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PLACE: DINAH'S SHACK in Palo Alto
DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 9, 1980
TIME: Cocktails --- 6:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M. --- GRUB!!!
MENU: Smorgasbord. \$9.00 including tax and tip
PROGRAM: Joe Merdler, N6AHU, will speak about his recent experiences with the FCC and jammers. You have probably heard about the case so why not come and hear all about it from Joe himself?

WHATCHA MISSED

The April meeting was held on Friday, April 11, 1980 at the Holiday Inn in Belmont. The president reported some problems in the current year's budget. The expected expenses remaining until dues are paid in July total about \$2030, which consists of \$480 for the DXer, \$250 for the Fresno bus, \$1300 for the new club QSL's. The current accounts are \$2400 in savings and \$420 in checking. Though things may be a little tight for the next few months, the Board has requested the treasurer to use the funds in savings if necessary.

K6SSJ, who is looking into sponsorship requirements for prospective members, made a report, suggesting a new membership form to include a sponsor's name. There were motions for both one and three sponsors being required, so, a compromise of two was finally voted on and passed.

There were two second readings, for WB6DQP, George Besley, and KB6JK, Richard Hudgins. Congratulations!

There was a single first reading for W6NPY, David Stockham.

It was noted at the meeting that some club members were not QSLing very well, which was making it difficult for DX stations to get the California Award. Since this is a club sponsored award we should do our best to support it.

The evening was closed out by Dick Crouch, N6RC, who showed his collection of slides taken when he was a cultural exchange student in Russia. All of us have worked UA's and UL7's, etc., but now many of us know what some of the country over there really looks like. For those like myself who are interested in more than just the QSL cards from some of those exotic republics it was a real treat!

EDITOR'S NOTE

Like everyone else in the club, I have changed QTH. Please not the new address if you wish to send material for the DXer. This issue barely made it. I tore the place apart looking for the cord for the electric typewriter and the glue to paste the whole thing together. It's only 1:45 A.M. --- so have pity!!!

10 April 1980

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To "The DXer"

I'm trying to get time to drive the 300 miles down to a meeting of the NCDXC to tell of our plans for "The Greater Pacific DXpedition"! Will do so, ASAP.

Plans call for as many stops as possible, some not-so-rare, hopefully a lot of unusual places, and perhaps????? Our vehicle for the most part will be a sailboat. There's no specific time limit on the trip, and where we go will be basically governed by our success, human endurance, and of course \$\$\$\$.

I would very much appreciate suggestions of any sort from NCDXC members, and any support they can give. We could use charts, licensing info, etc.

So far the planning calls to head out to KH6, then to Kure, and hopefully Midway, Wake, And Johnston. Back to the boat, on down to Palmyra, Kingman, (emphasis on CW), Line Is., and to Polynesia. The schedule will then be governed by licensing and the correct time of year for sailing. Important to note...We'll go ANYWHERE we can get licensing and transportation!

In preparation for the trip, AA6DX contacted over 20K stations last year, knowing the need for operating skill.


Will keep you posted as things progress!

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All Asian Contest

Phone: June 21 - 22 C.W.: Aug. 23 - 24

Starts: 0000 GMT Saturday

Ends: 2400 GMT Sunday

This is the 21st year for this JARL activity. The exchange is between Asian countries and the rest of the world.

Classifications: Single operator, single and all band. Multi-operator, single transmitter, all band only. (no multi transmitter)

Exchange: For OM's, RS(T) plus age of operator. For YL's, RS(T) plus 00.

Scoring: One point per QSO. Asians use non-Asian countries for their multiplier. (ARRL list) Note: Ogasawar JD1 (Bonin & Volcano) are in Asia. Minami Torishima JD1 (Marcus) is in Oceania. (KA contacts do not count).

Final Score: Total QSO points from each band times the sum of the multiplier from each band.

Awards: To the highest scores, both phone and c.w. as follows: Single operator all band, in each country and USA call areas, up to the 5th rank where returns justify. Single band and multi-operator entries in each country only. Continental leaders will also receive an award.

