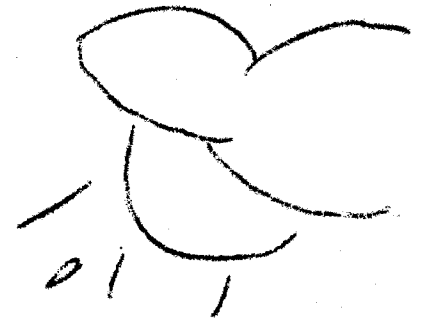


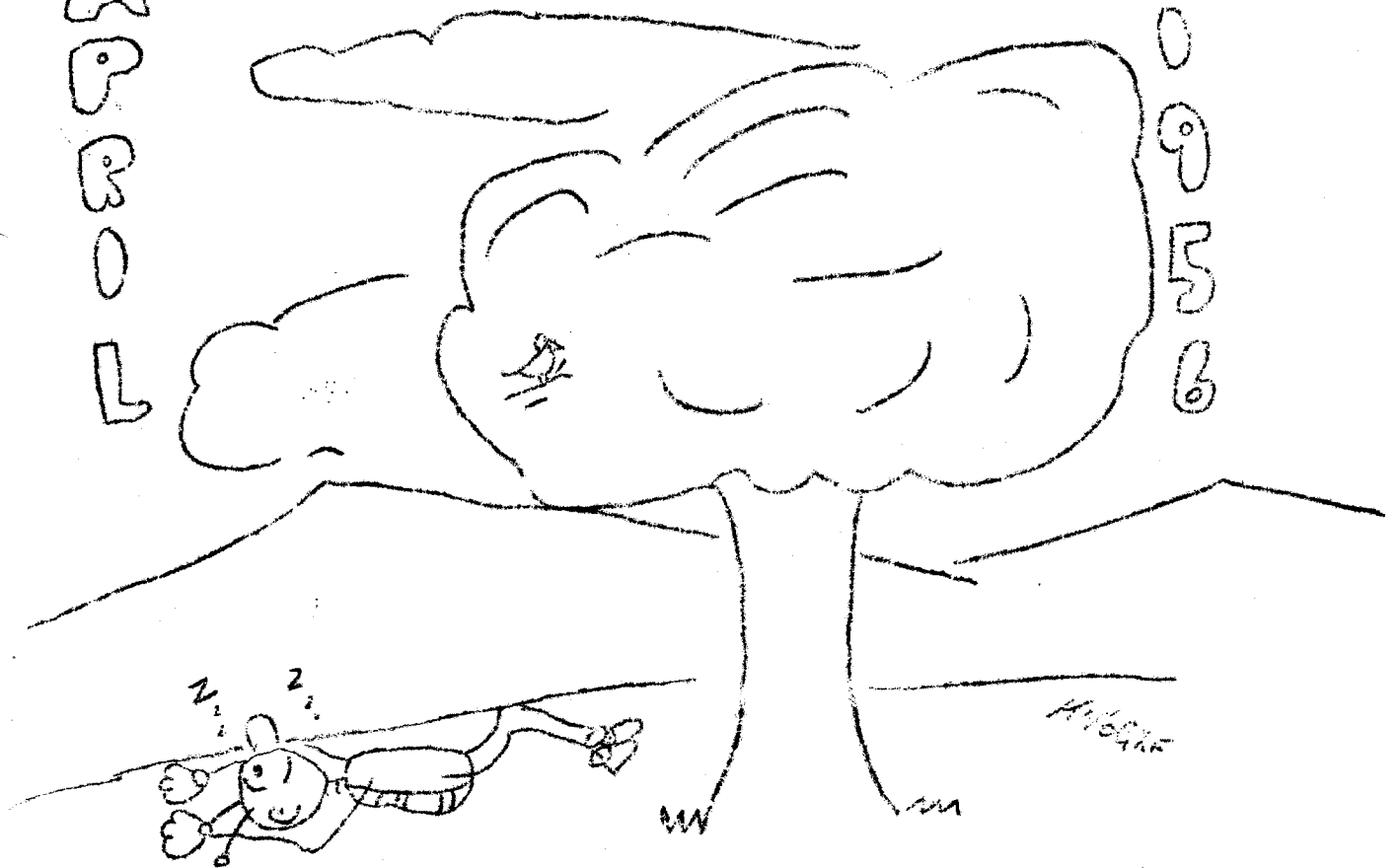
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From all indications the 1956 ARRL DX Contest will reveal a lot of precedent shattering scores. A few scattered reports from some of the big guns on the coast indicate a number of scores approaching 500,000 points.

