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VISALIA HERE WE COME

The 46th Annual INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION is close at hand and the world's DX community is chaffing at the bit to get to VISALIA! The-non DXers are looking forward to a full weekend without the overpowering QRM from the world class DXers who will be attending and will be scanning the HF bands for all the countries they have heard about but could never quite make it through. The Co-Chairmen for the convention, WA6O and NG6X have worked long and hard to get the very best speakers for the programs. With their many volunteers, they promise that TBDDXCITW (The Best Damned DX Convention In The World) will meet everyone's expectations. The on-site registration will begin right about noon with W6VG and his able helpers dishing out the sacred envelopes. Raffle tickets for the many splendid door prizes will be waiting for you at the Registration desk.

The 10th annual DX Invitational Golf Tournament, featuring some of the most fantastic golfers, both pro and otherwise, that have ever hit the tour will start off about 8:00 A.M. on Friday with breakfast at the Holiday Inn. Spectators passes may also be available for the gallery. See the accompanying articles for more information on this event.

A special delight is in order for the many YLs who will be attending, thanks to our own Visalia YL member, Linda Sumida, WB6QMD. Tickets for this event will also be available at or near the Registration desk.

Don't miss the hospitality hours hosted by Chod, VP2ML of DX Bulletin and Magazine fame, and Bob Ferrero, W6RJ, President of HRO and the only person W2NQ/7 has to fear on 160 and 80 M!! Be sure to look them up and express your appreciation for their long standing contributions to the Convention and DXing in general.

Come prepared for a great time and be sure to join in all the festivities. See you there!

"KNOCK'S KNEWS"

There will be no April meeting due to the DX Convention in Visalia. The May meeting will held on Friday, May 12 at the usual place, the Dunfey Hotel in San Mateo. Our attendance has increased almost 100% since we started meeting there and some waistlines have expanded about the same!

Results for the ARRL DX Test have not been tabulated yet, but it sounded as if the club members were in there all the way and we should show a good score for both the CW and SSB portions.

The proposal by the NCCC was discussed at the March meeting and many of those in attendance commented one way or the other. The big question by many was "how will this affect our annual competition with the SCDXC which dates back to 1950 and is quite traditional?" It would be possible to continue this competition and, at the same time, total the scores for all clubs in the North and South to determine the overall winner of a new trophy, while retaining the old one between just the two DX clubs. We will go into more details of the possible combinations after the convention and a chance to discuss it with our brethren from the Southland, as well as well as our own members. Think about it and be sure to let us know what you want to do. A questionnaire will be included in a future DXer with the options as well.

As you can tell from this edition, we NEED a full time Editor. Experience not necessary, but desire is!

GENERAL MEETING

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The meeting of March 10, 1995 held at the Dunfey Hotel, San Mateo, was called to order at 8:03 P.M. by club president "Knock", K6ITL. Guests were introduced and "Knock" once again called for a volunteer for DXer Editor. "Knock" pointed out that the printing, labeling, stamping will still be carried out by the Publications Manager. Jack Troster, W6ISQ, spoke briefly on the status of the Pacific islands, nothing definite yet. Applicant Kevin McEvoy, KO6MX was voted into membership. No second reading was given for Bob Zavrel, W7SX, as neither of his sponsors were present. First readings were given for Phil Nunez, AC6HY and Ken Millman, K1ZKM. K6TS, Tom Jones, spoke on ideas we can use for showing the various facets of ham radio to persons not acquainted with our hobby. Many suggestions were received from the floor and Tom will keep us informed on "how to" follow thru. "Knock" led a lively discussion on the proposal of the NCCC. (See DXer of February, 1995) More club members will have to be polled on this subject before any answer may be given.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted. Ron Panton, W6VG, Acting Secretary

There was no Board of Directors meeting in March, 1995.

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EXTRY! EXTRY! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Bill Keagy, K6BQN, called to inform everyone that he passed the EXTRA CLASS exam and wonders why he waited so long!

Congratulations, Bill for your perseverance and example to all who have delayed doing the same thing...including "Knock".

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Club members who are interested in the DXer editor job, may contact Knock, K6ITL.

