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MEETING NOTICE

PLACE: HOLIDAY INN, Belmont. (Marine World turn-off, next to Bayshore)

DATE: Friday, 10 MARCH 1978

TIME: 6:30 PM Cocktails, 7:30 SHARP is Chow Time.

MENU: Entree is Yankee Pot Roast w/ all trimmings + Ice Cream, John.
Price: \$7.25

AGENDA: Regular business meeting and:

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON
CLIPPERTON DXPEDITION STRATEGY

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Over 75 people attended the meeting at Dinah's Shack, one of the largest turnouts in recent years. Among our guests were: SM5CR, K7SA, K7BHM, WA9INK, K6AYA, K7CAD, WA6OEC, and numerous YLs and XYLs.

The business meeting produced a membership application (first reading) for K6OYE from Orinda, plus 3 additional requests to join our Club.

Our Vice Pres. John, W6SP announced that he is being transferred to Southern California, and then he neatly conned Jim, W6CF into taking over his Chairmanship of the Bus-load to the Visalia Convention.

The Treasurer's Report by Maury, W6KJG shows that our Club is very solvent at this point. (We now have 215 paid-up Members. Ed.)

The Club received an invitation to join the Central California Radio Council and a follow-on discussion produced a volunteer to be our Club Delegate, namely, Bip, W6BIP.

John, K6WC was complimented on his handling of the Repeater during the Phone DX Contest weekend. Those who helped as net control were: WB6CUA, W6BJH, W6JZU, WB6CCV, K2GMV/6, K6TXR, N6AN, and N6OJ. We all appreciate that BRAND of team work!

Bob, K6SSJ gave the latest on the Japan Trip, which is to be handled as a NCDXC Tour, in November. Brochures are being printed giving the agenda.

DXer of the Year Award, chaired by Bob, K6SSJ was announced, with Howard, W6SC as the second man of a 3 man team. These 2 will select a 3rd Member, and nominations are now open for your choice. The Plaque will be presented at Visalia so please get your choice to Bob ASAP. (Details are elsewhere in this issue of the DXer.)

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HILITES (continued)

Charlie Signer, WA9INK gave us all an up-date on the DXpedition to Clipperton. The yacht leaves San Diego on 14th of March for the non-stop to Clipperton, with ETA on Palm Sunday, the 20th. Four stations will be set up, and at least 2 will be in continuous operation at all times. Rigs will consist of Atlas 350's and Dentron linears. Antennas will consist of a Wilson 4 el. 20 M yagi, plus 15, 10, 6, and 2 M yagis and wire antennas for the low bands, to give full operation on all bands from 160 thru 6 Meters, plus Oscar. F9JS will lead the DXpedition, and other French ops, such as F5II and F6BBJ will assure all of Europe an excellent chance of a QSO. (The last Clipperton effort by FO8AT in 1958 produced only 1 European QSO.) Their goal is a minimum of 25,000 QSO's before leaving on the 29th of March. Charlie promises lots of 35 MM slides plus 8 MM sound movies to show at Visalia DX Convention breakfast April 16th.

Following Charlie's up-date, Pres. Rich, N6GG proposed that the NCDXC donate a sum of money to help defray the \$40,000 expense of the Clipperton DXpedition. A discussion followed and Jim, W6CF moved that \$600 be donated. It was seconded, discussed, and passed. The check was promptly made out and given to Charlie, on the spot, saving an additional 13¢ postage. At this point Bob Davies, K7BHM from the Central Arizona DX Association stepped forward and presented to Charlie a \$50 check on behalf of the CADXA, saving another 13¢.

Jo, WB6ZUC then gave a fascinating slide presentation of her trip of last fall which took her from Moscow eastward as far as Ulan Bator, Mongolia and back. Colorful and artistic pictures they were, too, showing the architecture and rugged ways of life in those remote parts of the world.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 11 PM - a most enjoyable evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Round 2 of the ARRL DX Contest coming up. Phone weekend is March 4-5th, and CW weekend is March 18-19th. Don't forget to credit the NCDXC on your summary sheets and send a copy to Gary, WB6EXW so that a full Club summary can be made and submitted for the Club credit. Also, please contact John, K6WC if you wish to help net control the Repeater during the Test. QRV? Q-DO-IT!

(Gary's corrected QTH: Gary Cervo, 1250 Fremont Av, Los Altos, Ca 94022)

Rod Newkirk, W9BRD of QST's "How's DX" is retiring, and Bill Lowry, W1VU is taking his place. Bill wishes to hear from any and all of you who have DX news, QSL info, and so on that can enable him to carry on the column that Rod is leaving. Let's try to give Bill a hand with his new appointment. The NCDXC DXer is being sent to Bill each month which may be of some help, too.

