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FEBRUARY MEETING PROGRAM FEATURES YKØA DX-PEDITION

The program for the February meeting will feature a slide show about the DX-pedition to Syria which took place late in 1994. The show will be presented by some of the NCDXC members who took part in the DX-pedition. Len Gerald, K6ANP spent a lot of time putting the show together, and it promises to be an interesting and entertaining presentation and a highlight of the NCDXC year. This is one program you won't want to miss.

KNOCK'S KNEWS

The February meeting will be held at the Dunfey Hotel in San Mateo at the intersection of Highways 101 and 92. Italian buffet at 6:00 and the meeting starts at 8:00 PM.

The YKØ Dxpediton with K6ANP, NW6P and other participants will be the main attraction. We have negotiated a reduced rate on the meeting room, so be sure to sign the log when you have dinner! The more dinners, the cheaper the room rate. Don't forget to fire up the rig and get active in the ARRL DX Contest so we can retain the perpetual trophy. The CW portion begins at 0000Z, Feb. 18, and the Phone portion starts 0000Z, March 4. Send a copy of your summary sheet (not the log) to Rich, WX6M to ensure that your score will count for the NCDXC. Speaking of the ARRL DX Contest, Bruce Sawyer, AA6KX President of the NCCC, has sent an interesting proposal to both the No. and So. DX Clubs. A copy of his proposal is printed in this DXer. I imagine this proposal will generate considerable discussion at the next meeting.

CALIFORNIA AWARD

John, N6OM has volunteered to undertake the promotion of the California Award, and, with the help of Randy, WB6CUA, will try to see how all NCDXC members can participate actively.

Don't forget, bring a friend, a spouse, or other member to the meeting.

NCDXC QSL cards

Almost from the beginning of the NCDXC, there have been "official" NCDXC cards with a distinctive design, color and format. The club has ordered generic cards and made them available at cost, with printing of the member's call and QTH extra. The advantage of the cards has been the easy recognition of the sender's NCDXC affiliation by the recipient. The current card inventory, printed on high gloss material, is almost exhausted and it is time to consider a new purchase. Before acting, the card design and order quantity must be resolved. Please give some thought to this and let officers and directors know your ideas. If you have a specific design that you think would be good for the club, send it to any of us for consideration.

NEEDED - DXER EDITOR

With the resignation of our esteemed editor NI6T, the NCDXC does need a new editor. Here is your chance to get involved. Location is not a problem. We still have U.S. Mail, E mail & packet.

Call K6ITL

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
DX CLUB OFFICERS

President: Jim Knochenhauer, K6ITL
Vice President: George Allan, WA60
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Director: Alan Koblinski, W7XA
Director: Stan Goldstein, N6ULU

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Club Repeater: W6TI/R, (147.36+)

Trustee: Bob Vallio, W6RGG
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**GENERAL MEETING
NCDXC, JANUARY, 1995**

Meeting of NCDXC January 13, 1995 was held at the Dunfey Hotel, San Mateo, and called to order at 8:04 P.M. by President "Knock", K6ITL. Guests were introduced, and the presence of Vince Chinn K6KQN our esteemed member was acknowledged. The possibility of a dinner meeting being held once again in Chinatown, SF was raised with Vince. Plaques were given out for the NCDXC Marathon contest and the ARRL CW & Phone contests. The 5 band awards were awarded by John Brand, K6WC. Knock then bestowed the club certificates, badges, pins etc, to new members Philip Noyes KM6RM, and George McWilliams KM6RR. Latest DXAC info was given by Jack Troster W6ISQ. Members were urged to sign the clipboard list for further lowering of the meeting rent at the Dunfey Hotel. The dinner is still a gourmet and gourmand paradise. No limit on the amount and variety of food available, and the price is certainly right. The guest speaker was the eloquent, humorous, knowledgeable, personable, Peter Chadwick, G3RZP. His off the cuff talk on ethics, power limits, TVI, licensing antenna restrictions, was all of the above, and more. Peter left on Saturday, January 15 for his home in England.

First readings were given for: WA6MME, Charles Wirth: N4TQO, Steve Merchant, & W6SJH, Norman Buell. Re-instated was WA6GTU, Joe Robertson. A new editor is needed for the DXer as Garry Shapiro has resigned after a very fine job of putting out a world class bulletin. Garry has been our editor since November, 1993.

