

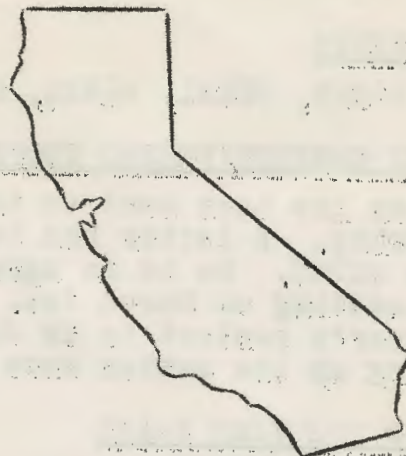
# NCDXC

THE DXer

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## MEETING NOTICE

PLACE: DINAH'S SHACK 4269 El Camino Real, Palo Alto  
DATE: FRIDAY, 9 March 1979  
TIME: 6:30 P.M. --- Cocktails 7:30 P.M. --- CHOW!!!  
MENU: SMORGASBORD  
PRICE: \$7.00 Including tax and tip  
PROGRAM: "Travels in Africa" by Bob, VE4ACY, ex-A2CCY etc. Is DX exciting? Find out what it's like on the other side!!!

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## WHATCHA MISSED

The February meeting was held at Manzella's Loft in Hayward on Friday, February 9, 1979, with some 60 in attendance. The house was packed! Bill, K6TXR, pointed out that at the previous meeting Ruben, WA6AHF, had bought wine for the multitudes to celebrate the fact that he had finally made the Honor Roll, this being left out in the DXer. OOPS!

There were five first readings given:

Robert Foster, N6RQ, Donald Artru, K6CLV, George Badger, W6TC, Russ Bentson, K6KLY, and John Bushati, N6AXD.

There was also one second reading for Carl Snyder, W6MSF, Congratulations Carl!

FRESNO --- Bob, K6SSJ, was not in attendance, though details will be forthcoming. The liquid suspension bus is rolling along as usual. Registrations should go to Ruben, WA6AHF. The cost hasn't been determined as yet.

ARRL DX TEST --- A proposal was made concerning the scoring for the annual NCDXC vs SCDXC trophy, to be presented at Fresno. The proposal is that the score for each club should be the sum of the club members scores, no matter who they may submit their score for, like the NCCC or SCCC, etc. This would allow members to submit their scores for other groups and still have them count for the DX clubs that they belong to. Those present voted for the idea unanimously, however the SCDXC must still approve as well.

DXer of the Year --- Nominations to Adam, N6QR by 10 March 1979.

Hal, W6FQF, has qualified for full membership. Congratulations Hal!

WA6TKT/7 has announced that anyone who can beat his record for the ARRL Pacific Division Hi Band Phone mode in the ARRL contest will receive a special award with a \$100.00 bill inside it. Can you beat him?????

The program, "What Makes a Good Receiver" by John Doremus, W0AW/6 was presented and was rather well received by all. HQ129, anyone?

## DELINQUENTS

K6CU, W6GPB, W6KHI, W6NTQ, K6UJS, K6UXV, W4RIM, N6TJ, N6PO (@/21/79)

## ARRL DX CONTEST/FRESNO TROPHY

A letter has been sent to the SCDXC with our proposal for the new method of scoring. A letter has been received from Dave Bell, W6AQ, President of the SCDXC. He is in agreement with it and will be bringing it up at their meeting on March 1st. Whether it will be agreed upon in time for this year's contest is in doubt, but it does look like the chances of clearing up the matter once and for all are very good at this time! . .

## DXER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The criteria for the award are as follows:

1. Cooperation and assistance with DX efforts. Submitting DX information to the DXer and repeater, maintaining liaison with or coordinating DXpeditions, helping others 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 obtaining QSLs.
3. Participation in club activities. Service as an officer or director, DXer editor, participation in DX contests with scores contributed to the 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, conducting training programs.

Since the standards of the award are high, the committee may elect not to nominate anyone if a suitable candidate is not available. The identity of the recipient, if any, won't be known until the award is presented at Fresno. The committee will formulate a point system for each of the four major categories given and evaluate candidates by assigning points to each. Only voting members who have been club members for at least a year are eligible for the award, and no one can receive the award more often than once every three years. The award is for the calendar year immediately preceding granting of the award, though past performance in prior years may also be considered by the committee.

## CONTEST CALENDAR

April 7-8	Polish 'SP' CW Contest	
April 21-22	Bermuda Contest	
April 21-22	Polish 'SP' SSB Contest	
April 21-22	Common Market Contest	See CQ Magazine for details of these contests.
April 28-29	Dutch 'PACC' Contest	
April 28-29	Swiss 'H-26' Contest	
May 26-27	CQ WW WPX CW Contest	

## ISLE OF MAN MILLENIUM DXPEDITION

The Liverpool and District Amateur Radio Society are mounting a DXpedition to the Isle of Man during the period of the special 'GT' prefix to celebrate one thousand years of the Islands Parliament, Tynwald. The club's callsign is GT3AHD/Portable. QSLs to G3AHD or buro. To be on from 2300 June 29 to 2300 July 8, 1979.

