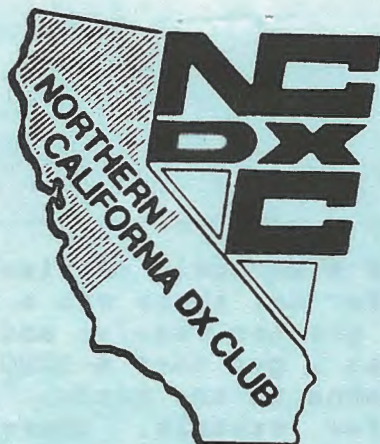


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HAPPY NEW YEAR



THE JANUARY MEETING

DATE: Friday, January 10, 1986

TIME: Cocktails - 6:00 PM
Dinner - 7:00 PM
MEETING - 8:00 PM
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PLACE: Harry's Hofbrau, Palo Alto. Take the Embarcadero turnoff to the Palo Alto Airport / Golf Course.

PROGRAM: Bob Smith, NA6T will join us and tell us about his operation from Midway Island.

BE THERE !!!

DX-CERPTS ...

... FROM DX-PERTS

It's Happy New Year time again -- time to reflect on the DX that eluded us in '85 (for me, there was a lot of that) and to renew the quest with greater resolve and vigor in '86. Maybe this will be the year that I get that 4-1000 on the air, or maybe the year that ZA returns to the bands. Ah, yes; hope springs forth in the new year. For example, there is a chance that Peter the First Island will be activated this month by KD7P. The rumors are that he's headed that way on a Navy ship which has a helicopter on board... Also, from now thru March 1st, you should be hearing AZ1A from the South Orkneys on 15, 40 & 80... the operation by LU8DOQ... will be mostly CW with some RTTY... As we went to press, Barry Goldwater, K7UGA was scheduled to Operate from Taiwan from January 4th thru 9th... look for BVOBG... then in February & March FR7AI is supposed to be QRV from Tromelin... no mention of bands or modes... Finally, Ron, ZLIAMO plans to try again in March to go to ZL3, Chatham... And in addition to all this new DX, here's some of the stuff that was hanging around at the turn of the year;

| <u>CALL</u> | <u>COUNTRY</u> | <u>FREQ. (MHz)</u> | <u>TIME (UTC)</u> |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 3B8FP | Mauritius | 14.183 | 1900 |
| 3D6QL | Swaziland | (20 CW) | 2000 |
| 5R8AL | Malagasy Rep. | 21.330 | 1600 |
| 5T5CJ | Mauritania | 21.008 | 1900 |
| 5T5LW | Mauritania | 14.195 | 1730 |
| | | "Family Hour" | 2000 |
| 5X5GK | Uganda | 21.355 | 1600 |
| | | 14.183 | 1930 |
| 9Q5MA | Zaire | 14.183 | 2000 |
| AH2BE | Guam | 14.175-220 | 1600 |
| C21RK | Nauru | 14.275 | 1900(?) |
| | | "Family Hour" | 2030 |
| DF8ZH/CT3 | Madeira Is. | 14.026 | 1330 |
| DL1RK/CT3 | Madeira Is. | 7.007 | 0430 |
| FT8XB | Kerguelin | 7.085 | 1130 |
| | | 7.010 | 1800 |
| | | 14.183 | 1900 |
| KC6JC | E. Carolines | 7.088 | 1100 |
| | | 14.227 | 1900 |
| KHOAC | Saipan | 14.195 | 1400 |
| | | "Family Hour" | 2100 |
| S92LB | Sao Tome | 14.165-195 | 1900 |
| TN8CK | Cent. African Republic | 14.165-180 | 1900 |
| VK9XZ | Christmas Is. | 14.224 | 1430 |
| VU2GDG & VU2CVP | India | 1.848 | 0030 |
| | | 3.696(xmt) | 0115 |
| | | 3.802(rcv) | |
| XU1KC | Khmer Rep. | 14.010 | 1200...on |
| | | 14.180-190 | 1200...on |
| ZB2RAF | Gibraltar | 1.837 | 2100 |
| ZM80Y | Kermadec | 21.005-035 | 1800 |

So things look promising in the DX Market in 1986... Now if we can just get Al to go to work on the "Palos Verdes Dancers"...

Good DX,WA6O

COMPETITIVELY SPEAKING...

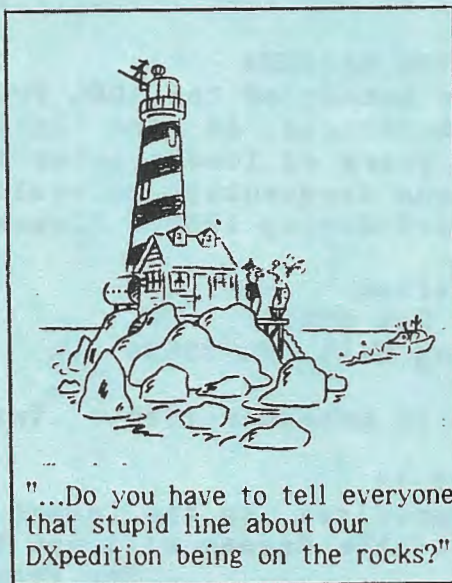
CON-TEST: 1. A struggle for superiority or victory between rivals. 2. Any competition; especially one in which entrants perform separately and are rated by judges...