A brief report on W6DU, the club secretary indicates that Eric is still on the road to full recovery, but is still recuperating. Best wishes, Eric, and hope time will bring you back to full steam. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Ron Panton, W6VG
acting secretary.

Roster Changes

New Members

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Reinstated

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Saratoga, CA 95070
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NCDXC TREASURER'S REPORT

Dec. 1994 NQ6X

BANK OF AMERICA CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance Dec. 1,		\$3,315.56
Dues received/deposited	54.00	
Advance reservations-Xmas mtg	625.00	
Interest received	<u>2.78</u>	
Sub total	681.78	3,997.34
Expenditures		
DXer printing, postage, exp	469.46	
Bold Knight-Xmas mtg	1,150.00	
DX Conv seed money-Bank Acc	1,500.00	
Trophy engraving	18.66	
Contest Awards	224.46	
Call books for club Qsl info	71.45	
Bank service charge	<u>10.00</u>	
Sub total	3,444.03	
Closing balance Dec. 31		553.31

EUREKA BANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance Dec. 1, 1994		18,988.79
Account interest	38.79	
Ending balance Dec. 31		19,027.58
(Includes IDXC set-aside of 3500 and other club set-aside funds)		

EUREKA BANK LIFE MEMBER FUND

CD Value as of 4 Nov 94		10,974.13
Matures July 4, 95--No Activity		

DXer of the Year Nominations Now Open

Now is the time to put on your thinking cap and nominate the DXer of the Year.

Eligibility

The award is based upon consistent and active participation in DX and club activities during the preceding three years. Only voting members who have been club members for at least three years are eligible. No person may receive the award more than once every three years.

Selection Criteria

1. Cooperation and assistance with DX efforts, such as: maintaining liaison with or coordinating DXpeditions; participating in DXpeditions and: helping other members work DX.
2. Must have high standards of operating practices and ethics. Compliance with FCC regulations, exhibition of fair play, sportsmanship and good operating practices at all times. Use of ethical practices in working new countries, and obtaining QSL cards.
3. Participation in club activities. Service as officer or director, DXer editor, or other club appointments, participation in DX contests with scores contributed to the NCDXC, support of the club repeater, attendance at club meetings and repeater meetings, service on committees, or bringing in new members.
4. Achievements. Winning, or placing high in major contests, winner of awards, such as 5BDXCC, Honor Roll, etc. Amateur radio appointments, service to the public in emergencies, promoting international goodwill. Assistance to potential or new amateurs, conduct of training programs.

All nominations shall be in written form and submitted to Jerry Griffin, W8MEP Chairman of the DXer of the Year Award Committee, no later than March 1, 1995.

15430 Bohlman Road
Saratoga, CA 95070
January 16, 1995

Robert W. Selbrede, W9NQ
President, Southern California DX Club
President, Southern California Contest Club

James D. Knochenhauer, K6ITL
President, Northern California DX Club

Re: ARRL DX Contest Club Competition

Gentlemen:

The Board of Directors of the Northern California Contest Club would like to submit for your consideration a proposal which we believe will be of interest to all of our clubs and to which we believe each of our respective memberships will eagerly subscribe. To move quickly to "the bottom line", we propose to sponsor a rotating trophy for "Total North" vs. "Total South" competition in the ARRL DX Contest:

- a. The Northern California Contest Club would purchase a suitable trophy which would replace the [very worn] trophy which has been passed back and forth between the NCDXC and the SCDXC for many years.
- b. Each year, the Contest Chairman of each of the four clubs would total the scores submitted to ARRL for both the CW and the SSB contests which were credited to the club per the then-current ARRL rules. I have to insert the phrase "then-current" here, because the ARRL Contest Advisory Committee is now studying a proposal to give club credit for contest expeditions in much the same way as CQ Magazine does in its competition. In those cases where a person was a member of more than club, the club which the individual listed on his contest summary sheet is the one which would count the score in its total.
- c. The scores of the clubs north of the Tehachapis would be added together and the scores of the clubs south of the Tehachapis would be added together; whichever was the higher total would be the group receiving possession of the rotating trophy.
- d. The trophy would be awarded each year at Visalia, just as the NCDXC/SCDXC trophy is now awarded.
- e. Whichever club in the winning region had the highest total would be the club charged with storage of the trophy for the ensuing year.
- f. In the event other California clubs wished to enter this competition, they would be allowed to do so upon agreement of a simple majority of the clubs then participating.

