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PLACE: HARRY'S HOFBRAU, at the Palo Alto Airport/golf course
DATE: FRIDAY, 13 March 1981
TIME: Cocktails --- 6:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M. ---Pile it on your plate!
MENU: Cafeteria style dinner plates. The old timers have their favorites already picked out. For the newcomers --- decisions, decisions!
PROGRAM: FORMER PRESIDENTS NIGHT. The following is a partial list of those who will be called upon to relive their past glories as NCDXC presidents: W6ISQ, W6BJH, K6SSJ, W6MUR, K6QX, W6VG, N6GG, K6RV, W6ZYC, and WA6AUD. Why wait until they write their memoirs? Be at the meeting and hear it all first hand!

CDXC LOGO COMPETITION

Yep, you heard it right. The NCDXC Logo Competition is now underway. Got a neat idea of what should be used to symbolize our club to the rest of the world? Get out your paper and pencil and begin drawing yourself into history. Well, at least onto the front of the NCDXC QSL cards, stationery, etc. It may be worth your while, for there are three prizes for the top place finishers. The first prize is a free year's dues and dinners at all club meetings. Second place is a half year's dues and dinners. Third prize will be 1000 logo stickers, once they are printed. All entries must be postmarked by April 15, 1981. The winners will be decided by those present at the May 1981 club meeting. Send all entries to NCDXC, Box 608, Menlo Park, CA. 94025. No boxtops needed!

DX CONVENTION BUS

At this point nobody has stepped forward to be this year's bus chairman. The first step is to measure the interest in the club for the bus. In order to do this, I have been asked to take a survey of those who are interested in riding the bus to this year's convention. The information needed is the following:

Call.....QTH.....desired bus pick-up point in your area...how many going when is the most convenient time for pick-up --- Friday evening at 6, 7, or 8 or Saturday morning

It's possible there may be two buses, one leaving Friday evening and one leaving on Saturday morning. The results of this survey will determine which direction the planning takes. Mail all surveys to NCDXC, Box 608, Menlo Park, CA. 94025.

WANTED: DEAD OR ALIVE

W6VG is looking for old NCDXC rosters prior to 1965, or any lists of members prior to 1965. Return guaranteed. All oldtimers please take note.

FAREWELL

This is my 32nd consecutive issue of the DXer, and my last, as announced at the February meeting. Your new editor is Rod Dinkins, AC6V. Joe Turek, WB6DFX, and myself are about to take a vacation from the chores of cranking out the DXer every month. For the past two years the whole staff has consisted of just the two of us. Joe's now going to school full time learning electronics. I've been in my new home over ten months and still am not on the air. The problem is simply one of time. And the pressures of deadlines. Whether an antenna gets put up this week-end or next isn't usually of much concern, but the DXer has to be sent out on time. That responsibility now falls to Rod. He's published other newsletters so he knows what's involved. Please give him your cooperation and your input.

NCDXC CONTEST CALENDAR

- MARCH 7-8: ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST - Phone
Starts 0000Z March 7, ends 2400Z March 8
Details in December 1980 QST page 92.
- MARCH 28-29: CQ WW WPX CONTEST - SSB
Starts 0000Z March 28, ends 2400Z March 29
Details in February CQ, page 24.

The preliminary scores from the ARRL DX CW weekend look excellent and I am counting on you all to make an effort in the phone weekend. I am sure we can keep the trophy in the north for another year. Remember, no effort is too small, and you can submit your score for the north/south competition in addition to the national submission. Please send me a copy of your summary sheet at our new address: PO Box 700, Rio Linda, CA 95673.

Some of the scores from the CW contest Feb. 21-22: N6JV 218K; N6ST 15K; KR60 3K; W6SZN 218.8K; W6GO 191.7K; AI6V 3.9 million; N6RO 3.6 million; K6RU 2.4 million; W6TPH 564K; K6DC 683K; K6ZM 1.2 million; N6AN 404K; AD6D 130K; K6ANP 345K; AJ6V 63K; W6NKR 243.5K. These are as given to me on the air or by mail. Remember large or small we need them all to beat the south again.

THANKS to all the helpers on the repeater watch. Jan, K6HHD.

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MINUTES OF NCDXC MEETING 13, FEB. 1981

The meeting was held once again at Harry's Hof Brau in Palo Alto, and the gathering of the clan started around 6 PM for early re-charging of dry internal batteries. Introduction of the considerable number of guests started around 8 PM whilst all were embroiled in tackling the giant portions of viands doled out by Harry's minions. Many XYLs favored us with their presence, and the licensed guests included K1BZ, KN6K, WB6FEF, 4x4WN, KR6Q, K6TMB, WD6EAQ, AA6Z, and N6DCJ. Program was a video tape presentation and a live demonstration of spectrum analyzers. Very well presented, and easily digested by the assembled 75 members and guests.

