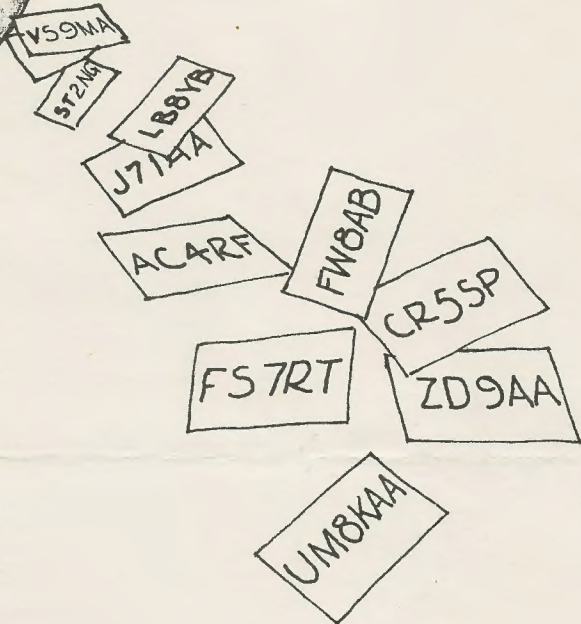


NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB

CALL LETTERS



THE DXer



APRIL MEETING OF THE NCDXC

The April meeting of the NCDXC met at Antonio's Restaurant in Hayward on April 17, 1973.

Additions to March Minutes: Guests included VK7WH, Winston Henry from Tasmania, and W6RLP/MM, Paul Wolf.

The following first readings were presented:

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| R.Nick Hauck K6QPE | James F. Wakefield W6PSQ |
| Herbert Lion W6OWL | Daniel A. Roberts WA6NYV |

A letter of appreciation was presented by W6DOD to Bob, K6SSJ for the sensational job Bob did as Convention Chairman for Fresno.

The new Convention Chairman, appointed by Iris, W6DOD, are Jim, W6CUF, and Don W6MAV. K6SSJ resigned as Convention Chairman.

There was no old business.

The only new business was the appointment of Dennis, WB6CQY, to fill the two month vacancy in the office of Secretary, created by K6RIM's acceptance of a summer legal job in Memphis, Tennessee.

The program consisted of a slide presentation of the Club Repeater Station, W6WX by W6MAV. Also, slides and movies taken during the Fresno Convention were shown, and included NCDXC's own Carol Doda, Brandy. Hope you were there for the showing!!

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Burnham, K6RIM
Secretary

CLIFTON T. BECK, K6HIH, EDITOR

It is fortunate for NCDXC that our worthy Editor of this worthy mag decided that he liked amateur radio more than he liked stamp collecting, or coin collecting, or drag racing, or radio control model airplanes or tropical fish or model railroading, or skin diving, or etcetera, etcetera. Because if he didn't like amateur radio the best, he would be in one of those other pursuits editing their paper, because ole Cliff is a competitor who enjoys getting into his hobbies "in depth" as the big telly programs say now. To wit, Cliff copped a trophy at Fresno.....just like he copped about 100 trophies drag racing!

Cliff is a Mountain Man----hailing from Grass Valley, California. Cliff got through the 7th grade in Grass Valley, then his family began moving, and Cliff went to the 8th grade in Vallejo, 9th in Richmond, 10th and 11th in Hermiston, Oregon and back to Grass Valley for the 12th.

All this early travelling must have gotten into his blood, because in 1949, Cliff joined the Air Force and went into Radio Operator's School in Boloxi, Mississippi. Naturally, having become acclimated to the banana belt, they sent him to Adak Island in the Aleutians for 14 months where he worked the CW radio circuits. Then back to Merced where he got a few months of voice operation air-ground at Castle AFB. Then on to Travis AFB working air-ground circuits until his discharge in October 1952.

After service, Cliff went to work for Standard Oil in Richmond in the Electronics Shop. After 18 months apprenticeship, he was designated Electronics Tech and has been with Standard in that capacity ever since.

