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Here we are again with another issue of the DX'er, we had a little more news this issue due to DX conditions improving during the month of May. Also what do you fellows think of the idea of printing letters that members receive from DX stations as we did in this issue, I like the idea as it helps fill up the DX'er with some interesting material. Also hereafter we are going to use the DX'er to introduce new members as we did in this issue. The picture of W6MVQ's layout was made from the colored slide that W6PB made last year. The day after we received the pictures from the photo shop, W6MVQ phoned that he had a new picture of the set up for us, he was just too late but we wish to thank Rich for his efforts and if we had known in time we would have certainly waited for it. W6NZ has suggested that a good way to get pictures for the DX'er would be to require that new club members file a negative of their layout with their application for membership, this idea could be a good one.

At the next club meeting, June 12th, election of officers will be held. This could mean that there may be a new editor for the DX'er next issue as the editor is appointed by the President. W6ATO appointed me to the job when he was President and W6SR was kind enough to leave me in when he took over. Between now and meeting night, start thinking about who you want for officers for the next term of office, one thing our club is blessed with is good officer material.

Now that we have hit the quiet period between DX contests and the Sweepstakes how about another club contest, say a 21 Mc. contest to create some interest in our newest band. (I wonder when Electric Supply is going to get in those 21 Mc. bandspread coils for my HRO)?

The June meeting will again be at the Villa de la Paix but we are not sure where the Villa will be as they may have moved it by then, it will be on the same street but maybe a couple of blocks East of the old location. W6KEK will probably have the dope on it when he sends out meeting notices.

Don't forget about the Pacific Division A.R.R.L. Convention to be held in San Francisco over the Fourth of July week end, W6ATO will have details and will report on them at the meeting. We hope that they will include a DX meeting in the program.

It was certainly a please having PKLDA at our last meeting and we wish to thank W6UZX for bringing him. He proved to be a very FB guy and what he had to say was interesting. It will be a happy day when we can QSO PK's again.

So far we havn't a picture for the next DX'er so if anyone has one handy please let us know. If we are unable to secure one we will have one made from a slide like we did this issue.

This first letter is addressed to the club and was sent to W6GPB to forward with a QSL also for the club:

Little Bay Sydney
May 9th 1952

Northern California DX Club, Inc.
Hi Gang,

Just a short note to thank all of you that had a QSO with me during my stay on Macquarie island. Was very pleased to contact you all and have just finished making out QSL's for all my contacts. At least for all the cards that I have received. There is still some 800 cards due if everyone that contacted me wants a card. Have all the W6 cards made out, and sent the ones with coupons direct and the rest will go via the bureau. My fiancée did a very good job holding the cards for me during my stay on the island. I am sorry that I could not send you all cards as soon as I or my fiancée received them. We had no mail to or from the island during our twelve months stay there. I did not know what cards the YL of mine had received. Any how I have had them printed and the result is enclosed. Its just a plain card nothing elaborate. Am now VK2EG so am looking forward to seeing all of you very soon. There are three hams on Macquarie Island at the moment, namely VK1RG, ex VK5RG (send his cards to the home QTH), then there are VK1EM (Eric Macklin) & VK1RR (Roy Arnell) Send their cards via the bureau. Sorry VK1RG's name is Rob Gurr.

Well nothing else at the moment so 73's and best DX to all the members of the club.

Bill VK1BS

Little Bay Sydney,
May 8th 1952.

Horace W6TI,

See from your card that you are the QSL manager for the W6 Dist. so decided to drop your QSL card direct with a few explanatns for the W6 boys.

Have only been back from Macquarie a few weeks and at the moment am in the midst of answering all the cards that I have received. Surprisingly enough out of the 1100 different stations I worked I have only received some 400 cards. Hope the boys that require them will send their cards along and will QSL one hundred percent. I guess any of the boys that really need a VK1 card will have their cards in by now. I am sending most of the W cards through the bureau as the expense of sending them direct would be enormous. I contacted 85 W6 stations, out of which 35 have QSL'd. Nearly 50% so that isn't too bad. Hi. Contacted over 400 W stns alone and only 128 QSL cards from W land, so far. Guess a few more will roll in soon. Have had plenty printed so as to cover everyone QSL-ing 100%.

