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# 1982 CALIFORNIA INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY
APRIL 16-18, 1982
HOLIDAY INN, VISALIA, CA

#### HEARD ON THE REPEATER

RAIN, RAIN, RAIN - During the recent heavy rains and floods:

- K6XN Maritime Mobile
- W6KH Hydroplaning on 237
- AC6V at 10 fathoms, SUB compact
- QRZ from AF6S, San Jose Isle

CHARCOAL ISLE - One morning a DX station was reported giving a QTH as Charcoal Island. Naturally several stations asked where in the world was Charcoal Isle. Only one ventured an answer - The Barbecues.

MY ANTENNA IS... - K6DC sez his new KT-34XA works so well he got replies before he called. Not to be outdone, N6QR insists his antenna was on the garage floor and he was gone during the entire contest, when he returned his log had 800 Q's and 300 multipliers!

LISTPERSONS - W6LQC asked, "If W7PHO is a lister, is a YL listmaster a listerine?" No one answered!

#### THE VISALIA BUS RUNS AGAIN

by Bus Chairperson W6KH

The bus will run on Saturday, April 17 (underwritten by club), \$25 per person includes refreshments — all you can stand or if you can't stand more, you can sit down. Four pickup points:

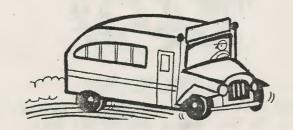
7:30 AM San Francisco Greyhound Bus Terminal

8:00 AM Hillsdale Shopping Center, San Mateo

8:30 AM Rickeys, Palo Alto

9:00 AM Hyatt House, 1st Street, San Jose

Bus leaves Visalia Sunday at 11:00 AM. Make checks payable to NCDXC and send to the Bus Guru W6KH.



#### 1951 DX CONVENTION - FRESNO

Bud Bane, W6WB, sent us the Publicity Release for the 1951 DX Convention. Here are some interesting extracts.

EIMAC sponsored the meeting speaker W6CEM, Leigh Norton, with a presentation on the W1FH final (with advanced anti-TVI).

W6TT and W6DUB of Electric Supply Company featured the open house with advice to bring your own siphon.

Special efforts were made to bring in "one of the very well known eastern DXers". (Anyone remember who that was?)

Rooms at the Hotel California were \$4 to \$6 for singles, \$6 to \$8.50 for doubles and \$12 for suites! A note explained "every room with bath."

Registration was to Ed Hawkins, W6CUQ, (SCDXC) and R. F. Czeikowitz, W6ATO, (NCDXC). W6WB was the Program Committee Chairman.

#### CONTEST CALENDAR

Apr. 7-8 DX YL to N.A. YL C.W. Apr. 10-11 CARF Commonwealth Phone Apr. 14-15 DX YL to N.A. YL Phone Apr. 17-18 Polish Phone Contest Apr. 17-18 ARRL Open CD C.W. Party Apr. 17-18 EME Contest (Part 1) ARCI QRP SSB Contest Apr. 17-18 Apr. 24-25 Swiss "H-26" Contest Apr. 24-25 King of Spain Contest YL ISSB Phone QSO Party Apr. 24-25 May 1-2 County Hunters SSB Contest May 1-3 Georgia QSO Party USSR "CQ M" Contest May 8-9 May 8-9 World Telecomm. Phone



#### DXPEDITION TO WHERE?

"You came here to put Fantasy Island on the air during the CQ WW. What a coincidence! I'm W11YL -- could you use another op OM?"

#### DX NEWS

#### Listen For:

- ZD9BV list operation as follows: 14.225, 21.338, 28.620 or 28.940 MHz, Mon. 1630, 1900Z, Tues 1800-2200, Thurs. 1800-2200, Sun. 1800-2200.
- Bangladesh S23JA or S23DX by JH2HDK, no dates.
- ZM7VU by DL1VU until April 13.
- Sable Isle by VE1AI, first of April.
- 3X (Guinea) by JA1BRK in Apr. or May.
- Mellish Reef by VK2BJL first of May.