But it was during those long nights on Adak that Cliff got interested in ham radio. He had picked up all the necessary requirements, but didn't get to know much about the amateur side until he helped assemble a MARS station. But it wasn't until Cliff got back to Richmond in 1954, that he met KN6GNB and was invited to the Richmond Amateur Radio Club. This time it took and Cliff got his ticket as KN6HIH Aug. 25, 1954. In the same club at the time he met other NCDXC members W6EJA, K6AUC, W6TWI, K6HEM and K6ILG.

Cliff began his ham life with a 6AG7 Ocs pumping 3 watts into a 125 ft. long wire. He managed to work all up and down the West Coast before he went QRO with an 807 and 70 watts. Then the DX began to roll in with overseas QSO's.

At that time, The Richmond Club had a lot of mobileers. So Cliff built up a mobile rig--6AG7-2E26 modulated with a pair of 6V6's. He used an ARC 5 receiver and a home-made whip and he was mobile on 80. Transmitter Hunts were the big thing. and come Friday nights, the Richmond Fellas would play Hunt and Find until the wee hours. Then adjourn for breakfast.

In 1957, Cliff moved into a pair of 813s and a Super Pro and a 20 meter vertical and got into DXing. But whaddayouknow..... all of a sudden Cliff needed another challenge. So he dropped ham radio in favor of radio controlled airplane flying. But that gave way to skin diving for a few years. Then he switched into drag racing and went for the Big Time.

Cliff attacked Drag Racing with the same competitive vigor he now attacks a DX contest. He began racing with a 1953 Olds, then switched to a '53 Hudson and finally to a 1954 Hudson. With that car he won about 100 trophies including two Northern California Championships.

In 1967 Cliff went to India for a year. No drag racing there, but there was a little radio and Cliff began to recall some of the days of glory on the low end of 20.

When he got Stateside again, Cliff made a fatal decision, he took up with K6AUC---Cliff always lived dangerously as you can see from his record of activities. Well, to associate with Big Jaw, you HAVE to speak DX, or you ain't talkin'. So Cliff began where he left off with this 813s, and has to date worked 237 with 208 confirmed.

Naturally, when Cliff put up that first beam, the neighbors knew that he was responsible for all the troubles to their TVs which they had had for the past 5 years. He even had the neighbors beating on his door when he was at work demanding he get off the air. Cliff admits it is a bit easier now though. The rigs are better--both ham rigs and TVs, and then there are always the nearby CBers to blame... and Cliff is surrounded by them.

Cliff's set up is a Galaxy GT550 with a Collins 75S-3 RX and a Drake L-4 Linear. The antenna is a 71 foot crank up tower topped off with a 5 el Wilson 20 meter beam. A Wilson 10-15 Duobander is on the way---watch out world! On 40 and 80, he used dipoles. On the 2 meter regions, he uses a SR-42A and an 8 el Beam.

Cliff likes his Collins RX for CW the best of any receiver he's tried, although he feels he gives up something on SSB---but then Cliff is a Charlie Whiskey type. Also, Cliff used to have a 2 el quad, but with only 2 elements he began to feel the competitive pinch---which won't go for Cliff! A 5 element quad seemed somewhat domineering--and maybe mechanically frightening too--so he went the Yagi route...and likes every minute of it.

One thing Cliff is very strong for is two receivers...the only way for a DXer to operate. That plus lot and whole lots of listening FIRST...before calling. Good advice from a contest winner!

Besides the trophy Cliff picked up at Fresno, he also grabbed off a Richmond Amateur Radio Club WAS contest--CWonly--trophy when he first got on the air--back in 1956. He did this the hard way--with 100 watts and a BC312 and a dipole. It was getting the cards that took the time--3 months. (How about the 5BWAS, Cliff Bet you could make that in the same time! Nice wall plaque too!

Cliff is primarily a SX Chaser-Contester. Of all the activities available to amateurs, he takes contests first above all. It is the old thrill of the chase--just like the drag racing days, that gets our worthy editor. Now Cliff is first to admit that he will never win the Big Boy trophy which calls for first class location, antennas, etc. That is hard to come by on a town lot inside the city limits. However, Cliff plays the contest game with himself

each year. He tries to beat his last year's record. So far, Cliff has beat himself every year. Cliff makes himself pretty good competition.

Cliff also had a good go at the NCDXC Internal Club Contest. However, he comes up with a good idea to even things out amongst the fellas who can operate all hours and those who are on regular working schedule. Make the contest to cover only so many hours operating time--with you chosing your own times. How about that?