## THOSE FUNNY NEW PREFIXES, OR, WHERE IS HE LOCATED?

AH1, KH1, NH1, WH1	KB6
AH2, KH2, NH2, WH2	KG6
AH3, KH3, NH3, WH3	KJ6
AH4, KH4, NH4, WH4	KM6
AH5, KH5, NH5, WH5	KP6
AH5K, KH5K, NH5K, WH5K	KP6 Kingman Reef
AH6, KH6, NH6, WH6	KH6
AH7, KH7, NH7, WH7	KH6 Kure Island
AH8, KH8, NH8, WH8	KS6
AH9, KH9, NH9, WH9	KW6
AL7, KL7, NL7, WL7	KL7
KP1, NP1, WP1	KC4 Navassa Island
KP2, NP2, WP2	KV4
KP3, NP3, WP3	KS4
KP4, NP4, WP4	KP4

## THE DXTEROUS HAND BY MIKE RAPHONE

As many of you know, I am employed full time as the doubtful purveyor of humor in the enterprises of that noble press lord who publishes, among his weighty efforts, Worldradio News. Since that journal cannot concentrate solely on DX, he has graciously given (without his knowledge) permission for me to submit occasional efforts to the DXer.

My first thoughts, as in the sports pages, is to sketch a profile of some of the leaders of the game, giving a few little known facets of their personality to the reader. This would have caused some friction, however, as there are so many leaders (and so few followers) that invariably feelings might be slighted. So I shall concentrate on the personality types which make up our august group. The styles and aspects of behavior which sets DXers apart from all others. Note: The descriptions given do not represent any person, living or dead, and any similarity is purely coincidental. It should also go without saying that no member of this esteemed club could possibly have served as a model for anything described here.

The first rara avis (we try harder) is the character who plays Show and Tell. ZZØZZ is finally on the air, after 25 years of absence, for just one week-end. Everyone who hasn't been DXing for at least a quarter of a century is looking for this one, and the pile-up is horrendous. Then, just when you think you've got a chance, and he'll take one more 6, our hero comes in with his call. Naturally, with his surplus VOA amplifier, he connects. Now, while a third of a million eager listeners wait (probably the largest captive audience since Marc Anthony borrowed their ears) he lets us all know, "Just wanted to say hello, Old Man. Don't really need this one; worked the 1952 and the 1947 expeditions on all bands. Don't wanta hold you, though. Some guys out there might not have ZZØ confirmed."

## QSLING

No, this is not about getting that FR7/T QSL card. Quite the opposite. It has come to my attention that some members in our club aren't doing a very good job of answering QSL cards. This complaint isn't coming from the Japanese QSL bureau. It's coming from some European DXers. Why do they thirst for a W6 QSL? The California Award, which our own club sponsors! If we are to sponsor the award, then we must also make it available. That means QSLing when asked to. A lot of people think it's a very nice award to get, so let's help them out, huh?

EDITORIAL Q M At this time, the DX contest is less than 48 hours away, so the DXer is a little thinner than I would like to make it. And one note: If possible, send typewritten, single-spaced copy, so that it can be pasted up and not retyped. I'd like to work some DX too!!!

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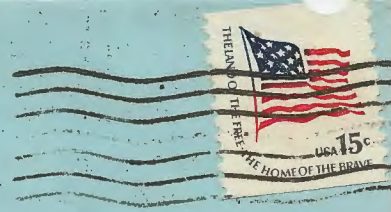
On WR6ACZ Thursdays at 8:00 P.M.

NCDXC DX BULLETIN BROADCASTS

W6TI, the NCDXC Memorial Station broadcasts DX bulletins each Sunday at 1800 GMT or Monday at 0200 GMT on 14.002 MHz.

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FRESNO SPECIAL RIDES AGAIN!!!

The annual (and traditional) Fresno DX Convention charter service will again provide smooth, safe service from the Bay Area to Fresno and return. We're fighting hard against the ravages of inflation, and have held the price to \$22.00 round trip. This price, of course, not only includes your round trip transportation, but also the famous liquid suspension refreshments. We are hoping that Bepp, W6NEQ, will be aboard again to serve his usual high-octane delights.

A no-host luncheon will be held on the return trip, probably in Hollister. Also, by popular demand, there will be no contest on the bus this year.

Send your checks, made out to the NCDXC, to Jim Maxwell, W6CF, at the address given below. Be sure to indicate your pickup point on your reservation slip. Last minute reservations may be made by telephone at 408-353-2094, if any seats are left.

Our pickup and delivery schedule follows the same pattern as in years past.

SCHEDULE

Date	Stop/pickup location	Time
April 7, 1979 (Saturday)	Leave Greyhound Depot, 7th & Mission, S.F.	7:30 AM
	Broadway & El Camino, Burlingame	8:00 AM
	Hillsdale Blvd. Bus Stop, San Mateo	8:10 AM
	Rickey's, El Camino, Palo Alto	8:30 AM
	Hyatt House, Bayshore & 1st, San Jose	8:50 AM
	Arrive Fresno Hilton Hotel	around 12:00 Noon
April 8, 1979 (Sunday)	Leave Fresno Hilton	12:00 Noon
	Lunch en route	?
	Arrive Hyatt House, San Jose	4:30 PM
	Rickey's, Palo Alto	4:50 PM
	Hillsdale Blvd., San Mateo	5:10 PM
	Broadway & El Camino, Burlingame	5:30 PM
Greyhound Depot, San Francisco	6:00 PM	

Please detach the form below and submit with your check. Again, last minute reservations or changes may be made by calling Jim Maxwell, W6CF, at 408-353-2094. Your check should be in his hands no later than 1 April to avoid being cancelled out!!

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Jim Maxwell, W6CF  
P.O. Box 473  
Redwood Estates, CA 95044

Yes, yes, yes!! Put me down for \_\_\_\_\_ on the 1979 Fresno Special!!

My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$22.00 per seat) made out to the NCDXC

is enclosed.

I WILL BOARD THE BUS AT \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_ (call)

\_\_\_\_\_ (street)

\_\_\_\_\_ (city) \_\_\_\_\_ (state) \_\_\_\_\_ (zip)