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Orchids; to the Contributing Editors for making this an outstanding issue!

Onions; to the Cats Net "listeners only" who get their DX spoon-fed them by the regulars. Come on fellows, get in there and start turning over those rocks!

Orchids; to Ray Eichman for performing the laborious task of typing an up to date membership list. If you have moved recently or have a new phone or have not been getting your DXER direct, inform Ray via: BOX 608, MENLO PARK, CALIF. so your club records are accurate. A new membership list will be in next months "Bull" Don't miss out!

Onions; to LIDS who tune-up without a dummy load.

Orchids; to all the members who are going to turn in an activities sheet every month.

See you next month.

73,
Doug

Doug Murray. W6HVN

*** GUEST EDITORIAL ***

The day of the Extra and First Class license is almost upon us. Certainly incentive licensing will do its part in improving our bands and the quality of the signals contained therein. However, let us not lose sight of the fact that the purpose behind the incentive licensing proposals is to improve the radio amateur, and his "image," before the world in general and other users of the radio spectrum in particular. This is of primary importance if we are to retain our bands.

But will merely passing a 20 WPM code test and a "tough" written exam save our bands? I think not-- to think that it would lead to disaster. It will help, but operation in the public interest is the key. And how do we, as DXers, serve the public interest? Not very well, I'm afraid. Here we have the tremendous potential, with our huge beams and our kilowatts, to spread the word to the world that we really are "good guys," not "bad guys." And what do we do? We exchange RSTs rather than ideas.

I worked a 16 year old VE7 on 15 meters several weeks ago and had a nice long chat with him, with a few words of advice on how he could improve the note on his DX-60. His card came the other day with this note: "Our QSO certainly raised my opinion of W6's." The price of this good will was only half an hour of my time.

I'm not advocating a long rag chew with every DX station worked, but when the band is "dead," work a JA, VK, Z1, UAØ and find out what he does for a living, and let him know what you do (besides work DX, hi). I've worked a JA who's very interested in sports car racing, a UAØ who was surprised to learn that not every W6 runs a KW and that not every house in California has a swimming pool, and a VK school teacher who was surprised to learn that few of our high schools teach calculus.

It only takes an hour or two a week. Your country total may not go up as rapidly, but at least it will help to assure that those "countries" will be there a while longer.

When was the last time you had a QSO instead of a qso?

Doug
K6TZX

ATTENTION ALL NCDXC MEMBERS

NCDXC Members are reminded that the Annual CQ World-Wide DX Contest takes place this month and next. The Phone contest is October 22-24, while the CW fracas is November 26-28.

In the past, few NCDXC Members have participated in this contest, and only a small percentage of these have sent in their scores. As a consequence, the NCDXC annually relegates itself to a position near the bottom of the Club Standings, while the Southern Calif. boys put in a good (for them, that is) showing.

This year, things will be different! The membership has voted to enter the CQ Contest en masse, with club trophies going to the Multi-band CW and Phone winners. For members with only a single-band antenna, CQ Magazine awards certificates in the Single-Band category.

Here is your opportunity to try out that new gear or antenna on a competitive basis, in a contest that is undoubtedly one of the most enjoyable. Remember, there are no quotas to worry about on Phone or CW, and it is only a one-week-end per mode affair. Furthermore, this contest is tops in DX participation with well over 100 countries on both CW and Phone sending in their scores last year.

All NCDXC members are highly encouraged to participate in the CQ WW DX contest this year, and really make our first venture a good one. Whether you put in 48 hours or only 4 hours, be sure to submit your logs before the deadline. Don't forget to indicate on your logs that you are participating for the Northern California DX Club.

NCDXC Members attending the October Club Meeting may obtain contest log sheets, summary sheets, rules, and zone maps there. Members not able to attend may send a stamped (10¢ postage please) self-addressed envelope (business style) to

James B. Neiger
132 Carmel Way
Portola Valley
Calif. 94026

Indicate whether you want sheets for both CW and Phone, or just one mode, and also the number of log sheets desired. There are 40 QSO's per sheet. Log sheets, rules, etc. may also be obtained from CQ Magazine.

Gang - the solar cycle is on the way up - and conditions should be great this Fall. Let's all enter this contest with full steam, and rack up a good club score. CU in the pileups.

73

Jim Neiger W6BHY, W7WJB

FROM THE MEMBERS.....

This will be an attempt at a new column in the DXer --- or perhaps a new look to an old column. It will be as informative as the members allow; so everyone is encouraged to submit a summary of their DXing activities, whether they be new ones worked or new antennas erected. The editor reserves the right to "gossip" occasionally.