#### VS9K Deleted effective March 11.

EM8T and UM8MBA QSL's for club members may be directed to W6BSY with SASE. Mac could use IRC's or whatever to help with the card expense. Buro is OK, but not direct of course. Mac also reports UAØNH is NOT a silent key as reported.

BY1PK reported on the air. AA6AD sez a JA placed a LL to Peking and confirmed the operation was on the up and up.

 $\frac{\text{BV2B}}{\text{W7PH0}}$  making frequent appearances on the  $\frac{\text{W7PH0}}{\text{W7PH0}}$  net 14.225 in mornings.

Tnx to the DX Bulletin, Vernon, CT and NCDXC

#### MARCH PUZZLE SOLUTION



WORDS: A. Water B. Auto C. Hedge D. Vend E. None

F. Albania G. Prefix

H. Houston I. Repeater

J. Neutralize K. Heard

L. Listmasters M. Whee

N. Heather O. Worst

P. Thought Q. Shannon

R. Be Prepared S. Wooden

m Haarra

T. Heavy

 $\underline{\text{MESSAGE}}$ : Perhaps in the newer DXer we again see our youthful endeavors or, on the other hand, we start to realize that perhaps we have been around the bands a long time.

#### MARCH PUZZLE WINNER - W6JD

Despite Eric's best efforts, five clumembers successfully solved W6DU's brain buster. Submissions were received from W6ISQ, KB6HT, K6FO, AJ6V and winner W6JD, Doug Westover.

#### DX CONTEST CALENDAR

1500Z Apr. 3 - 2400Z Apr. 4, Polish CW, Exchange RST + Serial No. 1500Z Apr. 17 - 2400Z Apr. 18, Polish Phone, Exchange RS + Serial No.

The Polish contests may or may not happen this year. April 24-25 ARRL Morning Special - no details yet.

#### DX CONTEST NEWS

The preliminary scores for the ARRL DX Contest are reported below. There are still some not received. Entries for both CW and Phone must be post-marked by April 6. Please send me a copy of your summary sheets. The WR6ACZ spotting net was very successful thanks to the following net control stations:

| AI6V  | KD6ZL | W6BJH  |
|-------|-------|--------|
| K6SMH | N6AN  | W60WQ  |
| W6HUA | N6AUV | N6RO   |
| K6UD  | K6HHD | KA6ING |

#### 1982 ARRL DX CONTEST - CLAIMED SCORES

|                       | CW                         | t    |                                   |                               | PHON                         | E      |                   |  |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|-------------------|--|
| MULTI-MULTI           | QSO x                      | MULT | SCORE                             | MULTI-MULTI                   | QSO                          | x      | MULT              | SCORE  |
| AI6V<br>KN6M<br>K6ZM  | 2701 x<br>2738 x<br>1293 x | 316  | 2,779,000<br>2,595,000<br>908,000 | KN6M<br>N6RO<br>A16V<br>K6ZM  | 5226<br>4227<br>3757<br>1528 | x<br>x | 430<br>412        | 5,650,000<br>5,400,000<br>4,640,000<br>1,361,000 |
| MULTI-SINGLE          |                            |      | ,                                 | Kozn                          | 1320                         | ^      | 271               | 1,301,000  |
| W6BIP                 | 1000 x                     | 223  | 669,000                           | MULTI-SINGLE                  |                              |        |                   |  |
| K6DC SINGLE OPERATOR  | 889 x                      |      | 506,000                           | W6OWQ<br>W6BIP<br>K6DC        |                              | x      | 188<br>210<br>163 | 650,000<br>345,240<br>190,710                    |
| N6RO<br>W6TPH         | 1677 x<br>873 x            |      | 1,535,000 589,000                 | SINGLE OPERATOR               |                              |        |                   |  |
| N6GG<br>W6GO          | 865 x<br>736 x             | 227  | 561,000<br>501,000                | W6XR<br>K6RU                  | 2150                         |        |                   | 1,900,000  |
| K6ANP<br>N6AN         | 742 x<br>709 x             | 160  | 410,000 340,320                   | (N6BZA OP)<br>K6HNZ           | 2030<br>1300                 | x      | 262               | 1,500,000 1,022,000                              |
| K6RU<br>W6NKR         | 648 x<br>424 x             | 161  | 303,000                           | W6TPH<br>K6ANP                |                              | x      | 203               | 950,000<br>559,000                               |
| W6ISQ<br>N6JM<br>AF6S | 262 x<br>240 x<br>118 x    | 93   | 97,000<br>66,960<br>35,000        | K6ITL<br>WB6RFI<br>N6HR       | 490                          | x      | 137<br>77<br>125  | 120,000<br>110,000<br>83,625                     |
| W6DU W6SZ             | 100 x<br>112 x             | 100  | 30,000<br>22,176                  | N6AN<br>N6JM                  |                              | x      | 107               | 80,250<br>78,936                                 |
| K6FO<br>W6ATO - 20M   | 109 x                      | 56   | 18,312<br>13,680                  | AC6V<br>W6FQF                 | 225                          | x      | 114<br>107        | 76,950<br>72,000                                 |
| W6JD<br>K6SMH         | 75 x<br>61 x               | 52   | 11,000<br>10,000                  | W6YVK - QRP<br>KA6ING         | 304<br>190                   | x      | 70<br>70          | 63,840   |
| к60кк                 | 42 x                       | 23   | 2,898                             | KD6XY<br>K6ZKM<br>W6DPD - 20M | 188<br>138<br>133            | x      | 66<br>72<br>61    | 37,224<br>29,808<br>24,339                       |
|                       |                            |      |                                   | W6NKR<br>K6FO                 | 40<br>22                     | x      | 28<br>16          | 3,360<br>1,056                                   |

