.

VQ1CUR--Zanzibar

He was legit OK-Contacted on 1/7 by PB and he told us he had been on a three day holiday to Zanzibar and was using a portable rig. He wishes all QSL via RSGB-Incidentally, the contact mentioned above was when he was signing VQ4CUR at his home QTH.

More New Prefixes

If it isn't already confusing enough we are besieged with a lot of new prefixes. Those we have the dope on at the present writing are:

KR- Ryukyu Islands(Okinawa)
JA-Japan
YK-Syria
DU-Phillipines

There may also be a possible change in the prefix for China.

AR1OD-----SYRIA

He is now signing YK1AF and is located around and about 14050 KC. Usually at 9.00 a.m. the short path. QSL via W3KXS.

ZA2AA-Tirana-Albania...

This chap is undercover. If you are fortunate to QSO him send your card in an envelope to:

POSTBOX 28627,
Basle,
Switzerland.

From W6DZZ-Ed Hoetzel.

Ed contacted ON4QF and was told he was going to be located at Elizabethville, Belgium Congo and expected to be leaving on January 5th. He expects to be there about 3 months and will sign OQ5QF. Now thats very good info but not nearly so HOT as the following: OQ5QF expects also to spend a week in Ruanda Urundi Protectorate signing OQ5QF/RU, that prefix he is not sure of but will do his best to give the gang, as many as he can work, a new country.

The town in Ruanda Urundi will be USUMBURA, where the tallest men in the world come from and OQ5QF/RU may use one for one end of his antenna. HI.

So keep on the lookout for OQ5QF and we will try to keep the gang informed as soon as we are able to get any further info.

Another UF6 on the air.

In the event that you haven't as yet contacted either UF6KAC or KAB there is another one on signing UF6AE, T9, 14056 kcs. W6DZZ hooked him end of December.

I S R A E L

4X4BX is supposed to be the call of a station in Tel Aviv, Israel. However, this does not at the present time count as a new country. QSL via Box 2099, Tel Aviv Israel.

Any contact with Israel will still count as Palestine. Arab Palestine is also the same country.

Present DX conditions !!!

They haven't been what you would call good on 20 and 10 has been pretty much of a flop. 40 still hasn't opened up like it should for the West Coast and hereabouts in particular.

In the past month there have been a very few short openings to Europe in the evenings but not real good ones on 20 and then they last but a short while.

The mornings are spotty but still seem to be the best for 20. The band has been opening up at about 8 a.m. PST and is sometimes good until as late as 11 a.m. All times PST.

We are all hoping that the bands will be opening up by the ARRL DX contest.

A SWAP OR TRADE COLUMN ?????

We have been approached by several of the gang to get the DXer to run a sort of swap page or classified ad page where the gang may offer for sale or trade equipment which they no longer have any use for.

As this is YOUR DX'er, its up to the gang. So, starting next issue we will be pleased to run any ad you want.

There will be no charge and just place the info on a penny post card send to your editor.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

To all the new officers in the club. We will all give all the co-operation we can.

Lets keep up the fine attendance as we have in the past and help make 1949 a banner year for the Northern California DX Club Inc.

HALLICRAFTERS EXPEDITIONS.

Heres good news for any of the gang that hooked the above at either VQ3, VQ4 or VQ5 QTH.

If you didn't get a QSL card shoot a penny postcard to W6TT at the store giving the date, time and the call the expedition was using at the time. Elvin will shoot them in to one of the hams from back there who was just out here on the coast and he, in turn will see that the cards are sent to you.

Seems like there was some slip up and some of the cards didn't get sent. So heres your chance if you need confirmations from VQ3, 4 or 5 and you have worked the Gatti-Hallcrafter's expedition.