This month we commence with:

Hillar, WA6HRS:

Hil spent the last two weeks of September at KX6, and should be back by now. He reports that "a letter from ZD8HL indicates that the U.S. operators have cracked the Ascension licensing loop. Upon presentation of a valid U.S. license, a local call can be processed in a couple days by the island Commanding Officer." Understand Hil is still looking for a used 32S-1, 75S-1 combination so that he can get back on the air.

Al, WA6PMK:

GC2FMV	12 Sept.	1511	14016
5Z4IR	12 Sept.	1921	14050
MP4BFI	13 Sept.	1655	14099
GD3HQR	13 Sept.	1756	14066
OY2H	11 Sept.	1722	14 CW

Gene, W6PLS:

VP5GC	20 Aug.	2141	14 CW
VK9GC	19 Aug.	0350	14 CW
SVØWH	21 Sept.	1721	14248 (Heard)
4W2AA	21 Sept.	1735	14277 (Heard)

Dave, W6WX:

Mr. Baker continues in role as Radio Central of The Cats Net, reporting goodies such as:

7G1A	5 Sept.	2042	21 CW	
YA3TNC	9 Sept.	1557	14220	
FR7ZI	10 Sept.	1641	14082	
9H1R	11 Sept.	2023	21067	Malta
HV1CN	11 Sept.	2110	14284	
5VZ8CM	25 Sept.	2240	14256	Togoland

Rich, K6OHJ:

Rich is enjoying his last few months of freedom before he takes the big step in November. Understand the bride-to-be was even assisting in the repair of his prop-pitch motor. Somehow, Rich found the time to work:

VP2MN	7 Aug.	1458	14 SSB	
MP4BBL	12 Aug.	0448	14 SSB	
VK9VG	8 Sept.	1459	14 SSB	Cocos-Keeling
UP2OK	11 Sept.	1540	14 SSB	

Don, W6BVM:

"In the middle of August I lost my QTH at the Delano Airport tower. So, I'll be inactive DX-wise for sometime."

Jack, K6ERV:

CR4AJ	4 Sept.	2318	14 SSB
ET3DR	9 Sept.	1625	14 SSB
FR7ZD	10 Sept.	0411	14 SSB
OD5BZ	11 Sept.	1902	21 SSB
UP2OK	11 Sept.	1528	14 SSB

Jack reports that the conditions of Sept. 11-12 were the best heard there in several years, with 20 meters open to all parts of the world at the same time. Signals were "fantastically strong".

Bill, W6LCF:

New ones are PY2BZD/ø, CR5SP, W9WNV/8F3, and FR7ZD.

Don, W6AM:

Don sent up several informative bits of news, including his comments to the FCC regarding incentive licensing. Space unfortunately does not permit reproduction of this letter in its entirety, but the recommendations may be summarized as follows:

1. Reduce the technical requirements for the novice exam.
2. Allow Technicians some high-frequency CW bands.
3. Take nothing from the General, and increase input power to perhaps 2 KW.
4. First Class to be allowed 2 to 5 KW.
5. Extra Class to be allowed 2 to 10 KW.
6. Avoid all possible sub-bands within the amateur bands.

Jim, W6BHY:

VR4CR	21 Aug.	0828	14060	
ZD8WZ	19 Sept.	1856	21420	
5H3JR	19 Sept.	1902	21432	
KX6BQ	19 Sept.	2357	21390	Martin, WA6MFY, ex- VR30

Stan, W6JKJ:

MP4BCC	2 Sept.	1750	14 SSB
OHØNI	3 Sept.	1645	14 SSB
YA3TNC	9 Sept.	1600	14 SSB

Rick, K6VVA:

The Locust reports that he has lost interest in chasing DX, and is concentrating his talent on becoming a Rock 'n Roll singer. However, he has resumed the regular bi-Sunday W6TI DX broadcasts.

In addition to the "goodies" reported above, September has seen several DX-peditions. Many members reported QSO's with JY74, W9WNV/8F3, VQ9J, BY4SK, and KG6SZ.

73

Jim, W6BHY

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CURRENT AND CHOICE

PORTUGUESE GUINEA - CR3GF

JOSE, CR7GF WILL OPERATE FROM 28 SEPT. TO 14 OCT., 14120 KC LISTENING 14220-245. NO 15 METER OPERATION IS EXPECTED. (TNX W6UMI)

THAILAND - K7LMU/HS

DON MILLER AND CHUCK SWAIN DUE ON FROM THAILAND ABOUT 30 SEPT. POSSIBLE ZM7AJ ACTIVITY FOLLOWS, ALONG WITH OPERATION FROM MINERVA REEF, 24S 179W, AND MARIA THERESA ISLAND, 37.5S 151W. (DX-MB)

? { TRUK - KG6SZ/KC6

LLOYD AND IRIS COLVIN DUE ON FROM THIS WESTERN CAROLINES SPOT. QSL VIA YASME.

