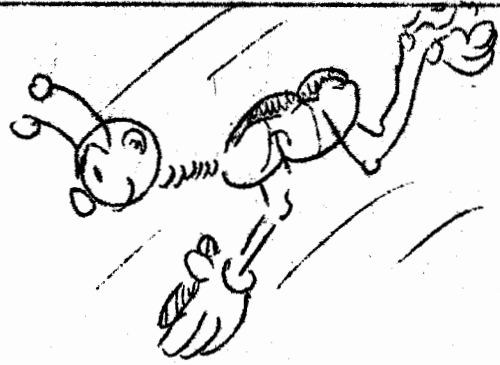
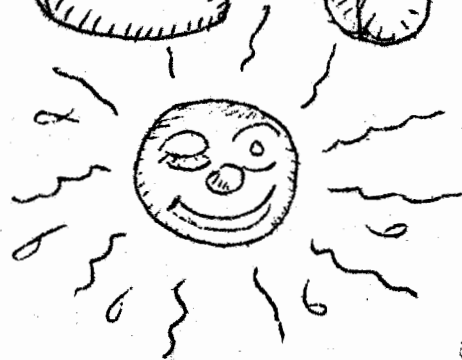
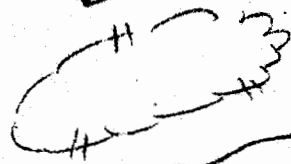


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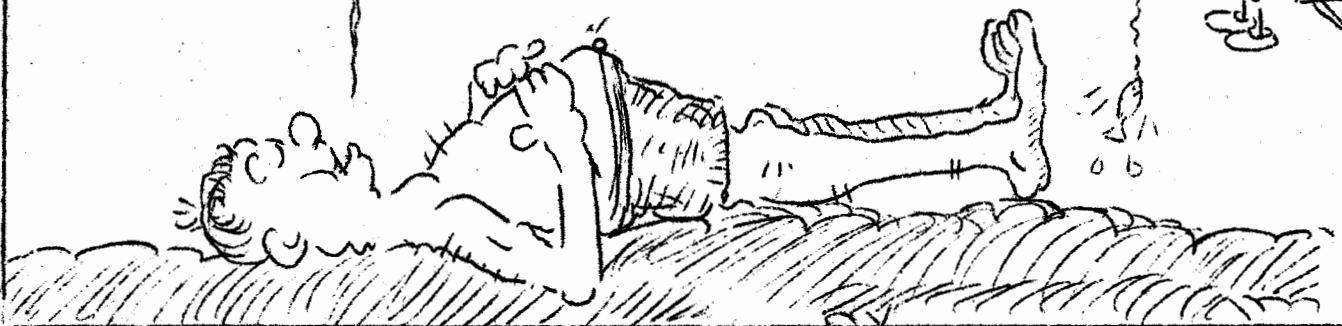


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The month of May, just passed has certainly been a sad one, at least as far as any good DX is concerned. Possibly due in part to Sunspot activity, both the Ten and Twenty Meter bands have not lived up to the predictions given for the month of May.

However, there have been a few spotty stations which have come through and there have at least been a few good QSL cards coming throughout the month which more or less takes some of the sting off of Rotten DX Conditions.

