

THE DEX'ER

NOVEMBER

AND

DECEMBER

1956

DX HAS SURE GONE TO POT

DOC MON I'M NEXT!

NORTHERN
CALIFORNIA
DX CLUB
• INC.

OF COURSE
A VERY
MERRY
XMAS
TO ALL



POSTBOX 75 - OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB, INC. POST OFFICE BOX 75, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
 PUBLISHED MONTHLY FOR THE BENEFIT AND INTEREST OF ALL IT'S MEMBERS - - - - -

President - W6SR
 Vice Pres.- W6MVQ
 Sec/Tres. - W6IHB
 Board of Directors
 W6BUY
 W6LDD

Founded - 1946

Past Presidents
 W6PB
 W6IKQ
 W6TI
 W6WB
 W6OMC
 W6LDD
 W6ATO

Permission to reproduce any or all parts of the
 DX'er is allowed provided full credit is given
 the DX'er

November and December Issues 1951

Issues 11 & 12 Vol. 4

Hi Gang! Well here we are again with another issue of your DX'er. We wish to thank W6NIG, W6TI, W6PB, W6LMZ, W6ATO, W6SR, W6PYH, W6AM, and W6DUB for items of news and help with this issue. We used W6LMZ's picture in this issue and have W6GPB's for next Months. W6VE has promised us one of his set up but after that we can use any pictures that give us, so take a picture of the rig and loan us the negative.
 you

Election of officers will be one of the main items to be taken up at the December meeting so start thinking about who you want for officers for the next six months. Art, and the fellows serving with him have done a fine job and we are lucky to have always had such fine officers through out the existance of the Northern California DX Club.

We have had nothing new in news regarding the coming Fresno meeting January 19th and 20th. It is possible that W6AM will be at the meeting and give us the latest developments. Don't forget that W6ATO is in charge of hotel reservations so see him if you plan on going.

W6PB calls our attention to the fact that the dates given in QST for the ARRL DX contest differ in the November and December issues. Also that both week ends for the phone contest are in February and both week ends for the CW contest are in March. The details should be in the January issue of QST and they will probably give us the reason for the changes at that time. Let's hope that DX conditions in the evening improve on 14 Mc. before the contest arrives.

Since finishing the other sheets of the DX'er we received a phone call from Art, W6SR and he gave us the following: ZD6JL 14034 Kc. 8 a.m., ZDLAJ 14009 Kc. 7:55 a.m., FDSAA 14049 Kc., and FF8AF 14037 Kc. 3:30 p.m., this stuff is out of place on the editorial page but we just received it and the rest of the DX'er has already been typed so this is the only place left for it.

We understand a few of the boys ran up good scores in the Sweepstakes but have not received any reports on them so was unable to put them in the DX'er. Well Fellers; I guess thats about all for now, will see you at the meeting Thursday evening.

73 & Gud DX,
 W6EJA

The following is a letter sent to W6TI from G5LI, Our DX member:
55 Harvard Court, London N.W. 6,
11 . 10 . 51

Dear Horace:

As a result of our nice QSO yesterday I am getting this letter off to you pronto, so that the news contained herein may be printed in the club Magazine. Well ole pal I have decided as you so correctly stated to journey to Gods country. For a long time now I have been fed up with the ever decreasing low standard of living in this country which use to be a good one but alas under these criminals or socialists as they call themselves has fallen right down in the dirt and will certainly take many years to recover. It will no doubt but personally and you will agree we all individually are out to get the best out of life the relatively short time we are on earth and I'm no exception. The job I have is a project engineer with the Canadian Aviation Electronics in Montreal, a contract for one year, and of course in that time I can decide whether I shall stay permanently on your side of the pond or return to my side. There seems very little doubt as to which way it will be but you never can tell. If I do stay then maybe I'll continue working for that company or another or perhaps see what cooks in your direction. Of course my present TX and junk will unfortunately be left piled high in my shack and will not be shipped out to me for the first year, after I've decided what my future plans will be then I guess I'll do something about it. I've got lots of good stuff and I feel loath to sell it as only last winter I rebuilt the complete station with a new wide band exciter completely band switched using the 5763 tubes with a 2C26 buffer also wideband and band switched driving into a pair of 813s. I also rebuilt my VHF gear for 144 Mc. The VHF runs at 125 watts to a 829B and I've been very active on this band over the past couple years, at first with a modified 522 and now with this new rig using 6J6 xtal osc overtone circuit 5763 dblr buffer and 829B final feeding a 4 el yagi. It has worked 400 miles and 300 stations plus. The RX are converters one all 6J6s the other cascode. This morning Horace you should have been on 40 I've no heard it so hot for a long time. 6DFY 6FSJ 6CIS all S8 also 6JB 6AJN and others. I shall be active on 40 every Sunday morning at 0745 GMT around 7020 up till the end of this month. I fly on Dec. 6th and for a few days expect to stay with my pal VE2WA who use to be VE4SO, VO6U. I also know VE2BV and VE2KZ and hope to be able to bash the key from their stations sometime. I do hope to get the call VE2LI although it's listed in the book but hope the guy is not active. G5LI license will be kept going in case I return would not like to lose it now after nearly 20 years. You know Horace I feel I can claim to be the G who has worked more W6's than any other estimated over 2000 now as well as a good many W7's. It's been grand QSOing you all I feel sad I shall be QRT but you can't always have your cake and eat it. I shall try it's always been my hope to see you all one day and boy that day may come. My regards and best wishes to you all far too many pals to single out any particular one. My deepest sorrow to hear about W6WN Art, a great guy. Horace get the gang on 40 and 20.

George 5LI

"TI tidbits", The following are given us by W6TI and ye old editor accepts no responsibility for them. hi Phil.

Powder Blue Cadillac's are expensive but they also have a good pickup. Several months ago W6IKQ bought one of these things and during the month of November he got married. Lots of luck Lover Boy. (remember this is W6TI speaking not ye old editor)

FD8AB, French Togoland 14,023 Kc is on daily around 2:45 pm

ZD6DU Nyasaland is on of late 14,060 Kc between 7 and 8 a.m. PST.

FB8BB, Box 51, Boanemary, Madagascar.

VP8AP South Orkneys QSL via RSGB

VP8AU, Jack Bowler, Grytviken South - Georgia, c/o GPO Falkland Islands.

FF8AF, Box 325, Abidjan, French West - Africa or via REF.

C3AB, Wong Box 22, Taichung, Formosa

MD2JB QSL via WLLIV

SULAD QSL via W3BHD

W6PYH, our newest member gave us the following two, he worked em.

MP4KAE 14,042 Kc 7:45 a.m. PST

VK4BS 14,055 Kc 10:00 p.m. PST

PB's page of information--Some good, some lousy and some just plain
***good and lousy....So don't blame Chas. for this one.....

Remember W8CDT? Now signing fm Ohio and formerly W6VBY? We hear he will be shortly moving to L.A. and will try to make the Fresno meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To W6NIG whose XYL is expecting anew arrival, their second.

Also to W6RRG, now to be known as push-pull Bennett. Why? Their newly expected arrivals will be TWINS. Anything to put something over on his pal W6NIG.

CR5UP.

Is now CT1BW, with QTH following but how to get a QSL for that CR5 contact would be appreciated by NIG, TT, PB and a half dozen others.

Leonel Figueriredo Pias,
Rua Braancamp, 10-4, D.T.,
Lisbon, Portugal.

W6MHB

Has been combing 80 meters of late and almost qsoed a G6..that is, almost.

In case you don't read QST real careful like the following is lifted from there:

KT1 and also CN2 are in the Tangier Zone. UN or rather US hams signing KT1 and others CN2.

