

"PLS QSL"

The subject of QSL'ing among DX'ers is always a prime topic of conversation at any meeting. The lengths that many of us will go to obtain a card from a rare one defies the imagination.

Every means of inducement is tried in order to obtain a card from a rare or new country to boost our country total. Hours of pouring through mountains of data looking for a QSL managers address, large sums of money lavished on stamps, IRC's, S.A.S.E., usually gets positive results.

How many of you invest anywhere near the same effort to make sure all the people you work are taken care of with the "final courtesy" of a QSO ?

I'm not suggesting you make a fetish out of QSL's but since you have joined the NCDXC, whether you know it or not, you have also accepted the responsibility of QSL'ing one hundred percent!!!!!!

Thats right, one hundred percent, because hundreds of DX'ers from other countries send your secretary, your award manager-Joe Horvath W6GPB and the writer, letters pleading for QSL cards for their Calif. Award. Were getting damn tired of making excuses and answering unnecessary correspondence, along with our other chores, so as to keep the club in a good light abroad.

Since the acceptance of the California Award overseas has been so great, we have no choice but to make sure that we do QSL all those stations we work. The responsibility comes with NCDXC membership.

In case you think that QSL'ing 100% is a BIG BIG deal, let me tell you I'm the laziest and busiest guy in the whole world; just like you. But, I've found a way that is as painless both financially and time wise as you'll run across.

When you buy cards, buy in large quantities and get them at low cost. Next, never let your backlog run past 90 days. Simply make out the card, do not address it, keep them filed in alpha-numerical order and when you get about three inches piled up, send ISWL a check for \$5.00 with the cards via surface mail as 2nd class printed matter.

ISWL forwards all cards within two weeks of arrival to the various bureaus and I have never had a complaint. The big strain in QSL'ing is time and cost. The time factor is greatest in looking up addresses especially if your eyes can't hack the micro-printing in the callbook.

The cost runs around \$2.00 postage for 250 cards of the NCDXC type, plus the membership fee to ISWL. The great part about ISWL is you can send as many cards as you wish with the plus feature that you will receive cards via ISWL from their other members. I've received several good ones that way. Another plus feature of ISWL membership is their publication "MONITOR". I've found several good DX QTH's for cards I wanted in a hurry for DXCC.

If I printed all the lists of delinquent QSL'ers in this rag each issue, the embarrassment to the club and the individuals would do the club no good. Instead, I'm offering an amnesty to all our poor QSL'ers, a fresh start, so to speak, Think of it! No reproachful looks from visiting DX'ers from other countries, no nagging worries. The editor won't B---h at you any more.

DX contest time is upon us, we will work many stations, not rare perhaps. With each is a chance to make a new friend or renew acquaintance with an old one. Live up to our motto: The Greatest DX Club In The World!

Doug Murray-W6HVN

Minutes -December Meeting

The December meeting of the NCDXC was held at the Ben Franklin Hotel in San Mateo. There were 38 present.

Minutes of the November meeting were read and after a small correction were approved.

Guests were: K6ALM, K7CTI, W6ETR, K6YGS, W6ZKM, WA6SII, WA6IVN, WA6IQM and his YL.

First readings were given the applications of WA6IQM and WA6HAE. Second readings were given the applications of WA6SLU, W6BVB, W6KWU and W6BJH. All were voted into membership, however, acceptance of WA6SLU, W6BVB and W6KWU were held up pending payment of initiation fee and dues.

Election of officers for the coming term was held and the new officers are; Pres. Jack Brollier K6ERV, Vice Pres. Jim Neiger W6BHY, Sec. Treas. Bill Stevens W6LCF, Directors Rich Wilde K6OHJ and Ray Renaudo W6KEV.

Registration fee for the joint meeting is \$10.00 and should be sent to WA6IPY, 30927 Rue Valois, Palos Verdes, Calif. Accomodations at the Del Web Towne House are \$9.00-single or \$13.00-double. No reservations after Jan. 15, 1966.

(Ed. Reservations on bus must be made by this meeting Jan 14. see last DX'ER for details.)

Don Miller & Chuck Swain will be there. There will also be a LADIES PROGRAM.

There was a discussion on Sweepstakes with the general opinion of the club that we are primarily a DX organization and genuinely not interested in a concerted effort in Sweepstakes.

WA6QGW made a motion that the base of the present trophy be enlarged to accomodate more names of the winners of the ARRL DX TEST. It was seconded and carried.

Bob Thompson talked on the club recognizing outstanding DX men by the presentation of a plaque or trophy. W6WX made the motion that K6OHJ tke the matter under advisement & appoint a committee to study the merits of the plan. It was seconded and carried. They will reply at the next meeting whether this award suggested by K6SSJ would be beneficial to the club.

K6CCY ordered a badge and after a roundtable the meeting adjourned at 11:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Eichman WA6IVM

P.S.

