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THE DXer

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## MEETING NOTICE

PLACE: HIS LORDSHIP'S Berkeley Marina, Berkeley, Ca

DATE: FRIDAY, 14 JULY 1978

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

MENU: Roast Half Chicken w/ green beans, + German chocolate cake. Price: \$8.50

AGENDA: INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

- AND -

SLIDE SHOW BY ARMOND NOBLE, N6WR - -

"A COAST WATCHER'S (VK9FH/WØEBG) RETURN TO NEW GUINEA"

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## HILITES OF THE JUNE MEETING

We had over 65 people at the Bold Knight in Sunnyvale. Newcomers and guests included: OH8UT, WB6ILN, N6XG, AA6AD, VK5CCT, W6KQK, W6CFK, N6JM, G3SZA, W6NJU, A2CCY, WD6FSJ plus XYLS and others.

Secretary Pete, WB6OOL announced applications for membership. The following were voted into the membership: N6PO, WB6OTC, WA6RPF, WB6NJW, and WB6OFM. Congratulations to all of you!

We also had first readings for: N6JM, W6CFK, WB6ZHH, W6PVE, K6HNZ, and K5GOE.

The Treasurer's Report from Maury, W6KJG stated that we now have over \$1500 in the treasury. N6GG suggested that the Club needs a good typewriter for the DXer. This will be discussed at the next BOD meeting, to be held shortly.

Our new DXer Editor was announced: Andy Gudas, WB6RIU. More about Andy later.

Old and New Business surfaced a growing problem with some of our aspiring Associate Members becoming Full Members and not receiving recognition of that fact. A discussion produced some ideas that should be implemented, such as - notice in the DXer and New Membership Certificates. It was suggested that the Secretary notify the DXer Editor of these changes. To name a few promotions, we have K6OP, W6FQF, WD6CAS, and (almost) K6SMH.

Next came the election of Club Officers. The hard-working Nominating Committee of W6VG, W6SC, & K6DC came up with 2 Nominees for each office. The election produced our new Officers for the coming year.

Pres: Charlie Kump, W6ZYC  
Vice P: Ted Davis, W6BJH

Sec: Ron Rasmussen, K6OP  
Treas: Howard Hale, W6SC

CONGRATULATIONS!!

A very interesting Roundtable followed, and meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

As of July 1st the annual dues are due. Full Members \$10, Associate and Absentee Members \$5. Please send your check (made out to NCDXC) to our new Treasurer:

Howard Hale, W6SC  
412 East Arbor Drive  
Sunnyvale, Ca 94086

BONUS! For absolutely free you'll receive the DXer monthly, at no extra charge, for one year, gratis. No Cost And No Strings Attached (NO COSTA NOSTRA). Maybe Affixed In A Staple (MAFIAS).

The new DXer Editor is Andy Gudas, WB6RIU (ex HL9UH), starting with the next issue. Andy has made numerous contributions to Climbing The DX Ladder in previous issues. Let's all give Andy a helping hand on this tough job.

The Club Marathon Contest is popping right along - took off like a pin-wheel! There's lots of activity, with several over the 100 country mark already. Rules were in the May issue of the DXer. Briefly, it started June 1st, goes for 3 months. Work as many different countries as you can. Phone, CW, and Mixed are the categories. Send your list to Ron, K6OP. Winners get a plaque. If you need some of the more common countries for your come-upance on the DX Ladder, check the 2 Meter Box. The announcements are coming thick and fast!

Orm Meyer, K6QX retired from IBM (It's Been Maddening) on June 1st, after over 20 years of going to work. Happy retirement, Orm!

The new Club rosters are here - freshly printed by Rubin, WA6AHF. They were passed out at the last meeting, and those not present will receive them with this issue of the DXer. Also, our thanks to Pete, WB6OOL who typed it all.

Bill, W6MUR is still handling the Club QSL cards at \$23.66 per thousand.

Bob, K6SSJ and Roy, W6FOJ are still looking for more sign-ups for the big NCDXC Japan Tour, set for November.

Don, K6RV has gingerly stepped forward and volunteered to do the address labels for the DXer on his handy-dandy mini-computer. If all goes well, this issue will be the first. Since our DXer mailing is now approaching the 240 mark, it will certainly take a heavy burden off the new DXer Publisher. TNX, Don!

As this is being written, news is received that Walt Gallegos, K6DOF is at Kaiser Hospital, San Francisco - reported diagnosis, terminal cancer.