Conditions in general appear to be nothing short of colossal. Anyone who has been on the air at all is all but certain to come up with a few new ones these days. 21 mc is really coming in as an Al DX band, and many good DX stations have been found lurking there. 28 mc. is also showing signs of coming into its own again. A number of Europeans and Africans were worked by the local lads in the contest on this band.

Our membership committeeman and general minister of good-will, BYB, is doing a very outstanding job of interesting Northern California DX'ers in club membership. It looks like the gang down around Delano, (a very active group) is very much interested and doubtless will be among us soon. John tells me they are also interested in the DX'er, even to the extent of desiring to submit items for same. This is joyful news indeed to a distressed editor.

All in all, it looks like a banner year ahead for DX in general and the NCDXC in particular. The rules have been amended in such fashion as to allow all DX'ers in Northern California to become members, the 2 mtr. rigs are all but finished (much to the relief of KEK), and the 1957 Fresno convention is in the making. Maybe we will now have the inclination to (1) get some of our good members whom we haven't seen for lo these many years to show up once in a while, (2) find someplace to meet other than the Hotel Greasy Spoon, (3) get a volunteer for a new editor (CTL is a gettin' mighty weary), and (4) get our own TVI Committee going.

We understand that Ray Brennan (UPV) is now home from the hospital and feeling much better, thank you. It would be indeed nice if each of us took the time to pay Ray a visit (even via land line.)

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CTL

Following are the known scores in the recent ARRL DX Contest:

W6ITA	574 Stns.	257 Multi.	(operated by W6IBD/K2EDL)
W6GAL/7	594	275	
W9IOP	600	280	
W6AM	637	307	
W4CEN	551	327	cont.

Scores, cont

Club Members

W6VIB	407	195	
W6TI	146	73	14 mc. only
W6LDD	438	194	
W6ATO	293	141	
W6RCC	255	107	
W6KEV	406	213	
W6IDY			139,860 total points
W6PYH	448	214	
W6BAX	340	122	14 mc. only
W6TT	559	252	
W6FOZ	452	203	
W6EJA	59	32	
W6CTL	78	39	14 mc only
W6KEK	202	105	

Don't know SR's score, but he beat out his arch rival, ATO.

FOR SALE

By ATO:

New Thremidor rectifier filament transformers still wrapped. Primary 215-220-225 volts, TWO separate secondaries EACH 2.5 volts CT @ 10 amps, 7500 volts insulation. Light gray steel drawn case with threaded mounting holes on terminal end. Size about 5X5X7. Spare parts for Techrad transmitter. Runs four 866A tubes, one pair for RF and one pair for Mod. supplies, or if secondaries wired in series will run one 872A. Price each \$3.75 FOB NCDX Club, or three for \$10. RCA broadcast station ribbon mike with four pickup pattern adjustment, with desk stand, 25 foot HD cord, Shure cable transformer low to high impedance, just completely overhauled by RCA at cost of \$25. including new ribbon. Guaranteed. Price \$40 or trade for what good stuff have you? This is the Variacoustic model and sells net for \$125.

By W6HNX (via RRG)

14 MC rotary beam, with rotator, 15 foot wooden tower, beam indicator, switches, coaxial cable, control cable, ready to go. Price \$50.00
 Also have aluminum tubing for a 4 element 14mc beam for sale. Cost \$40.00 new, will sell for \$25.00
 Also a spare prop-pitch motor for sale :\$20.00.