The following information about upcoming contests was sent to us by Frank Anzalone, WIWY, Contest Editor for *CQ Magazine*. Although Frank sent us complete information on all contests, we have chosen to show only DX type contests herein. For details please see *CQ Magazine*.

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|------|-------|------------------------------|
| Jan. | 18-19 | Hungarian DX Contest. |
| Jan. | 24-26 | CQ WW 160 Meter CW Contest. |
| Jan. | 25-26 | French CW Contest. |
| Feb. | 8-9 | YL-ISSB Phone QSO Party. |
| Feb. | 8-9 | Dutch "PACC" Contest. |
| Feb. | 15-16 | ARRL DX CW Contest |
| Feb. | 21-23 | CQ WW 160 Meter SSB Contest. |
| Feb. | 22-23 | French Phone Contest |
| Feb. | 22-23 | RSGB 7 MHz CW Contest |
| Mar. | 1-2 | ARRL DX Phone Contest |
| Mar. | 15-16 | YL-ISSB CW QSO Party. |
| Mar. | 15-16 | Bermuda Contest |
| Mar. | 29-30 | CQ WW WPX Contest. |

CON-TEST-ANTS: 1. Those who take part in a contest...

Since there are no major contests this month, the only members who are "out and about" are Lloyd and Iris -- and they're not contesting. As can be seen from the above, the next contest of major importance is the ARRL DX CW Contest next month. If you or anyone you know is planning to operate in it from a DX location, please drop us a line so we can let all our club members know.



NEWS BITS.

OPEN ACCESS TO TEN EMERGENCY AUTODIAL NUMBERS

SPARK AND SARS announce the availability of ten emergency autodial numbers to any licensed amateur radio operator in the Greater San Francisco Bay Area. These numbers include the three California Highway Patrol districts of San Francisco, San Jose, and Oakland, as well as AAA Emergency Road Service and several local police.

With this information, radio amateurs with two-meter touch-tone equipment can call in highway emergencies via W6APZ/R operating on 144.63/145.23. The repeater is located in the Palo Alto foothills and covers from Gilroy through San Francisco, including the East Bay out to the Livermore Valley.

This free public service is provided by the South Peninsula Amateur Radio Klub (SPARK) and the SRI Amateur Radio Society (SARS). To obtain a list of the autodial codes, send a photocopy of your amateur radio license and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the repeater trustee:

W6APZ/R, 840 Talisman Drive, Palo Alto, Calif. 94303

NEW THIRD PARTY AGREEMENT

A third party traffic agreement, effective January 2, 1986, has been signed between the United States and the United Nations Vienna. This will permit U.S. Amateurs to exchange third party messages with club station, 4U1VIC, subject to the limitations of Section 97.114 of the FCC Rules.

ARRL Bulletin NR 107, 17 December 1985...Txn Rubin, WA6AHF

INTERNATIONAL TEN METER BEACONS

Ed Tilton, the author of the ARRL Propagation Bulletins is interested in the usefulness of the International Ten Meter Beacons during the years of lowest solar activity. If you look for the beacon stations frequently, he would appreciate receiving a list of beacons heard during 1985. Please send your list to:

Ed Tilton
P.O. Box 5529
Spring Hill, FL 33526

ARRL Bulletin NR 50, 16 December 1985 ...Txn Rubin, WA6AHF

PREFIX HUNTERS' ALERT !!

Add two new prefixes to the Cayman Islands as of January 1st. The Island of Little Cayman will now be ZF8 and Cayman Brac will be ZF9. Txn Frank Anzalone, W1WY.

IT SEEMS TO ME...

Palo Alto, CA
16 Dec 85

Editor DX'er,

I'm not certain that I see the distinction between DX announced on the repeater during a contest or under "normal" conditions. DX is DX.

As a non-contester who uses it to pick up an occasional new one, I say leave the spotting net on the repeater - it's invaluable !

73,
Doug, W6JD

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December 16, 1985

PL and W6TI

I would like to state that I fully support W6GO's article which appeared in the December '85 issue of the DXer concerning the use of the PL access to the repeater. In the same issue, W6SZN asserts that PL does not necessarily rid a repeater of the "hard-core" jammers. This statement is undoubtedly true. However, it is quite obvious that with the installation of PL control, the Sunday afternoon "weekend-warrior" type jammer seems to have slithered off to conduct their imbecilic blubberings on more "friendly" machines. I have great difficulty in generating even the slightest sympathy for those few club members who refuse to install PL units in their equipment, and instead continually agitate for removal of the PL control from the repeater. At this time, I would estimate that the cumulative cost among club members who have purchased and installed PL units now exceeds \$18,000, a sum not to be dismissed lightly. I suggest that those who favor elimination of the PL control should first submit their plan outlining how they intend to make financial restitution to the great majority of members who have already incurred the financial burden associated with the introduction of the PL system. I would assume that these individuals would be most happy to make such reimbursement, rid the repeater of PL, and once again enable all of us to enjoy such trash as, "This is W_XYZ mobile in Sunnyvale on our way to LA and need a weather report for San Jose." I can hardly wait!