First readings of membership applications were given to AA6Z, KN6K, K6KCM, KM6N, N6BLN, KR6Q. Second membership readings were given to AJ6V, Ed Radlo: N6GK, Greg Knapp: W2TDQ, Carl Lindenman: N6BLN, Lyle Meek: and KM6N, Jim Hanlon. Congratulations fellows and welcome to the club. See you all March 13.

Life membership application read and approved by membership, with various life history tidbits about W6VG read by Bruno. W6VG, Ron Panton is now the first life member in the club except for all the charter life members.

DXpedition plans discussed by Bruno, our el presidente. The discussion was interrupted by the entrance of a comely wench dressed as a chocolate cookie. She sang a very descriptive song congratulating Steve Behman on KR6Q on working 200 countries in 200 days. Steve was presented with a bag of cookies by the attractive cookie herself. Congratulations from all of us Steve. Resuming the DXpedition plans: suggestions were made by Merle, K6DC, Bill, W6TPH, and Arne N7KA. A committee was formed consisting of W6TPH, WB6OOL, N7KA, K6SSJ, and N6ST.

Bob Thompson spoke on Visalia Convention plans and will keep us advised as to the final figure on the registration fee. Bob described the excellent facilities at the Visalia Holiday Inn, and the possible foreign hams attending. Bob Vallio, W6RGG reminded us of the fantastic job being done by Lloyd and Iris Colvin in putting countries on the air during their travels. The Yasme Foundation is not receiving enough in the way of donations to keep up with the cost of printing QSL cards and postage. Please assist this worthwhile Foundation who has done so much for all of us.

We are all urged to participate in the ARRL DX contest and submit your summary sheet to Jan, K6HHD. Your scores will assist the NCCC if you are also a member of that august body. Jan has propagation charts for that period. Bruno reminds us that we must beat the SCDXC this year.

With sincere regrets, Bruno has accepted the resignation of the DXer editor, Andy Gudas, WB6RIU. Andy has a new home and tower that needs attention and loving care. This gargantuan job done by Andy must be filled by two or three volunteers. Please feel free to assist in this very necessary club activity. Remember: the club is only as good as WE make it. It is mandatory that all members at some time assist in the running of the club. Don't feel shy about offering your help in any way, you will enjoy participating with your peers. Bob Thompson needs volunteers to assist with the Visalia Convention or it can't be brought to fruition. GIVE.

Meeting adjourned at 1026 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron

Ron Panton, W6VG
Secretary, NCDXC

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NCDXC FEB. 23, 1981

Meeting convened at 735 PM with following members present. President Bruno Bienenfeld AA6AD, Gene Spinelli WD6DLK treas. Ron Panton W6VG secretary, Ted Park K6XN VEEP, Ted Davis W6BJH, Steve Thomas N6ST, Hal Godfrey N6AN.

Solvency and cash flow of the club discussed at great length, the creeping inflation and the projected financial obligations make an increase in dues necessary. The board arrived at a suggested yearly fee of \$15.00 to be ratified by the membership at the March 13, 1981 meeting.

Ted Park will handle the awards to be made up and presented at the International DX Convention in Visalia May 1st.

Hal Godfrey submitted a design for the life membership badge, and our badge manufacturer will be consulted to see if the design is feasible. The life membership certificate will be made up for future members. The number two life membership application has been submitted by Bill Winnegar N6UW, formerly W6CLM, a member since 1968. Bills application was unanimously approved by the board and will be presented to the membership for approval at the March meeting. Steve Thomas N6ST will be updating the status of the direction finding boards and prepare a minimum of three for readiness. The suggestion of Hal Godfrey to have the club procure test equipment for members use was considered, but the club treasury will not allow such expenditures. Also it was felt that most of the members or their friends have access to such equipment. A report was given by Steve Thomas on the progress of the DXpedition committee. Also consideration was given to the club donating the cards for the W6TPH DXpedition and handling the QSL chores. Bill, W6TPH will be consulted as to his wishes. Future programs for NCDXC meeting discussed, and the May meeting will be held May 15, 1981 the third Friday due to the DX Convention being held on the first week-end of May. It is desired by the board that the May meeting be devoted to all the Charter Members. Bud Walton, W6AED/7 (Idaho) has indicated that he will be down here this year, and possibly time his visit with the Charter Member Night. We hope this will work out. The secretary will write all the charter members and attempt to bring them all together Friday May 15, 1981.