For info, call W6RRG, Vallejo 8-0280

WANTED BY W6CTL: Collins PTO (70E-20 preferred)

ATO says he has not yet received the information necessary to compile the instruction manuals for the 2 mtr. rigs, but will get them out as soon as he does.

W6BYB

John finally got 100 confirmations for A3 QSOs and has sent 'em in for DXCC phone. He says he has been too busy to get back on the air from his new SF QTH, but expects to be back on soon. (Judging by his report on the membership committee, he hasn't been staying home very much lately - Ed.)

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W6AM

Don is really breathing down Charlie's neck (1FH) in the race for top honors in DX listings. As of 3/22, he was 262W and 261 Conf. He says he worked EA9DF (Rio de Oro) one way phone on 3/22. Don says the EA9 was S9 from 4PM to 6 PM PST. The EA told him he was going to Ifni this summer. Latest confirmations at 6AM are FB8BR/FB, FB8XX, and FS7RT. Don wants to know when ITH is going back to PJ2MA???

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W6RRG

Don got a letter from Seth (HNK) in which he says his QTH is c/o RCA, M.T.P., Grand Turks Is., Patric AFB, Cocoa, Fla. Don sent him his "Ranger" and he is arranging for a 75A4. The call will be VP5SH (on A3 only, most likely). It appears that the licensing agency there is the Jamaica Gov't. and they assign calls according to a persons initials.

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W6TI

Horace says to QSL UC2AA via DL7AA. Seems as though he (and several others) had a good solid, legit QSO with the UC. TI also says that AC5PM is poking thru on occasion on 14092 and 14060 both long and short path according to time of day. The AC5 runs very low power and apparently is heard in these parts by only a fortunate few.

Horace says it is very important (for obvious reasons) that QSLs to YALAI go to him ONLY via ARRL c/o Bob White. It seems as though there is a guy signing UPOL5 who says he is in Franz Joseph Land. Also it is rumored that a move is afoot to break Antarctica up into several countries representing those who claim holdings there. VKLB (Br. Phoenix Is.) is on each day (early eve PST) He is scheduled to remain there a couple of weeks, thence to VL~~6~~, ZN7, CR10, etc.

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W6KEK

As of 4/1/56, Frank has worked eleven (11) new ones this past month.

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W6DIX

The replacements for the beams lost in the late storm are up in the form of Telrex arrays. "KD" is delighted with their performance, and has added new districts in OH, OZ, etc. toward new certificates.



WVDC



Like to see who is responsible for those lusty W7 sigs we hear down here? Well, pictured above are some of the members of the Willamette Valley DX Club Inc. (Photo via 7HXG):

	A1/A3/W/Conf	Zones	A3	
W7FB	142/132	37	60/41	
W7LVH	64/55	21		
W7QON	64/40	19		
W7PB	64/47	27		
W7ENW	197/184	WAZ		
W7GJ			43/41	31Z
W7DJY	106/74	29		
W7AC	177/168	39		
W7HXG	227/213	WAZ	156/139	35Z
W7GBW	213/203	WAZ	44/32	

There are about eight more members who did not manage to be on hand when the photo was taken.

The NCDXC feels it is close to the Willamette Valley boys, not only because it is so geographically, but because one of our former (now associate) members, W7HXG is one of the cogs in the wheel up there.

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Willamette Valley DXC. cont.

This club is a very young one and from our point of view, rather unique since it started right off from the beginning a full fledged club complete with DX Bulletin etc.