DEJA VU.....AGAIN? AND AGAIN?.....ALL OVER AGAIN

As we sit here wondering just what to gripe about this month, the second half of the phone contest is going full blast. And what a rat race this one really is. We always thought that the CW portion of the contest could be a rugged affair but this phone business is really something to hear. The old "S" meter on the receiver stays at a constant S9 throughout the whole U.S. portion of the phone band.

Not to detract from the CW part of the contest which for outright participation this year surely must have topped all previous years. During certain times on 10 and 20, the European stations were barreling through hours at a stretch.

But again this year, as we have noted in the previous contests since the war, the East Coast stations again seemed to hold the edge in all directions. Surely we, on the West Coast do not have much difficulty in contacting KH6 and KL7 and JA stations on 3.5 m.c. Just imagine the situation in the East with all those European stations which are as close or closer than the above mentioned directions which we are able to contact on 3.5 m.c. with ease. What a bunch of multipliers and contacts are possible on the East Coast. The number of European contacts which we were able to chalk up here in our area are nil if any.

It seems to us that now is the time for the League and everyone else to start working on the 1950 contest. We are not offering a cure for some of the evils which now exist and which is fast making the contest an East Coast affair but just calling it to your attention. Now when we mention the ARRL contest as fast becoming an "East Coast Affair" we mean that the high U.S.A. contestant scorer, under the present setup, will never come from the West Coast. Oh sure, the League might argue that we are all competing on a Sectional basis, but if the League were at all interested in helping the West Coast to compete on a National basis then something must be done for the 1950 contest. It is a little discouraging year after year to see the astronomical scores come forth from the east with the West Coast, due to its geographical location continually play second fiddle.

In all fairness, we would like the opportunity to compete Nationally. Give us additional countries to add or do away with 80 (and 160?..ed) for the contest but at least, GIVE US A CHANCE!

by Dan, W6PB, Editor DXer, March 1949! Reprinted DXer, March 1989

The solution to Dan's plea may well be found in the report from the NCDXAC on page 4 of this issue. Joe Bob says " Check it out".



PRO GOLFERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 10TH ANNUAL DX INVITATIONAL AT VISALIA

The Director of the Nukie Pro Tour has given notice that his group will provide at least one pro golfer for each of the foursomes at the DX Invitational in Visalia, April 19, 1995. Selection of the golfers, he said was very difficult because of the overwhelming demand by the pros to give on-site lessons and helpful hints. The following golfers have agreed to attend and participate:

Leading the pack with his own military group will be Ronald Palmer, well known long ball hitter. Others, such as Jacques Nickraus, Freddie Triples, Choo Choo Rodrikies, Pain Stewedhart and Yawn Daylee will be on hand to provide advice on stance, backswing, putting, and sand play. The pro for each fearsome foursome will be selected by lot at the breakfast meeting on Friday morning at 8:00 A.M. in the Holiday Inn Coffee Shop. Be there!

Contact Randy Wagaman, AA6WJ for reservations at (916) 482-4018, by packet or at home QTH, 3461 Los Alamos Way, Sacramento CA 95864. Cost is \$27.00 including 1/2 cart, scoring by Calloway system and will be played across the street from the Holiday Inn at the Valley Oaks Golf Club. *see earlier article on page 6 (ed.)*

ELECTION TIME AGAIN!

It's that time again when you have the chance to get new leadership for the NCDXC for the coming year. The Nominating Committee for 1995-96 has been selected and will be seeking the best candidates for all offices. Headed by super volunteer Jerry Griffin, W8MEP, with the help of Len, K6ANP and Bill, W6TEX, the committee represents three different geographical areas of the club. NOW is the time to nominate yourself or others who will best serve your interests and those of the NCDXC. They will be highly visible at the convention and will be burning up the phone lines to get the very best.

Nominations are due before the June election meeting. This is your time to serve the club!

TREASURER'S REPORT FEB. 1995

Checking Acct. Feb. 1	\$1905.57
Expenditures	-654.79
Closing balance	\$1250.78
Savings Acct. Feb. 1	\$17,095.53
DX Conv. seed money	-1,500.00
Ending balance	\$15,595.53
(Includes QSL card fund, Repeater fund and additional Convention seed money)	
Life Member CD matures 7/4/95	\$10,974.13

NCDXAC MAKES FINAL DECISIONS ON DX AND DXPEDITIONS!