Our reason for advancing this proposal is quite simply to enhance the club competition in the ARRL DX contest and allow the greatest number of our members to participate. At present, with the competition limited to NCDXC and SCDXC, we see some severe problems:

1. The competition is totally lopsided. There is no challenge for NCDXC to win the trophy, and there is very little likelihood that SCDXC will be able to win the trophy in the foreseeable future. (See Table 1 below for proof of this.)
2. By agreement made many years ago by the NCDXC and the NCCC, members of both clubs are to be encouraged to credit their scores in CQWW to NCCC and their scores in the ARRL DX contests to NCDXC. But many of the people who made that agreement are now long gone from NCCC. Our two clubs are today very different entities, unlike the situation that prevailed at the time this understanding was reached. Only about 30% of the membership of the NCCC is also a member of the NCDXC. Thus 70% of our membership has been told (implicitly) that NCCC is

not making a club effort in the ARRL DX contests. They are thus denied the opportunity of meaningful participation in club competition for this event. While it is true that the 70% majority (and, in fact, any member) is free to credit NCCC, we are not able to make it a focus event for our club and still encourage our joint members to support NCDXC.

The proposal we are advancing would restore meaningful competition to the California clubs participating in the ARRL DX contests. Consider the following data I have extracted from QST for the past four years of competition:

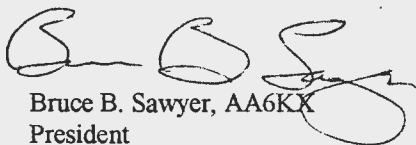
1994:	NCDXC: 8,389,293 NCCC: <u>4,110,441</u> Total North: 12,499,734	SCDXC: 2,615,673 SCCC: <u>8,369,976</u> Total South: 10,985,649
1993:	NCDXC: 12,191,199 NCCC: <u>3,080,043</u> Total North: 15,271,242	SCDXC: 7,435,363 SCCC: <u>12,136,410</u> Total South: 19,571,773
1992:	NCDXC: 11,851,356 NCCC: <u>20,845,902</u> Total North: 32,697,258	SCCC: 16,867,068 SCDXC: <u>1,333,953</u> Total South: 18,201,021
1991:	NCDXC: 22,586,784 NCCC: <u>12,319,335</u> Total North: 34,906,119	SCDXC: 4,767,936 SCCC: <u>10,282,722</u> Total South: 15,050,658

Table 1

From this you can see that if the competition we are proposing had been in place, the trophy would have changed hands twice in the past three years. Each club would have had an incentive to encourage its members to go "all out" to win the trophy. Where we stand today, in contrast, it is virtually a foregone conclusion that NCDXC will win the trophy over SCDXC once again. And NCCC and SCCC--which are really accounting for the bulk of the activity anyway--aren't allowed to participate.

We would ask that you each present this proposal to the governing bodies of your respective clubs and consider carefully the merit of this suggestion. We look forward to your comments.

Sincerely,
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB


Bruce B. Sawyer, AA6KX
President

1995 INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION

April 21, 22, 23

Holiday Inn

Visalia, California

Hosted By THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB

The Northern California DX Club once again invites all DXer's, Spouses and Friends to attend the 46th Annual International DX Convention. This Annual event represents one of the oldest and best known DX Ham Functions in existence. Make your Reservations early.

On Site Registration will commence at 12 Noon on Friday, where Pre-Registration Packs can also be picked up. Those who Pre-Resister will be eligible to participate in the drawing for the Pre-Resistration Prize.

Events will include SEMINARS, SPECIAL TIMES FOR EYEBALL QSO's, DXPEDITION PROGRAMS, QSL CARD CHECKING, EXHIBITS, PRIZES, and is ARRL SANCTIONED.

There will be Raffle Ticket sales for many Major Prizes during the week-end. Don't miss the opportunity to be one of the lucky winners.

