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NO MEETING IN APRIL!!!
DUE TO THE
INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION!!!
SEE YOU IN
VISALIA

FROM THE PREZ ---

Good news for all who are waiting patiently for CEOAA cards! This morning I spoke to Dan Davitt, the newly elected President of the Southern California DX Club. Dan told me that Mickey, CE3ESS, will again be at the Visalia Convention. According to Dan, there is some chance that Mickey will be able to bring with him the CEOAA logs and blank cards. If so, he'll be able to furnish CEOAA cards on the spot. If not, Mickey has agreed to collect cards with an SAE and postage, hand carry them all back to Chile, and personally answer them.

If you are still without CEOAA cards and will be at Visalia, fill out a card and an SAE and put the card and some way of paying return postage from Chile (a green stamp or 2 IRC's) in the SAE. When you get to Visalia, look up Tex, N6AHV and give him your envelopes. (Based on the number of people still waiting, Tex should be easy to find: look for a mob). Tex will collect all envelopes and get them to Mickey. If you won't be at Visalia this year, mail your envelopes to Tex as soon as possible (good in the Callbook).

I'm really looking forward to the Convention. From what has been published, it looks like a first-rate production by the SCDXC. I hope to see each of you there.

Remember, no meeting this month due to the Convention.

73,

Kip, W6SZN

We received the following note from Lloyd and Iris Colvin regarding their latest YASME DX-Pedition.

Zambia, Africa
24 March 1986

Dear Friends,

We have just concluded our operation as 9J2LC, with operation on all bands, phone and CW. 8,000 QSO's were made with radio amateurs in 137 countries. This was done in 15 days on the air. Two wonderful radio amateurs, 9J2FC and 9J2KL, helped us obtain licenses and a great location.

The above operation concludes a 6-month YASME DX-pedition in Southern Africa. We visited and operated from 7 countries with callsigns W6KG/ZS (South Africa), ZS3/W6QL (Namibia, Southwest Africa), 7P8KG (Lesotho), 3D6QL (Swaziland), A25/W6KG (Botswana), W6QL/Z2 (Zimbabwe) and 9J2LC (Zambia).

We would like a QSL card for every one of the 50,500 total QSO's that we had!! We promise that ALL QSL's received will be answered. An SASE and contribution is appreciated -- but NOT required. All QSL's should be sent to The YASME Foundation, P.O. Box 2025, Castro Valley, California, USA 94546.

During the month of April 1986, we will appear at the Joint meeting of the Northern and Southern California DX Clubs at Visalia, California, and also at the Dayton Hamvention in Dayton, Ohio. We will also try to come and talk at all radio clubs who ask us.

We want to thank all of the radio amateurs of the World for their generally fine DX operation during a time that is supposed to be a period of low sunspot activity and decreased DX openings!

73 and 88

Lloyd Colvin
W6KG

Iris Colvin
W6QL

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Marvin Moye, N6MXR is off to Diego Garcia (Chagos), courtesy of Uncle Sams's Navy. If everything turns out as planned, Marv will be QRV as N6MXR/VQ9 around mid to late April. Marv recently upgraded to General Class and plans to spend considerable time on CW trying to improve his speed for the next upgrade. He does expect to spend some time on phone, however, so look for him in either mode.

Here's some of the DX Hal, N6AN worked last month:

Stations heard or worked March 1 thru March 21, 1986:

TR8JLD	Gabon	21275	1850Z
9Q5MA	Zaire	21280	2030
KX6DS	Marshall Isls.	3801	0830
SP3IPB	Poland	3511	0600
T21ZK	Tuvalu QSL JJITZK	7001	0615
F08FO	Fr. Polynesia	3790	0630
CT1BH	Portugal	3794	0630
F00JP	Fr. Polynesia	7012	0615
9J2LC	Zambia QSL YASME	7001	0600
PY7PO/PY0	Fernando de Noronha	7008	0500
ZK3RR	Tokelaus Island	7012	0520



Hal N6AN

THE SAGA OF MOVING TO SANTA BARBARA

By Merle B Parten - K6DC

930 Alston Road

Santa Barbara, Ca 93108

Feb. 27, 1986

The City of Santa Barbara has a rule that requires any new construction on land with a slope of more than 20 degrees be under the Architectural Board of Review. The ABR is a panel of citizens from various in life, and they tell you what color to paint your house, and anything else they deem best for the community.

The City's antenna ordinance is quite fair, allowing towers under 45 feet to be erected without a permit, and between 45 and 65 feet a permit is required, but no problem if properly engineered for stresses, safety factor, etc. HOWEVER, if your property has a slopefactor of more than 20 degrees, you are under the ABR, and a permit can only be issued after they notify all your neighbors of an open meeting. Now I ask you: what neighbor is going to say "yes" when given an invitation to say "NO"?