### HILITES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

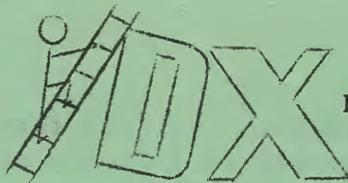
The NCDXC BOD met on Wednesday, 14th June at Denny's in Los Altos. Present were: N6GG, WB6OOL, W6KJG, K6DC, K6QX, and K6SSJ.

Rich, N6GG opened the meeting by suggesting that since we have a surplus in the treasury, that the Club should buy a decent typewriter for the new DXer Editor. The ensuing discussion resulted in a unanimous decision to buy a good typewriter, and set the limit at \$500. Bob, K6SSJ was appointed to look around for one.

Pete, WB6OOL suggested that the Pres, Vice Pres, Sec, and Treas have their Club meeting meals paid for by the Club. Rich, N6GG added that the DXer Editor also have this privilege. The BOD unanimously favored this suggestion.

The matter of Life Membership dues was discussed, as a recent meeting unveiled

CLIMBING  
THE



LADDER

CLIMBING THE DX LADDER is a contributor's column - a virtual powder-keg of explosive information for Little Gun DXers. If you'd like to light a fuse to one of your Roman-candle ideas, shoot it along and we'll see that it gets exploited.

#### CW TAIL-ENDING - WHEN?

Probably more DX operators are literally run off the air by wreckless tail-enders than any other type of indiscretion. It is sickening to listen to the chaos build up because some greedy hot-shot thinks he's going to show the rest of the pack how to snatch that rare one away from everyone else by blatantly tail-ending his competitors, and starts an avalanche of callers that bury the DX.

Since the DX operator MUST at all times control his pile-up, (and many a DX operator really doesn't realize this) he becomes stymied when he loses control. There is no master reset push-button! A large portion of the DX operators simply get teed-off and QRT. This is a sad situation that shouldn't happen. Whose fault is this? What is the cure? The fault is the over-anxious DXer combined with the DX operator who innocently answers the tail-ender. That opens the flood gates to dozens of other callers to tail-end. He probably feels put-upon that so many try to take the same advantage that the first ones did and becomes frustrated and angry with the whole ensuing mess. A cure for him is either: a) send a half-dozen QST's followed by "NO TAIL-ENDERS" and mean it, or b) send a half-dozen "QRZ UP 2" to split frequency operation and never answer tail-enders. The truly skilled DX operator who can handle tail-enders usually a) operates split and/or b) starts it himself by answering 2 or 3 callers in a string. Only then is the time to tail-end, and only when your "good buddy" is signing off - NOT BEFORE!

de N6GG

#### STATION DESIGN FOR DX - ANTENNAS

For those who are currently using dipoles and verticals and are about to upgrade their antenna systems on a limited budget and limited lot size in the city, and wishing to keep in harmony with the neighbors and XYL, the whole situation can be rather bewildering. What do you put up that will do the best job with the least investment in time and money? After several years in apartments, rented houses, and traveling around the world with the military, some basic principles have become very clear. First, the most important thing is height. Before you start stock-piling bags of concrete and Rohn 55 tower, you might seriously consider a slip-up TV mast in the 30 to 50 foot range. It will get your antenna up to the 60 foot level if placed on the roof and guyed every 10 feet, and you don't have to dig up the yard for guy points.

Next in importance is the antenna. For those who can't make the 60 foot level, a good quad is the best choice, if you don't think the looks are too objectionable to the neighbors and XYL. If you are wary of the neighbors, a Yagi looks best, but at the lower heights the quad is a better performer, plus it has no traps to worry about.

What rotator do you use? An AR22/AR33 will work well for any tri-band Yagi or quad, up to the size of a TH6 as long as you keep the boom of the antenna as close to the rotator as possible. For windy hilltop locations, a Ham-M or other large rotator with a braking system would be advisable.

de WB6RIU

BOD MEETING (continued)

the unclear rates. Bob, K6SSJ offered to re-write that section of the Policy and Procedure Manual, basing the payment rate on the age scale of the Radio Club of America. The BOD approved unanimously.

Next subject was the promotion of Associate Members to Full Members. The BOD unanimously agreed to have the Secretary present those qualifying a new Full Membership Certificate, and notify the DXer Editor of same, thus assuring these deserving members their due recognition in the next issue of the DXer.