The WVDXC Bulletin promises to be one which does justice to the DX fraternity. Vol 1, No. 2 carries a good editorial (by 7AC) lambasting the "Hog trough" type stuff with suggestions as to how the DX itself might overcome this kind of chaotic goings on. Also in this edition is the following info via W7GBW:

Islas Orcadas del Sur (Orkney's): LULZA, LU2ZM, LU3ZM, LULZM;
Bahia Luna: LULZS, LU3ZS, LU5ZS, LU6ZS, LU4ZS;
Archipelago Melchior: LULZB, LULZH, LU9ZB, LU3ZH, LU8ZB;
Punta Proa: LULZE, LU5ZE, LU7ZK, LU4ZE
Bahia Esperanze: LULZF, LU7ZF, LU8ZF, LU9ZF;
Islas Shetland del Sur: LULZC, LULZI, LU3ZI, LU4ZI, LU5ZI, LU6ZI.

Keep up the FB work WVDXC, and how about seeing some of you guys in Fresno next January? We want to find out first hand if we pour in as loud there as you do here - -

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W6GPB

Joe ran into a snag when using his 2 mtr. rig on the club freq. Seems as though it was tripping the 155.657 Marin County point to point receiver, so Joe was really getting out, too well in fact. Moving his freq a few KC did the trick, but now Joe wonders what about the club net freq. Also the failure of a leaky Xformer in his area has solved a major source of San Rafael QRM.

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QTHs

VR1B	(Br. Phoenix) via KV4AA
YALAM	VIA ARRL ONLY
UC2AA	Via DL7AA
FB8BX	Box 587, Tanarive
FQ8AY	A. Hangard, Box 538, Brazzaville, F.E.A.
HISFR	Martinez, Estacion de Radio Aficionado de la Faria, de la Paz, Trujillo, Dominican Republic.
YS1VJ	Gorge - 29 C.O. Villa Sonia, San Salvador, El Salvador.

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From WGDXC - DX Bulletin

Via W8UAS: F08AB says YJ1DL has arrived in F08 for a one month stay.

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JDXRC (no 81 & 82)

Takeo (JALCR) says the 5 mtr QSO between JALAES and VK4MG has been confirmed by QSL. LAHS was running 14 W to a 2E26 into a 20 mtr. doublet. The new officers
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JDXRC cont.

of JDXRC are JALCR, President; JALAB, Vice Pres & printer; JALEF, Award, (WJDXRC), manager and predictor, and JALCJ, Director.

Amended QTHs of Club members:

W6HMX C/O RCA, M.T.R., Grand Turks Is., Partick AFB, Cocoa, Fla.
 W6IDY 106 Morello Rd., Martinez
 W6FOZ Box 686, Soledad
 W6MHB 441 Boynton St., Berkeley (Parents QTH)

From PZ1BS

Paramaribo - 4/3/56

Dear Bill

Sri for being so late with my QSL and letter. I had had it too busy those past weeks es do hope you'll excuse me.

Thanks for the subscription to the DX'er es we, PZ1LL, PZ1LM es me, enjoyed the content vy much - we had a discussion you boys there hear so many strange calls, so as 5A, OD5, etc.es to tell you the truth I never heard one of this calls here.

As we here, PZ1LL, LM es me, work xtal controlled xmtrs, we have not much interest in what happen on other freqs than ours. We all have one xtal for those little things are not so easy to get here and we have to order them from USA, now we waiting for some more and I'll have a VFO soon.

To begin - we or I cannot talk too much about how's DX here. Low power xmtr used antenna system and my poor receiver makes it uneasy to operate PZ1BS, hi. It's OK with the rig, but if u saw my rx, u certainly wondering, hey, it's this you're working on - it's a broadcast receiver, just a little bit bigger than the normal FM radios in the States. It's a General Electric type GE X150 - 5 tubes -

I built a bfo for it, tuning vy small - es QRM vy bad - when the 500 Or 1000 W fellows are on the freq - hi - or just 3-5 kcs lower or higher. Now and then we hear good sigs from Europe, but the JA - KG6 - DU - G - Asia sigs we hardly could hear here - hi. Luck, once I worked a VU2 es a VS6, but gess conds were 100% tt day. Anyhow I an still on the air so tt means it is not too bad - hi. Since October 1956 (first) till now I worked 86 countries. The best are XW8AB, VS6CG, VS1GX, VR2BZ, F08AM, VK9s African - CR7ZU - VQ4AQ- ZE5 - Europe - LA5QC in Narvik - 4X4 and VE8. But of the 86 - abt 60 now confirmed. O, Yes, you'll say if I am 100% on my QSL - yes of course OM maybe a bit late - but always.

