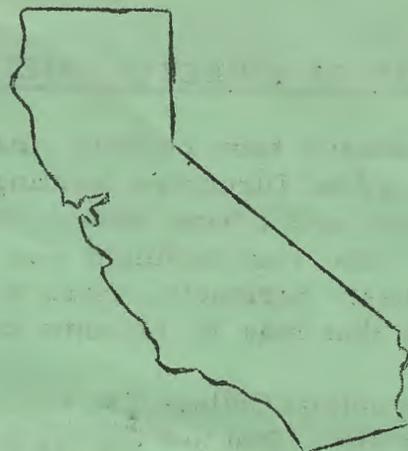


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MEETING NOTICE

PLACE: HOLIDAY INN, Belmont (Take Marine World turn-off)
DATE: FRIDAY, 11 AUGUST 1978
TIME: 6:30 P.M. Cocktails 7:30 P.M. CHOW TIME!!!
MENU: London Broil, with dessert Price: \$8.50
PROGRAM: "WHY I WENT TO THE NORTH POLE TO TALK TO WALT HENRY
ON 2 METERS" by John Browning, W6SP/W6ASA

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WHATCHA MISSED

The July meeting was held on Friday, July 14, 1978, at His Lordship's in Berkeley.

The main topic of discussion (in the editor's opinion!) was the purchase of a typewriter by the Club. Bob Thompson, K6SSJ, was chosen to keep an eye peeled for a good deal. The members voted a maximum of \$500 to be spent on the typewriter.

Proposal to pay for the meals of the Club officers was rejected.

Once again it was noted that some sort of recognition should be made for those Club members who advanced from associate to full membership status. (Such recognition will be made in the DXer---ed.)

There was one application for full membership, Woodie Carlton, K5GOE, and three first readings, Richard Shepler, WA6RAV, Scottie Williams, WA6DNM, and Dick Barrett, W6CFK.

A motion was made and seconded to give some sort of plaque to outgoing officers of the Club in appreciation of their services, beginning with the current group of outgoing officers. The motion was amended to let the Board of Directors ruminate on the matter. (See highlights of the BoD meeting elsewhere in the DXer---ed.)

A slide show entitled, "Operating in New Guinea" was presented by Armond Noble.

ODDS N ENDS

ALL changes to the Club roster or DXer mailing list should go to the DXer editor,

The Club Marathon is heading down the home stretch---the winner might be a surprise. For QSLs see W6MUR. For a tour of JA land, see K6SSJ or W6FOJ.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

I've always been curious, maybe you have been too, as to what really goes on at a Board of Directors meeting. Your new editor was present at the latest BoD meeting and I have news---it's not all that exciting! Mostly just a business meeting. The real highlight was when K6OP and W6SP compared their new digital watches! Seriously, there was some news on a tower case taking place down south that may be of some concern to all amateurs. More details when available.

The Foothill College FM station, KFJC, and our own repeater, WR6ACZ, share the same site. Due to FCC regulations, KFJC must move their antenna up an additional 10 feet. (Sure wish I could do the same---ed.) So, we must relocate our antenna as well. The best solution is to move our antenna up an additional 10 feet as well, which necessitates a new feedline. With a little horsetrading of a spare power supply that the Club has, the total outlay should be about \$40. The work will be done by Pete, WB6OOL. The Board approved the expenditure.

Recently UA6HZ made a trip to this neck of the woods. Bill Vette, K6TXR, was on hand to capture the event on film. The Board agreed to reimburse Bill \$8.52 to cover the cost of sending the pictures to UA6HZ.

It was decided to recommend to the membership that HB9BW (ex-WA6QJW) be made an honorary life member in the club for his work as head honcho of 4U1ITU.

There is still no word on a fee schedule for life membership. K6SSJ is still wrestling with the matter. (Does the DXer editor get a discount?)

The matter of presenting plaques to outgoing Club officers was tabled.

Due to the passing of Club member K6DQF, the president will now be responsible for handling such matters as Silent Keys and members in the hospital, etc. The Board authorized an expenditure of up to \$25 for such donations and expenses as are appropriate.

