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RON'S COMMENTS

This is the season to think about Club elections and potential officer candidates.

Contrary to popular opinion, there aren't a lot of members out there dreaming of holding an office. Neither are there any Club members who have a lot more spare time than YOU do; everyone is very busy.

Just like the Marines the NCDXC is looking for a few good men and women. Part of all of our membership obligation is to help make the club run and like Jack said "If not you, who? If not now, when?"

Please call Ted, KA6W or Frank, W6ZKM, who are part of the Nominating Committee. They need a volunteer for a third Nominating Committee member as well as candidates for this and future years . .

Again I wish to thank all of the DX Convention Committee for their excellent job in running the Visalia convention! Lots of people have told me it was the best convention they had ever attended! Also thanks to all the sponsors without whose contributions we couldn't have even had the convention at all!

73 and don't forget to call . . .

Ron

BRIEFLY NOTED

MONSTER QUAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

From the April 16 Mercury News;

At least 24 poles used for vaulting in track and field have been reported stolen from four high schools in Santa Clara County. Coaches at Bellarmine, Del Mar, Los Altos and St. Francis said that the figerglass poles worth around \$250 apiece – were taken from the track and field sheds at their schools between Feb. 17 and March 24.

Bellarmino coach Terry Ward said "There would be no questions asked if they were dumped some place where they could be found and returned to us."

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NEXT MEETING

Club member Steve Salmon AA6LF will present his South Sea DX Sailing Adventure. Steve, XYL Tina (N6WHJ) and their 15 yr old daughter Holly, called on many ports, and operated with the following calls: ZK1XP, FO0SST, and AA6LF/KH%. Hula dancing girls from Tahiti, Cook Island, Palmyra etc. You wont want to miss this one, Friday May 10th, Harry's Hoffbrau. 6PM Attitude adjustment, 7:30 Meeting. 73 W6TEX

CLUB INFORMATION

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Suggested simplex freq.: 147.54 MHz

NCDXC THURSDAY NIGHT NET

On W6TI/R Thursday at 8:00 PM local time.
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NCDXC DX BULLETIN BROADCASTS

Trustee: Bob Vallio, W6RGG. General interest broadcasts at 1800Z Sunday and 0200Z Monday on 14.002 MHz and 7.016 Mhz

MEETING MINUTES

NCDXC Board of Directors Minutes
April 3, 1991

- NG6X, N6DJM, W6TEX, & K6MA present at Harry's Hofbrau, Mountain View.
 - After review of club minutes the past year, agreed to include "Second Reading Requirements" on application form for new members.
 - Board reviewed procedure manual changes presented by NG6X, W6TEX. At least 10 items considered. NG6X & W6VG to incorporate modifications for next publication and listing in DXer.
 - N6DJM suggested financial review needed.
 - Officer nominating committee appointed. KA6W and W6ZKM.
 - Next program by AA6LF on his South Sea trip.
- de K6MA NCDXC Secretary 4/23/91.

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BRIEFLY NOTED

Two special events have been brought to my attention.

- The OMARC 1991 Spring Midnight Special. Sponsored by the Overlook Mountain Amateur Radio Club, Kingston, N.Y. Runs May 19, 1991 from 0300 to 0500Z, 20 Meter SSB 0300-0400Z, and 20 Meter CW 0400-0500Z. The exchange is your name and the model number of the transceiver you are using ("homebrew" if it was completely home built). A valid Q is a completed exchange with any other radio station. Suggested freqs. 14250-14270 on SSB, 14030 to 14050 on CW. Deadline for reporting is June 30, 1991. Send log, dupe sheet, mode totals and a statement of honorable and fair competition to W2XL. Results will be in NCJ.