Now if you think Cliff doesn't thrive on competition--let me point out to you that he and K6AUC to ether go through a running battle against all adds every month--to get the DXer out. And they do this without much outside help. Like how many fellas help them out with a paragraph now and then to fill in the viods, or some other thought that might be interesting to the membership? Both our editors are ready and eager to do the job--thankless though it may be. Ask any former editor! One suggestion: would any of you readers be willing to take over the task of editing the DXCC listing on the back page? Just the tallying and record keeping small though it may be, would take a load off the editors.

Cliff says he is not pushing his record on DXCC. After you've got them worked, says Cliff, there's nothing left. And Cliff likes to take it slow and easy and enjoy it all the way. But not so in the contests... He'll fight you all the eay... and love every minute of that too.

de Bioged W6ISQ

5BDXCC

Hope you fellas heard W6NJU giving us the needle at Fresno. He said SCDXC had five 5BDXCC and NCDXC only had two. Well, actually, if we count W6WX--and why not??--we have three that I know of. W6WX, W6OAT and W6ISQ (no.237). It seems to me there are more than three---but who are they? Sound off.

However, I wounder if some of the other of you fellas who have already worked 100 on 5 bands won't consider sending for the applicat-ion blank (Sorry, it costs \$10) and fill it in with your 500 calls (sorry, it thkes time). Yes, it will cost you money and time--but for the honor and glory of ole NCDX...how about it? I'll bet Uncle Sam-TSQ--must have worked at least 200 on each band, but Sam doesn't have any certif except the first DXCC and NCDXC Membership. How about three certif's Sam? Now who else can we solicit to save our honor? The gauntlet has been pitched into the ether, mem. Will we be able to garner more 5BDXCCers this year? Will NJU be able to flaunt SCDXC superiority again next year at Fresno? Will you come to the aid of the noble NCDXC? There must be a dozen NCDXCers on the verge of 100 countries on 80. Should we set up an 80 meter alert system? (or is it too late in the season?). Leave us at it mem..."God for Harry..... Englaaaannnnndddd.....aaaaannnnndddd.....St. Georrrrrrrrggggeeee.."

de W6ISQ

HELP -- HELP -- HELP

At the Fresno Convention, Sunday noon, 8 April, Someone picked up the large perpetual SCDXC-NCDXC ARRL DX Contest Trophy, from the front desk of the Hilton Hotel. The person who has the trophy or anyone with information as to where the trophy is now - Please Contact W6DOD - immediately (415) 525-2288.

Reading through some old QSTs lately....found some interesting info.

In late twenties and early thirties....Don Wallace, W6AM was SCM of Los Angeles Section, Bud Bane, W6WB (NCDXC) was SCM of San Francisco, and Frank Quement, W6NX was SCM of Santa Clara Valley.

Reg Tibbits (usta be NCDXC) had such a formidable reputation as a contester, he apparently scared off all the competition because in the 1941 ARRL Sweepstakes Reg won the fone section of East Bay with one (repeat one) QSO.

April 1931 QST..in San Francisco Section, W6WB reports.....
"we suspect old W6BIP is again suffering from his old trouble: namely girls.

de W6ISQ

Club members Activity reports.

Would you believe, for this months DXer, I received only one Club members report. So thanks to K6WR for his report, without it there would be none. This makes my job somewhat easier, HI HI ED

K6WR, Brad

| CALLS | DATE | TIME | FREQ | MODE | REMARKS |
|--------|------|------|------|------|--------------|
| TE2CF | 3/24 | 0644 | 7159 | SSB | |
| 8R1UGF | 3/24 | 0647 | 7170 | " | No.99 on 40 |
| KALCQ | 3/24 | 0706 | 7080 | " | |
| KV4HW | 3/24 | 0724 | 7213 | " | No.100 on 40 |
| KALCQ | 3/24 | 1400 | 3539 | " | No.90 on 80 |
| YS1MV | 4/19 | 0618 | 3789 | " | No.91 on 80 |