Five years from the date of formation, the NCDXAC has released its final decision regarding the definition of DX and acceptable DXpedition operations. After meeting secretly over the past five years the members of the NCDXAC considered all possible options to eliminate unnecessary QRM and lid behavior by the world's DX community. Recognizing that the increased number of active DXers was causing massive amounts of RF being wasted on unnecessary calling of DX stations, the NCDXAC has instituted the following rules, regulations, and laws for all future DX operations.

DISTANCE BETWEEN DX STATIONS

The NCDXAC has determined that no stations closer than 2,380 miles shall consider either to be called a DX station! Each operator shall submit a world great circle map based upon his/her location to indicate the 2,380 mile radius from that point of operation. No station within that radius shall be counted for either station as DX.

ACTIVITY AND NUMBER OF OPERATORS IN A DX COUNTRY

The NCDXAC has determined that no DX country with fewer than 10 active resident operators shall be counted as a DX country until worked by each individual operator. The total Honor Roll count will be reduced by that number for each operator.

No more than 5 such countries may be counted at one time for each operator.

TIME AND EFFORT SPENT TRYING TO WORK THE 'NEW ONE'

If, over a span of five or more years, an individual operator has failed to make even one QSO, or failed to receive at least one QSL card, from any one country, that country shall be deleted from that operator's requirement for DXCC or Honor Roll.

Such attempts must be witnessed and verified by at least two other operators who have heard or observed such failures.

The total number of "exempt" countries shall not exceed 10 for any one operator at any one time.

DUPES!

No operator shall be permitted more than ONE QSO per country per band, regardless of mode, for each one year period. More than one QSO per country will result in

ZERO credit for any country for a five year period from the first infraction.

SIZE OF COUNTRY

No location can be called "DX" unless it exceeds an area greater than X square MM and is at least 5 CM above mean high tide during a full moon. (X is to be defined in the next report by the NCDXAC)

DXPEDITIONS

Per the "Don Miller Agreement with the NCDXF" (DXer, April 1990) the NCDXAC has established the following rules, laws and regulations effective immediately:

1. Each DXpedition leader shall send written notification to all holders of DXCC of the intent to initiate a temporary operation at a DX location. This notice will be sent no less than 180 days prior to the date of departure and will assign a date, time, mode, and frequency, to the recipient of the notice.

2. QSL cards will be prepared and completed for each contact as described above and mailed no less than five days prior to departure.

3. All QSOs for the above QSLs shall be entered into the permanent log of the DXpedition, with the original retained in a secure location.

4. Immediately upon arriving at the DX location, the DXpedition operators shall test the equipment on dummy loads and begin calling all stations in the chronological order already in the log. Any operator responding to his/her call, will immediately send a \$10 donation to the NCDXF

and post the completed QSL card on the wall in a prominent location.

5. Any operator who calls the DXpedition except at the scheduled time/date, frequency and mode shall send a \$50 donation to the NCDXF and shred the QSL card.

6. The DXpedition operators shall remove the dummy loads and may then contact only those stations without a prior schedule. Such contacts will be limited to one per station regardless of frequency or mode.

The NCDXAC believes that this will greatly alleviate the madness on the DXbands and will give everyone an equal playing ground for their operations.

As ascribed before a licensed Notary Public in the State of ~~California~~, this date, APRIL 1, 1995.

~~FOUL SP00F W6BJH W6BWW W6GEM K5HEK~~

(This document was delivered under extremely secret circumstances and found under the outfall of the storm drain near the Guadalupe overpass near the home of the NCDXF. Although badly waterlogged and somewhat smudged, the text is reproduced in full as best as could be determined. The call signs of the committee have been crossed out in order to protect their identity and maintain the security of the process. ed)

THANKS TO CONTRIBUTORS!

This issue would not have been possible without the many contributions by W6VG, AN0N, KG6LF, SP00F, W6BJH, FOUL and the generous assistance of Hal, N6AN who spent many hours creating the graphics, retyped and reformatted all the text and completed the final copy. Thanks Hal!