If you need any of the following they have all been on late in the p.m., all on 20 meters and all tough to qso through w5, w2 and w4, however it can be done:

VP5BL-14019.
VQ4KIF-14020
VP8AI-14048
VP8AP-14040
FD8AB-14022
FY7YB-14023
ZS3K-14023.

All on CW..Might add that VP8AP will also be on 7000.0001.. Also VP8AP has phone.

Looks like Fresno Meeting will be a bang-up affair..So plan to be there. Each year seems to be a better one than the year before. Now is the time to start planning.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS DEPT.

The following will never be sent, of that we are sure!!!

W6TI: Please send me two 20" TV sets, one for upstairs and one for downstairs. I don't want to miss a single program. Television is sure a wonderful invention.

W6CTL: A bug key that will work at 5 wpm. I don't like fast sending. It bores me.

W6MEK: A receiver that will only receive W stations so I won't have to be bothered listening for new DX. I really would only qso the W's.

MP4KAE

On Kuwait--In the early a.m. when the band is good. Comes in long way.

FB8BB

Same long path around 7 a.m.

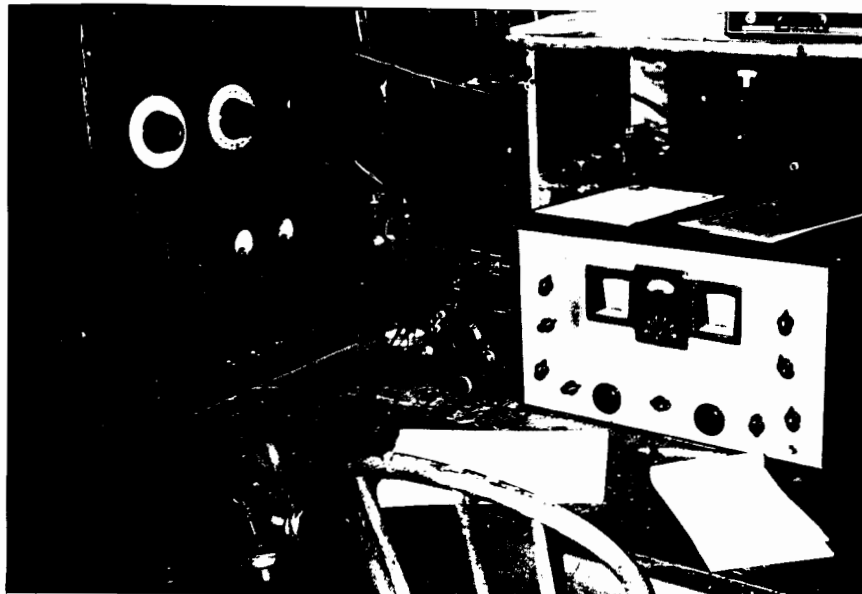
Recommended reading dept.

"Out of this world" by Lowell Thomas Jr., Very interesting tale of his journey to Tibet. Has lots of good pics if you are too lazy to read and Chapter XVII (17) you dopes, is titled "Two Britons in Tibet" and is all about Reg Fox AC4YN and Bob Ford, AC4RF.

Proud Poppa.

W6IDY's Son Don is now on the air signing Wn6BXE and the ole man better brush up on his CW or the young squirt will take him one of these days. Incidentally IDY is now working hard to get set for the coming ARRL DX contest.

set up with the contents of the new w weekends in a row followed by the phone contest...Or rather vice versa is a little tough. Just how does the league figure the XYLs are gonna take this thing. Or is the contest just for young and single sprouts? Or did I read the Nov. QST wrong or is this 40 meter CW I'm listening to while typing this slowly driving me nuts???? ??



W6LMZ John E. Nelson, 2911 Downer Ave., Richmond

This month we have the layout of W6JMZ. Johnny operates on 10, 20, and 40 CW, he did give Narrow Band FM a try once but didn't like phone so tore down the modulator. He has worked 153 countries and has 130 confirmed. The receiver is a HQ129X followed with a Q5er. The transmitter starts out with a home built VFO with it's output stage on 80 meters. This is followed by a 6L6 doubler, T40 buffer-doubler, and a single VTL27A Final running with 300 to 400 watts input to the final. The 20 meter antenna is a three element beam which for some unknown reason loads and seems very directional on 10 meters so is also used on that band. The only times that Johnny operates on 40 meters is during contests so usually puts up some kind of antenna for that band at contest time.