There will be something special for the Ladies, also. A luncheon is being planned (optional) for Saturday, and attendees will be eligible for a Special Prize Drawing.

Your Registration Fee Includes all of the following:

- * Hosted Cocktail Parties Friday and Saturday evenings.
- * Banquet Dinner Saturday evening, including special speaker
- * Breakfast Buffet Sunday morning, with guest speaker.
- * Forums and Technical Sessions throughout, including DXing, Contesting, Awards, RTTY, Etc.
- * Admittance to the Show Room where Major Vendors will display and demonstrate their products.
- * Prize Drawings.

LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS: (Shuttle Service will be provided)

Holiday Inn 209-651-5000 1-800-348-8877	Radisson Hotel 209-636-1111 1-800-333-3333	Lamplighter Inn 209-732-4511 1-800-662-6692
Visalia Motel 3 (Travel Lodge) 1-800-255-3050	Marco Polo 209-732-4591	El Rancho Motel 209-734-9271
	Parkway Inn 209-627-2885	

(Requests for Refunds must be in writing, and received by April 6th, 1995)

1995 INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

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Call _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip(or Postal) Code _____ Country _____

PRE-REGISTRATION (March 15, 1995 last day) \$ 45 each person TOTAL \$ _____

FULL REGISTRATION (after March 15, 1995) \$ 50 each person TOTAL \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make CHECKS payable to INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION and mail with this form to:

Ted Davis W6BJH
P.O. Box 494243

Redding Ca. 96049 USA

1st Time Attending?

Yes _____ No _____

CLUB FINANCES

Many comments have been made and questions asked about the club finances and an explanation seems due.

Three accounts are maintained by the NCDXC, Inc.

1. A Life Membership Certificate of Deposit contains all the payments for Life Memberships. Each year the full dues (\$24) for each member is withdrawn from this account. If the actuarial table is correct, the account should last as long as the Life members. It may be used for no other purposes.

2. A regular checking account is maintained and all dues and other general receipts are deposited in, and all obligations are paid from, this account.

3. An interest paying savings account serves as a reserve account into which all non-operating funds are deposited. Included in this account, are three separate set-aside funds to be used for specific purposes, namely: the "seed money" for the DX convention (\$3500), the QSL card fund for purchasing blank stock (\$3100), and the repeater fund (\$750). The latter was a result of the dues increase in 1986 in which \$2.50 was "tapped" for each full member. Any unused balance for this is available for general operations. An operating repeater account is maintained by the Repeater Committee Chairman and replenished from the above account as needed.

During the past several years, the cost of everything has increased tremendously and the club's expenditures have far exceed the receipts from dues. The deficits have been covered each year by the returns from the convention, however, we can't count on this happening every two years. The reserve funds may well be tapped for this soon.

The proposed budget for this year was printed in the November 1994 DXer and showed a \$4,144 deficit over anticipated receipts. Additional sources of revenue may have to be explored.

NCDXC Board Meeting

1. The January Board meeting was held at the home of W6VG on the 26th of the month and was called to order by K6ITL at 19:37.

2. Present were members W6DU, K6ITL, WA6O, N6ULU, W7XA, and guest W6VG.

3. It was announced that due to the resignation of NI6T, N6AN and W6VG had agreed to publish the next two editions of the DXer.

4. It was also announced that WA6AHF was in the hospital undergoing recovery from an operation and that his wife Fern was also at the same hospital. Get well cards were sent to each.

5. A comprehensive letter was received from AA6KX proposing a possible expansion of the ARRL DX contest making for a "total north" vs a "total south" competition. Copies of the letter were also sent to the Presidents of the SCDXC and SCCC. A copy of this letter will be published in the DXer so that the membership can make their feelings known.

4. K6ITL was contacted by W6CF concerning a proposed visit by Chen Ping, BZ1HAM Chairman of the China Sports Federation who wishes to visit Visalia. In order to be permitted to attend he requires an invitation for the USA. There are no monetary requirements on the club.

5. There is a reequirement to review and modify, if necessary, the Procedures manual. Board members were requested to make individual reviews and inform each other in writing, of any proposed changes, prior to the next meeting. This meeting is scheduled at the home of W6DU on February 13, at 19:30

6. Meeting adjourned 20:40. Respectfully submitted, W6DU