To those members who received cards reminding them about their dues please remember that if you want the DX'ER it is now under subscription and does not come with the dues.

If you want the DX'ER don't forget to add \$1.00 along with your dues. This was published in the minutes of the November meeting in the DX'ER and became effective Nov. 13, 1965

FROM THE MEMBERS.....

I'm still lacking many of the members' scores for the CO DX Contest, both Phone and CW. If you don't find your call in the following lists, and you want your score to count for the Club, please rush your scores to

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I have received scores for the Phone Test from: W6ISQ, W6OHU, W6VUW, W6LDD, K6ERV, W6WX, K6SSJ, W6UMI, W6PQW, W6LCF, K6OHJ, W6JKJ, W6RGG, W6PLS, W7WJB/6, W6BSY, K6HOR, and WB6KBG.

I have received scores for the CW Test from: W6VVR, WA6HRS, W6JKJ, W6PLS, W6LDD, W6QDE, W6PQW, W6WX, WA6QGW, and K6ERV. How about the rest of you cats? From the sound of the pileups there must have been more NCDXCers in the CW fracas than have reported their scores. Remember, the deadline for CW logs is Jan. 15.

Station activity this month includes:

Oliver, WA6QGW:

WØYKD/KS4	23 Dec.	1622	14078	
CT1EE	23 Dec.	1620	14297	
LA8FG/p	21 Dec.	1558	142??	
9H1R	21 Dec.	1531	14036	
EA9IC	20 Dec.	1717	14050	
4W1K	15 Dec.	1552	14042	
9X5PS	15 Dec.	1932	14048	Box 636, Kigali
ZB2AJ	10 Dec.	1722	14235	

Ollie's excellent showing in the CW Test yields:

Band	QSO's	Zones	Countries	
3.5	49	14	15	
7	125	23	39	
14	279	34	73	
21	87	21	33	
28	5	3	4	
TOTAL	545	95	164	<u>397,306 points</u>

Joe, WA6TGY:

XTØH	8 Dec.	0555	7000	
TZ5H	12 Dec.	1818	21036	
XE5L	13 Dec.	0526	7002	via W2SAW
VR5AB	18 Dec.	0618	7001	

Dave, W6WX:

YK1AA	4 Dec.	1538	14220	
CN8CN	12 Dec.	2210	14004	Roy- Casa Blanca
BV1USF	16 Dec.	0046	14242	
LA8FG/p	21 Dec.	1613	14218	Jan Mayen

Lee, W6PQW:

VP2KJ	4 Dec.	1629	21 SSB	via W4SSU
5T7H	5 Dec.	0620	7 CW	
CE0AC	6 Dec.	0506	7 CW	Box 5050, Santiago
XT0H	8 Dec.	0506	7 CW	
ZD7IP	9 Dec.	0639	7 CW	
TZ5H	11 Dec.	1758	21 SSB	
XE5L	13 Dec.	0357	7 CW	
EA9IC	22 Dec.	0026	7006	Box 220, Madrid

Jack, K6ERV:

TJ1AC	25 Nov.	2153	14230	via DJ2BW
5H3KE	27 Nov.	1855	14225	via WA8FRV
YK1AA	4 Dec.	1537	14230	
5T7H	4 Dec.	1728	14103	Long Path
9F3USA	4 Dec.	2005	14250	via W7TDK
XT0H	9 Dec.	0437	7012	
5A4TI	12 Dec.	1630	14240	LP via W6RKP
Bunch of EU	18 Dec.	09/10Z	14 MC.	Note Time !!

Jack reports hearing a station signing KLYPE/XV5 around 14250 at 0030Z on Dec. 19. The guy says he has been assured by the FCC that it's okay for us to work him, and that once ITU has been notified, he will use the call XV5AA. QTH is Saigon. QSL via W4UWC. He also uses 14310 quite often.

Ed, W6LDD:

MLN	29 Nov.	1632	14 MC.	
5T7H	6 Dec.	0132	7 MC.	
XT0H	7 Dec.	0419	7 MC.	#333
TZ5H	10 Dec.	2341	14 MC.	#334
UA1KFT	12 Dec.	<u>1128</u>	<u>7 MC.</u>	

Don, WA6TQK:

XE5L	12 Dec.	2341	14002	
XE5L	13 Dec.	0452	7001	

Vince, W6QDE:

9M4RS	27 Nov.	1501	7017	
9Q5PA	28 Nov.	1946	14079	
9J2VB	28 Nov.	1959	14075	
ZD8AR	28 Nov.	2203	14037	
EI8H	7 Dec.	1605	14045	
VQ9TC	9 Dec.	1555	14008	Heard

Don, W6AM:

Don reports working Gus at TZ5H on 4 bands CW and 3 bands SSB. 80 meters was 599 both ways.