Over a year ago I applied for a two-way lot-split on my three acre parcel of land within the Santa Barbara city limits. The total parcel had an average slope of 35 or 40 degrees, due to the inclusion of a steep canyon area where nothing lives but deer and weeds. Even though my building site was only about 12 degrees average, the whole package made it come under control of the ABR.

I was not smart enough to wait for the wheels of bureaucracy to grind out the lot-split, freeing me from the ABR, so in July 1985 I applied for a permit to erect an 80 foot sky-needle that would be lowered to its 23 foot nesting position when not in use. I already had a chunk of concrete 4'x4'x8' deep with the 4 heavy mounting bolts approved by the Santa Barbara engineering department.

At the ABR hearing, I was caught totally by surprise when my neighbors presented them a petition signed by 30 or so people, some of whom couldn't even see the house. And it was endorsed by the local homeowner's association. The petition was in protest of my application. It seemed like they didn't want a house or anything else built on the land we had owned since 1953 -- PERIOD! They had been unsuccessful in numerous protests to the City about the house, which was fully approved, finally, by the ABR. The house is a classical French design, and looks like a palace. It seemed like the neighbors welcomed a vent for their anger and frustration by protesting my antenna.

The ABR was swayed by the force of numbers and rejected my application on the spot. I was given 10 days to appeal their decision before the City Council. I chose to drop the application for the present, and devote my waning 73 year-old amount of energy to finishing the house and landscaping, because costs were

running about \$170K over estimate, and I felt like doing some of the work myself to save money.

I thought the matter was settled, but someone kept waving the red flag, and poking at the City until finally, the City put a moratorium on erecting all antennas, even TV types over 15 feet high. This made me very popular with the hams, CBers and TV dish people.

Finally, I proposed a compromise tower on my 4.7 yards of concrete, custom-made at considerable expense, that would nest at about 18 feet when not in use, and raise to a height of 65 feet when being used; and I agreed to use it in the up position only during the dark hours! NO! They wanted it placed down at the bottom of our ravine, making it totally useless.

The City was on the verge of extending the moratorium another month or two while they re-wrote the ordinance from its fair, present wording to something else. I hate to think of how that would have affected me and others living in similar neighborhoods. These months of worry and harassment had resulted in migraine headaches and loss of sleep, so I gave up.

I wrote a letter to the mayor withdrawing my application and a 73 foot modification later. They lifted the moratorium and retained the antenna ordinance as (originally) written.

Ironically, at the same Council meeting, our lot-split was on the agenda for final approval by the City, and I am now out from under control by the ABR. I doubt if they will give me a hard time when I get around to applying for a 65 foot permit, sometime after the house is finished. Now I ask you: should I spend less money for a lattice-type tower, and let it wave in the breeze at full height, just for spite, or be a nice guy and spend all that money for a tower that would nest at 23 feet when not in use?

When the red flag stops waving and sags a little, I will again start thinking about putting up a tower and beam. With DX conditions quite poor, and having worked them all anyway, there is no real incentive to get back on and get the red flag waving again. Maybe more time should be spent in public relations than selfishly spending energy working on the home.

I can always fondly remember the times when I had a big signal with a good antenna. The times when you called a station and reached for a pencil to log him, because you knew he would answer. I'll tell you one thing: with a wire antenna 10 feet off the ground at present, and running 100 watts, can you believe the stations I call, even well known friends, now come back calling CQ over and over.

73

Merle

NCDXC TOP DOGS

Topmost NCDXC members who have submitted written confirmations to the ARRL for DXCC credit. As of September 30, 1985. Data extracted from DX Century Awards listings - QST March 1986.

MIXED

320 countries or more



W6BSY	356	W6LQC	330
W6KG	353	K6LQA	329
W6KH	353	K6OJO	328
W6ZM	352	N6AN	328
W6MUR	351	N6HR	328
W6ISQ	349	W6JZU	328
K6WR	347	W6BJH	327
W6RJ	345	W6TC	326
K6MA	342	K6UFT	324
K6PU	342	K6AAW	323
W6CF	342	N6QR	322
W6ERS	342	K6RK	321
W6RGG	341	K6WC	321
W6QL	339	W6JRY	321
W6KNH	337	W6OAT	321
W6PHF	332	K6UD	320
K6OZL	332	N6RA	320

PHONE

300 countries or more



K6WR	347
W6ZM	347
W6ISQ	339
W6RGG	338
W6KNH	337
WA6AHF	332
W6LQC	330
K6OJO	327
W6AED	325
N6OC	315
W6GO	314
WB6RIU	310
K6UD	309
K6MA	308
K6RK	304
W6NLG	300

CW

250 countries or more



WB6ZUC	303
K6CBL	302
N6JV	296
W6BJH	290
K6LM	280
K6RK	276
W6JD	272
N6AN	262
K6WD	258
K6XN	258
W6DU	251

Hal N6AN

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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*.