BAND	QSOs	ZONES	COUNTRIES	SCORES
W6PB C.W.				
7	1	1	1	6
W6QDE C.W.				
ALL				18,480
W6HIB C.W.				
3.5	27	10	10	1,020
W6WB C.W.				
14				24,000
W6NIG C.W.				
14				2,400
W6UYX Phone				
14				22,000
W6EJA C.W.				
7	11	5	7	300
14	23	7	9	976
28	1	1	1	6
ALL	35	13	17	2,670
W6RRG Phone mult. op.				
All Band				70,064
3.9	27	5	6	501
14	157	21	24	25,500
28	64	22	18	6,400
W6ATC C.W.				
3.5	6	4	5	
7	34	11	11	
14	74	24	27	
28	23	12	12	
All	137	51	55	34,450

The following is part of a letter that W6AM received from W0ELA and gives us the low down on why we did not hear him on from VS5 land:

I arrived in Tokyo on Sept. 28. Went to the British Embassy there without delay and requested assistance in obtaining the long sought formal approval for the radio expedition. An expenditure of nearly fifty dollars covering cable charges was made during the following ten days, but still the desired approval was not forthcoming. On Oct. 9 I flew to Okinawa, Formosa, and Hong Kong. I went to the British authorities in Hong Kong and cabled Brunei and Sarawak from there. In the following eleven days I operated at VS6BO once and at VS6AE during five or six evenings. I was amazed at the absence of W signals on the 14 mc. band. Throughout my entire stay in Hong Kong, I heard only three W stations. Pat O'Brien (VS6AE) heard two or three other USA stations during that period. We QSO'd WLFH several times. Finally, on October 19, when preparing to leave for Manila, approval from Brunei was received. I requested and received a certified copy of that cable.

Upon receipt of the formal approval, I sent a cable to ex-JA2BQ in Tokyo requesting him to pick up the equipment and meet me in Manila early Wednesday morning, Oct. 24. When making the initial plans before leaving Minneapolis, I had been informed that Cathay Pacific Airways made one flight per week to Labuan, and that that flight left Manila each Monday. However, the Cathay Pacific schedule was changed, and it was learned that the weekly flight would depart from Manila every Wednesday at 11:30 AM. As a result, the schedule margin between flights at Manila was only $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours, inasmuch as the flight from Tokyo to Manila was due to arrive in Manila at 7 AM. You can imagine my feelings when the flight from the North, which incidentally, originates in the USA was reported 23 hours late.

After turn-around, I took the delayed airplane back to Tokyo because I had business to attend to there. It was decided to try again the following week. Disappointment reached a new peak when we learned on the following Tuesday that the plane which was scheduled to leave Tokyo on Tuesday night for Manila had been forced to return to Shemya (in the Aleutians) for an engine change there. That development again eliminated the possibility of making connections with the flight to Labuan. In the meantime, I had been listening frequently, and was very much disappointed to observe an almost complete absence of W stations. I did hear you and several other W's during the DX contest, and although conditions in general seemed better in Japan than in Hong Kong, the 14 mc. band was quite dead insofar as reception from the USA was concerned. It therefore seemed somewhat pointless to attempt the flight on the third Wednesday after the receipt of approval. In addition, I had expected to be away from home for about one month, and, as the situation developed, I was gone nearly two months.

It is entirely possible that radio conditions between VS5 and W will be considerably better next April and May than they were this October and November. At any rate, I fully intend to be on the air in VS5 land at that time.

Well gang: it gives us something to look forward to next spring and we all hope that Clyde has better luck next time.