The SCDXC BULLETIN tells us that the International DX Convention is pressing right along. Dick Norton, N6AA is the Convention Chairman, and Dave Bell, W6AQ is Program Chairman. It's April 15-16th in Visalia at the Holiday Inn, across from the Airport. Dinner speakers will be Ted and Meredith Henry, W6UOU and W6WNE, speaking about their recent WW DX Tour. Breakfast speaker will be George Collins, VE3FXT, telling about his DXpeditions. (Charlie Signer, WA9INK also mentioned to us that he will have a presentation on the Clipperton DXpedition, too). Registration prize is a TriEx Model 51 self-supporting tower. Saturday afternoon a field trip is planned - a free bus to TriEX Tower Factory. A combination DX forum and DX Contest session will be chaired by Gary Stillwell, W6NJU. Pre-dinner Hospitality Session will be hosted by Ted Henry, W6UOU. Room rates at the Holiday Inn are: \$24.50 for single occupancy, \$26.50 double occupancy and double bed, and \$29.50 double occupancy single beds. Pre-registration is \$20 and late registration is \$21. (Invitations will be sent individually to each NCDXC Member. Ed.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

The SCDXC elected new officers at their January meeting and their slate now looks like this:

President: John Alexander . . . K6SVL
Vice Pres: Dave Bell W6AQ
Treasurer: Marty Woll N6VI
Secretary: Perry Esten W6PN
Director: Glenn Rattmann . . . K6NA
Director: Cleyon Yowell WB6EHT
Director: Jim Rafferty N6RJ
Director: Oliver Saunders . . . N6OS

N6NP (K6IXS) HANK DAVIS - SILENT KEY

Hank Davis, N6NP of Daly City, passed away February 2nd. Hank, a retired attorney, served NCDXC last year as Secretary and was the DXer Editor for several issues. He was frequently heard on CW and on the 2 Meter Box. We will certainly miss Hank.

The following letter was received 18 February 1978 from Charles Signer, WA9INK.

CLIPPERTON UPDATE for DX Advisory Committees and Bulletins:

The amateur licenses for the 1978 French DXpedition to Clipperton were received in Paris February 16, and instead of one group license Papeete sent eight Clipperton calls, one for each of the European Clipperton team except Jacky Billaud, F6BBJ, who was on Mayotte at the time of the request. The calls are:

FOØXA for F9JS	FOØXE for F9IE
FOØXB for F5II	FOØXF for F6AQO
FOØXC for F6BFH	FOØXG for HB9AHL
FOØXD for F6ARC	FOØXH for HB9AEE

It is agreed that the number of calls may lead to confusion, so it has been decided to use one call per band, e.g. perhaps FOØXA on 160, FOØXB on 15, etc.

The first part of the French team will arrive in New York on approximately March 9th, where they will be greeted by the Long Island DX Association. They should reach Los Angeles on March 11th, and on the 12th there will be a special gathering of the Southern California DX Club.

The cast-off date from California is set for March 14th, and after a 5 day trip direct to Clipperton, the DXpedition team should reach Clipperton late on Palm Sunday, March 19th. If daylight is still available on the 19th at least one station will be fielded at that time on the island. By the 20th, 4 stations planned for the island should be on the air.

Activity is planned for all bands 160 thru 6, and now both OSCAR modes A and B are planned also. With a number of excellent operators from Europe and the U.S. to be at Clipperton, an impressive contact total should be attained.

We will try to make it possible to work call areas one hour at a time, and we will be announcing schedules from the yacht under the call F5II/MM.

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CLIPPERTON UPDATE (continued)

During the typing of this letter, a schedule of calls and frequencies has been received from Paris:

28.005 MHz -- FOØXF	7.005 MHz -- FOØXD
28.505 -- FOØXG	7.085 -- FOØXD
21.005 -- FOØXE	3.505 -- FOØXA
21.245 -- FOØXB	3.765 -- FOØXA
14.005 -- FOØXH	all other bands -- FOØXA
14.105 -- FOØXC	

All operation will be split frequency. Please do not make QRM by calling on the transmitting frequencies above, as we will not be listening there. Also, please work the Clipperton stations no more than once on any band or mode. We want to work as many different stations as possible.