Hil, WA6HRS:

"With most profuse apologies to all I QRM'd during the CW Test, especially Dave, Uncle Vern, and W6HB, I would like to submit our preliminary score as 319,790 points. There may be a couple duplicates that crept in, so I'll look again. I also am convinced that the next contest, there should be a 2 meter rig around; no good running without one. Station entry is in the multi-op, single transmitter category with W6CUF, W6BZZ, and WA6HRS operating. All the goofs were made by myself."

Stan, W6JKJ:

GC8HT	14 Nov.	1731	21334	
TY3ATB	20 Nov.	2347	14105	
HV1CN	26 Nov.	1815	14062	Heard

Irv, W6OMR:

"Finally received UG6AD QSL. Working on SSB DXCC now."

Rich, K6OHJ:

PY7ACQ/ø	25 Nov.	2227	14109	
PJ5BD	3 Dec.	1550	14239	Bonaire Is.
XTøH	7 Dec.	0451	7000.1	
YK1AA	9 Dec.	1550	14228	Rcd UMI, WX, & OHJ QSL'S
4W1K	16 Dec.	1535	14227	Rene
CT1EE	23 Dec.	1544	14297	
WøYKD/KS4	23 Dec.	1644	14077	via WA4PXP

Rich submits the following QSL info:

PY7ACQ/ø	CBDX, P.O. Box 842, Recife, Brazil
VR5AB	via W4ECI
4W1K	via HB9AAT

Good DX in 1966, and see you all in Fresno (hic).

CURRENT AND CHOICE

OUTLOOK FOR '66

The new year shows promise of much in the way of interesting DX activity. Some of the more outstanding promises include Agelega by Harvey; Heard by Don and/or Chuck; Ifni, Rio de Oro, and Spanish Sahara by EA operators; two unannounced new countries (approved by the ARRL) by Don/Chuck; St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks by the PY DX gang; and no doubt many other surprises will unfold as the months pass by. With conditions improving, as they seem to be doing, we should all have much DX-fun in '66. The following items are, it is hoped, of more immediate interest:

SYRIA - YK1AA

Rasheed still qrv 14201 SSB long path 15-16:30z daily usually with W4DQS helping out. QSL direct.

ETHIOPIA - ET3USA, 9F3USA

Heard both long and short paths with strong signals both CW & SSB on 14mc almost daily. QSL via W7FDK.

TURKS & CAICOS - VP5AB

Now active on 14mc SSB. Try about 14250 kc 18-23z. QSL via W1WQC (tnx WA6QGW)

SWAN ISLAND - WØYKD/KS4

Often heard working pile-ups on 14072 CW. Also works A.M. on 14255 and 14335 kc. QSL via WA4FXP.

VIETNAM - K1YFE/XV5, XV5AA

Sporadic 14mc SSB activity reported. At this writing no consistent pattern of operation can be presented. W1AW bulletins indicate that both ARRL and F.C.C. have approved the operation. Army MARS has announced the activation of one station to-date with several more to follow shortly. QSL manager for XV5AA is W4UWC.

PACIFIC-ASIA EXPEDITION - W9WNV/ & K7LMU/

Word just received from Ack tells us that Don and Chuck plan to continue their operation for at least three more months. Don will, however, take a one week break and return to California for the SCDXC/NCDXC Fresno convention. Included in their plans are Heard Island VKØ, Wallis FW8, Manihiki ZK1, Clipperton FO8, and two brand new ones which have been approved by the ARRL DXCC committee. Among other things, Ack says that the KWM2 loaned to the BY4 boys which was so easy to get into red China is now stuck there as they are unable to get it back thru BY4 customs. For this reason and many others, they are over three thousand dollars in the red and very much in need of contributive support.

SEYCHELLES - VQ9TC

Very QRV 14005 kc CW 16-1730z.

Agelega - VQ8BFA

Harvey promises a longer stay there during January, hopes to have a better receiver, is aware of the west coast dilemma (tkx WATTS)

YASME - IRIS & LLOYD

KX6SZ/EBON was still active on Xmas day and it is presumed that some further delay in leaving the atoll has been experienced. Although Lloyd had previously announced his intent to next operate from VK9 Nauru, the delay may have some effect on his plans.

FRANZ JOSEF LAND - UA1KED (SSB)

The SSB rig should now be in operation from UA1KED since UW3XT left Moscow with the gear on Dec 13 (that is if he didn't detour thru BY land!)

SAINT HELENA ISLAND - ZD7RH

Now active for the next 18 months. Operates CW & SSB on 10, 15, and 20 meters with 40 and 80 to follow later. QSL to G2IC QTH. (tnx WGDXC, W4AZD)

GIBRALTER - ZB2AJ

Often on 14233-40 kc from 12z - . QSL direct.