Logs: Keep all times in GMT, fill in country or prefix column only first time it is worked, and use a separate sheet for each band. A summary sheet showing the scoring and other information, and a signed declaration is also requested.

Disqualification regulations will be strictly enforced so check your log carefully for dups and etc. And keep in mind that non-Asians use prefixes for their multiplier, not countries. Club stations are classed as multi-operator. Each operator of a multi station will give his age in the exchange.

Logs must be received no later than Sept. 30th for the Phone entries and Nov. 30th for the C.W. section. They go to: JARL Contest Committee, P.O. Box 277, Tokyo Central, Japan. Include a IRC and s.a.e. for copy of results.

(The 1980 contest has been extended to 48 hours with no rest period. There will be additional awards for the USA but I do not have a list at this writing.—Ed.)

Asian Country List

A1, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, CR9, EP, FL/HM, HS, HZ/7Z, JA/JE/JF/JG/JH/JI/JJ/JR, JD1/JT, JY, OD5, S21, TA, UA/UK/UV/UW9 - 0, UD6/UK6C/D/K, UF6/UK6F/O/Q/V, UG6/UK6G, UH8/UK8H, UI8/UK8A/G/I/L/O/T/Z,

3-117 NCDXC Marathon DX Contest

a. Annually, the club will sponsor a marathon DX contest. The objective is for the participants to work as many different DX countries as possible during the contest period.

b. The contest is limited to club members residing within the club geographical boundaries defined as Northern California, from the Oregon border to the Tehachapis.

c. The honor system will be used to report countries worked. No QSLs nor other written verification will be required.

d. The contest categories are PHONE, CW and MIXED mode. Members may submit for only one category. To qualify for the mixed mode, 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.

e. A member is eligible to win a given category only once every three years.

f. The contest will commence at 0001 UTC, 1 June and end at 2359 UTC, 31 August.

g. The contest logs will be submitted to the contest chairman before October 1st.

h. Contest logs shall include the following information:

1. Consecutive numbering of countries worked.
2. Call sign of station worked
3. Date and time (UTC)
4. Band and mode
5. Name of country

i. A duplicate sheet must accompany contest logs. The ARRL Countries List (CD-216) is recommended for this purpose.

j. The contest chairman shall check contest logs to assure:

1. Compliance with the rules as set forth herein.
2. Countries claimed are valid in accordance with the ARRL Countries List.
3. Duplicate countries are not claimed.

k. The contest chairman will advise the editor of the club publication the scores and standings of all participants.

l. The editor, upon receipt, will publish the contest results in the first available issue of the club publication.

m. Winners in each category will be awarded a plaque. Second and third place entrants will be awarded a special certificate. Other entrants who work 100 or more countries will receive a participation certificate.

n. Plaques will be presented to the winners at the following annual International DX Convention.

UJ8/UK8J/R, UL7/UK7, UM8/UK8M/N, VS6, VS9M/8Q6, VU, VU/A, VU/L, XU, XV, XW8, XZ, YA, YI, YK, ZC4/5B4, IS (Spratly), 4S7, 4W, 4X/4Z, 7O (Yemen) 7O (Kamaran), 8Z4, 9K2, 9M2, 9M8, 9N1, 9V1.

The dates and rules of the ALL ASIAN Contest are official. Awards will now be made for each USA call area. NOTE: QSOs on 160 are now worth 3 points, and 2 points if on 80 meters. Rest of the bands remains 1 point as in the past.

Fresno, California
20 April 1980

YASME Foundation

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Dear Fellow Radio Amateurs,

We concluded our operation as HI6XQL (10,000 QSOs) the first of April after the WPX Contest and returned to the United States, concluding a one-half year extended YASME DXpedition as J3ABV, VP2SAX, J6LOO, J7DBB, VP2KAH and HI6X. We were actually 'on the air' four months of that time and made 55,000 QSOs. Our equipment, a YAESU 901DM transceiver, an SB230 amplifier and a TH3 beam, plus doublets, worked fine with no major failures.