PZ1LL is now QRT - for he had some trouble with his rig and PZ1LM has a 10 W rig but dng fb. PZ1RM, our fone man, operates 15 mtrs, is one of the old gang and he worked abt 115/98 - we just got a new commer PZ1PA - with 60W. But I may say I am the only one who work every day, hi. I'm working 40 - 20 - 15 - 10 - and soon I'll try 80 mtrs too. If I will have a bigger rig - about operating on the band, I always have trouble with the Americans hi - you see OM, I worked abt 1500 W/K stations and sure I should have real DX work some time. So if I give a CQ call, always add CQ Africa or Europe of VK, this only for no letting Ws calling me. Now and then I worked W - but you boys are too many - so every W like

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PZ1BS cont.

to QSO me.

Gess this is all - you see not much abt real DX Hope when I have better rx and vfo operating I will join your DXer DX column too. so 73 to all of the W6 gang and hope meet agn soon.

Best of luck - cheerio

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HEARD CALLED WORKED

				W6KEK		
	(approx)					
YI2AM	14.000	1600GMT	3/7	A1	C	All AM Eu & Af QSOs long path,
YO3NA	14.090	1620	"	"	C	PM short path.
LZ1VK	090	1625	"	"	C	
LZ1KVZ	050	1645	"	"	C	
YULKV	085	1540	3/11	"	W	
LZ2KAC	010	1610	"	"	C	
FB8ZZ	010	1605	"	"	W	
YV2HO	090	1621	"	"	W	
HI8FR	080	0200	3/12	"	C	
YU3FS	050	0555	3/16	"	C	
ZC4BX	107	1525	"	"	C	
ZD4CC	050	1545	"	"	H	
LZ2KSK	040	0540	3/19	"	C	
CT1DJ	28150	2155	3/15	"	C	
FB8BX	14080	1540	3/20	"	W	
YI2AM	085	0625	3/21	"	W	
VP8BL	21.040	1630	"	"	C	
VQ5CC	14.??	1535	3/27	"	W	
UC2AA	015	0620	3/28	"	W	
VR1B	080	0559	3/30	"	W	

W6DZZ

VQ8CB	14079	1530	2/29	A1	W	Beam 345°
FB8BR	009	1537	3/5	"	W	
HI8FR	114	0130	3/7	"	W	
FB8BX	067	1545	"	"	H	
VQ4BRM	13999	0045	3/9	"	C	
FB8ZZ	14029	1624	3/10	"	H	
FQ8AY	078	0748	3/11	"	H	
YI2AM	011	1519	"	"	H	
MP4QAL	015	1615	"	"	H	
MP4BAU	020	1537	3/12	"	H	
FB8BP	030	1340	3/17	"	H	
FB8ZZ	030	1345	"	"	W	
FB8BX	037	1418	"	"	W	
VQ6LQ	035	1427	"	"	W	
VK1GA	099	1510	"	"	H	
ZC4BX	115	1536	"	"	H	

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HEARD CALLED WORKED

W6DZZ, cont.