MURPHY STRIKES NCDXC ARRL CONTESTER

I thought the DXer might like to hear about how Murphy hit the KG6LF ARRL SSB effort this year. Most commonly I work that contest from the NK7U super-station in Baker City, Oregon. We usually do a MS, Multi 2, or MM and place quite well. Joe, however, now spends the post Christmas contest season with his daughter on the rodeo circuit. So, this year, I decided to try the ARRL Phone from the home QTH. Bolstered by two new "Force 12" antennae (the C-3 and a 2 element 40) in addition to the trusty 75 meter inverted "V" I planned to do a single op all band LOW POWER. Now, low power is NOT something I like. However, living in a tract home even though most of the neighbors have no TV/RFI etc. (or are willing to tolerate some on a contest weekend) the neighbor to the immediate north has no sense of humor at all. In fact, she is what I call the "Queen of Plastic" -- all of her home electronic devices (and I mean ALL of them) are encased in plastic with NO shielding whatsoever! Even the FCC, which she calls without fail anytime I'm on the air for a contest, has repeatedly told her the problem is her's, not mine. Talk about denial she complains directly to my bosses (the City Council of the City of Martinez, where I serve as police chief). Fortunately they listen to the FCC and don't get too excited about her! Anyhow, I decided to do the low power thing just because I didn't want to put up with her banging on my front door at a rate higher than my best run, and didn't want to hear about all of her "interference" plus her assertion that rf from my station makes her flowers wilt. Thus, the contest began. Opened with a fair JA run on 15 but after a couple hours knew that without the amp, 40 and 80 would be dismal. About 0400 my wife Jay (KN6BP) who had urged me to work the contest, offering to keep our 14 month old occupied, the whole weekend, noted that the aforementioned neighbor appeared to be gone for the weekend. No home electronic equipment of hers would I mess up, plus it was raining so her rf contaminated plants and flowers wouldn't wilt.

Though I'd already missed a lot at 90 watts I decided to go high power after all, thus kicked on the linear. Great! Except by 0800 the amp decided to fluctuate for the rest of the contest, between working at max legal and loafing at 400 watts. At the time of this writing I still haven't quite figured out the problem, except to have discovered that using the exciter's built-in antenna tuner to "tune" the coax between the exciter and linear seems related to the problem. Anyhow, there's no mid-power category, and thus no crying over an average of 275 watts versus "the Max"! Just hope that the 213 K points we managed to help our club, once again, beat the SCDXC--and hope that the amp problem is solved, and neighbor gone again on WPX weekend later this month.

73,

Jerry-KG6LF

PS--Glad to see 10 meters open!

(You bet the 213 K points helped! Tnx, ed)

NCDXC - SCDXC PERPETUAL TROPHY REFINISHED!

Since 1950, the Northern California DX Club and the Southern California DX Club have engaged in an annual competition for the highest score in the ARRL DX Test. Over the years the trophy has suffered many indignities and began showing its age. When the engraver added the latest winner to the brass plate (there are three) he was embarrassed, as was the bearer, to see that the base and the upper cup was badly worn and rather disreputable. Thanks to the efforts of Steve Stephenson, W6MKM, the trophy has been completely refinished. Thanks Steve. The trophy will be displayed at the INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION.

FLASH-APRIL 1 DX CONVENTION GOLF TOURNEY CANCELLED



Due to circumstances beyond our control the DX Convention Golf Tournament has been cancelled. Greg Norman and Ernie Els who were scheduled to appear cancelled at the last moment. In addition, Bob Costas, renowned sports announcer, who was to announce the tournament on Visalia TV station, KRAP, also with-drew. Bob called to say he was suddenly called to arbitrate the major league baseball strike and regretted he could not make our tournament.

The Golf Committee, after much deliberation, decided not to refund the \$27 fee. As a gesture of goodwill and compassion the money will be donated to the Visalia Children's Lunch Fund. It is hoped that this will send a message to Newt Gingrich

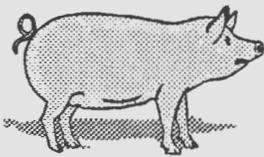
Golfers take heart. All is not lost. A ping pong tournament has been arranged in the area adjacent to the swimming pool. There will be prizes for the winners in each class, including a DSP device which filters out long conversations and comments made during DX contests. The main prize, The Forest Gump Trophy, will be awarded to the high scorer.