TREASURERS REPORT

NCDXC Treasurers Report March 1, 1991 to March 31, 1991

Checking Account Activity	
Feb. 28, 1991 EOM Balance	3741.28
No Deposits	
Accounts Payable	725.65
Balance EOM Mar 31, 1991	3015.63
Savings Account Status	
Bank of America a/o 2/15/91	14109.26
interest	
60.21	
Balance a/o 3/19/91	14169.47
American Savings Bank	9302.50
a/o 3.23.91	
Repeater fund a/o 3/31/91	1561.05

- World Wide South America CW Contest WWSA/ 1991. Sponsored by Antenna-Electronica Pupular magazine. Runs 1500Z June 8 until 1500Z June 9, 1991. CW Only, 160 through 10 meters, no cross-band. Single operator, single band or multiband; multi operator, single transmitter; QRP (10W max) single operator multiband. Exchange RST and serial number starting with 001. Work stations once per band. Q with own country 0 points, multiplier only. Q in same continent 2 points, Q with different continent 4 points; Q with South American station (only for DX stations) 8 points. Score is Q points times total number of DXCC countries (including South American) plus total number of different South American prefixes worked on each band. Separate logs per band. Logs (with SAE-IRC) for results by July 31, 1991 to WWSA Contest Committee, P.O. Box 2673 - 20001 Rio De Janerio, RJ, Brazil.

These events are nice for the novice contester just getting h/h feet wet.

EDITORS COMMENT

Please excuse the ratty issue. I've been going through some internal repairs (kidney stone/ lithotripter and fixing the eyelids) Not so bad except for the damned double vision. Good thing I'm not an airline pilot. ...k6zx

WE GET LETTERS

Editor, NCDXC DX'er,

Dear Doug,

I wish to enter a protest to the NCDXC for the constant use of our DX CLUB REPEATER for the continued announcing of contest activities for what appears, every contest that comes along. By who's authority does this take place?

I understand that the North-South ARRL contest is an approved club function. But all the other contests have no legitimate right to be announced on W6TI. I cite as an example the WPX contest held this past weekend, Friday through Sunday!

While I admit that I did not listen more than 10 hours total during that time, I did not hear one club member that lives outside of our repeater area, that could not have used the Contest Club Repeater just as effectively. During that period that I monitored the W6TI Repeater, I also had on the Contest Club Repeater, and it was not even being used for announcements.

Every announcement that I heard made, was made by a Contest Club member. This leads me to believe that this unauthorized abuse of the repeater must be policed. The continued use of the repeater in this manner does not represent the intent of the club repeater for its intended purpose of announcing DX. As an example, with perhaps two rare countries currently being sought by almost all of the club members (ET2 & S2) that have been activated and might have been on at the time, the membership was subjected to constant callouts for not rare, to semi-rare at best announcements. Also many of the callouts were being announced QUOTE "from the packet screen". Perhaps the contesters would be better served if they resorted to Packet.

If this non approved contest activity is not regulated NOW, can you imagine what kind of Automatic Packet DX announcements we will be subjected to each weekend when contests are put on for every darn thing?

The time has come for the club to evaluate its true purpose, either we are for DX or we are a Dupe for the contest element in the club. Since most of the

contesters hold dual memberships they can and should use 147.24 instead of 147.36 for contests. Without the old repeater links of the past the excuse for using W6TI to provide better coverage for club members is no longer a valid reason to monopolize the W6TI repeater for contests.

I would appreciate that this request be looked into by the Board of Directors and an answer to be forth coming.

Thank you...73 Dick Letrich, WB6WKM, Life Member.

VISALIA

Now that the 42nd. DX Convention is history we can sit back and reflect of the efforts of a great bunch of people.

Every one seemed pleased with the program, BBQ and Banquet. I have yet to hear a complaint. The Holiday Inn went out of their way to accomodate our wishes. Bruce, W6OSP, has to be complimented on his selection of speakers and program material. Knock, K6ITL, was responsible for the extgravangaza of v alued main and raffle prizes and other valuable behind the scene activities.

Tom, K6TS, and his crew sold a bushel of raffle tickets. More tickets than I can remember at any convention. By golly I finally won a Call Book this time, will wonders ever cease.