TG9MR	14055	0249	3/23	"	H
PZ1AP	049	0300	"	"	H
VQ5GC	060	1515	"	"	H
UI8KAA	077	1525	"	"	H

W6DIX

VK1AI	14006	0200	3/7	A1	H
HI8FR	115	0300	3/7	"	C
YI2AM	086	1500	3/8	"	H
YI2AM	092	0400	3/19	"	C

W6MX

SULIC	14035	2200	3/3	A1	H
FQ8AY	080	1600	3/5	"	W
FF8AK/VP2	040	0240	"	"	W
HI8FR	115	0200	3/6	"	H
YJ1AA	086	0600	3/7	"	H
YI2AM	088	1422	"	"	H
SULIC	025	0530	3/8	"	H
FQ8AY	080	0610	3/13	"	H
LZ2KAC	030	0600	"	"	H
MP4QAL	030	0600	"	"	H
FB8ZZ	030	1300	3/22	"	W S9, 5 am PST
VQ1EQ	080	1930	"	"	H

W6GPB

FB8BR/FB	14070	1530	2/25	A1	W LP
FB8BX	VFO	1755	2/26	"	W "
FF8AP	21265	0148	3/12	A3	W
VS2DS	14110	1618	3/15	"	W
DU7SV	160	0750	3/17	"	W
ST2NG	070	0521	3/19	A1	W
FB8ZZ	140	1600	"	A3	W LP
ZS9G	21160	1949	"	"	W
SULIC	14075	0530	3/20	A1	
OQ5RT	21075	1948	"	"	
UO5KBR	14030	0550	3/21	"	? WSEM Style
UA1KAC	020	0600	"	"	? " "
UB5UB	020	0610	"	"	? " "
ZS3S	180	1646	"	A3	LP

W6LDD

PZ1BS	14048	0550	3/2	A1	H
FK3AO	100	0600	"	"	H
FB8ZZ	008	1610	3/5	"	H
ZS3S	100	0600	3/10	A3	C
VK9DB	160	0840	3/11	"	W Papua

cont.

HEARD CALLED WORKED

W6LDD, cont.

UA3CR	14040	0545	3/12	A1	C	WSEM
UA4KNA	097	0620	"	"	C	
PZ1BS	097	0640	3/14	"	H	
ZD3A	049	0900	3/17	"	H	
CT1ID	048	0900	"	W	ex-CR9AF	
YJ1AA	111	1000	"	"	H	
LZ1KGZ	029	0340	"	"	C	
LZ1KSA	044	0345	"	"	H	
UA1XE	049	0400	"	"	C	
UA3CR	965	0040	"	"	W	
UB5UB	069	0645	"	"	C	
UA1KBB	085	0645	"	"	W	
UA1KAI	078	0700	"	"	C	
UA0KKB	075	0705	"	"	W	
UA0CE	055	0725	"	"	C	
YI2AM	091	0350	3/18	"	C	
HI8FR	084	0300	3/21	"	C	
FB8BX	055	1630	3/23	"	H	

W6DBP

VQ3JI	14068	1545	2/28	A1	H	
VQ3CF	075	1525	3/1	"	H	
FB8ZZ	070	1535	3/2	"	H	
ST2NG	015	1535	3/2	"	C	
PA0MDG	050	1540	3/9	"	W	Texel Island
OQ5QS	010	1610	"	"	W	
FB8BX	050	1500	3/10	"	W	
YJ1AA	035	1550	"	"	C	Wkg W6s
FB8ZZ	030	1720	"	"	W	
LZ1VK	032	1520	3/12	"	H	
YI2AM	055	1525	3/15	"	C	
YI2AM	100	1510	3/17	"	C	
VK1GA	100	1505	3/18	"	H	
MP4BBE	085	1525	3/19	"	W	
YI2AM	045	1500	3/21	"	W	
VQ5GC	065	1515	3/23	"	H	

DX STANDINGS OF NCDXC MEMBERS - BOTH FONE & CW

CALL	CW & FONE (W)	CONFIRMED	FONE (W)	CONFIRMED	DXCC	WAZ
W6AM	262	261	220	219	X/P	X/39P
W6ATO	176	167	58	53	X	X
K6AQP	103				X	
W6BAX	232	215			X	X
W6BUY	169	149			X	X
W6BYB	194	178	109	100	X	39/33P
W6CEM	166	150			X	X
W6CIS	195	165			X	X
W6CTL	196	183			X	X cont.

standings, cont.