ARRL DX CONTEST ALMOST HERE

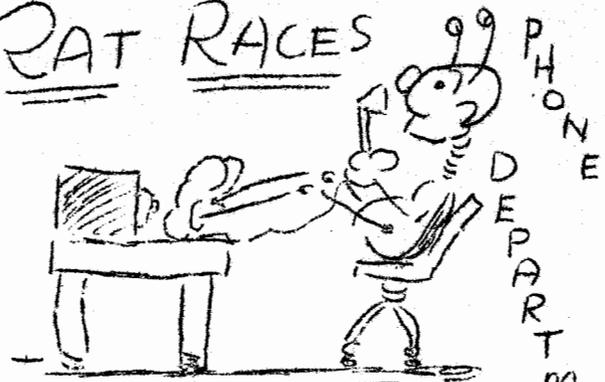
Just a gentle reminder to get all the bugs out on all the bands in your rigs as before you know it the contest will be upon us.

Our humble apologies this month for the small size of the DXer but information hasn't been coming through very well from some of our regulars. Mainly we know on account of the poor DX and the Holidays as mentioned elsewhere. But Please gang, even if some of the stuff you work seems secondary to you it may be just what some of the other boys are looking for.

Fer instance: PB could sure use ZM6 (believe it or not) and MEK who is up there with 191 needs LX. Just to mention a couple of examples.

Remember, your Ed can only print what is received from you fellows and without material its very hard to get out a good DX paper. So, come on with the news and we will all benefit. TNX.

RAT RACES



These are all through the coudesy of W6AED and being ALL phone are so listed.....

CW information has been mighty scarce so there is no CW listing for this month.

NOTE: All of this is A.M. DX with the exception of the VP7 and HI.

CR9AG-14346
MD9AD-14242
LX1AJ-14370
FA8CF-14380
MI3SC-14315
EA8LS-14315
HI6EC-14361
VP7NH-14325
ZD1PW-14339
AR1RJ-14353
ZD4AR-14328
OQ5DE-14379
OQ5CQ-14340
VQ4AV-14160
CR7BC-14163
ZD1SW-14358
ZD3A-14347
PA0JG-14351
CR6AR-14412
FF8AA-14305
VP7NF-14379
VP7NL-14314
OZ5CW-14327
GI8BW-14359
FO8AB-14300
MB9BM-14193
HB9DS-14394
VQ8AE-14385
ZC6XY-14393
OZ5BW-14328
ET3AD-14326
CN8EQ-14365
ZD3A-14391

Speaking of new ones on CW.

W6ZUI plunked out with a nice new one hooking the following:

FY8FM-14036--T9

Don hooked him at 4 p.m. the other p.m.

NORTHERN CALIF DX CLUB ROSTER OF POSTWAR COUNTRIES WORKED

Call	CW/Phone	Phone Only	Zones	DXCC	WAZ	Remarks
W6AM	175	81	40	X	X	
W6AED		109	35			
W6AJF						
W6ATO	86		36			
W6EUY	106		37	X		
W6CIL	120		38			
W6CIS	150		40	X		
W6DUB	119		40	X		
W6DZZ	162		40	X	X	
W6EJA	71		32			
W6GIZ	91		38			
W6IDY		142				
W6ITH						
W6IKQ	119		32	(X)		(Prewar)
W6JK	109		38			
W6KEK	96		37			
W6LDD	119		39	X		
W6LMZ	87		35			
W6MEK	191		40	X	X	
W6MVQ	174		40	X		
W6MHB	87		37			
W6MLY	153		40	X	X	
W6MX	190		40	X	X	
W6NZ	86		36			
W6OMC	172		40	X	X	
W6PWR		80	32			
W6PB	169		40	X	X	
W6QDE	57		32			
W6QLH						
W6RM	172		40	X	X	
W6RRG	75		36			
W6RBQ	178		40	X	X	
W6RCC	80		31			
W6RVU						(Moved) (Inactive)
W6SQ						
W6SR	117		39			
W6TI	148		40	X	X	
W6TT	186		40	X	X	
W6UPV		71	23			Misprint last month)
W6UZX	150	94	40	X	X	
W6WJX	106		39			
W6WB	180		40	X		
W6YI		34	23	X		(Prewar)
W6ZCY	190		40	X	X	
W6ZUI	100		37			
W7HXG	78		33			

Don't forget to send in your corrected lists so that we may keep it up to date...