Apr.	9-10	DX-YL to N.A. YL CW
Apr.	16-17	DX-YL to N.A. YL SSB
Apr.	26-27	Swiss Helvetia Contest
May	10-11	USSR CQ-M Contest
May	17-18	ARI International Contest
May	24-25	CQ WW WPX CW Contest
June	14-15	All Asian Phone Contest
July	5-6	Venezuelan SSB Contest
July	12-13	IARU Radiosport Contest

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

The CQ WW WPX Phone Contest has come and gone. I heard many of the locals and some of our club members from far away, exotic places like Hawaii (AI6V/NH6) and Barbados (N6AUV). What a way to mix pleasure with pleasure!

If you plan to go to Visalia this month for the annual convention, you may be interested to know that contest awards will be presented at the conclusion of the contest forum on Saturday, rather than at the banquet. Hope to see a steady stream of NCDXC members receiving awards this year.

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NCDXC MINI BIOG

CALL: WA6BSS NAME: Beverly L. (Bill) Boots

OCCUPATION: Quality Control Supv. EMPLOYED BY: Mobil Chemical Co.
(plastic bags)

YEAR BORN: 1928 FIRST LICENSED: 1973 DATE JOINED NCDXC: 1983

SPOUSE'S NAME: Virginia CHILDREN'S NAMES: Carleen

OTHER HAMS IN THE FAMILY: (none)

RIG(S): Various 2 meter & UHF FM, Cubic 102BX & Yaesu FT757GX HF
Xcvrs

ANTENNA(S): 2 Meter & UHF Beams, TH6DXX, 40 & 80 1/4 Wave Slopers
at Woodland QTH - 2 Meter Beam, TA33JR, 40 & 80 1/4 Wave Slopers
at Butte Co. QTH

HAM RELATED AWARDS: DXCC

OTHER HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Guns, Shooting & Computers

OTHER RADIO ORGANIZATIONS: ARRL & Mount Vaca Radio Club

FAVORITE HAM ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN DX'ING: 2 Meter Activity

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Intend to retire 1-1-88. Will move to
Butte County home at Clipper Mills. Intend to travel, extensively
via travel trailer. Band should get better by then -- will
operate HF mobile.

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Kenwood TS830s W/ 500Hz CW filter & Hi Pwr Mod.....	\$650.00
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Call Dick Letrich, WB6WKM(408) 264-0965

PROCEDURES MANUAL CHANGE

Please change page 7 of your NCDXC Procedures Manual to agree with the following;

PART 2

DUES

2-100 Payment of Dues

a. Purpose: to implement Article III, Section 2 of the bylaws.

b. Full members and absentee members shall pay dues in the amount to be established by the board of directors, on a yearly basis.

c. Life members dues shall be according to age and by making a one-time single payment in accordance with the following table:

Age Interval	Average Life Expectancy	Present Rate \$15	Rate for \$20	Rate for \$24
20-25	55.5	\$500	\$665	\$835
26-30	50.8	455	610	765
31-35	46.0	415	550	690
36-40	41.5	375	500	565
41-45	36.8	330	440	550
46-50	32.5	290	390	490
51-55	28.0	250	335	420
56-60	23.9	215	285	360
61-65	20.1	180	240	300
66-70	16.7	150	200	250
71-75	13.5	120	160	200
76-80	10.6	95	125	160
81-85	8.5	75	100	125

* subject to change with increases or decreases in the annual membership dues rate. Adjusted to the nearest five dollar increment.

e. Charter and honorary members are exempt from paying dues.

f. The board of directors is authorized to temporarily suspend the payment of dues by any member in cases of extreme and unusual hardship.

2-101 Notification of Payment of Dues

a. The July issue of the club publication, the July meeting notice, and the last two meter net meetings of June shall each contain notice that dues are payable as of July 1 of that year.

b. Members who have not paid dues owed by August 31 shall be sent postcard notices by the treasurer. If dues payment is not received by October 31, the member shall be notified by the secretary that they have been dropped from club membership.

NEWS BITS.

THE DX BULLETIN MOVES WEST

America's oldest weekly amateur radio publication, *The DX Bulletin*, moved to California, effective March 1, 1986. The new address for the publication is:

The DX Bulletin
816 Fourth Street, Suite 1001
Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

The new telephone number is (707)523-1001.

Chod Harris, VP2ML assumed the duties of editor on March 1. Chod has been a licensed amateur for 20 years, and has operated from more than a dozen countries, including Easter Island (CEOA), Sierra Leone (9L1), Galapagos (HC8), Christmas Island (T32), Senegal (6W8), and others. He has written several books and numerous articles in amateur radio publications, and was recently DX editor of 73 Magazine.