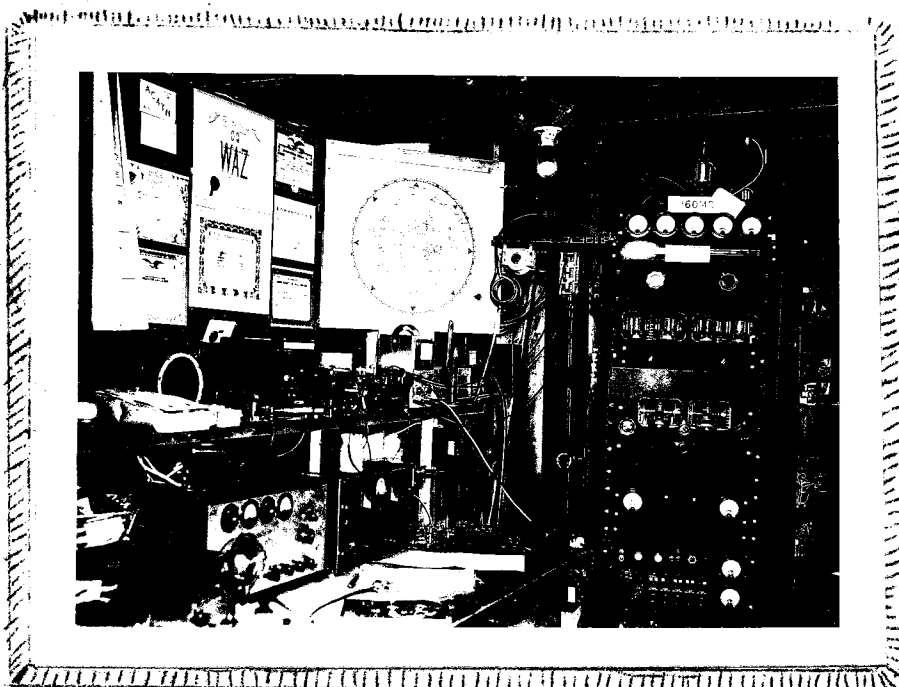
All members of the Northern California Dx Club are hot after new countries but we might just mention that the number of countries which a DX'er has been able to amass is not necessarily a good yardstick of DX ability or DX operation. It is more or less the ability to tune and tune and tune by the hour, always looking for a new station. Also a help in the garnering of new countries is the scheduling idea which helps out tremendously. True, it is nice to be up on top but what we are trying to put over is just this: When you reach the top, what then? After all, there are only a certain number of countries in the world which any station in the world will be able to contact and, as long as the chase goes on and there are plenty of countries left to work, its a lot of fun. But, come the day when you reach the top and then, poof. You might just lose interest when there are no new ones left.

This we would hate to see as there are several fine DX members of the club who are soon going to reach the saturation point and we hate to see these same stations losing interest. So, as a tip to the gang, why not vary the DX activity. If you are on CW, why not break down and try phone DX operation or vice-versa for the Phone men. Or again, try and fill out some of the various districts in the various countries which in itself is a lot of fun and sometimes not nearly as easy as it sounds.

In other words, vary the activity a bit so as not to get stale and then end up with no hobby at all. It is certainly worth thinking about. Keeping up at the top is fun but little by little some of the boys are creeping up there as witness the country totals on the back pages of the DX'er and compare this month's total with the total of the same station a few months back and you will see what we mean.

W6PB-Editor.

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W6OMC, Old Man Clay, is our station for the month of June and is pictured above, And, being one of our outstanding Dx members and a good CW operator, it will come as quite a surprise to a lot of the members, that Clay is really a made-over phone man.

Altho' W6OMC is not one of the first licenses issued, it was way back in 1921 that Clay got started on a crystal set and from the variety of dots and dashes heard on the air became sufficiently well versed in the code to help out as second op at 6COV using a pair of VT-1's later changed to the old reliable 2108s in a self rectified circuit.

From 1923 on to 1935 when Clay obtained W6OMC, activity was mainly centered on building receivers for others, fooling around with Hi-Fidelity audio, getting a B.A. Degree followed by General Secondary Credentials and then a teaching job in Oakland which was followed in short order by Marriage.

In 1935, transmission was via phone on 10 meters and with the acquisition of a class A ticket in 1936, operation was then extended to phone on 160, 75, 20 and 10. By this time Clay was rapidly forgetting what little code he knew and up to the War years was handling phone traffic on the Mission Trail Net and running his car battery down with all-band phone in the car.

Came the end of the War and operation proceeded on 2 meter phone. However, being one of gang at EIMAC, Clay found out that some of the boys there were using his call on a CW rig on 10 meters and it took Clay two days to find it out, his knowledge of CW was so poor. It was then that W6OMC decided to get on CW and stay there until he at least knew the code well enough to feel at home with the key.

The rest is history. DX started coming back to Clay and in a short order up went a 20 meter 3 element array and as new countries started coming on the air Clay was working them all. In six months he really began to appreciate CW.

One brief sojourn to phone, this time on NBFM which netted a contact with YJ1AA, but right back to CW.