# MINUTES OF NCDXC MEETING March 12, 1982

Meeting was held at Harry's Hof Brau in Palo Alto, with cocktails commencing at 6 PM or EARLIER in some



cases. Dinner over, the business meeting started at 7:50 PM PDT. Prexy Merle Parten called for introduction of guests, and announced that there will be no meeting in April. This is due to the DX Convention in Visalia. The location of the May meeting is still in doubt. A vote between a barbeque at Tularcitos and Harry's Palo Alto facility drew a mixed reaction.

Thanks was given to NCCC for their grand effort to assist NCDXC in ARRL DX test. Total points over 40M.

First readings for membership given to W6NA, KJ6V, KA6GJW, and second readings for W6QEU, KB6MD, N6BZA. Congrats to the three new ones, and a warm welcome.

The guest speaker Bob Lindsey of Hewlett Packard gave a very amusing and informative slide show and talk on WWV in Boulder. We now see that government spending does not extend to our bulwark of standards.

Bill Vette tendered a brief report on the DXer of Year award. And Bill Zachman, our 1983 DX Convention Chairman, briefed us on the heads of committees. All volunteers for assistants to the committees call Bill W6TPH. Looks good so far, and Bill is off to an early start for 1983. The bus is running to Visalia this year, call Dick W6KH for reservations and times.

A report from K6RK our Treasurer revealed that we are solvent but there have been unexpected bills. (Mr. Murphy) We will have to tap the savings account.

The raffle was just about sold out and a huge success. Depending on whether you won or not. The Secretary W6VG held two winning tickets and won the first prize of an Ameco pre-amp. The second winning ticket of W6VG was declined as a lynch mob was forming. 2nd winner was Larry KD6XY. How about that? Two life member winners. 3rd was KN6K, 4th WD6CMT and K6HXY. Meeting was adjourned at 20:57 PDT.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Panton, W6VG, Secretary YASME NEWS

Montjoly, French Guiana 2 March 1982

Dear Friends,

We have just finished 24 days of operation as FYØFOL. We operated all bands, phone and CW, and made 11,000 QSOs. This is the largest number of QSOs made at any of our recent stops. Participation in the ARRL CW DX Competition helped increase our number of QSOs.

We lived at the Beach House of FY7YE, Mario, whom we had visited 25 years ago. We installed our complete station a few feet from that of FY7YE. With the proper choice of frequencies, we were both able to operate simultaneously. We put our antennas up on the beach, and, at high tide, the base of our antenna mast would be in the Atlantic Ocean.

Once again we enjoyed the superb food and marvelous cooking that only the French seem to know how to prepare at its very best.