The preregistration was handled by Larry, KD6XY and Louese, KA6ING. It was complete in every detail. They received, recorded, and stuffed envelopes for over 500 preregs. The largest preregistration in memory.

Ron, W6VG, and his crew took over the on site registration and sold a bundle of tickets for the BBQ and registration.

Lou, K6TMB, the friendly bartender and his crew did a superb job of dispensing the spirits on Friday and Saturday.

Hal, N6AN, who with his computer made the signs which were used to direct people to the right barrel to drop their tickets etc. Nice job Hal!

Steve, N6ST, received convention information three weeks in advance of the affair, for the program. Assembled, had it printed and delivered in sufficient time to stuff the envelopes. Great work Steve.

Linda Sumida, WB6QMD, from Visalia, was responsible for the article about the convention in the Visalia Times-Delta, April 12, 1991. Linda also designed this years patch.

Keith, KN6J, spent a good deal of his time during the weekend collecting and counting the money received. Now he has his work cut out for him in paying the bills. Thanks Keith.

Last but not least many thanks to Kip, W6SZN for his excellent control of the Master of Ceremonies task. Unfortunately the bus trip planned by Ken, K6PU didn't pan out. Maybe next year we can get a trip going. Thanks for your effort Ken, and congrats to the XYL, Kay, who won the ladies gift of a 12" color TV set at the banquet.

In conclusion let me say that it was my privilege to have worked with such an astute group as was assembled for the 1991 convention. We made a few mistakes but those of us who may someday again be involved with convention planning will have the experience behind us.

Finally let me acknowledge those unsung heroes who assisted with the operation. KA6DXY, KG6XF, N6HRX, K6PU XYL, K6AAL, and last but not least W6ZKM. If I missed anyone forgive me, it wasn't done intentionally.

Before signing off I would be remiss if I didn't thank Bob Ferrero W6RJ, HRO, Kenwood and Icom for their assistance in helping to provide the main prizes. Thanks also to those firms who donated substance to our raffle. Many thanks.

73 de Steve W6MKM.

BRIEFLY NOTED

Ode to the Seat!

There once was a very great man,
Who was known as "One Hell of a Ham".
He built a machine that had a great twist,
He could send with his fanny as well as his fist.
The secret was a seat pad of leather.

This "Big Gun DX'er" is Whiskey Six Chicken Feathers!!

de W7SW/I0

TRIVIA

Real Engineers...

Real Engineers consider themselves well dressed if their socks match.

Real Engineers buy their spouses a set of matched screw drivers for their birthday.

Real Engineers wear moustaches or beards for "efficiency". Not because they're lazy.

Real Engineers have a non-technical vocabulary of 800 words.

Real Engineers think a "biting wit" is their fox terrier.

Real Engineers know the second law of thermodynamics - but not their own shirt size.

Real Engineers repair their own cameras, telephones, televisions, watches and automatic transmissions.

Real Engineers say "It's 70 degrees Fahrenheit, 25 degrees Celcius, and 298 degrees Kelvin" and all you can say is "Isn't it a nice day?".

Real Engineers give you the feeling you're having a conversation with a dial tone or busy signal.

Real Engineers wear badges so they don't forget who they are. Sometimes a note is attached saying "Don't offer me a ride today. I drove my own car".

Real Engineers politics run towards acquiring a parking space with their name on it and an office with a window.

Real Engineers know the "ABC's of Infrared" from A to B.