Meeting adjourned at 1121 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron

Ron Panton, W6VG
Secretary, NCDXC

CALL	MIX	PH	CW	MIX	PH	CW	10M	15M	20M	40M	80M	MIX	PH	MIX	PH
N6OC				298	302								40		
WA6OEY				225			71	60	170	20	8		38		
WB6OIP				289		200	152	160	248	85	20				
N6OJ				279								40			
K6OJO				318	317		101	179	288	10	11	40	40		
W6OMR				292	246										
K6OP				220											
N6OZ				280		202							40(CW)		
AK6P				250	250										
K6PU	316			340	321		100	100	100	100	100	40	40		
AG6Q				214											
W6QDE				281	138	243									
W6QL	315			337	263	69	114	161	201	111	103	40	40		
N6RC				175											
W6RFX				277	264							40	40		
W6RGG	319	317		340	336							40	40		
WB6RIU				310	302		122	141	260	100	105	40	40		
W6RJ	316			335			100	100	100	100	100	40			
K6RK				306	283	160	100	100	100	100	100	40	40		
N6RR				289			116	201	176	129	88	40			
WB6RSU				193											
K6RU				300	250		100	100	100	100	97	40	38		
K6RUW					236	1									
WA6RVR				223											
WB6RWJ				260	221	4	69	65	158	2	3		37		
DJ6RX				301			100	100	100	100	100	40			
AF6S				291		276	213	233	274	145	90	39			
W6SC				329											
W6SJC				203	101	101						40			
K6SMH				235	197	161	118	136	199	76	38	39			
N6ST				273	252	142	112	136	223	44	1	40			
W6SYL				103		103									
W6TC				315		281	100	100	100	100	100	40			
W6TER				269											
WA6TKT				160											
WA6TOO				251			58	84	167	6	6	20			
W6TPH				225	198	119	114	147	137	57	36				
K6TXR		309			333								40		
AE6U				298		266	190	200	200	172	124	40			
K6UD				305	296		158	158	237	121	114	40			
K6UGS				202								40			
WB6UJO					311								40		
WB6UOM					300								40		
W6UR				175	84	91									
AC6V				275	269	95	187	177	185	25	4	40	40	550	
KF6V					135										
N6VF				280			90	100	100	100	95	40			
W6VQD					310		131	155	278	103	106		40		
K6WD				296		202						40			
WB6WKM				159	117	60	65	53	66	12	3				
K6WR	318	318		345	345		100	100	100	100	100	40	40		
K6XM				267	209	222	163	179	246	144	68	40			
K6XN				280	260	185	57	69	151	16	10				
W6XP		309			322							40	40		
K6XT				272		8	41	125	200	55	27	40			
N6XU					180										39
K6YK				391	206	247	217	222	267	167	85	40			613
KB6YU						190									
W6YVK					241		115	188	170	54	42		39		659
WB6ZHD				265	100	100	100	100	150	32	22	40	40		
W6ZM	319	319		350	345		130	142	317	52	111	40	40		
WB6ZUC				295		277						40			
W6ZYC				320	316										40
K6ZX							232					40			

TVI TALK

W6BIP, Bip Bachman, will give his talk on "Simple Methods to Reduce HiFi, TV, Radio, and Telephone Interference" at 11:30 A.M., March 27 in Spenger's Fish Grotto, off University Avenue in Berkeley. The meeting is sponsored by the radio amateurs of SIRS. A new chapter has been added to Bip's talk: Discussion of solid state transceivers operation on 10 meters and causing channel 2 or 3 interference.

YASME Foundation

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Guadeloupe, FWI
12 Feb 81

Dear friends :

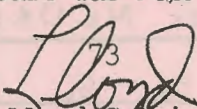
We concluded operations as FGØFOK today. We made 9,000 QSO's with amateurs in 150 countries. All bands were worked 10 thru 80 meters, half SSB and half CW.

Our QTH was on a cliff overlooking the sea on the northern tip of Guadeloupe. We rented a house there for a month and had a very good QTH. Iris's sister Clara (wife of W7PSD) visited us for one week.

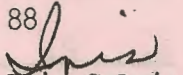
Just about every 4th station worked would not include the ending K with the call. For example we NEVER signed our call just once, we always gave the call 2 or more times so it would be clear that the K was part of the call. This helped, but not enough. Once a ham thought the call was FGØFO, it was almost impossible to get him to change. Even after sending our call correctly at ten words a minute most hams would come back with the same wrong call.