We were occasionally helped in the operation of FY%FOL by both Mario, FY7YE, and Marcel, FY7BW, who is a Captain in the French Army.

French Guiana was the first country that we have visited in South America without posting some kind of a money-bond before our radio equipment could be taken into the country involved. The French countries require only that an Amateur Radio License to operate in such country be obtained in advance from France.

We go next to Curacao in the Netherlands Antilles (South America) where our call will be W6QL/PJ2. We plan to operate there in the ARRL phone DX Competition.

73 es 88
Lloyd Colvin Iris Colvin W6KG W6QL

DEADLINE FOR THE DXer

Articles for the May newsletter should be sent to the editor by April 30th.

#### PART 2 OF A TWO-PART SERIES ON DX PATHS AND THE SUN

Given the importance to a DXer of knowing where the twilight boundary is at any time of year and hour, how does one locate it anyhow? Well, like many things, its easy if you have the tools. In this case, the best tool is a globe, with some special markings near its north pole, nesting in a plastic cradle.

The cradle is a small construction project, the details of which I'll leave to the reader, and only describe it's essential features. It consists of a strip of clear material, probably acrylic, formed into a circular "hoop". This circular strip, slightly larger in inside diameter than the outside diameter of the globe, should be held horizontal by the rest of the cradle. This might be done by using another strip of acrylic formed into a semicircle to connect the hoop to the base, which could also be made of acrylic. The important thing is to support the bottom of the globe so that it sits in the cradle exactly half way down. This depth of the cradle equal to the radius of the globe so that the upper edge of the hoop forms a "great circle" on the globe, no matter how the globe is positioned in the cradle.

The edge of the hoop is used to simulate the twilight boundary. It can also simulate a DX path. To do the latter, merely position the globe so that both ends of the path are at the upper edge of the hoop. You will find that this is always possible, no matter what two points on the surface of the earth are chosen. This done, both the long and short paths are easily seen, since they simply follow the edge of the hoop.

To make it easy to position the globe to simulate various dates and times of day, you should mark up the north polar region of your globe like fig. 1 (aw go ahead, DX is more important than having a pretty globe). Note that two sets of "time numbers" are marked around the arctic circle. Also, some dates marked along a radial line across the pole.

As almost everyone knows, the earth's rotational axis, through the poles, is inclined about 23 degrees from the axis of its solar orbit and it is this tilt which causes the seasons. What we need to know in order to correctly position our model relative to its 'terminator' or twilight boundary hoop is where that boundary crosses the north polar region.

At both spring and autumn "equinox" (March 21 and September 21) the earths axis makes a right angle with the direction to the sun. Thus, at these unique times of year, there is effectively no tilt! The terminator (twilight boundary) is due north-south at all points on the globe, and exactly crosses both poles. Notice that, in the figure, the equinox dates are marked next to the north pole.

At (our) winter "solstice" (December 21), daylight reaches north only to the arctic circle, making the region north of the circle dark 24 hours per day. On the same date, the south polar region is entirely in daylight out to the antarctic circle. At (our) summer solstice, daylight extends over the entire north polar region out to the arctic circle.

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Between the solstices and the equinoxes (that could be a song title, if anyone could say it), the northern edge of night (or day, if you like) can be found using trigonometry, since its distance from the pole is just a sine function with days per year close enough to 360 to use them as degrees. Doubtless most will agree that it's much easier to make some markings on a globe one time than to get out a calculator (anyone still use a slide rule?) each time you use the globe. The scale has some intersting aspects. Note that every point on the scale except the extremes and the pole has four dates marked. This is because there are actually four dates each year when the terminator is at each these points (By this time you have probably already figured out how the thing works, but I'll continue just in case). Note that, in addition to the scales, there are some shaded symbols. These symbols indicate whether the dates apply with the sunny side up or down. The fuzzy side of the symbol is the night side.

The first thing to do, when using the globe, is to get the axis-tilt right. To do this, simply line up the upper edge of the hoop with the mark corresponding to the current date. As might be expected, given the dual date scales, there are always two possible correct tilts; the user has the choice of putting the daylight side either up or down. This is nice because it eliminates the need to see the bottom of the globe. Whether "sunny side up" or not, the shaded symbols will show which date scale to use. For dates other than those marked, just put the edge more or less proportionally between; it'll be close enough

for our purposes.