MONACO - 3AØ

BOB LANE, WA6ZIQ, HAS HAD TO POSTPONE THE 3AØ OPERATION UNTIL LATER ON IN THE SEASON. (LIDXA)

TOGOLAND - 5VZ8CM

FRANCOIS WILL OPERATE HERE FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR. HE SKEDS QSL MGR. WLYDO SATURDAYS AT 1900Z, 14346 KC. WLYDO WILL BE QRV AT 1850Z FOR STATIONS WISHING TO WORK FRANCOIS. (W6LCF)

CAMEROUN

TJ1AC QRV DAILY 14230 SSB. (ONTARIO DXA)

GUERNSY - GC8HT

GC8HT QRV SUNDAYS 1400-1500Z ON 14285 FOR W/K QSO'S. (WGDXC)

PAPUA TERRITORY

VK9WE QRV 14035-40 KC 0530-0800Z DAILY AND 1200-1300Z WEEKENDS.
W/K QSL'S VIA WA6GLD. (WGDXC)

GOUGH ISLAND

ZD9BC HAS ORDERED AND IS SOON EXPECTING SSB EQUIPMENT. (LIDXA)

YEMEN - 4W2AA

FRED 4W1C/7Z1AA/HB9AET QRV 14103 AND 14120 SSB. QSL VIA HB9AET.
FRED GOES TO FL8 AND VS9K - KAMARAN DURING OCTOBER, AND WILL BE QRV
IF HE CAN GET A LICENSE. (FEDXP)

QSL ADDRESSES:

VQ9J via K4IXC	(WA6PMK)
ZD8WZ via W4TVQ	(W6BHY)
VR4CR via P.O. Box G19 Honiara, Solomon Is.	(W6BHY)
ET3DR via K8KLV	(K6ERV)
VP2MN via W6FET	(K6OHJ)
FP8CP via K2KIB	(WA6PMK)
VK9GC via K7ADL	(W6PLS)
MP4BFI via L.R.O. Hayes, HMS Jufair, Bahrein	(WA6PMK)
VK9VG via VK6RU	(K6OHJ)
YA3TNC via KØRZJ	(K6OHJ)
9X5CE via Box 202, Kigali, Rwanda	(LIDXA)
5VZ8CM via W1YDO	(W6LCF)
VP5AR via WA8GAU	(WGDXC)
PY2BZD/PYØ via K2HLB	(K6ERV)

Dave, W6WX, will be back with this section next month. Hope the above is somewhat accurate.

73

Jim, W6BHY

LATE NEWS FLASH!!!

CR3GF ON NOW 14121 SSB LISTENING 14245-255 23-02Z 11-12Z

September Meeting

Minutes

The September meeting of the NCDXC was held at Taddy's restaurant in San Mateo. It was called to order at 9:28 PM.

Guests were WA6VAT, WA6DJI and W2PUN

First readings on the applications of WA6VAT and WA6DJI and W6CUP were made.

Doug Murray has temporarily taken the DXer in hand with a change in publishing methods. Kerv spoke also on the DXer and the need to bring it back into the fold as a "Prestigious" publication.

Particularly cited was the need for contributions from our members on DX News, QSL rgrs etc. With all info to go to BOX 608, Menlo Park.

Jim Neiger spoke on the coming QX DX contest and asked full activity by the members. Some dates were Oct 23-24 and CW dates Nov 27-28.

Bob Thompson spoke on the 1966 NC/SC Dx meeting with possible locations mentioned, with Fresno being preferred for area reasons

Jim Neiger gave a talk on the last 3 sunspot cycle lows and their relation in predicting the curve of the present cycle. #20.

K6ERV talked interestingly on his SWL days and activities in 1955, and what was heard on the 10-15 meter bands.

W6paw added to the sunspot cycle with his observations

Bob Thompson also added a bit about interplanetary communication possibilities at and around the Hydrogen line /1468mc.

After the roundtable the meeting adjourned at 11:50 PM

Respectfully submitted

Ray Eichman/WA6IWM

ATTENTION!!!

On the opposite page is a test mock-up of what can be re-produced for our "station of the month";

All members are urged to send in a write-up and a picture and/or QSL card. If you have made any changes in your station, such as, antenna or tower installation, new rig. anything at all, SEND IT TO: BOX 608, MENLO PARK, CALIF.



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