Happy New Year
de W6LQC

Phil

NCDXC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 17, 1985

Meeting was held at the home of W6VG, and convened at 7:15 PM. Present were president W6SZN, VP W6JZU, treasurer K6ITL, secty. W6VG, board members K6ANP, KA6W, and Xmas party chairman N6AUV. N6AUV reported on the status of the Xmas party. A letter from W6TER with late dues from Ethiopia was read. Jerry will be reinstated without penalty due to the remote situation in which he has been working. K6ITL reported on the financial situation of the club, and it looks like out-go will exceed the in-go. The board decided to propose a dues increase to \$25 per year at the January meeting. Smitty, W6JZU discussed the repeater, and its present status electronically and physically. No immediate major repairs are necessary. The board discussed the PL and the use of the repeater for DX contests. Again it was decided to retain the PL for normal usage, and to use the repeater for DX contests. The sensitivity of the repeater receiver is being checked by Pete, WB6OOL. K6ANP announced that the Santa Rosa intertie is up and running for members in the Santa Rosa area. KA6W proposed, and K6ANP seconded the following motion. That the NCDXC continue, as in the past, support the two major yearly DX contests (CQ WW, Phone & CW) and (ARRL Phone & CW) by providing use of the W6TI repeater for DX spotting nets throughout the contest periods. The board unanimously approved.

The program for the January meeting will be NA6T on Midway, and the February guest will be K7DBA, D.K. Reynolds of AEA on antennas. The board discussed meeting places outside of Silicon Valley, and suggestions from members will be welcomed. The requisites are good parking, large enough room, good food, and no commitment in advance as to exact number of people attending. K6ANP presented comprehensive recommendations from his membership survey committee. The suggestions are excellent and the board is implementing the ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

Vee - Gee

Ron Pantan, W6VG, Secty.

NCDXC MEETING - DECEMBER 21, 1985

The annual Christmas Party of the NCDXC was held this date at the Palo Alto Elks Club. Ron Chiappari, N6AUV gets all the credit for an excellent job of organization. His assistants, W6FGD, AA6AD, W6RGG, to name some, were of course very much on the ball. The excellent music of Ken Keeler, N6RO was enjoyed before and after the dinner. A very short business meeting was held with two second readings being given. Virgil McCluskey W6DNY and Charles Word, NP6S both being voted into membership. Carnations were provided by N6AUV for the ladies, and the raffle prizes consisted of many bottles of wine and books. W6RGG was the master of ceremonies, and handled the raffle and introduction of officers and members of the Devil Mountain Dixieland Band. Bob read a letter from Jean Hale thanking the club for the years of fellowship that Howard enjoyed with his many friends in the NCDXC. We of course all missed Howard, W6SC at this Christmas party in his role of Santa Claus. A moment of silence was observed in his honor. We on the board thank Ron Chiappari and his assistants for a very well organized evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Vee - Gee

Ron Pantan, W6VG Secty.



Nov. 29, 1985

Dear Editor,

I would appreciate your help in publicizing the following new award in your DX bulletin or column:

WAZ - 50th Anniversary Award

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the WAZ award, CQ is offering a special WAZ certificate for those working the 40 zones between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 1986. QSL's should be submitted directly to our WAZ Award Manager, Mr. Leo Haijsman, W4KA, 1044 Southeast 43rd. St., Cape Coral, FL 33902. Sequential numbers beginning with one(1) will be assigned to the WAZ-50 certificates in the order in which the applications are received by W4KA. A handsome plaque will be awarded to the first winner.

The regular WAZ application form, CQ Form 1479, should be used. A zone map and application form may be obtained by sending an s.a.s.e. to W4KA. Contacts may be made on the 10, 15, 20, 40 or 80 meter bands as this is to be a multiband award. However, contacts made on the WARC bands, 30, 17 and 12 meters will not be accepted for this award. Contacts can be made on either c.w. or s.s.b. We do not plan to issue separate certificates for the different modes.

The processing fee is \$4.00 for CQ subscribers and \$10.00 for non-subscribers. Overseas stations may use IRC's for payment using the present rate of 37 cents per IRC. .

73,
John A. Attaway, K4IIF
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Chairman, DX Committee

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TRUSTEE BOB VALLIO W6RGG
REPEATER COMMITTEE

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Input Frequency: 147.96 MHz
Output Frequency: 147.36 MHz
Suggested Simplex: 147.54 MHz

NCDXC THURSDAY NIGHT NET

On W6TI/R Thursday at 8:00 PM PST
NET CONTROL:

| | | |
|---------------|---------------|-------|
| DX NEWS: | Phil Garrahan | W6LQC |
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| SWAP SHOP: | | |
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NCDXC DX BULLETIN BROADCASTS

W6TI, the NCDXC Memorial Station
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