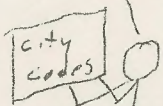


Hehey, what makes you think
you can get it by the Buld, codes?



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-- THE DX'ER --

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The purpose for which this club is organized are to bring together radio amateurs interested in DX: To elevate the Standards of practice and ethics in the use of amateur radio communications: To participate in the exchange of knowledge, methods or any other expedient that would be mutually beneficial to the members in achieving DX accomplishments.

DX Buletins are sent Sundays at 1800 GMT or Monday at 0200 GMT on 14002 mc by W6TI.

Mews--All contributions must be received by the 25th of the month. Items may be sent to:
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MINUTES OF THE NOV. MEETING OF THE NCDXC

The Nov meeting was held at Dina Shack in Palo Alto on Nov. 9. Meeting was called to order at 8:35, by the president Bob Thompson, K6SSJ.

He introduced Barney Oliver, Vice President of Re-search and Development for Hewlett Packard, who gave a simulated talk on the possibility of using radio to communicate with Extra Terrestrial beings. His slides of antenna groupers for this communications made everyone green with envy, as being the ultimate in DX antennas.

His talk began with the quote "Big Bang", theory of the beginning of the universe and lead through the middle stair, discussing the critical factors invalved in hearing such signals, to "project Cyclops", which studies the feasibility of such a venture.

The technology for communication through the "Water Hole" is available and such communication would lead to great advances in Cosmology and the beginning of super humans was his message.

The second reading was held for K6FS, Ranmond H. Griese, and he was voted unanimously into membership.

Guest and members present were, WA5LES Tom Taormiana, W6BPD Hurbert Grove, W6PAA Ken Keeler, W6CTQ Don King, W6BHY Jim Neiger, W6NJU Gary Stilwell, W6APW Pete Hoover.

The December meeting will be held at the Sunol Country Club.

K6DC, W6OKK, W6RGG and WB600L will participate in a DXeption to 6Y5 land for the DX Test. Jim Nieger W6BHY, will also participate from Trinidad, under the call of 9Z4AA.

A list of the members delinquent in dues was read by Bill Vette, K6TXR.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted

Josephine S. Clarke

Secretary, NCDXC

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I received a phone call from Ken, WA6IQM this evening, and we had a nice chat about the up and coming ARRL Phone and CW DX Contest for 1974. We both agreed that now is the time to start thinking about getting ready. Every year we wait until the last minute to get things organized.

Each year there are a number of members who would love to operate, but do not have stations or their stations are small ant. wise. There are also those who have big stations and can not operate due to some reason or another. Maybe you have a big station but just do not like or want to operate in a dx Contest, but would be willing to let one or more of our Club members use your station. You may be like myself, I do as good as I can but with some help I know my station is capable of doing much more. If there was some one to take over when I was resting and keep the contact going, we could double the scores I have been turning in. This is probably true for most of us who are operating as single op. in the contests. Well this is one year where we can turn in the biggest score the NCDXC has ever had. But to do this, we have got to be organized before the contest starts. The NCCC is not submitting a score this year, so everybody in the NCDXC who are also members in the NCCC will be turning in their scores for the NCDXC. Who Knows? If everyone does their best, we will not only bury the SCDXC easily, but can possibly beat a few of the Eastern big scoring Clubs.

So those of you who have no place to operate during the contest, and would be willing to take over someone else's station or help another Club member with his. PLEASE get word to Ken WA6IQM or myself Cliff, K6HIH. Those of you who would like help, or if you can not be on and are willing to let someone else operate your station, let Ken or Me know also.

SO NOW IS THE TIME TO GET ORGANIZED,

and not wait until the week or two before the Contest starts. Lets start "NOW", so when Feb. 74 rolls around, we will be ready to score the biggest ever.

de K6HIH & WA6IQM

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CONTESTS UP AND COMING.

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- Dec. 7-9 ARRL 160 Meter Contest
- Dec. 22-23 Hungarian Contest
- Jan. 12-13 DL QRP CW Contest
- Jan. 25-27 CQ WW 160 CW Contest
- Feb. 2-3 ARRL Phone DX Contest 1st week end
- Feb. 16-17 ARRL CW DX Contest 1st week end
- Mar. 2-3 ARRL Phone DX Contest 2st week end
- Mar. 16-17 ARRL CW DX Contest 2st week end
- Mar. 30-31 CQ WW WPX SSB Contest
- Apr. 21-24 WAEDC RTTY Contest

TREASURE REPORT, AND MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Total paid up members-----100
 Charter Life----- 8
 Partially Paid Up----- 21
 Membership in Arrears----- 54
 Total-----183