The above letter was all that we received from our So. Cal. newshawk since the last issue of the DXer. We had expected he would at least send us his CQ DX contest score but none of the usual cards arrived. Whats the matter Don am I off your mailing list, or sumthin?

W6NIG tells us that after listening to phone scores of the CQ DX contest via the Grapevine he is almost ready to predict that W6RRG with 70,064 will be high for North America. Last year W6AM was high for phone with 40,000 this year his score was 58,000 all bands.

W6ATO worked UH8KAA 14097 kc 7:15 am PST Chirpy-slow.

VQ1RF told W6NIG he would be leaving for Zanzibar Dec. 3 and would be on the air Dec. 4 and 5 as VQ1RF. W6DUB sed his freq would be 14015 kc and he would be on at 10 a.m. We listened but did not hear him or anyone calling him.

W6TI had a letter from VS9GB asking that the boys be patient as he would QSL 100%. Also asking that Horace handle his QSLs.

Worked by W6NIG Sunday at Noon
VQ5BVF 14320 kc. Phone
HI6EC 28320 kc. Phone
Heard by Joe around noon:
FD8AA 14030 CW ZB2L 14031 CW

Post Office Box 75
Oakland, California
October 16, 1951

Federal Communications Commission
T.J. Slowie, Secretary
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The Northern California DX Club of Oakland, California has voted unan-
mously to register protest against the Federal Communications Commissions
proposal discontinuing the issuance of two-letter calls and issuance of ama-
teur calls only in sequence. To have a two-letter call is considered an hon-
or and is traditionally the mark of the old-timer in the game. It is felt the
practice of issuing such calls should be continued with this in mind.

In these days it is probable that many calls of military and civilian
amateurs go unrenewed through no fault of the amateur himself, but due to
continued movement and heavy workloads. It is felt that these amateurs in
particular should not suffer the loss of their call signs.

It is the opinion of this club that calls should be returned to previous
holders and call letters should be retained whenever possible. The club
members are not familiar with the Commissions methods of keeping records but
feel that the additional work which might be necessary would certainly be
made up for in the pleasure of the amateur in being able to retain his call
letters which are his only identification to the rest of the radio world.
The radio ham has many times shown his eagerness to be of public service and
his willingness to help in any emergency but as his numbers have increased
so have the restrictions placed upon him. He has been responsible for many
of the advancements in the electronics and radio field, many of them used in
the past war. It is felt that he should be allowed this small consideration,
the loss of which would not affect other services. The Northern California
DX Club respectfully urges this matter to be carefully weighed before action
of any kind is taken.

Very truly yours,

Northern California DX Club

J.R. Beck, Sec./treas.

cc: A.R.R.L.
Potomac Valley Radio Club
Southern Calif. DX Club

Box 75,
Oakland, California
October 18, 1951

Federal Communications Commission
T.J. Slowie, Secretary
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The Northern California DX Club of Oakland, California has expressed its desire, by unanimous vote, to support the very timely comments written to you by Mr. - Victor Clark, W4KFC, of the Potomac Valley Radio Club, in relation to the restrictions placed upon communications with the amateurs of Indonesia, French - Indo-China, Iran, Lebanon, Netherlands West Indies, Thailand, Japan, and Austria, by the radio amateurs of the United States alone.

The amateurs of this club have long questioned the reasons for this ruling. In view of the statements of amateurs residing in two of these countries, Lebanon and Indonesia, to the effect that they are licensed and permitted to communicate with foreign amateurs, including the U.S., it has been suggested that perhaps the authorities consulted in these countries are not familiar with amateur radio and are not the proper men to decide that amateur radio is illegal. The presence of Japan on the list is understandable, since it has been governed by the United States authorities, but on licensing the radio enthusiasts there (which is imminent according to U.S. magazines and Japanese nationals sending out listener cards), it would seem that we should be permitted to communicate with them again.