We do not intend to use a call ending in K ever again if it can be avoided. At our next stop which will be Martinique, we will use the call FMØFOL.

Please tell everyone that if they have an FGØFO QSO in their log it was us that they worked and the correct call was FGØFOK.


Lloyd Colvin
W6KG

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Iris Colvin
W6QL

NCDXC BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

CALL K6UD PREVIOUS CALLS HELD W4BBZ, W9QBE AGE 57
 NAME STANLEY F. KAISER CITY WOODSIDE COUNTY SAN MATEO

OCCUPATION CONSULTANT

YEAR FIRST LICENSED 1936 YEAR JOINED NCDXC 1977

AWARDS _____ 6-21-80 5-2-80 WAWCA-80

GEAR/ANTENNAS DRAKE R4C, T4XC, L4B 6-2-15 4-1-40

CLUB AFFILIATIONS AMATEUR COMM. SOCIETY GRIZARDY PEARL AND DXCC FONE 292 CW _____ MIXED 297

OTHER HOBBIES AND INTERESTS CHINESE FOOD

DO YOU WORK CONTESTS? NO WHICH ONES? _____

FUNNIEST MOMENT/BIGGEST MOMENT IN DX? OPERATING FROM HV3, 4U1, 4S1, VS6, 9V1

CURRENT PROJECTS/GOALS IN HAM RADIO PUT IN HONOR ROLL STATUS; COMPLETE 5BDXC

TEN MOST WANTED COUNTRIES 1. AC32. AC43. BY 4. F08TB. ^{H40-H4000} 6. A6 7. A7 8. VK4 ^{-HEARS} 9. ZA 10. XZ2

TEN EASY ONES THAT I HAVEN'T WORKED YET 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.
MORE ARTICLES ON OPERATING

ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IN THE DXER, COMMENTS? TECHNIQUES - LIKE THE ONE I
N6GG USES TO WRITE

NCDXC BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

CALL K6DC PREVIOUS CALLS HELD W8BWC-W6ULS AGE 67
 NAME MERLE B. PARTEN CITY SAN CARLOS COUNTY SAN MATEO

OCCUPATION RETIRED EIMAC

YEAR FIRST LICENSED 1929 YEAR JOINED NCDXC 1965

AWARDS TOP DXCC HONOR ROLL, MIXED

GEAR/ANTENNAS _____

CLUB AFFILIATIONS FCC, KCLWA, RCA, AFAM DXCC FONE _____ CW _____ MIXED ✓

OTHER HOBBIES AND INTERESTS SECY NCDXF

DO YOU WORK CONTESTS? YES WHICH ONES? CW DX, SS, FCC MARATHON

FUNNIEST MOMENT/BIGGEST MOMENT IN DX? WKG LAST NEEDED COUNTRY

CURRENT PROJECTS/GOALS IN HAM RADIO HELPING NCDXC, NCDXF.

TEN MOST WANTED COUNTRIES 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

TEN EASY ONES THAT I HAVEN'T WORKED YET 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

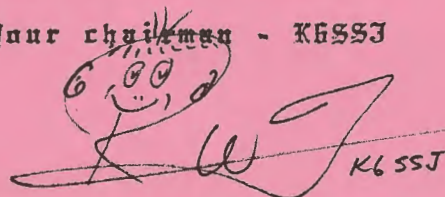
ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IN THE DXER, COMMENTS? _____

HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

Be it known by all those members and guests of the NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CONVENTION that the time has come to make yer reservations at the VESALIA HOLIDAY INN for a gathering to take place Friday, Saturday & Sunday, May 1, 2 & 3. It is recommended that ye call directly to the digs there and place your reservations with the clerk. The olde telephone number for a positive connection is 209 733-9000. Tell em yer with the DX groupe. Anyone missing the festivities at this gathering may receive three stiff blows with the Mace at the next regular meeting.

Bretheren from far and wide shall be attending and ye wouldn't want to be missing any of the happenings. So be prepared to make your presence known to the gänge as Grog will be served and Reef as well. Some handy dandy prizes will be awarded to those holding the lucky tickets. A new Kenwood TS-930 will be awarded as a prize for Pre-Registering to the lucky stiff who just happens to have the right stub. Could be a wench who gets it too. Now you wouldn't want to be missing out on that woulde ye? Proper invitations will be out in short order so be preparing yourselves for coming. Mae be to the poor sucker's who don't come. By yer leave DXers.

Your chailmen - K6SSJ



K6SSJ

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