(BOD decisions affecting a change in policy or expense must be presented to the Club to be voted on at the next meeting, which is July 14th.)

INX A MEG!

As out-going President and Editor/Publisher of the DXer I have an unusual opportunity to sincerely thank all those who helped this administration and contributed their time to Club activities during the past year. Without people to step forward and give a helping hand the Club wouldn't - and couldn't - survive. So it is a pleasure to put in writing, those who gave that extra time and effort to make this Club the finest in the DXing world. Special appreciation to Bob Vallio, W6RGG for a superb job, who week-after-week, year-after-year, every Sunday evening, puts together that FB NCDXC DX Bulletin as W6TI on 14,002 KHz. All of us owe these DXers our gratitude.

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THURSDAY NITE NET:

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W6BJH Swap Shop  
W6JZU ARRL News & HR Report  
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CLUB STATION TRUSTEE OF W6TI:

W6RGG NCDXC DX Bulletins

SPECIAL MISC:

W6MUR Club QSL cards  
K6SSJ Dinner for UR2AR  
K6TXR Pix of UR2AR/Dinner  
K6BW Presentation on Detection of Extraterrestrials  
W6AW Presentation on Propagation  
W6SC Santa Claus at the Christmas Dinner  
W6BIP Presentation on RFI/TVI Cures  
WB6ZUC Trans-Siberia Slide Show  
W6BIP Club Rep to Central Calif. Radio Council  
W6NEQ Bartender on Bus

All those who acted as Net Control during the DX Contests  
Everybody else who helped any of the above

de Rich, N6GG

## CREATURE COMFORTS

The CHAIR is an important piece of your operating equipment. If you don't have a comfortable chair, chances are you won't be able to sit for hours at a time at the operating position chasing the rare ones without undue fatigue.

First requirement for a comfortable chair is that it must swivel and have roll casters. Most of us have equipment that is spread out over the operating desk, and even the slightest turning movement requires that either your back or your head must move - or the chair turns. It's simply less fatiguing to let the chair do the turning. Scooting a chair with rolling casters is also less fatiguing.

Second requirement is that it be comfortable to your rump - soft and yet firm, and that it can breathe to release the heat. Leather or non-perforated plastic is not as comfortable for long sittings as terry cloth or other woven material. Also, the front edge must not be too sharp, but rather have a gradual shape, and padded to ease the pressure under those thighs. A cloth-covered foam cushion kept handy to insert at intervals is an added help.

Third requirement is that it must be the correct height off the floor. This is VERY important. If it is too high, the front edge of the seat tends to cut off the circulation to your legs, causing cold feet and numbness. (The main arteries in the legs run near the BACK of the thighs.) If the seat is too low, it eventually causes your neck and shoulders to start aching because your elbows and arms are resting on the desk at a "too-high" position. Since the desk is usually a fixed height and the chair variable, you might end up with a foot platform to keep that circulation going in the legs. The correct height will be when your feet are flat on the floor (or platform), with no pressure against the back of the thighs, and when your elbows can rest comfortably on the desk without raising your shoulders up or down, out of position.

The fourth requirement is equally important as all of the above, and that is the chair must have the proper back support. This means that the lower back must have a soft - yet firm support, preferably adjustable, and be against your low back at all times. It need not be spring-loaded; this is a matter of preference.

What has been described above is a secretarial chair. It does not tilt back nor have arms, but is probably the most comfortable, efficient, and least expensive of the swivel chairs. Secretarial chairs also make you sit up straight, and correct sitting posture is also a must to help prevent fatigue and those unusual aches and pains.

When a swivel chair has arms, generally it tilts back, too. These are usually called "executive chairs". Leaning back is OK once in a while, but if done to excess your feet will dangle, causing circulation problems unless you support your feet up on the desk (phone-types). One problem with arms is, when you're wearing earphones, the cord has to drape over the arm or in front of the arm support, which can cause an occasional annoying tug at the phones as you move around. Tilting chairs are also more expensive, and with one more moving joint to keep from squeaking.