Amateur radio is engaged in for the love of the art only. It seems that one would as soon prohibit the collection of stamps or coins from a country as to prohibit amateur communication with it. Also it would seem that should a country prohibit such collection, it would be equally as dictatorial for the other to enforce reciprocal legislation. The cause for freedom has more to lose than to gain by the enforcement of such rules.

As stated by Mr. Clark: "Activities on the amateur frequencies reflect the political philosophies of the countries of the world and the fortunes of its citizens". The Northern California DX Club strongly urges that this matter be reviewed and the restrictions withdrawn in order that the United States show a liberal picture to people of other countries. Many of these countries are not friendly, politically, with the United States. Their people do not receive an accurate impression of conditions in this country from their own sources. Amateur radio is one of the few ways that an accurate picture may be shown to them first-hand. It seems foolish to spoil this picture with so much being put into the Voice of Freedom and other projects. You must know the impression the Iron - Curtain countries present to the western amateur. Yet they are not prohibited communication with us. It would seem they would have a lot to lose in the picture they present of conditions in their country. Let's make our picture as good as possible so that the people of those countries realize that we are free as they are not.

In the event the Commission is not in the position to take any action in this matter, this club would appreciate the passing of this information. In any event the Commission's thoughts on this matter would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Northern California DX Club
J.R. Beck, Sec/treas.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB, INC. ----- 1/2 POSTWAR COUNTRIES WORKED

CALL	WORKED (CW)	CONFIRMED	WORKED (PHONE)	CONFIRMED	DXCC	WAZ
W6AM	231	230	171	171	X/P	X
W6AED	-	-	123	100	X/P	37
W6AJF		(Honorary Member)				
W6ATO	160	150	47	40	X	X
W6BUY	163	145	-	-	X	X
W6CEM	166	150	-	-	X	X
W6CIS	189	161	-	-	X	X
W6CTL	178	168	-	-	X	40
W6DUB	142	140	-	-	X	X
W6DYP	232	178	-	-	X	X
W6DZZ	222	216	-	-	X	X
W6EJA	105	95	-	-	-	37
W6GIZ	120	98	-	-	-	38
W6GPB	151	138	35	35	X	40
W6IDY	-	-	142	90	-	-
W6IKQ	-	-	155	148	X/P	36
W6ITH	-	-	115	115	X/P	36
W6JK	170	161	-	-	X	X
W6KEK	156	131	-	-	X	40
W6KEV	189	156	-	-	X	X
W6LW	160	128	-	-	-	-
W6LDD	180	162	45	25	X	X
W6LMZ	153	130	-	-	X	37
W6MEK	236	224	-	-	X	X
W6MHB	173	165	-	-	X	X
W6MUF	125	116	-	-	X	40
W6MVQ	226	206	-	-	X	X
W6MX	228	219	-	-	X	X
W6NIG	153	133	131	127	X/P	38
W6NZ	139	123	-	-	X	39
W6OMC	203	194	-	-	X	X
W6PB	212	198	-	-	X	X
W6PYH	145	120	-	-	-	-
W6QDE	144	122	-	-	X	38
W6RBQ	203	191	-	-	X	X
W6RCC	131	112	-	-	X	40
W6RRG	129	108	90	81	X	39
W6SC	209	190	-	-	X	X
W6SQ	72	60	-	-	-	20
W6SR	185	169	-	-	X	X
W6TI	200	195	-	-	X	X
W6TT	223	217	142	133	X/P	X
W6UPV	-	-	76	76	-	31
W6UYX	135	115	132	114	X/P	37
W6UZX	183	171	128	120	X/P	X
W6VE	207	191	-	-	X	X
W6WB	215	188	90	50	X	X
W6WP	76	60	-	-	-	-
W6WJX	140	130	69	60	X	40
W6ZCY	213	199	-	-	X	X
W6ZUI	157	143	-	-	X	39
W7HXG	134	113	34	26	X	39
G5LI	208	190	-	-	X	40

Please correct at next meeting

Totals		
DXCC	42 (CW)	8 (Phone)
WAZ	28	
Members	53	