Hope the boys haven't thought that they were not going to get a VK1 card because I believe a few of the Hams on Macquarie Island and Heard Island haven't sent out QSL cards. I could name a few myself. The reason for the delay on my QSL cards Horace, is the whole of the twelve month stay on Macquarie Island we did not have any mail in or out thus no chance of sending QSL cards altho I myself had mine printed beforehand.

Would be very interested in becoming a member of the California DX - Club or the Hollywood club there Horace. (Maybe I mite get a complementary membership HI).

Would like to thank the W boys for their patience with contacting me. At times it was really ruff trying to sort the W stations calling me. Perhaps it would have been a bit better to call a rare station Just off freq Horace.

Well thanks for FB QSO and hope to hear from you again Horace. Lets know if anything I can do for you. The amateurs there on Macquarie Island this term are VK1RG Rob Gurr, send his cards to VK5RG, VK1EM Eric Macklin, send his via bureau Melbourne, and also VK1RR, Roy Arnell send his via bureau too.

73's and all best Horace

Bill Storer

ex VK1BS (now VK2EG)

FB8BB
15-3-52

Dear Friend W6TI

Now, I have my printed QSL's cards, and I will QSL, because this cards are very dear and I am not rich, not much money in my house hi! and xyl is the treasurer. She say: Radio is well, good interesting, but the meat and the bread are also necessary for the live: Hi Hi! I send directly by air mail if coupons (3 by air) and 1 by see. I am not collector of coupons hi! Since beginning I have allways QSP QSL if coupons (100/100) now, the condx are not well between us, I hope again QSO many W. QSP all friendships to the W6 OM's from FB8BB, and also pardon me, excuse for the delay QSL. Sorry for me bad English. Best 73 for you, dear friend, and I hope to meet U agn.

Cheerio

Mac

The above was received by W6TI, we should appoint him our International Co-responent, or delegate at large.

The following letter is from our Oregon member W7HXG and being it is for the whole gang we will include it with our letters, it is a couple of months old but will give us an idea of how condx are up there. Lee also included a couple of pictures of his antenna farm and I will bring them to the meeting so the gang can see them:

Portland, Ore.
April 10, 1952

Dear Gang:

Just a few lines along with my check for my 1952 dues. We are still talking up here about the lousy conditions during the ARRL dx contest. I enjoyed it because I worked 6 new ones. My claimed score for the contest is 69,642 points with 219 QSO's and a multiplier of 106.

You can change my totals to 150 c worked and 120 confirmed. Have 40 z worked but need 3 cards. On fone it's 42 wkcd and 35 cfmd.

Am in process of rebuilding. Have pair of 450TH's now plus 3 kw power supply. Hi!. Also am going to replace my 2 el. phased beam with a 3 or 4 element yagi. (Always looking for something better). Enclosed are pictures of a few of my antennas. When I get rig finished will send a picture of the station.

The 20 meter band has been fair during past week or so. Wkcd VS7 this a.m., and FQ8 other p.m. and an AG2 yesterday a.m., plus lots other Europe and Africa stuff.

Sure would like to see you boys some day soon. Maybe can do this summer.

73 es dx,

Lee Bates W7HXG

P.S. Sure enjoyed "Do you Remember way back when". (note W6PB)

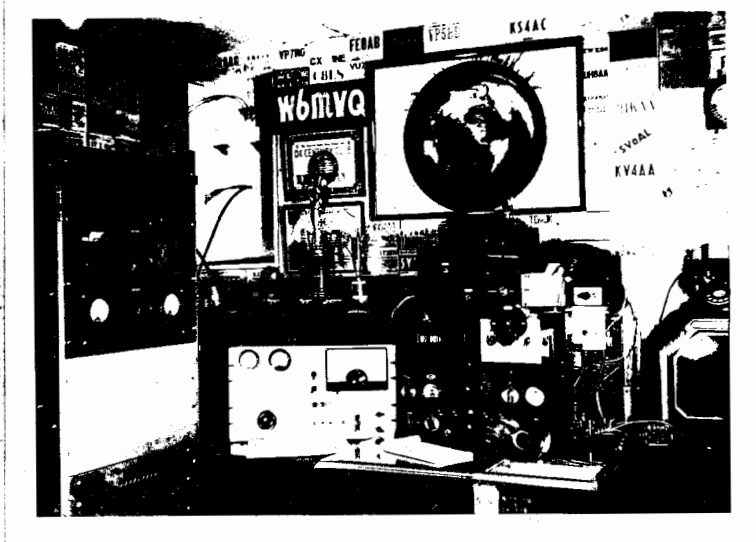
The West Gulf DX Gang had a meeting at Shreveport, La., on April 26, at which time they organized the "West Gulf DX Club". W5KUC was elected President, W5CEW Vice Pres., W5UCQ (xyl of W5KUC) Secretary, W5FXN Treasurer, and W5ENE, W5EGK, W5ASG, W5MIS, and W5KC members of the Policy Committee. The President and Vice Pres. are also members of the Policy Committee, the President being chairman. The Policy Committee will meet to form a constitution and by-laws to be voted on by the club.