And speaking of expense, often there are good buys in swivel chairs at used office equipment places. Squeaks, casters, paint or even upholstery, can be replaced or repaired by the handy ones. What you are buying is the basic fundamentals of comfort - and it's worth every penny.

de N6GG

RUSSIAN PREFIXES  
(from QST)

UA1-6 UV1-6 UW1-6 UN1	UK1,3,4 UK2F UK6A,E,H,I,J,L,P,U,W,X,Y	European Russian SF SR
UA1		Franz Josef Land
UA2		Kaliningradsk
UA9-ø UV9-ø UW9-ø	UK9-ø	Asiatic RSFSR
UB5 UT5 UY5	UK5 - all letters except "O"	Ukraine
UC2	UK2A,C,I,O,S,W,L	White Russian SSR
UD6	UK6D,C,K	Azerbaijan
UF6	UK6F,O,V	Georgia
UG6	UK6G	Armenia
UH8	UK8H	Turkoman
UI8	UK8A,C,D,F,G,I,L,O,T,U,Z	Uzbek
UJ8	UK8J,R	Tadzhik
UL7	UK7 all letters	Kazakh
UM8	UK8M,N	Kirghiz
UO5	UK5O	Moldavia
UP2	UK2P,B	Lithuania
UQø	UK2Q,G	Latvia
UR2	UK2R,T	Estonia

K6DQF, WALT GALLEGOS - SILENT KEY

We are saddened by the news that Walt Gallegos, K6DQF passed away June 25th. As announced on another page in this issue, Walt was at Kaiser Hospital in San Francisco with Terminal cancer. Walt and his wife Rose frequently attended our meetings.

GOOD GRIEF!

INFORMATION EXPLOSION (INFEX) - do it with ABCLACS!

There's so much being written these days in All Facets of Technology (ALLFAT) that we are in danger of depleating our forests for making paper to communicate with, rather than for houses. We should try to use more Abbreviations, Clichés, and Acronyms (ABCLACS) to help Conserve Our Own Resources (COORS). This leads to Better Environment and Extended Reserves (BEER).

The Ham Radio Organization (HRO) was among the first to use ABCLACS 2 COORS. It continues today as: "R UR RST 5NN PSE QSL VIA BURO 73".

Now Is the Time (NIT) To Press Forward (2 PF) and Meet Head On (MHO) 2 COORS as A Way Of Life (AWOL) To Further Understand the Data Generating Environment (2 FUDGE), In Order To Use (IO2U) the Best Acronym (BEAM) To Get It Down On Paper (2 GIDOP).

Just think of the Savings In Paper (SIP), using ABCLACS. That previous sentence could have been written: NIT 2 PF & MHO 2 COORS as AWOL 2 FUDGE IO2U the BEAM 2 GIDOP.

We simply must have BEER, 2 COORS.

Hamms, Arise (HAAR)! This Is No Laughing Matter (THINOLAMA)!

Writing Incomprehensible Notes Endlessly (WINE) doesn't make it.

Getting It Noted (GIN) isn't enough, and Taking Old Notes In Columns (TONIC) isn't the way to go.

Volumes of Old Data Keep Arising (VODKA) on the Rotten Old Compositions that Keep Smoldering (ROCKS) is also a bummer.

So let's avoid WINE, GIN and TONIC, as well as VODKA on the ROCKS. It simply doesn't mix with BEER, especially 2 COORS.

With ABCLACS we'll need an ABCLACS dictionary to keep track of these translations so that everyone can be In On The Action (IOTA). With new clichés Popping Up Every Day (PUED) we must either Kick Butt (KB), or Be Lost In The Zest of Kicking Rigorously In Exploring the Garbage (BLITZKRIEG).

Do You Want To (DUWA 2) KB or BLITZKRIEG? If you BLITZKRIEG you're Going To Be Lost (GOTOBELO), but if you KB you'll Be On Top Of the Mound (BOTOM).

Write A Memo (WAM) To Yourself On These ABCLACS (TOYOTA) With Data Sufficiently Noted (W/DATSUN) and Have Only Newly Dated ABCLACS (HONDA). Start A Dictionary (STADIC) Containing Relevant Assemblies of Helpful Sentences (CRASHES) Right Now (RINO) So That You Too (STU-2) Will BOTOM.

That KB's to: WAM TOYOTA W/DATSUN & HONDA. STADIC CRASHES RINO STU-2 W/BOTOM.

Makes Zany Data (MAZDA), doesn't it!

You Savvy ABCLACS (U SAAB)?

Give ABCLACS a Big Lead or We'll Run Out Of Forests (GABLE W/ROOFS)!

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\* Output freq = 147.36 MHz  
\* Suggested Simplex: 147.54 MHz

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