Anonymous

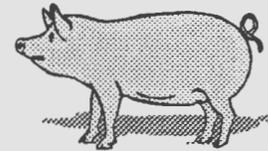
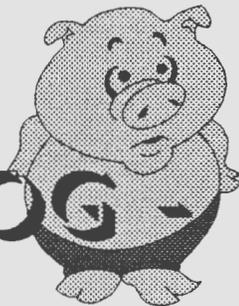
(Ed. note: Because of the date APRIL 1, the veracity of this article is highly questionable!)



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DX HOG - ME ?



I worked 'em on 20 SSB when they first came on, before the pileup got bad. QSO'd 'em again in the evening on 40 cw for an insurance contact.

Lucky, I remembered I was working on 5 band DXCC, so also QSO'd them on 10, 15, and 75. We also caught them on 12 and 17 meters. They showed up on 30 meters and we worked them again! My cw isn't what it used to be. What's this 5NN they keep sending? He also keeps telling me "B4, B4", anyone knows what that means.

We were really very fortunate and worked them on 160. The band peaked up nicely for us! By the way we made a RTTY qso on 20.

We hoped to qso them on 6 meters but the band never opened up. We noticed no satellite activity from them. That and the lack of 6 meter activity was a real shortcoming.

You say you didn't work them? That's too bad. What a shame. Well that's the breaks! Better luck next time. Ted, W6BJH

A MODERN TALE OF THE FRESNO (VISALIA) BUS IT CAN HAPPEN AGAIN, FOLKS!

The "ol Perffessor, Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD, lamented long and hard last year (DXer, April 1994) that the romance of the annual Bus to the INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION was one of, if not THE, highlights of the year. It was on "The Bus" where lifelong friendships were made, and some were broken, but a great time was had by all, not just the riders but those on the receiving line at the convention hotel. As Cass pointed out, "The Bus" arrived with all passengers intact but in various stages of travel weariness and many required assistance to find their luggage and get to their rooms for a respite from the rigorous trip. This year the Gods of travel have shone brightly upon us and "The Bus" is being resurrected.

We have made arrangements with the Eternity Highway Travel Company, successor to the Good Shepherd, to provide a deluxe coach, a la John Madden's Highway Cruiser, to transport the chosen few to the Convention. We are pleased to be able to have ample space for forty lucky travelers who have previously joined in the highway travel. If not fully subscribed by those who now are likely to be somewhat elderly, as the Perffessor pointed out, space will be available on a first come, first served basis. The coach will feature a full complement of food and appropriate drink with personable and able attendants. In order to give all a chance, the trip will begin in Redding near the QTH of W6BJH promptly at 0400 and will travel south on I-5 to the Nut House, er Tree, in Vacaville where two specially trained geriatric nurses will come aboard. From Vacaville the coach will travel to Napa where W6OSP has arranged to have a special supply of Napa Valley Geritol Coolers and Metamucil cocktails. Continuing west to Santa Rosa, Petaluma, San Rafael, Mill Valley and Tiburon, the coach will make a pit stop at the Golden Gate Bridge before entering San Francisco. Stops at the Laguna Honda Home, Twin Peaks, Potrero Hill will follow. A respiratory technician from UCSF will join us there. Cruising down to Burlingame a famed cardiologist with a large supply of Vitamin E and Ensure for "our health" will come aboard. Additional stops will follow in San Mateo, Palo Alto and San Jose. Convenient pit stops will be included at Casa de Fruta, Pea Soup Anderson's, and the Harris Ranch, so everyone should be refreshed upon arrival at the Holiday Inn where wheelchairs and walkers will be available. Music to relax by, featuring "Larry" Welk and his "Merry Makers" will keep all happy and in the mood.

It is essential that all prospective riders sign up before MARCH 10 in order to assure a spot. The cost for this luxurious trip is modest considering the special features we have added. Please send a non-refundable deposit of \$500, certified check or money order only, to Box 608. The balance will be due at the time of pickup. I am pleased to have been chosen to head up this project and will look forward to seeing all the real old-timers.

By: Happy Golucki, ANØN

Editor's note..This was received the day after March 31 and has not been verified at press time.



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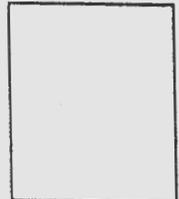
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