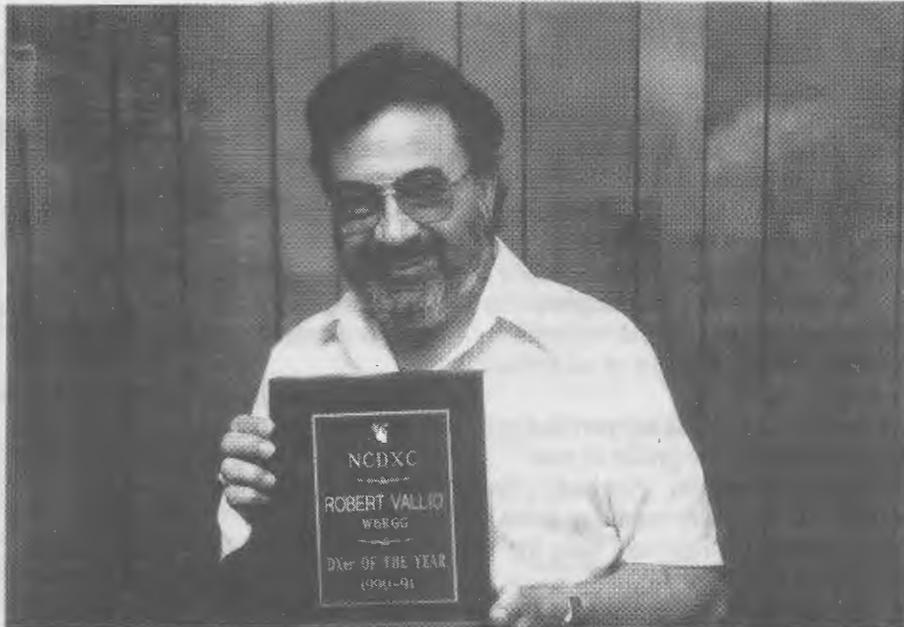
Real Engineers rotate their tires for laughs.

Real Engineers will make four sets of drawings (with seven revisions) before making a bird bath.

Real Engineers briefcases contain a Philips screwdriver, a copy of "Quantum Physics", and a half of a peanut butter sandwich.

Real Engineers don't find the above at all funny.

Anonymous.



DXer OF YEAR

NCDXC DXer of the year 1991, W6RGG

It seems as though the last couple of years have brought forth many worthy nominees for the DXer of the Year Award. This makes for much debate on the part of the committee. The decision must be made on the basis of the qualifications as set forth by the Procedures Manual. So we had to put aside the names of those who did not match the many areas in which kBob Vallio has been very active. The check list shows some of the criteria we used, and the areas, in our knowledge, in which Bob has been active. Congratulations to Mr. Robert Vallio, W6RGG (Mr. Roberts Rules of Order) member of the NCDXC since August 14, 1964.

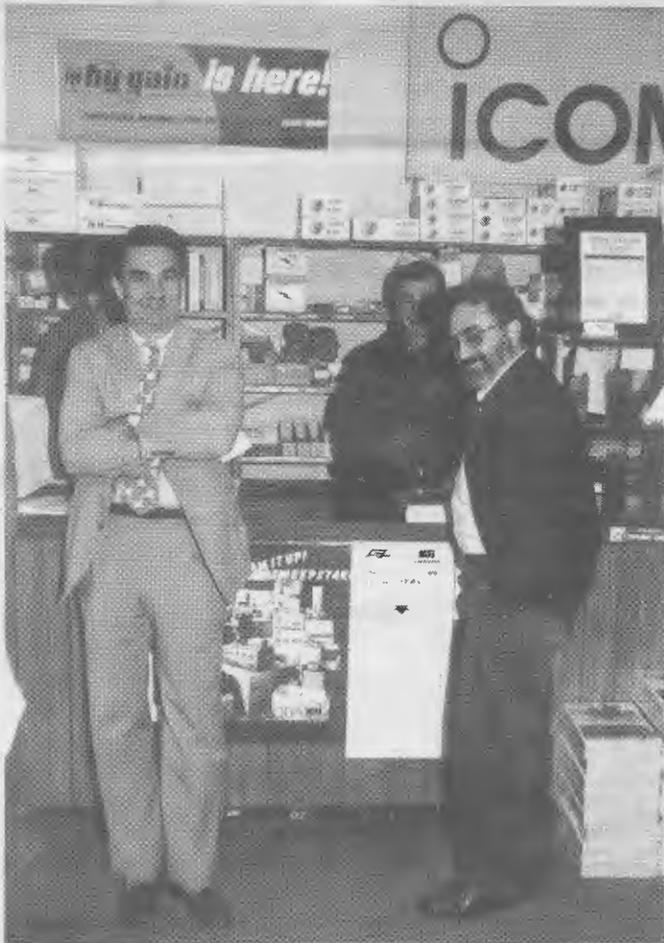
Nominee W6RGG	
DXpeditions	XX
Cooperation with DX efforts	XX
Liason with DXpeditions	XX
Helping other members work DX	X
Operating ethics	good X
Compliance with FCC Regs	good X
Exhibition of fair play	good X
Sportsmanship	good X
Good operating practice	good X
QSL Ethics	good X
Participation in club activities	X
Served as club officer or director	X
DXer editor	
Participation in DX contests	X
Club repeater support	XX
Attendance at club meetings	
Service on committees	X
Bringing in new members	X
Achievements, contests, Honor Roll	X 341
Arrl offices or appointments	X
Public service or emergency work	X
Promoting international good will	X
Assisting new amateurs	
Conduct training programs	
Additional points W6TI Trustee	
W6TI DX Bulletins 7 & 14 MHz	
Voting member for at least three years	X