Arrears-Current Dues,

K6AHV	K6AR	K6AUC	WB6BGQ	W6BHY	W6BSY	WA6BVY
K6CAZ	K6CCY	WB6DOQ	K6DQF	W6EJ	K6ERV	WA6EWI
WA6EWO	W6GQK	W6GRV	K6HEM	W6HOC	WA6HRS	WB6ICM
K6ILG	WA6INK	WA6IQM	WA6ISX	W6ITD	WA6IUM	WA6IVM
W6JHN	W6JHV	WB6K BK	WB6KGG	W6KOE	W6KPC	WB6KRW
K6MHD	W6OHU	WA6PMK	WA6QGW	K6QW	K6RPH	W6TWI
K6UFT	K6UJS	W6VQD	K6WR	K6YGS	W6ZC	WB6ZHD

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Arrears-current + Back

W6CNA + \$1.00
 W6CVU + \$1.00
 W6CWY + \$0.50

Partially Paid 73/74

K6AN pd. \$8.50	W6IZU pd. \$10.50	W6NYV pd. \$7.25
WA6AUD 8.50	WA6JCD 8.50	W6NUE 8.50
W6FOZ 1.90	WB6K BG 8.50	W6PM 8.50
W6CLS 8.50	K4LUV 2.00	WA6QAV/3 .50
K6DYQ 8.50	W6MTJ 8.50	W6RCC 8.50
WA6HAE 8.50	W6MUR 1.87	WB6UNS 8.50
		W6WB 8.50
		WØDAD/KH6 .50

Some of you have since paid up, but those of you who haven't and wish to remain a club member, PLEASE pay your Dues, to K6TXR, William J. Vette Box 1241, Sunnyvale, CA. 94088.

December NCDXC Meeting.

The December meeting of the NCDXC will be held on 7 December at the Sunol Valley Golf Club, Sunol, Ca. Take the Andrade off Ramp from 680. (680 is the Freeway which runs from Fremont North to Walnut Creek etc.) Sunol is about 3 miles North of the Nimitz Freeway (North of the General Motors Plant). The price will be \$7.25, including tax and tip, and the bar will open at 6:30 to be followed by dinner at 7:30PM. We will meet in the Coffee Shop area on the lower level and after the meeting dancing is available on the main floor. It will be a "Welcome Home" meeting for the Jamaica and Vietnam DX groups. Do wear your badges to help the new members identify us.

Josephine S Clarke, WB6ZUC
 Secretary, NCDXC

These are some of the scores sent to me for the CQ WW Phone Contest.

K6QW-----610,701
K6DYQ-----312,420
K6SSJ-----222,666
W6EYY-----174,538 21mc only single op.
K6HIH-----145,068 with all kinds of ant & rig problems.
WB6UCM-----122,240
W6YVK-----107,570
K6OZL-----164,604 21mc only single op.

I know there were many more, but these are all that were sent to me.

The following is a letter received by Bob K6SSJ from 8P6EN Alan Isaachsen (ex VK5IR, VK5ZEI), PO Box 177, Bridgetown, Barbados.

Bob, K6SSJ

I appreciate that you have taken out the time to write me and discuss methods of working DX, particularly applicable to contest. The best method has always concerned me. The first question to ask is, "what is fair"?

Let me assure you W's are, in general, not bad mannered. Relative to some Europeans & South & Latin Americans They are angels. Of course you get the odd one!

I have listed below my own views on the subject from the position of a DX station who, from the contest viewpoint, was out to give contacts. (I enjoy occasional contests but I hold no illusions about winning one!)

1. The band is not open to all parts 100% of time.

You suggest work the weak ones, Bob. If a station is 4 X 4, should you try & work him? Perhaps he will increase to S9? Perhaps he drops to S0? This calls for prophecy of the band conditions. To a certain extent I do this, e.g. Europe on 10 mtrs first thing in the day - no W's. But across the States, who knows? There seems to be very little pattern to openings except the East Coast is on the whole open longer but by no means stronger.

Yes, I agree - work the hard to get areas when you can. But this can only be assessed by the station operator.

2. Is it possible to reduce long waiting periods?

This is a real problem, Bob, particularly during contests when time has to be utilized to the full. If, as you say, a limit of 3 stations per area is imposed, there is a long waiting time by weak or less powerful stations.

(cont.)

Letter Cont.

If practically all stations in that area are worked, there is a long waiting time by operators in other areas.

I do not believe in 3 only per area as it unduly penalises less powerful or otherwise weak stations. and yet time should not be wasted searching out a 4 x 3 contact + QRM.

A possible solution is allocating say 15 minutes per area so if you are in W6 and I am working W2's you know to come back in one hour. I have not tried this. It has several impractical aspects to it. Have you had any experience with it?

3. No Matter what the technique, it will displease someone.

This I distinctly observed both on this occasion & others.

What does annoy me is when the person carries on and takes up valuable contact time. I have known this to cause a number of DX stations to close down immediately. Likewise when calling "W6's only" who are S-6, W9's appear who are 5 X 9+40 & refuse to disappear.

4. Without doubt, you must divide.

Whether it be division into areas or those stations whose handle is John! It is surprising how many DX stations don't.

5. 6 Meters.

6 is different. I am out for WAS on 6 from 8P6. Here the interest is strong and selfish. I run thru states I have not worked & give them priority.