Now let's look at the "hour-angle" scales around the arctic Their purpose, of course is to allow rotation of the globe to account for the time of day. The way the scales used is very straightforward. You just put the UTC time straight up (it couldn't be much easier than that, right?). And wouldn't you know it, one of the time scales is for daylight upward, the other is for nightside up. The same shaded symbols are used to indicate which is which, but this one's hard to get wrong. If your own QTH will be shown in darkness you use the wrong one, when it's daylight and vice versa. So look out the window to check it! Remember though, as you're rotating the globe to keep it in sync with the clock, that the globe must always be rotated its own axis. The distance from terminator to the arctic circle must always be the same as that shown by the date scale. If this is difficult, it may be helpful to make a few more scale points and concentric circles in between those shown in figure 1.

With the globe correctly oriented, you can sight along a possible DX path (or stretch a string between the end-points to find it). You can easily judge how far into the daylight region a path goes and the highest solar zenith angle reached. It's equally clear how far into darkness the path extends. As one listens to and works DX while observing the relationships between observed paths and the sun using this tool, one tends to become pretty good at predicting when openings may occur.

An important astromomical fact is that the earth turns on its axis 15 degrees per hour. By no coincidence, most globes have 15 degree longitude lines marked on them. Thus, these lines also show solar time differences of one hour per line. You can

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| UA1<br>UA1P<br>UK1 | 1,2      | UK2A         |    | UA3<br>UK3<br>UV3 | 1<br>1 | UA4<br>UK4<br>UV4 | 1<br>1 | _          | 1<br>5<br>5 | UD6<br>UF6   | 1<br>7<br>8 | UK7<br>UL7 |              | 10<br>11<br>12 | UA9<br>UK9<br>UV9 | 4 4 | UAO 4<br>UKO 4<br>UVO 4 |
|--------------------|----------|--------------|----|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| UN1                | 1        | UK2B         |    | UW3               |        | UW4               |        | UK 50      |             | UG6          | 9           |            | UK8A         |                | UW9               |     | UWO 4                   |
| UV1                | ì        | UK2C         |    | UX3               |        | UX4               |        | UO5        | 15          | UK6A         |             |            | UK8G         |                | UX9               | -   | UXO 4                   |
| UW1<br>UX1         | 1        | UK2E<br>UK2F |    | UZ3               | 1 .    | UZ4               | 1      | UT5<br>UW5 | 5           | UK6B<br>UK6C |             |            | UK8H<br>UK8I |                | UZ9               | 4   | UZO 4                   |
| UZ1                | 1        | UK2F         |    |                   |        |                   |        | UY5        | 1<br>5      | UK6D         |             |            | UK8J         |                |                   |     |                         |
| 021                | <b>.</b> | UK2H         |    |                   |        |                   |        | 015        | 3           | UK6E         |             |            | UK8K         |                |                   |     |                         |
|                    |          | UK2I         |    |                   |        |                   |        |            |             | UK6F         |             |            | UK8L         |                |                   |     |                         |
|                    |          | UK2L         |    | 1.                | Eur    | ropea             | n R    | ussia      |             | UK6G         |             |            | UK8M         |                |                   |     |                         |
|                    |          | UK20         |    |                   |        | -                 |        | f Land     | ł           | ик6н         |             |            | UK8N         |                |                   |     |                         |
|                    |          | UK2P         |    |                   |        | linir             |        |            | _           | UK6J         |             |            | UK80         |                |                   |     |                         |
|                    |          | UK2Q         |    |                   |        | iatio             |        |            |             | UK6K         |             |            | UK8Q         |                |                   |     |                         |
|                    |          | UK2R         |    |                   |        | raine             |        |            |             | UK6L         |             |            | UK8R         |                |                   |     |                         |
|                    |          | UK2S         | 6  | 6.                | Wh:    | ite F             | Russ   | ia         |             | UK6N         | 1           |            | UK8s         | 11             |                   |     |                         |
|                    |          | UK2T         | 18 | 7.                | Az     | erbai             | ijan   |            |             | UK60         | 8           |            | UK8Z         | 11             |                   |     |                         |
|                    |          | UK2V         | 18 | 8.                | . Ge   | orgia             | ı      |            |             | UK6P         | 1           |            | UM8          | 14             |                   |     |                         |
|                    |          | UK2W         |    | 9.                | Arı    | nenia             | ì      |            |             | UK6Q         |             |            |              |                |                   |     |                         |
|                    |          | UK2Z         |    | 10.               | Tu     | rkoma             | an     |            |             | UK6R         |             |            |              |                |                   |     |                         |
|                    |          | UP2          | 16 |                   | Uzl    |                   |        |            |             | UK6U         |             |            |              |                |                   |     |                         |
|                    |          | UQ2          | 17 |                   |        | dzhik             | C      |            |             | UK6V         |             |            |              |                |                   |     |                         |
|                    |          | UR2          | 18 | -                 |        | zakh              |        |            |             | UK6W         |             |            |              |                |                   |     |                         |
|                    |          | UW2          | 1  |                   |        | rghiz             |        |            |             | UK6Z         |             |            |              |                |                   |     |                         |
|                    |          |              | ,  | _                 |        | ldavi             |        |            |             |              | 1           |            |              |                |                   |     |                         |
|                    |          |              |    |                   |        | thuar             | nia    |            |             | UW6          | 1           |            |              |                |                   |     |                         |
|                    |          |              |    | -                 |        | tvia              |        |            |             | UX6          | 1           |            |              |                |                   |     |                         |
|                    |          |              |    | 18.               | Es     | tonia             | ı      |            |             | UZ6          | 1           |            |              |                |                   |     |                         |

