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MEETING NOTICE

PLACE: Dinah's Shack 4269 El Camino Real, Palo Alto

DATE: Friday, 8 June 1979

TIME: Cocktails 6:30 P.M.; Dinner 7:30 P.M.

MENU: Smorgasbord

PRICE: \$ 7.00 Including Tax and Tip

PROGRAM: 1) Election of Club Officers

- 2) Harry Styron, K6MFV, will provide an update on the Personal Communications Foundation and the current status of legal actions regarding amateur installations in residential areas.

CLUB ELECTIONS

Please note that the election of the 1979 - 1980 slate of officers for the NCDXC will be held at the June 8 meeting. The Nominating Committee, under the chairmanship of Smitty (W6JZU), will present a list of candidates for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All of these candidates have expressed their willingness to serve in each office and to faithfully discharge its duties. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor provided that nominees meet the qualifications for the office and indicate their willingness to accept the duties of the office. This is your club and this is your opportunity to select the candidate that will make this club what you want it to be. de W6ZYC.

CONGRATULATIONS!

WA6ITR and WA6GTU have both gone from Associate to Full membership.

DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES

Yep, it's that time of the year again. Club dues are due in by July 1st, and the current rate is \$10.00 for full members and \$5.00 for associate members. Pay up now --- and avoid the Christmas rush!

NCDXC QSL CARDS

Howard Hale, W6SC, has offered to handle club QSL cards for the remainder of his term as Treasurer. He has arranged for the distribution of all cards currently on hand and will accept new orders for additional cards.

All members who have have advised us of inking problems with early batches of cards from our current printer have been provided replacements at no charge.

REPEATER OPERATION

Stan Kaisel, K6UD, has written a letter to the club with a number of suggestions for actions that the NCDXC can take to correct many of the problems that we are seeing on the bands. Stan's comments on the operating practices on WR6ACZ are reprinted below:

" As the membership increases, use of the repeater correspondingly increases by people who have not had the opportunity to monitor this repeater when there was some discipline. I am disappointed to hear people breaking into the middle of existing QSOs, and blithely handling their traffic without regard to those who are already using the machine at the time. I was shocked enough to hear that practice, apparently common among the Southern Californians, show up on the 34/94 machine at Fresno. I think it would be a very bad precedent to let it continue to happen on WR6ACZ. There is more and more social/idle chatter on the machine, and I get the impression that WR6ACZ is also becoming the calling frequency for the Bay Area, no doubt because its coverage is so good. These practices need to be discouraged. Some members (mostly in the Valley) operate Simplex on the output of the repeater on the basis that they cannot be heard by the majority of the stations in the Bay Area, anyway. They do break squelch on high antennas, and I discover that more people in the Bay Area are beginning to operate Simplex on the output on the assumption that they can only be heard for a short distance. This practice only adds more noisy signals which break squelch, causing members who want to listen for DX announcements to turn the gain down so that they're not disturbed.

I suggest that WR6ACZ should be used primarily for calling out DX, as a calling frequency for members, so they can move to another frequency, and not much else. If this is the Club's policy, it should be stated clearly and enforced."

(It is Club policy and should be followed)

de W6ZYC

JOHN DOREMUS, WØAW *** SILENT KEY

It is with deep regret that we report the passing of John Doremus, WØAW. John died on May 16, following a short illness. He was an active member of the NCDXC and handled the ordering and distribution of club QSL cards. John provided a very interesting program on receiver design considerations at our February meeting in Hayward. John's family requests that any contributions be sent to:

John Doremus Memorial Fund
Lafayette College
Easton, Pennsylvania 18042

ARRL DX TEST - NCDXC ENTRY

The following scores for the 1979 ARRL DX TEST have been submitted to the ARRL as the official NCDXC CLUB ENTRY. This list does not contain the scores of dual members who submitted to the ARRL for the Contest Club. Thanks to all and see you in the pileups next year.

<u>CW</u>		<u>PHONE</u>	
W6BIP	634,998*	W6BIP	546,804*
N6AN	365,292	N6OJ	376,125
W6SC	302,604	AF6S	215,880
W6PM	279,240	W6BJB	158,004
AF6S	243,516	AF6F	122,511
N7KA/6	126,585	W6PM	83,928
K6YK	97,569*	W6ZYC	76,383
N6UW	82,719	W6SC	53,295
W6ATO	72,000	N6NG	49,995
N6EA	52,884	N6UW	45,000
W6CFK	35,460*	K6SMH	42,750
K6SMH	31,806	WB6RWJ	23,760
W6SYL	17,985	W6YVK	23,550
W6SUJ	9,384	N6AN	16,224
CW TOTAL =	2,352,042	K6YK	10,764
* Multi-op.		W6QDE	7,140
GRAND TOTAL =	4,204,155	PHONE TOTAL=	1,852,113

REVISED CLUB MARATHON CONTEST RULES/AWARDS

At the May Board Of Directors meeting some revisions to the Club Marathon Contest rules were approved. To avoid confusion all rules except those regarding logs and contest period are listed below.