No doubt if I was in the contest to win, I would not work W's for very long but concentrate on increasing multipliers.

Thanks for the trouble writing, Bob. I do not believe there are any straightforward solutions that please everybody.

How about coming up on 10 to discuss it?

73's for now,

Alan 8P6EN

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

Anyone who has not turned in their ARRL fone or CW scores for the Club Contest Award may still do so. Fill out the blanks in last DXer and Mail to W6ISQ to get yours at December meeting. If it is too much trouble, Just fill out part of the questionnaire and you will be awarded the certif on a scaled down basis. Last call. Certif probably will be discontinued after December.

Send to W6ISQ, 82 Belbrock Way, Atherton, Ca. 94025

SIGNAL REPORTS

On occasion NCDXC meetings are very energetic and boisterous. If, such meetings ever got out of hand the local police would be dispatched to respond to a 403, "Disturbance of assembly or meeting, other than religious or political. The State of California Penal Code has many offenses and crimes whose codes if equated to the Ham RST system conjures up some amusing interpretations.

The next time you give or receive a CW signal report here is another way to look at it:

- 599 Killing Gulls or Cranes: Destroying nests or eggs
- 589 Injuries to toll houses and gates
- 579 Issuing fictitious Bills of Lading
- 499 Stealing water
- 479 Possession or receiving counterfeit coin
- 459 459 Burglary
- 349 Mismanagement of steam boilers

Of course, our legal eagle K6RIM, Al, knew this all the time and WA6AHF, Rubin, a confirmed phone man, need not be concerned, but you cw men watch out for the 599, 589, and 499 reports, they could get you into a lot of trouble.

Hal W6EYY

A Little LATE

Thanks to the following for help in the ARRL QSL Bureau for October, 73

W6KG, K6OSO, "Marcie" Landry, W6CUF, W6LQC, W6JZU, W6KJG, W6ITD, K6ZM, W6OKK, W6UZX, W6OL es "Clarice", K6DC, W6ISI, es "Liz", W6NTQ, K6RXZ, es "Carolyn", K6YGS, WA6DJI, WA6AHF es "Fern", WB6COB, WA6JVD, WB6DOQ, WA6LFN, WA6TOK, W6BSY, WB6BGQ es "Cathy", K6UJS, WA6CXK, K6TWT, and WA6IEB
de W6DOD - ARRL QSL Mgr.

NCDXC MEMBERS STANDINGS FOR NOV. 1973

CFD/WKD			PHONE				
CALL	CW/PHONE	WAZ	CALL	CFD/WKD	WAZ		
1	W6MUR	320/323	?	1	W6ZM	318/328	X
2	W6FOZ	319/???	X	2	K6WR	314/327	X
3	K6AN	318/346	X	3	K6VX	311/316	X
4	W6ZM	318/333	X	4	W6RGG	310/315	X
	W6KG	317/335	X	5	W6ZBS	310/313	X
6	W6ISQ	317/330	X	6	W6GRV	307/312	X
7	K6WR	315/328	X	7	W6KOE	304/304	X
8	K6AHV	315/326	X	8	W6ISQ	301/309	X
9	W6RGG	315/322	X	9	WA6WXP	299/300	X
10	W6TSQ	315/322	X	10	W6BH	286/299	X
11	K6ZM	314/327	X	11	WB6UJO	286/290	X
12	W6DOD	312/316	X	12	W6LQC	280/287	X
13	W6JKJ	311/321	X	13	W6TTS	279.285	X
14	K6CQF	309/320	X	14	WB6UOM	276/283	X
15	W6PM	296/306	X	15	W6AOI	274/282	X
16	W6BH	294/305	X	16	W6JKJ	270/280	X
17	WB6UJO	286/290	X	17	W6ZYC	258/270	38/40
18	K6LQA	284/287	X	18	W6BJB	255/263	X
19	W6CQY	282/288	39/40	19	W6PM	254/279	X
20	K6DYQ	280/285	X	20	W6HRB	248/251	39/40
21	K6QZ	278/291	X	21	WB6YLG	237/251	39/39
22	WB6UOM	278/285	X	22	K6WD	204/220	?
23	W6HRB	267/279	39/40	23	W6YVK	204/213	38/39
24	W6EYY	266/277	X	24	W6ZTJ	204/210	37/37
25	WA6CXK	261/273	X	25	WA6INK	200/220	X
26	W6ZYC	261/273	X	26	W6DOD	117/185	X
27	K6QX	260/270	39/39	27	W6EYY	166/208	?
28	K6WD	250/256	X	28	K6DQF	166/174	39/39
29	K6UJS	246/270	39/40	29	K6QX	152/209	38/39
30	WB6YLG	237/251	39/39	30	W6KG	151/180	X
31	WA6INK	225/250	X				
32	K6HHH	219/243	39/40				
33	W6QDE	216/219	X				

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

1	W6AM	319/33	X	1	W6AM	319/351	X
2	W7NCO	253/260	X				