SPECIAL PREFIX STATIONS: Olympic stations: an R in place of a U in regular callsigns.

SPECIAL CALLS: Use logic: UOY was UAOY, U2Q was UQ2. The R contest calls: add a U and read backwards: R6F plus U equals R6FU which equals UF6.4K1 calls are used in Russian Antarctica.

- Tnx to Dick, WA6SLO

## A LITTLE ASTRONOMY FOR DXERS (Cont'd from Page 6)

use the longitude lines to estimate the time that any point on the earth has been in darkness, for example, or how long 'till dawn in Darwin. Just estimate the distance, going parallel to the equator (or any latitude line) in units of the longitude line spacing at that latitude. The result is the time in hours.

A related use for the "globe-in-a-cradle" is in showing approximate sunrise and sunset times for any place on the earth and at any time of year. How do you do it? Just rotate the globe, keeping the correct tilt for the time of year, until the desired terminator (sunrise or sunset) is over the location of interest. The UTC time of that event will be shown by the straight-up point on one of the two time scales. As in the other cases, its pretty obvious which scale is correct because the other one puts the answer in error by 12 hours!

What we need now is a follow-up article on a good design for the cradle, showing construction details and drawings of the parts. Some clever and crafty DXer can not only bask in the admiration of fellow members of the NCDXC, but also enjoy the addition of a useful and presumably beautiful new object to his shack.

- Tnx to Dave Barton, AF6S

As you fill in the answers to the definitions, place the letters in the corresponding blanks below. Send completed puzzle to the Editor, 455 Jacaranda Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. The puzzle winner receives a prize of 5 IRCs.

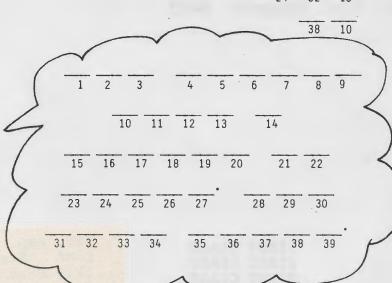
#### DEFINITION OR SYNONYM

### YOUR WORD

- A. Bottom end of the 20 meter phone band during a contest
- B. Inauspicious number
- C. Used during a 1 by 1 contact
- D. DX by appointment
- E. Transceiver supports
- F. Uncontrolled pileup
- G. Likely to occur during warmup
- H. Busy?
- I. Emotion after working a new one
- J. Not used on a repeater
- K. Russians can't use this
- L. Ten to the minus 3

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