TRIVIA

A California Award membership listing submitted by Rubin, WA6AHF shows the following persons comprised the NCDXC in the early 50's!

W6AED, AHZ, ALQ, AM, ATO, BAX, BIP, BUY, BVM, BYB, BYH, CEI, CLS, CTL, DAC, DIX, DUB, EFR, EFV, EJA, GIZ, GPB, GQK, HNX, HOC, IPH, ITH, JHV, JK, KEK, KG, KYT, KXG, LDD, LMZ, LTX, LW, MEK, MHB, MFZ, MLY, NEQ, NHA, NRZ, NZ, NZS, ONZ, OWM, PB, PHF, PQJ, PYH, QDE, RQB, RCC, RRG, RZS, SC, SIA, SR, SXI, SZ, TI, TOT, TT, TXA, TXL, IF, UOV, UJ, UPV, UYX, VE, VJW, WB, YUS, ZUI, ZZ, ZZC. K6AQP, AUC, AYA, CWS, EDE, LZI, SSJ.

As memory serves, one can get nearly this many members out to work an OK looking for the Calif. Award, with a single callout on the repeater! We really have changed!



CLASSIFIED

WANTED (Standing Order)

Ideas for future club programs. Provide topic, contact name and telephone number. Forward to any club officer. Thank you. de W6TEX

WANTED

Feature items for future DXer issues. One to two pages of text plus illustrations is the best size. If you don't come through, you will be faced with more ARRL Letter reprints. de K6ZX

BRIEFLY NOTED

From the Directors letter:

WARNING -

On March 16, 1991, the 80 meter Novice Segment moved to 3.675-3.725 MHz. The 3.725-3.750 MHz segment continues to be available to General and higher classes for CW, RTTY and Digital modes only. NO phone is permitted in the 3.725-3.750 MHz segment.

Coming events -

Foothill Flea Market 2nd Saturday, March to September at Foothill College in Los Altos.

Livermore Swap Meet 1st Sunday of each month, Las Positas College in Livermore, 7AM to 12N.

Fresno Hamfest May 3-5, 1991 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Fresno.

West Coast VHF Conference May 3-5, 1991 at the Holiday Inn on the Beach, Ventura.

Reno Hamfest August 3, 1991 in Reno, NV. Contact K7HRW for information.

Computer Networking Conference Sept. 27-29, 1991 in San Jose.

Siera Hamfest and Computer Fair Oct. 12, 1991 in Minden, NV. Contact W6FFT for information

Southwest Division Convention Oct. 11-13, 1991 in Scottsdale, AZ



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