During the next several months, we will give talks at a number of ham meetings throughout the USA. We plan to resume our YASME DXpedition travels in the fall.

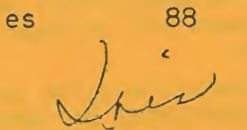
Please pass the following two items on to all ham publications and ham clubs for information and publication.

1. Do you need the countries of Desecheo or Kamaran? There is an easy way to work either of these countries. Lloyd, W6KG, and Iris, W6QL, will go there and promise to work you if you can get permission for them to enter and operate amateur radio in either country.
2. The YASME FOUNDATION, at its annual Board of Directors Meeting, this date, established a YASME AWARD and passed the following resolution: "A beautiful and unusual certificate will be awarded free-of-charge to any amateur presenting proof (QSLs) verifying contact with the holders of 30 different YASME DXpedition calls, including any call held by YASME Officers or Directors, past or present."

Dick McKercher, W0MLY, is the custodian of the YASME AWARD, and applications (QSLs) can be sent direct to him. Please include a list of the QSL cards sent.

73

Lloyd Colvin
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Iris Colvin
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RSGB WAB LF Phone Contest

Sunday, June 22, 0900 to 2200 GMT

The RSGB "Worked All Britain" contests are divided into five different dates and categories. This one is the 3rd of the series and is for Phone operation in the 7., 3.5 and 1.8 MHz bands.

Rules for overseas stations were

given in last month's Column. There is one small variation for this one however. The operating period has been extended 1 hour to 2200Z, but only 12 hours may be used. A 1 hour break must be taken anywhere in the contest period and clearly indicated in the log.

Working Great Britain on 7 MHz from state-side will require split frequency operation. Hopefully the British will indicate where they will be listening in the American phone band when they send a CQ.

Calendar of Events

June 2-6 Guide Dog Award
June 4-5 SOWP C.W. QSO Party
June 6 6 Meter SMIRK Contest
June 7-8 Minnesota QSO Party
June 7-8 RSGB National Field Day
June 14-15 ARRL V.H.F. Contest
June 21-22 West Virginia QSO Party
June 21-22 All Asian Phone Contest
June 22 RSGB WAB LF Phone Contest
June 28-29 ARRL Field Day
June 28-29 ARCI QRP Field Day
July 1 Canada Day Contest
July 20 RSGB WAB LF C.W. Contest
July 26-28 County Hunters CW Contest
Aug. 9-10 European C.W. Contest
Aug. 23-24 All Asian C.W. Contest
Aug. 31 RSGB WAB V.H.F. Phone Contest
Sept. 6-7 North American Sprint
Sept. 13-14 European Phone Contest
Sept. 27-28 Delta QSO Party
Oct. 4-5 VK/ZL/Oceania Phone
Oct. 18-19 VK/ZL/Oceania C.W.
Oct. 18-19 Scouts Jamboree
Oct. 25-26 CQ WW DX Phone Contest
Nov. 29-30 CQ WW DX C.W. Contest

ARRL Field Day

1800 to 2100Z Sat./Sun. June 28 & 29

As Red Barber used to say in his radio broadcasts of baseball games back in the days before some of you young squirts were around, "they will really tear up the pea patch in this one."

There have been some modifications made in the rules of this year's Field Day. Briefly they are: 1) time available to set up the start of on the air operation, 2) modification of the QSO exchange, and 3) a change in the bonus scoring structure.

You will find the details in the May issue of QST. If you have any questions or request log forms and etc. contact Tom Frenaye, K1KI at ARRL Headquarters, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111.

(The May issue of QST should also have the details of the ARRL VHF Contest on June 14 - 15)

Logs for this one must be postmarked no later than July 22nd and to: R. L. Senter, G4BFY, 27 Station Road, Thurnby, Leicester LE7 9PW, England.

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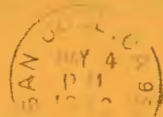
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* TRUSTEE: Charlie Kump W6ZYC
* Input freq. --- 147.96 MHz
* Output freq. -- 147.36 MHz
* Suggested simplex: 147.54 MHz

* 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.
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