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The Editor's Keyboard

Contest Season

Ah yes! The nights have grown longer and colder. Our daylight savings have been spent. The first rain has come and gone. Autumn? Yes. Contest season? Most definitely!

Not all DXers are contesters, it is true. Nor are all contesters DXers, but there is certainly a major overlap, as attested to by the substantial percentage of dual membership in the NCDXC and the NCCC.

The Contest Club is now over 200 strong—and appears not to suffer the shrinking-membership malaise of NCDXC and its sister DX clubs. Why is that?

Shared interests and easy access for newcomers are certainly major factors. NCCC members are focused on contesting. Those at the top of the food chain—among the world's best—are generous with encouragement, help and advice—not to mention providing opportunities for little pistols to participate in multi-operator efforts.

Membership requirements are absolutely minimal: “a heartbeat and a checkbook.” Far from diluting the club's DNA, this philosophy improves the stock—new blood is continually infused. Among those welcomed at the most recent meeting was a 14 year-old Extra with 40 wpm CW skills, to whom Ken, AB6EQ gave an A3 beam to aid his Sweepstakes effort.

As in NCDXC, NCCC targets certain contests for a major club effort. It has dominated SS in recent years. Members are asked to commit at whatever level they feel able to provide. I have promised 100K for each weekend; others promise 100 QSO's, and their commitment is met with equal enthusiasm. Attendance at club's meetings is less content-dependent than at NCDXC: members show up as much to visit and interact as to hear a program. And “out-of-area” meetings are invariably well-attended.

Yes, the average age of an NCCC member is less than that of an NCDXC member. But not *that* much less! Attitude, commitment and a generous spirit are much more important than age—on either end of life.

There are strong lessons here for NCDXC, and our current leadership is well aware of them. The liberalization of membership requirements—Associate Membership—is an important step for us, although my personal belief is that we must ultimately also go to minimal entrance requirements. Elmering, spoken of frequently by W4RIM and the Board, is another essential to re-establish a strong presence for this club, as is wider participation in Club events.

When the day comes that 80 to 100 members show up for *every* Club meeting, regardless of the program, we shall know that our Club is again viable and healthy. I sincerely hope we can—together—make that happen.

—N16T

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N6BT, Kenwood at Nov. Meeting

Antenna guru Tom Schiller, N6BT will speak at the November meeting of the NCDXC, on Friday, November 10 at the Dunfey Hotel, at 8 PM. Tom, proprietor of *Force 12*, is well known to the membership and always presents an interesting and provocative program.

Also scheduled for the November meeting is a presentation on the new Kenwood TS-870S. This new radio—which utilizes digital filtering throughout—has generated considerable interest among the DX and contest communities. (See KG6LF's user-oriented review on page 5 of this issue.)

The Dunfey is located on the northwest side of the junction of Freeways 92 and 101 in San Mateo. Take the Delaware St. exit form 92. Monitor W6TI/R for routing assistance.

December brings the Christmas banquet and a presentation on Conway Reef—the DXpedition that almost wasn't—by Garry Shapiro, N16T. Come find out how close you came to *not* working Conway!

—N16T

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RIMshots

Bylaws, Ladder, Net and QSL's

Bylaws Revisions. Vote "YES" for the future of the NCDXC! Use the enclosed ballot and SASE.

If you read RIMshots in the last two issues of *The DXer*, forgive me: I am about to repeat myself for the benefit of those who did *not* read it. All full members of NCDXC will receive with this issue of *The DXer* a ballot and SASE. Your leadership urges you to vote YES on the proposed bylaw amendments (the full text of the proposed amendments appears in this issue). The two concepts for which your approval is sought are: (1) two-tier membership and (2) *DXer* Editor to be an ex-officio member of the board.

Two-tier Membership. The purpose is simple: to attract and retain new members. If we fail to do this, the NCDXC will become extinct. With a two-tier membership, Associate members will pay regular dues, but there will be no country requirement and no vote. *Full membership will remain available only to those with 100 confirmed countries.* Two-tier membership mirrors having different classes of ham licenses: to encourage easy entry to DXing, facilitate obtaining experience (via Elmering by NCDXCers), and an upgrade path to Full Member. Some may feel that this proposal will "cheapen" membership in NCDXC. It won't—because one cannot become a full member (or vote) without meeting the 100-country requirement. Like the Novice class license, Associate membership gets a budding DXer "in the door," and provides an opportunity for the new member's growth and, ultimately, the Club's growth. And if NCDXC doesn't begin to grow, it will wither and die. That fate is not acceptable and that is the reason you should vote YES!

DXer Editor. We all know how important *The DXer* is to the Club. *The DXer* Editor should attend Board meetings and be kept up-to-date on all matters affecting the Club. Making *The DXer* Editor an ex-officio (honorary but voteless) member of the Board requires a bylaw amendment. *Please complete the enclosed ballot—on the inside back page—and mail it in the provided SASE.*

DX Ladder: Kudos to KD6XY, and greetings to AA6YQ. Larry, KD6XY, who has maintained the DX Ladder/WAZ recordkeeping for the past seven years, announces that he needs a rest. Thanks, Larry, for a job well done! Larry's successor will be Dave Bernstein, AA6YQ. Thanks, Dave, for stepping up and taking over from Larry!