NCDXC MEMBERS STANDINGS FOR MAY 1973

| <u>CFD/WKD</u> | | | <u>CFD/WKD</u> | | | | |
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| <u>CALL</u> | <u>CW/PHONE</u> | <u>WAZ</u> | <u>CALL</u> | <u>PHONE</u> | <u>WAZ</u> | | |
| 1 | W6MUR | 320/323 | ? | 1 | W6ZM | 318/328 | X |
| 2 | K6AN | 318/346 | X | 2 | K6WR | 314/326 | X |
| 3 | W6ZM | 318/333 | X | 3 | W6RGG | 310/315 | X |
| 4 | W6KG | 317/336 | X | 4 | W6ZBS | 309/311 | X |
| 5 | W6ISQ | 317/330 | X | 5 | W6GRV | 307/312 | X |
| 6 | K6WR | 315/327 | X | 6 | W6KOE | 304/304 | X |
| 7 | W6RGG | 315/322 | X | 7 | W6ISQ | 301/309 | X |
| 8 | W6AFI | 314/327 | X | 8 | WA6WXP | 293/299 | X |
| 9 | W6TSQ | 313/320 | X | 9 | W6BH | 284/297 | X |
| 10 | W6DOF | 312/316 | X | 10 | WB6UJO | 286/290 | X |
| 11 | W6JKJ | 311/321 | X | 11 | W6JKJ | 280/290 | X |
| 12 | K6CQF | 309/320 | X | 12 | WB6UOM | 276/283 | X |
| 13 | W6PM | 296/306 | X | 13 | W6AOI | 267/282 | X |
| 14 | W6BH | 292/303 | X | 14 | W6PM | 254/279 | X |
| 15 | WB6UJO | 286/290 | X | 15 | W6BJB | 250/258 | X |
| 16 | K6LQA | 284/287 | X | 16 | W6LQC | 248/268 | 38/39 |
| 17 | WB6CQY | 282/288 | 39/40 | 17 | W6ZYC | 245/264 | 38/40 |
| 18 | K6DYQ | 280/285 | X | 18 | WB6YLG | 237/251 | 39/39 |
| 19 | WB6UOM | 278/285 | X | 19 | W6HRB | 231/246 | 38/40 |
| 20 | K6QZ | 274/289 | X | 20 | K6WD | 198/213 | ? |
| 21 | W6EYY | 264/276 | X | 21 | W6ZTJ | 196/208 | 36/37 |
| 22 | W6HRB | 256/274 | 39/40 | 22 | W6YVK | 190/204 | 38/39 |
| 23 | K6QX | 254/268 | 39/39 | 23 | W6DOD | 176/185 | X |
| 24 | W6ZYC | 247/266 | 38/40 | 24 | K6QZ | 153/217 | 37/40 |
| 25 | K6UJS | 246/270 | 39/40 | 25 | K6DQF | 152/160 | 39/39 |
| 26 | K6WD | 244/252 | X | 26 | W6KG | 150/180 | X |
| 27 | WA6CXK | 240/270 | ? | 27 | K6QX | 137/208 | 38/39 |
| 28 | WB6YLG | 237/251 | 39/39 | | | | |
| 29 | K6HIH | 214/243 | 39/40 | | | | |

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

| <u>CALL</u> | <u>CW/PHONE</u> | <u>WAZ</u> | <u>C</u> | <u>CALL</u> | <u>PHONE</u> | <u>WAZ</u> | |
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| 1 | W6AM | 319/353 | X | 1 | W6AM | 319/351 | X |
| 2 | W6NCO | 253/260 | X | | | | |

ARRL W6-QSL BUREAU

Thanks to the following Club members and friends for helping in the W6-QSL Bureau for month of April: W6KG, W6DOD, K6OSO, W6OL, W6CUF, W6AFI, W6BSY, K6TWT, W6LQC, W6JZU, W6KJG, W6ITD, W6OKK, W6BGQ, WA6IEB, W6UZX, W6DPK, K6DC, W6NTQ, K6RXZ, K6YGS, K6UJS, WA6AHF, WB6COB, W6RGG, WB6DQ, K6CCY, WA6TOK, WA6CXK, W6ISI.

NOTE: W6DPK, who does sorting of the K6-Section, and handles letters K6F, G, H, I, and J, will not be able to continue.
 ANY VOLUNTEERS FOR THE JOB, PLEASE CONTACT W6DOD.