A bill for \$129.16 was presented as our share of the costs of trophies given in Visalia for the NCDXC/NCCC Cooperative.

It was noted that there is a need for a Membership Committee, Contest Chairman, etc. The president will contact potential candidates. Any volunteers?

There was a discussion of future meeting sites. There is still the intention of spreading the meetings around so that more of our outlying members can attend.

The Prez sez that dues are due. Have you paid yours yet? (Give W6SC the business)

K6DQF

We regret the loss of fellow Club member Walter Gallegos, K6DQF. Contributions in his name were made to the NCDX Foundation by the NCDXC, Larry Bloom, WB6RWJ and his XYL, and by Bill Winnegar, N6UM and his XYL. The NCDXF will use the funds for the benefit of other DXers. Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Gallegos. (From the NCDXF and K6DC)

EDITORIAL QRM

Greetings from your new editor. First of all I wish to thank Rich, N6GG, for the help he has given me, making the transition a, hopefully, smooth one. Second, I think he's done an outstanding job of streamlining the bulletin. I will try to continue where he is leaving off.

With the exception of the WR6ACZ Thursday night net, this bulletin is all the contact with the Club that many members have, myself included in the past. I am not an elected official of the Club. But as one Marin QRPer put it, "The pen is mightier than the Henry 4K." I wield some power now. Should the membership fail to contribute sufficient material to fill the rather Spartan two pages the bulletin now runs, I will fill the empty space with editorials or anything else that suits my fancy. You are all probably familiar with one U. S. Senator, who, during a filibuster in the Senate, read a cookbook into the Congressional Record. Enough said?

The purpose of this bulletin, as I see it, is simple. To provide useful information to Club members. I will not attempt to compete with the WCDXB or the repeater. "Useful" information covers a broad spectrum. Chasing DX involves more than calls, times, and frequencies. I will attempt to continue "Climbing the DX Ladder" column, though in somewhat expanded form. There are many members in the "under 200" country level. Information on QSLing, nets, antennas, propagation, and the like would be most useful to them, as well as to some of us "Big Guns."

My background: I began at age 15 as WN9PRS. My first few years were almost exclusively on CW. I started my DX career in 1968. In early 1970 I had about 90 countries. By mid-1971 I had 240. The antennas consisted of a 4el Yagi on 20 at 65 feet, a 3el Yagi on 15 at 60 feet, and some wires for 80, 40 and 10. 95% of the time I ran less than 200 watts. If I can do it, so can anyone else! I currently have 271 countries, all on SSB. Though I happen to prefer phone, I will come down extremely hard on anyone who even suggests that one mode is better than the other. I'm a long way from struggling to make DXCC, but I'm not exactly within spitting distance of the Honor Roll either, so I am ideally placed in between the two groups. Sort of like being in the neutral zone between 4X4 and OD5! I'll probably catch hell from both sides. That's OK--- I can dish it out too!

So, now you all know what you're in for. To those at the top, congratulations. It was fun, wasn't it? To those below, keep at it. Half the fun is the trip up. Long after the QSLs are faded and stuffed in a shoebox somewhere, you'll remember the people you met, both here and around the world. Hopefully, many of those friendships will continue for the rest of your lives. That's what DXing is all about.

GUD DX,
Andy WB6RIU

CONGRATULATIONS

The following members have achieved full membership status: K6OP, W6FQF, WD6CAS, and K6MGF. We also have a new associate member, WB6RWJ.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The following note was attached to the check for dues by Hal, N6AN/W6EYY:

"What, no special rates for senior citizens!"

Appended to it was a comment by our treasurer, W6SC:

"Told Hal that if this was the case, 75% of the Club would get a discount!"

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* Input freq = 147.96 MHz

* Output freq = 147.36 MHz

* Suggested Simplex: 147.54 MHz

* NCDXC THURSDAY NITE NET:

* On WR6ACZ Thursdays 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 KHz.

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