The West Gulf DX Club will be in charge of the program for a DX get together at the West Gulf Convtn. June 28

Joe, W6GPB SENT IN the following: Sat. May 10 Joe worked EK1FM 2125DST he also heard our Pres. W6SR work ZB2A and EK1FM. this was on 14 Mc. Joe also received a card from VK1BS but Bill hit the wrong key on the mill and made it out to W8GPB.

W6GPB's score for the DX contest was received too late for the last issue of the DX'er, he operated on 10, 11, and 20, had 111 contacts with a mult. of 57 for 18,981 points.

W6ATO's phone score was also too late for the DX'er so here it is: 1,395 pts.



W6MVQ Rich J. Lawton, 25528 Valley View Dr., Hayward, Calif.

Here we have a picture of the FB set up of W6MVQ, Rich has 212 countries confirmed and besides being a good DX man, he is one of the outstanding contest men in the area. Here is a description of the station in Rich's own words:

The exciter is patterned after the Gold Plated Special. It is band switched and gang tuned, using VR tube keying and receiver audio gating with a built-in keying monitor. Miniature tubes are used exclusively, except for the power supply and 257B driver stage. A refinement to frequency spotting is a volume control on the exciter panel for varying strength of spotting sig when scooting around in the pile-ups. This trick proved to be a great help in contests. Also a valuable operating aid incorporated with the exciter is a foot switch for VFO spotting. Exciter ends up with a 257B which is automatically keyed in the screen circuit by means of grid excitation operating a clamper tube, with a VR 105 in series with screen. Pp 250TH's in the final run at 1 KW on all bands. A unique bias supply uses a pair of 807s as a grid bias resistor for the 250TH's, the amount of bias being adjustable from a potentiometer and high resistance bleeder across a small power pack. Also unique is the HV power supply for the final, which is really 2 separate power supplies with the outputs in series and operates thru a common filter system. The receiver is a 1936 model of National NC101X with a completely modified RF section, using miniature tubes and components. A home-built converter, used on 10 meters, sits on the receiver along side the 1000 kc freq standard with 100 kc multi-vibrator. An FL8 audio filter is used on phone position only. Antennas in use are 5 in number. On 80 a half wave Zepp is used, with separate tank circuits band switched for 80 and 40. Two ground planes are used on 40 and are arranged for in-phase, out-of-phase, or one only as per description in February 1952 CQ Magazine. Rotaries are used on 20 and 10 both fed with 450 ohm line, having a quarter wave section of 75 ohm twinlead as match for 20, and using a yoke match for 10. Rotating mechanism is homemade, and has an automatic delay circuit (7 seconds) for selsyn power, so as to indicate where beam is pointed after power is shut off and beam coasts to a stop. The location is in the suburbs of Hayward, on a plateau at the southeast corner of Castro Valley. Elevation is 370 feet. None of the surrounding hills in the area is higher than 5 degrees. Living at the end of a blind street helps to keep auto ignition to a minimum while the small hills in the locality tend to attenuate the ground wave from locals. While the ground conduction is probably not good, the advantage of a low noise level and freedom from man-made noise helps in digging for those real weak ones.

This description of W6MVQ's outstanding station is the most complete that we have had, and is a good pattern to use when sending in a description of yours'.

The following few newsy items were given us by W6TI:

Some of the Gang knocked over EA9DC on Ifni, and his next stop will be Rio De Oro. Send all cards to his home QTH, EA8AW which is OK in the Call Book.

Jean, AR8AB in Lebanon is now signing OD5AB. Some of the boys got taken on this one (I wonder who - Ed.) not knowing what country it was until contact had been made.

ZC2MAC on Cocos Island has given a few of the club members a new country. He is G3CRY and QSLs can be sent to his home QTH, or via RSCB, or WIA, or his present QTH: T.J. McCannachie, Cocos - Island, c/o Postmaster, Melbourne, Aus.