The rig as pictured needs no explanation suffice to say that Clay is one of the more fortunate members who is able to run a full K.W. without too much strain. Being employed at EIMAC helps out quite a bit when one needs a new tube or two. HI.

HOW TO GET A QSL CARD..

We offer the following ideas, (with tongue in cheek) in the hope that they may help someone in getting a card:

Note: Use in order of listing:
1. Send regular QSL Card. (Normal Procedure).

2. Send another card, but this time enclose a picture of the rig (first removing the 450TH and substituting 807's), also enclose Int. Reply Coupons, A new Call Book, Set of 3 logbooks and a One Dollar Bill.

3. If no results from above then: Use the following form substituting the proper calls in the blanks:

Dear Radio -----

I sure need your QSL card. I am slowly going blind and would like to be able to see your card before it is too late.

73,
Radio-----

4. Still no results? Try this one:
Dear Radio-----

While in QSO with your station several sad things happened, I forgot to pay the light bill so the power Company cut off the electricity, my Wife left me on account of so much DX, My neighbors won't speak to me account of so much broadcast interference, I lost my job, Television sets are springing up all around me, I'm broke and have just enough money to buy a stamp for this card and as this is my last QSL card and I'm broke I can't afford anymore DXer while in Japan and was so won't you please send y our QSL so that while I am living at the pocrhouse, I may gaze fondly at your card and feel that it was really all worth it?

73, -----

QTH of CN8EQ (PHONE) 14MC

Navy 214,
c/o F.P.O.
New York City
N.Y.

(Costs only 6¢ for AIRMAIL)

FLASH-RED HOT-CAICOS ISLAND!!!!!!
VP5XX-14040-CW-QSL via W4LVV-
Early Evenings-

W6UPV has moved.

Feeling that he has been slumming long enough and also wanting a better location Ray is now down with the upper 600 in Palo Alto California.

709 Chimalas Drive is the address so if you are down that way, drop in on Ray and mebbe he can find something in that brand new refrigerator for you.

Some PK6 Infromation.

From TI we hear:

Cards for PK6CS and PK6XG are being handled by W6ZEN. If you have contacted either of the above send your QSL to:

Floyd McPherson
215 East Vince,
Ventura, California.

-ROUMANIA--

Via W6MX we have the info that YR receiving stations are now being licensed and it is expected that transmitting licenses will follow soon now.

KOREA.

Active at the present time are HL1AR, phone and CW and also HL1BJ.

HL1AR and HL1BO have left Korea and are on their way back to the States.

J A P A N.

One of the first stations from the States to be licensed in Japan is now leaving for home and won't be on from Japan anymore. That is JA2AS. He has been 4th highest originally W2CDJ/J2 later J2CDJ then finally JA2AS.

GERMANY.

Send all QSL (Except D2 & D4) To:
DARC QSL MGR., Box 99, Munich, 27.

Here are German Call Areas:

- DA- QRT since 1-19-49.
- DE- German SWL's
- DK7-Berlin all sectors
- DK8-Soviet Zone
- DK9-French Zone
- DL1-German Nationals
- DL2-British Personel
- DL3- German Personel
- DL4-U.S. Personel
- DL5-French Personel

NOTE...11 METER BAND CHANGE

From ARRL via W6ITH we hear:

The change in our 11 meter band to accord with the Atlantic City Table is being made effective for July 1st. The present assignment is: 27160 to 27430 KC but as of July 1st it will be shifted to: 26960 to 27230 KC. The new assignment will be available for Amateur operation using unmodulated carrier, Radio Telegraphy, Radio Telephony, Radio Printers, or Facsimile with any type of emission except damped waves and Pulse subject to such interference as may result from the emissions of Industrial, Scientific and Medical devices within 160 KC of the frequency 27120 KC.

Hey! Hey!!

Did you hear about the little GlowWorm that backed into the lawnmower?? He was De-lighted.. No end.

CANARY ISLANDS

Cards, that is, the first batch from EA8MC have been coming through and it looks like Manuel will QSL everyone 100%

There is another EA8 on the air lately signing EA8AN He has a chirpy T6 note and is tough to copy due to a combination punk note and wobbly frequency. At this writing we have no info on his QTH.(Thanks to CTL for the above)

KC6WA-PALAU Isle.