RULES: (See May issue of DX'er for rules regarding logs, contest period)

- * The contest is limited to club members residing within the club geographical boundaries defined as Northern Calif. from the Oregon border to the Tehachapis. (new rule)
- * The contest categories are PHONE, CW, and MIXED mode. Members can submit for only one category. To qualify for mixed, the entrant must work at least 25% of the countries on either phone or cw. A country may only be counted once, regardless of the band.
- * A member is eligible to win a given category only once every three years. This rule is retroactive. (new rule)

AWARDS:

- * There are three awards per category as follows: WINNER - Plaque, SECOND and THIRD place - Special certificate (new award).
- * All eligible entrants who work "100" or more countries will receive a participation certificate. (new award)

Gud LK WB6EXW

WHATCHA MISSED

The May meeting was held on Friday, May 11, 1979 at the Villa Chartier. There were first readings for Jay C'Brian, W6GO, Sharon Gately, KB6FM, Bob Gately, AK6P, Dave Leeson, W6QHS, Jim Eilers, W6RLB, Curtis Thompson, WA6RLE, Jim Smith, KB6DJ, and Steve Thomas, N6ST.

There were second readings for Lyle Zech, WD6BGG, Terry Wilkin, WD6ALW, James Gale, WA6FDX, Leonard Cutler, WD6CMT, Frank Zolfo, W6SJC, Paul Zeppa, WA6VJH, Pete Dixon, WB6CIP, and Gerry Smith, W6TER. All were voted into the club.

The treasurer reported \$1300.44 in the checking account, with a possible \$100.00 error, \$1090.39 in the savings account and \$377.24 in the repeater fund. Also \$40.00 worth of spirits left over from the Fresno bus trip.

Adam, N6QR, presented 1978 Marathon Awards to WB6EXW for Phone, DJ6RX for CW, and N6OC for Mixed. The Marathon this year will begin at 0001 on June 1st and end at 2359 on August 31st. Only northern Californian stations are eligible to win and once you win you cannot compete on that mode in the following two contests, though you are free to enter in another mode.

The membership voted on whether they preferred Fresno or Visalia for the DX Convention. The vote was 26 to 12 in favor of Visalia.

W6BIP made a motion that the Club join the CCRC, which would cost \$6.00 a year in annual dues.

K6TXR complained about the QSL Bureau. (So did several others).

Adam, N6QR, made a motion that the Club go on record against supporting any "black list" movements with respect to stations working from lists, or list operations in general. N6AN seconded the motion and the vote FOR was unanimous. K6OP will write a letter regarding this matter to the ARRL DX Advisory Committee.

W6MUR bought wine for the gang, having finally attained the Honor Roll -----
Congratulations!

Several door prizes were handed out to unsuspecting attendees.

Peter, WD6GHE, told of his upcoming sailing trip to Palmyra.

Lloyd and Iris then gave a slide show on their recent trip in the Caribbean and Central America. Those who missed it missed a good one!

BoD Meeting

The BoD met at K6OP's on May 8, 1979. Those attending were WB6EXW, N6AN, W6ZYC, K6DC, W6BJE, and K6CP.

The first item was the Marathon. All agreed that the winner must reside in Northern California, and can win only once every 3 years in the same mode. There will be a plaque to the winner and special certificates to the 2nd and 3rd place finishers, as well as certificates to anyone working over 100 countries in the Marathon. Giving out scores (current country totals) while the Marathon is in progress is discouraged, though tall tales are quite acceptable!

It was suggested that a joint BoD meeting be held with the newly elected officers after the elections.

The Club is to provide the CQWW DX Contest Award for Oceania to the winners for the 1977 and 1978 contests.

The Board will review the Procedures Manual between now and the June meeting and vote on any changes to be made. The Board unanimously approved Revision 1 of the Procedures Manual.

It was brought up as a reminder that candidates for membership not attend their second readings.

ROSTER CORRECTIONS

W6SC 739-6134

W6PM (707) 887-1733

5BWA CHECKLIST - Fill in call on date - check when confirmed

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TRUSTEE: Charlie Kump W6ZYC

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 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.

W6TI Trustee: Bob Vallio W6RGG

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