W6TI recently received his 200 country confirmed sticker from A.R.R.L.

W6LMY has been on the air in several countries of late so better keep an eye (I think Horace means an ear) open for him.

Nice to have the European openings once again at night. During May it sounded like old times.

W6TT and W6DUB recently returned from the Chicago Radio Show. (I wonder if they had a display like they do at Fresno each year).

W6AM is now in Europe, who knows maybe Don will end up in a new country before he gets back. Although this is supposed to be strictly a pleasure trip with Mrs. Wallace we can't see how Don is going to stay off the air on his whole trip.

The following was received by Horace directly from D.A.R.C.
Please Notice for your info German - Authorities have issued all DL calls to German Nationals. DL1, 3, 6, 7 Berlin including DL9ZZ. Reserved for Allied - forces are DL2, 4, 5. Not in official use DL8. This was sent by DL1BA.

Ed W6IDD heard PJ2CC (14017 T8) QSO W6GTI and W6DYP. He sed it was his first night on with his new license. QTH: 22 Piscaderaweg, Willemstad, Curacao.

FOR SALE: By W6IDD:
New VM-4 Modulation Transformer.
Gonset 10-11 Converter & Limiter.

Don, W6AM tells us of talking with W6MMC who is planning a trip around the world in September on freighters. He is taking two 40 watt transmitters and one receiver, covering 10, 11, 15, 20, 40, and 80 meters. Very little CW will be used, mostly phone. A variety of power supplies and adjust-avolts (this is a new one to me) are being taken along. He plans to visit Goa (CR8), Damo (CR8) Chandernagore (FN8), Pondechery (FN8) and will QSO hams from these and other odd places. Last trip he was at French Somiland (FL8) but his power supplies were then inadequate for the 40 cycle 40 volt current there.

W6AM thinks it should be OK to work J's since the peace treaty is now in effect. So far we have not heard of anything official on this.

Don and Mrs. Wallace plan to arrive in Scotland May 24. They plan to visit Scotland, England, France, Spain, Monaco, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Sweden, and Denmark. Don is taking his European cards with him and will visit hams when not too busy sight seeing.

W6AM wants to know if anyone knows where to send a card to ZAIAB.

We have three new members in the Noerthern California DX Club and at this time we would like to introduce you to:
O.P. Taylor, W6BAX (who hasn't heard this guy?). "O.P." lives in San Carlos and is an Engineer with Eimac. He is WAZ #127 and DXCC #353 and has 190 confirmed. Also from down that way we have John E. Stewart, W6GTI who is an Electrical Engineer and lives at Belmont. He has 150 confirmed. Our third new member is George G. Enos, W6CZQ who is located in El Cerrito and has 112 confirmed.

I guess the W's arn't the only CQ hounds, one of the West Gulf boys hrd PY4AZG call CQ 78 times, then CQ DEL 62 times and then sign his call only twice. 140 CQ's in a row. hi.

We thank the West Gulf Bulletin for this VP8 breakdown:
Falkland I. S. Georgia S. Shetland
VP8AI, AS, AQ VP8AR, AD, AT VP8AO, AC, AK
South Orkney VP8AP & AE.

SCOOP! SCOOP!

The Russians do it again !!!!!

Always being first in most all inventions (so claimed), we are in receipt of the latest of all Russian developments and are happy to present the information here for the first time.

Ivan Awfulitch, ex- UALPDQ lays claim to the very latest in T.V. sets. Guaranteed to be absolutely proof gains't all forms of interference both from commercial and Amateur forms of interference this set is indeed revolutionary. Uses no tubes, knobs or dials of any kind. There is no T.V. picture tube to burn out. In fact it is the utmost in simplicity.

Ivan thought this one up while reading his copy of Cue-S-Teeovitch (Which Hartford copied and came out several years later under the title of QST). The idea struck Ivan almost as hard as W6BAX's signal was hitting his speaker at the time. Opie was QRP just then too.

Heres what it is. Just a large mirror set in a cabinet. Either the round or square type, (depending on whether or not you like the round or square picture). By looking at yourself and making appropriate faces, Ivan claims you can be amused for hours on end. Already in planned production are 30, 40, 50 and even an 80 inch screen. Ivan modestly claims this will really throw the TV business in a turmoil and should throw many of the capitalistic manufacturers in a tizzy. This of course includes all the various wholesale outlets such as our friends at E. Supply. If true it looks like Elvin and Mario will be dumping all present TV sets for \$1.59 each in the mad rush to clear their stocks before the new sets hit the market.