These cards have been coming through DIRECT. Hope the guy doesn't run outa money before we get ours...

W6RBQ.

We are happy to report that Bill is feeling right chipper but thus far has been unable to get across the bay for a meeting. If any of the gang are on 2 metres, you may hear Bill squacking away on that band so give him a call to say hello. We expect to hear Bill on one of the lower frequency bands real soon now.C'mon Bill and hook some new ones so we can yell that its a Phoney...Hee!

FOR SALE DEPARTMENT-OR TRADE

By W6IKQ- One Meisner Signal Booster. In perfect working order- Rack mounting or Table mounting. This unit uses two 1852 Tubes & is really hot. Original cost was \$60.00.....Will sell for \$25.00 Thats right..\$25.00, C.O.B..... CASH ON BARRELLHEAD..

ANYONE WANT A GOOD RECEIVER?

Then contact Bud Downey, W6QLH--- He has a National NC-173 which he only used for a very short time as a mobile receiver and will part with it but cheap.

News from China

From CITW we learn that due to the War situation, the present C Hams are off the air and the mail situation is not good.However, all will QSL as soon as conditions permit.

Latest poop from SP5BA.

There is no direct dope on this character but when we saw that W3JKO was handling cards for two SP Hams, namely SP8XA and SP5AB we felt sure that SP5AB was a misprint and that in reality it was supposed to be SP5BA. Well, we got an airmail off th W3JKO & just as quickly got an answer. Suffice to say, that altho' the DX'er makes mistakes, CQ Magazine does not and when they said SP5AB thats exactly what they meant.HI.

However, both SP8XA and SP5AB are bonafide. They are both on 10 meters and during the contest are found on 11 meters. Due to conditions are afraid to be on any of the lower frequencies so guess we will have to wait for ten to open up in order to snag a new one in Poland.

Y1LDD may be phoney.

Some of the phone men may have contacted this station in the second half of the ARRL contest but inquiries made of the U.S. Embassy at Teheran, Iran, shows that the guy is not in Iran. He may, however be a Bootlegger which ain't good.

Notice to ALL MEMBERS:

Information for the DX'er is very very welcome-Postcards are 1¢ !!!

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB INC., COUNTRIES WORKED **POSTWAR

CALL	CW	PHONE	ZONES	DXCC	WAZ
W6AM	183	103	40	X	X
W6AED		121	37	X	
W6AJF					
W6ATO	107	5 (HI)	38		
W6BUY	106		37	X	
W6CTL	131		39	X	
W6CIS	161			X	
W6DUB	128		39	X	
W6DZZ	182		40	X	X
W6EJA	83		37		
W6GIZ	95		38		
W6IDY		42?			
W6ITH					
W6IKQ		120	36	X	
W6JK	130		40	X	
W6KEK	117		40		
W6LDD	138		40	X	X
W6LMZ	101		36		
W6MEK	208		40	X	X
W6MUC				X	
W6MVQ	194		40	X	X
W6MHB	122		40		
W6MLY	153		40	X	X
W6MX	206		40	X	X
W6NZ	101		36		
W6OMC	189		40	X	X
W6PB	186		40	X	X
W6PWR	50	120	34		
W6QDE	87		35		
W6QLH					
W6RBQ	186		40	X	X
W6RCC	99	76	39		
W6RM	185	76	40	X	X
W6RRG	98	49	39		
W6SC	189		40	X	X
W6SQ					
W6SR	144		39		
W6TI	165		40	X	X
W6TT	204	131	40	X(PH. & CW)	X
W6UPV		71	31		
W6UZX	162	108	40	X	X
W6WB	190		40	X	X
W6WP	65				
W6WJX	121		40	X	
W6YI		64		X(Prewar PH.)	
W6ZCY	199		40	X	X
W6ZUI	107		38		
W7HXG	107		38		

A nice rise in totals with the following: Out of 46 active stations on the air we have a total of 27 DXCC's and 17 WAZ's with the rest of the stations breathing hard on the magic numbers, 100 and 40.

Remember Gang, that we will be glad to print any dope on what you have to sell or trade. So far, most of the stuff the boys have advertised for sale has been sold. Of course there is no charge for this to the members.