Chod's goal is that "The DX Bulletin will continue to be the premier publication in the DX field... Readers will see new features, expanded coverage of DX events, and other improvements in the next few months."

VHF GEAR STOLEN FROM LOCAL HAM

The following items of equipment were stolen from WA6PWW, Kit Blankes's truck in Milpitas on March 6, 1986:

Kenwood 144 MHz Transceiver, Model TM201A, S/N 3122014
Kenwood 440 MHz Transceiver, Model TM401A, S/N 4031165
Kenwood 440 MHz Handie-Talkie, Model TH41AT, S/N 5060830
(Has "WA6PWW" engraved on radio under battery pack)
Icom 220 MHz Handie-Talkie, Model IC3-AT, S/N 14902168
Tempo 144 MHz Handie-Talkie, Model S-1, (No Ser. No)
(Has "WB6YZI" engraved on the bottom of the case).

Any information would be appreciated.

Call Kit Blanke, WA6PWW

Work Phone 408-987-9669

Home Phone 408-263-8944

The CW DX'er always checked the propagation charts before ever calling a DX station. This is really putting the chart before the Morse.
From *Ham Humor*, by R.W. Johnson, W6MUR

MINUTES OF NCDXC MEETING

March, 14, 1986

Meeting was called to order at Harry's Hof Brau in Palo Alto at 7:45 p.m. The guests were introduced: N6ITY, KA6YII, WA6IME, KB6YC, OH5BM, K6SQL, SVODH/5, N6BIS, DU1CB, KA6ING, AA6AI, W6REC, K6GSS. Discussion was held re: CEOAA QSL cards still not arriving to some members. W6SZN announced the sale of 3 each, 3-KW generators. No meeting will be held in April due to the DX Convention in Visalia. KR6O moved that the annual picnic be abandoned. Discussion ensued. N6QR suggested that the people who attend the picnic finance same. The matter of the dues increase was discussed, with some members opposing the increase. A motion was made to table the vote until a budget of club revenues and expenses could be printed in the DX'er. This motion was defeated. A motion was made and seconded to raise the dues to \$24 annually. The vote was 49 for; 4 opposed; 2 abstaining. A quorum was present at the meeting for the vote. The program was a slide show on the Pribilof DXpedition.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Rasmussen, NG6X
Secretary, pro tem

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MINUTES OF BOD-NCDXC

The board of directors of the NCDXC met March 27, 1986 at the home of W6VG. Meeting was called to order at 7:21 PM by president Kip Edwards, W6SZN. Present were K6ANP, K6TMB, KA6W, W6JZU, W6VG. Guests present were K6SSJ, and WA6O. Smitty presented the report of the treasurer who had to attend an emergency communications meeting. K6ANP made it clear that both he and Lyle, N6BLN were the co-chairmen for the 1987 DX Convention. They plan on holding it again in Visalia. KK6X will be the treasurer for said convention. SCDXC told Kip that their contest awards would be presented at the DX forum this year. The speaker at our May 9th meeting will be Sanford Smith. He is one of the "Traveler's Century Club" members who has visited over 100 countries of the world. The June 13 meeting will be held at SLAC (Stanford Linear Accelerator) and will be a barbecue put on by SLAC for us. That will be the night for election of our officers. The dinner charge will be \$6.00 each, and advance registration would be appreciated. (possibly mandatory) The procedures manual, page 7 is being updated to show the new dues structure for life members. This will be printed in the DX'er. The president will contact members to form a nominating committee for our upcoming election. A possible date for a NCDXC meeting has been tentatively set for July 13, 1986. The subject of two NCDXC members in one household was discussed. The board voted to recommend the following to the membership for their ratification. \$24 per year for the first member, and \$15 per year for the second. Life membership applications were received and approved for the following members. W6JZU, K6TMB, K6ANP, K6SSJ. Bob Thompson K6SSJ will host the DX Forum at the upcoming ARRL Pacific Division Convention in San Jose. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vee-Gee
Ron Pantou, W6VG, Secretary

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NCDXC REPEATER:W6TI/R

TRUSTEE	BOB VALLIO	W6RGG
REPEATER COMMITTEE		
CHAIRMAN: SMITTY SMITHWICK W6JZU		
Input Frequency:		147.96 MHz
Output Frequency:		147.36 MHz
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NCDXC THURSDAY NIGHT NET

On W6TI/R Thursday at 8:00 PM PST

NET CONTROL:

DX NEWS:	Phil Garrahan	W6LQC
PROPAGATION:	Al Lotze	W6RQ
WEST LINK:	Chuck Vaughn	AA6G
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W6TI, the NCDXC Memorial Station
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