Slightly off the subject of wireless (oops) we mean radio or DX is the tale of W6BUY. Seems his young daughter brought home, of all things, a couple of baby Hawks which reposed in Jack's radio shack. Main reason for Pop Holmes blowing his cork was the

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Two pounds of hamburger the fool birds ate up. We forgot to ask Jack whatinell ever happened to the birds as when we were there visiting, there was no evidence of any birds around. Come to think of it, wonder just what was in those chicken sandwiches we were served that day?

From all reports, DX has been a little better, with night openings to Europe and the gang reporting contacts with IFWI, Cocos etc. Things are looking up.

W6RRG has completed his new basement shack and is about ready to move in and open up for business again.

W6ZUI 3 element beam now seems to satisfy Don, and it looks like the No-Ox kid is really happy with the reports that having been forth coming.

Now that summer is here most of the gang will be very busily engaged in working on the rigs in the basement workshop. Comes the first sign of rain when summer is all over, and then the work will start on the antennas. Why is this always so?

From what we can gather, some of the new proposals for usage of the Ham bands are a little short of ridiculous.....It should create plenty of chaos but mebbe thats what the FCC wants????

Only bad feature of this DX as a hobby as compared to stamp collecting is you cannot very well use traders. We would very much like to trade an AC4 card for someone with an extra VS9 or VS5 card.

This just about finishes this page I promised Charlie, so don't blame him for all this nonsense.
.....W6PB.....

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

CALL	WORKED (CW)	CONFIRMED	WORKED (PHONE)	CONFIRMED	DXCC	WAZ
W6AM	235	234	180	180	X/P	X
W6AED	-	-	123	120	X/P	37
W6AJF		(Honorary Member)				
W6ATO	163	153	47	41	X	X
W6BAX	212	190	-	-	X	X
W6BUY	163	145	-	-	X	X
W6CEM	166	150	-	-	X	X
W6CIS	189	161	-	-	X	X
W6CTL	179	168	-	-	X	40
W6CZQ	128	112	-	-	X	39
W6DUB	142	140	-	-	X	X
W6DYP	232	178	-	-	X	X
W6DZZ	226	223	-	-	X	X
W6EJA	108	98	-	-	-	37
W6GIZ	120	101	-	-	X	38
W6GPB	155	144	35	35	X	40
W6GTI	175	150	-	-	X	38
W6IDY	-	-	142	90	-	-
W6IKQ	-	-	155	148	X/P	36
W6ITH	-	-	115	115	X/P	36
W6JK	172	162	-	-	X	X
W6KEK	157	133	-	-	X	40
W6KEV	190	156	-	-	X	X
W6LW	165	133	-	-	X	-
W6LDD	180	165	45	25	X	X
W6LMZ	162	136	-	-	X	37
W6MEK	237	226	-	-	X	X
W6MHB	175	166	-	-	X	X
W6MUF	137	113	-	-	X	40
W6MVQ	228	212	-	-	X	X
W6MX	228	222	-	-	X	X
W6NIG	154	133	131	127	X/P	38
W6NZ	145	130	-	-	X	39
W6OMC	203	199	-	-	X	X
W6PB	217	206	-	-	X	X
W6PYH	154	126	81	59	-	-
W6QDE	146	123	-	-	X	38
W6RBQ	203	191	-	-	X	X
W6RCC	131	112	-	-	X	40
W6RRG	129	112	91	83	X	39
W6SC	209	190	-	-	X	X
W6SR	186	170	-	-	X	X
W6TI	209	201	-	-	X	X
W6TT	227	221	142	133	X/P	X
W6UPV	-	-	76	76	-	31
W6UYX	151	115	140	130	X/P	37
W6UZX	187	171	128	120	X/P	X
W6VE	211	200	-	-	X	X
W6WB	218	188	90	50	X	X
W6WP	76	60	-	-	-	-
W6WJX	140	130	69	60	X	40
W6ZCY	213	199	-	-	X	X
W6ZUI	161	154	-	-	X	39
W7HXG	150	120	42	35	X	40
G5LI	208	190	-	-	X	40

Please correct at next meeting

Totals		
DXCC	47 (CW)	8 (Phone)
WAZ	28	
Members	55	