CALL	CW & FONE (W)	CONFIRMED	FONE (W)	CONFIRMED	DXCC	WAZ
W6CZQ	169	151				39
W6DBP	179	163			X	39
W6DIX	130	128				
W6DUB	147	147			X	X
W6DYP	233	178			X	X
W6DZZ	254	250			X	X
W6EJA	129	114			X	38
W6FOZ	140	110			X	35
W6GIZ	194	187				40
W6GPB	221	212	85	65	X	39/25P
W6GTI	190	175			X	38
W6HMX	107	96	103	90		35
W6IDY		142	115			
W6IKQ			155	148	X/P	36
W6IPH	137	121			X	37
W6ITH	121	121	121	121	X/P	37
W6JK	188	173			X	X
W6KEK	161	152			X	40
W6KEV	196	172			X	X
W6LW	223	211			X	X
W6LDD	220	200	80	55	X	X
W6LMZ	176	152			X	39
W6MEK	257	248			X	X
W6MHB	221	213			X	X
W6MUF	154	138			X	40
W6MVQ	240	227			X	X
W6MX	259	256			X	X
W6NIG	167	152	135	134	X/P	38
W6NZ	162	148			X	X
W6OMC	203	190			X	X
W6PB	223	216			X	X
W9FJY/6PMD	141	141			X	38
W6PYH	218	198	88	76		39
W6QDE	158	144			X	39
W6RBQ	213	199			X	X
W6RCC	146	126			X	40
W6RRG	156	146	91	90	X	39
W6SC	209	190			X	X
W6SR	225	194	2		X	X/2P
W6TI	235	226			X	X
W6TT	246	245	143	140	X/P	X
W6TXL	195	180	110	83	X	39
W6UPV			76	76		31
W6UYX	158	140	140	130	X	X
W6UZX	199	185	129	121	X/P	X
W6VE	246	238			X	X
W6WB	224	210	90	50	X	X
W6WP	109	102			X	X
W6ZCY	213	199			X	X
W6ZUI	204	194			X	X
W7HXG	227	213	156	139	X/P	X/35P

"WACO - (WORK ALL CO)"
THE WORKED CUBA AWARD

The Federation of Associations of Radio Amateurs of Cuba (F.A.R.A.C.) gives a Certificate or Diploma to all foreign radio-amateurs who have worked the eight radio districts of Cuba. The SWL can apply for this certificate also. The QSO may be either in CW or in Phone and in any amateur band. Cuba has 8 radio districts but actually to the effect of this Diploma only seven QSL cards will be required because there is no active radio amateur in the CO4-CM4 district.

The applicant must send his seven QSL cards to F.A.R.A.C., Box 136, Santa Clara, Cuba. The applicant may also obtain a Certificate from the Secretary of his local radio club and thus the radio amateur operator will not need to send his QSLs. Enclosed you will find a small map of Cuba in which the eight radio districts are shown.



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|------------------------------------|---|
| 1 - Prov. of Pinar del Rio | 6 - Prov. of Las Villas |
| 2 - City of Havana | 7 - Prov. of Camaguey |
| 3 - Prov. of Havana | 8 - Prov. of Oriente |
| 4 - Isla de Pinos (not considered) | CM9 is not District - only for experimental station |
| 5 - Prov. of Matanzas | |

CO. wrk. CW and Phone in all band. (class "A")
CM. wrk. CW in all band and Phone only in 40 meters (class "B").

Send your QSL cards to: P.O. BOX 136, SANTA CLARA, CUBA.

Finally found SR's contest score -- 176,295 points..

Tact is the art of doing the right thing at the right time and in the right manner.

Each man must fashion success with his own talents and apply them to the conditions which confront him.

Silence is not always a sign of wisdom, but babbling is ever a folly. - Proverb