The question of QSL managers is still unsettled. W/VE cards only may be addressed to the Clipperton DX Club, 2120 28th Street, Sacramento, Ca 95818. This is also the address of Worldradio, and in the Callbook it is correct as WB6QHL. Cards will be routed to the correct managers by UPS or Airmail from the Sacramento address. It is hoped that all cards can be written out at a central point and filed together by callsign, thus making it easier to answer SASE's. Cards will be answered in the same order in which they were received.

Following the DXpedition, 3 of the French team will remain in California for the International DX Convention at Visalia, April 15-16. It is hoped that by that time the slides and WA9INK's sound films will have been developed for presentation at the Sunday morning breakfast show.

As of this date, the fund-raising campaign has brought in a little over \$2000 to the Clipperton DX Club bank account in Sacramento. We still need much more to ensure a seven-day operation on the island, but we feel that the results so far have been good considering that we had the amateur licenses only yesterday, and in recent years many amateurs have gotten "burnt" by DXpeditions that failed to materialize. At this point, a landing on Clipperton by the 1978 French DXpedition team would be difficult to stop.

We appreciate the contributions of those who have already sent us their checks, and we are hoping that more will choose to contribute to the effort to wipe Clipperton off the Most Needed lists once and for all. Since the next Clipperton DXpedition is probably some years away, this time of need for contributions is really a time of truth for those who really want to ensure a successful Clipperton operation.

We hope to be working you from Clipperton, and on all bands.

73,

Charles Signer, WA9INK

Looks like Charlie has a tiger by the tail. It's surely going to be an exciting time - both for the Team and the rest of the world. That large split on 20 phone (14105 xmit) will most likely rule out simultaneous phone/CW on 20. The one-hour-per-district may prove unwieldy because of propagation conditions and population disparities. One item that should concern us most is the yacht announcements (F5II/MM), telling what band/mode is next and when. Here is where the NCDXC can really help the rest of the world - by relaying this vital info on both phone and CW, using our Repeater to coordinate that effort. We will certainly discuss this possibility at our March 10th Meeting.

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	HONOR MIX PH.	ROLL CW	INCL. MIX PH.	DEL. CW	10M	15M	20M	40M	80M	MIX PH.	MIX PH.
W6VQD			296		30	131	256	65	91	40	
K6WD			267							40	
K6WR	314	312	338	336	100	100	100	100	100	40	40
K6YK			206	80 133	32	82	160	67	33	39	464
W6YK	319		346								
W6YVK			231		105	182	158	53	36	39	605
W6XP			309							40	
K6XT			272	8	41	125	200	55	27	40	
N6XU			175								
W6ZBS	317		317								
WB6ZHD			196	101						39	39
W6ZM	322	321			126	137	315	41	99	40	40
WB6ZUC			249	128						40	
W6ZYC			295	291							40

DXER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Bob, K6SSJ has been appointed chairman of a committee of 3 Members who will receive nominations from the Membership, as well as make nominations of their own, to decide who will be awarded a plaque at the International DX Convention in Visalia April 15th. Criteria here below is quoted from our Policy and Procedures Manual, Section 3-115:

1. Cooperation and assistance with DX efforts. Submitting DX information to DXer and repeater, maintaining liaison with or coordinating DXpeditions, helping other Members to work DX.
2. Standards of operating ethics and practices. Compliance with FCC regulations, exhibition of fair play, sportsmanship, and good operating practices at all times. Use of ethical practices in working new countries, and obtain-
QSL cards.
3. Participation in Club activities. Service as officer or director, DXer editor, participation in DX contests with scores contributed to Club, support of the Club repeater, attendance at Club and repeater meetings, service on committees, bringing in new members or making guests welcome.
4. Achievements. Winning major DX contests, winner of awards such as 5BDXCC, Honor Roll, etc. Amateur related appointments and service, as in ARRL offices or communications department appointments. Service to public in emergencies, promoting international goodwill. Assistance to potential or new amateur radio operators, conduct of training programs.

GOOD GRIEF!

Here's a story that could have come right out of "7" land.

CARDINAL: Your Holiness, I have some good news and some bad news.

POPE: Tell me the good news.

CARDINAL: Jesus Christ has returned to earth!

POPE: Praise the Lord! But what is the bad news?

CARDINAL: He's staying at a Temple in Salt Lake City!

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Output freq = 147.36 MHz
Suggested Simplex = 147.54 MHz

NCDXC THURSDAY NITE NET:

On WR6ACZ each Thursday at 8:00 PM

NCDXC DX BULLETIN BROADCASTS:

W6TI, the NCDXC Memorial station, broadcasts DX bulletins each Sunday at 1800Z, or Monday at 0200Z on 14002 MHz.

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