SARDINIA - IS1FIC

Ferdy, active on 14mc CW. Worked from W6WX 14036 kc long path New Years day 1607z. (behaved myself NY's eve for a change!)

GLORIOSA & JUAN DE NOVA

Jose, CR7GF, is planning a DXpedition to these two places. He does not yet have licenses but has received un-official permission and is expecting the papers soon. He will operate two to three days from each spot. Jose would also go to Europa Island if the ARRL would count it as a new DXCC country. (tks LIDXA, W2EXH)

KERGUELEN - FB8XX

New operators are ERIK and PETER. They have SSB gear but have not used it extensively as yet. QSL 5R8BC (tks LIDXA)

LACCADIVE ISLANDS

VU2AK and VU2NR may go to this rare one again in the near future. Transportation facilities are now improved. (tks agn LIDXA)

73 and good hunting in '66

Dave - W6WX

Late News Flashes:

VK2QL says:
VK2AIW & VK2AYY/LH will open Jan.8 from PANKOR ISLAND off west coast of Malaysia for one week- 14050KC.

NCDXC MEMBERS STANDINGS FOR JANUARY 1966

<u>CW/PHONE</u>			<u>PHONE</u>		
<u>CALL</u>	<u>CFMD/WKD</u>	<u>WAZ</u>	<u>CALL</u>	<u>CFMD/WKD</u>	<u>WAZ</u>
1. W6AM	316/342	X	1. W6AM	313/338	X
2. W6GFB	315/335	X	2. K6VVA	277/291	X
3. W6CYV	315/333	X	3. W6LCF	272/287	X
4. W6LDD	306/334	X	4. K6ERV	252/275	X
5. K6VVA	305/315	X	5. W6BSY	238/248	39
6. W6KEV	304/326	X	6. W6WX	228/236	X
7. W6UJ	304	X	7. W6UMI	223/246	X
8. W6HOC	302/319	X	8. W6VUV	214/240	X
9. W6WX	300/308	X	9. WA6TGY	203/211	38
10. W6BSY	297/311	X	10. K6OHJ	192/224	40
11. W6BVM	294/316	X	11. W6LDD	161/194	-
12. W6KG	292/308	X	12. K6AHV	140/177	38
13. WA6TGY	290/300	X	13. K6QDE	132/148	39
14. W6MVL	284/299	X	14. W6OHU	132/137	36
15. W6LCF	281/304	X	15. W6PQW	131/134	35
16. W6BYB	273/292	X	16. W6BYB	120/127	35
17. W6PHF	272/282	X	17. WB6KBG	114/127	-
18. W6ISQ	267/276	X	18. W6KG	113/136	37
19. W6ERS	266/276	X	19. W6ISQ	105/140	28
20. W6UMI	260/278	X	20. W6JKJ	105/123	36
21. K6OHJ	258/286	X	21. K7ZKH	99/106	32
22. K6AHV	255/270	X	22. W6OMR	90/101	-
23. WA6QGW	251/263	X	23. KL7DTB/6	82/95	-
24. W6JKJ	224/241	X	24. W6BVM	74/102	34
25. W6VVR	219/242	X	25. W6PLS	65/75	22
26. W6QDE	208/221	X			
27. WA6HRS	208/217	X			
28. W6OMR	206/213	X			
29. KL7DTB/6	202/233	X			
30. W6HVN	202/226	X			
31. W6PQW	182/246	X			
32. WA6VAT	176/223	40			
33. W6RGG	169/171	40			
34. WA6PMK	166/196	X			
35. WA6IVM	158/170	39			
36. K6QDE	155/177	X			
37. W6PLS	150/169	37			
38. W6EJA	146/161	-			
39. K6LZI	137/151	X			
40. WA6TQK	135/150	37			
41. K6TZX	134/152	37			
42. W6CLZ	114/125	36			

	<u>WFX</u>
1. W6KG	650/700
2. K6VVA	555/615
3. W6WX	534
4. W6ISQ	447/476
5. W6OMR	427
6. WA6HRS	404/433
7. W6AM	342
8. WA6IVM	338
9. WA6TQK	337
10. W6JKJ	325
11. WA6VAT	321
12. WA6QGW	298
13. W6OHU	247/258

CFMD: Total postwar countries confirmed minus all deleted countries confirmed.

WKD: Total postwar countries worked, no deletions.

Deleted Countries: C9; CN2; CR8, Damao, Diu; CR8, Goa; ET2; FF8, Fr. W. Afr.; FI3; FN8; FQ8, Fr. Eq. Afr.; I1, Trieste; I5; JZ0; PK, Java; PK, Sumatra; PK, Neth. Borneo; PK, Celebes & Molucca Is; UN1; VO; VQ6; VS2/9M2, Malaya; VS4, Sarawak; ZCE; ZD4; 9C4; 9U5, Ruanda Urundi.

.....W6VVR