Thursday Night Net. Do you use the Thursday night net? Do you have any suggestions for improvements? Much of the net time is currently used to read DX bulletins and provide QSL information commonly available on packet and elsewhere. Should we continue or modify this practice? If you have a strong opinion on this, either way, please let us know by packet, e-mail, letter or carrier pigeon.

Club QSL's: do you want them? At the first meeting of the Board, I asked whether we should order Club QSL cards. We discussed forming a committee to research needs, design and costs. However, at the second Board meeting, the sense of the Board seemed to be that most of our members preferred QSLs of their own design.



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A Blast from the Past

WA6BXH shares a memorable DX experience.

We DXers fall into the habit of making quick contacts. But all of us can recall the thrill of a first DX QSO—or perhaps the first we enjoyed on a particular band or mode.

The other evening, I received a most surprising phone call. An Australian ham called to say that he had spent the last three years keying in the local band just QSO, and thanks to my QSO, he had changed his mind and taken the time to get on the air. Not his first CW QSO, but almost 30 years ago, that makes me so proud of this hobby. He replied “My God, you must be VK2GPN!” That CW QSO had been one of the most memorable of my own 32-year ham career.

I had been living in Japan (QRV as 7J1ABV) for quite a number of years. Around midnight on a November evening in 1991, I was tuning the low end of 20 meters looking for some DX. I found a station calling CQ at about 3-4 wpm around 14020 KHz and knew right away that he was a “fish out of water.” I decided to take a few minutes and give the fellow a call.

Over the next 90 minutes, Tony Clancy (then VK2GPN) overcame his nervousness and his code went from erratic to a much smoother (or exhausted?) 10-12 wpm. The heavy QRN and QRM were also additional challenges to his concentration. Although Tony had made some SSB QSOs since getting his license, this was his first CW QSO and his first DX on CW as well. Yep, even a 7J1 (JA) is DX to some people! He copied my Tokyo address—no mean feat—and later sent me a letter and photo. In his letter, Tony mentioned that he had suffered a back injury and had decided to study for his ham ticket. I replied with my own letter and one of those nifty “FIRST QSO” certificates that are (still) available from the ARRL.

long thereafter, I moved back to California and later to Portland, Oregon. So when Tony, an electrical worker by trade, telephoned me the other evening it was quite a pleasant surprise! He mentioned that for over two years he had telephoned—from his home, not a company phone—to several places in Japan and the USA trying to find me. Fortunately, he had remembered my US callsign and was able to find an old/expired listing for me. He finally was able to contact a relative of mine and obtained my number from him. His only reason for calling was to say “thank you” for taking the time to work him that November evening. He said that at the time he had almost “given up” on ham radio, thinking that all most hams (including DXers) ever want to do is exchange name, QTH, and RST. This QSO had been his first chance to have a real ragchew—and on CW at that!

Tony is now licensed as VK2MS, living near Sydney and hoping to get back on the air soon, after having been QRT for several years. Personally, I hope to talk to him again, because that long slow-speed QSO back in 1991 has often been a reminder to me how magical amateur radio really is. The expression “a stranger is just a friend you haven’t met yet” is never more true

that makes me so proud of this hobby.

His call made my whole day—if not my week and month. His efforts to track me down were similar to the tenacity with which he “stuck to it” to make that original CW QSO. His nervousness and excitement at making a first QSO brought back the memories of my own first awkward steps on the air as a novice so many, many years ago.

Tony and I have now spoken several more times by telephone, and little has been about radio. Most has been about family (he was one of 15 children), his being a single parent of three for the past 20 years, and world/current events. He is now also on the Internet—and guess to whom he sent his first e-mail message!

—Sandy Lynch, WA6BXH/7J1ABV

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RIMshots

If you disagree with that conclusion, please tell us so.

Parting RIMshot. The reason I pose questions about the Net, Club QSLs and other items is because this is *your* Club, and I’d like to *improve* it—that’s why I agreed to serve as an officer. But I’ll tell you something: I know there are always those who criticize one thing or another, but usually such comments are made to other club members, or even to non-members. My point is that if you have a concern, criticism or suggestion, *please* convey it to one of the officers or directors—we really do want to make this Club better and stronger, but we aren’t mind-readers! You need to tell us!

—Al Burnham, W4RIM

Rossiya QSL Bureau

Some confusion exists concerning the address of the QSL bureau in Russia. The IARU member-society for Russia is Soyuz Radiolyubitelej Rossii (SRR). IARU Region 1 advises that the correct address of the SRR QSL Bureau is Box 59, Moscow 105122, Russia. In accordance with IARU policy, QSL cards sent via the bureau for Russian radio amateurs should be sent to this address.

—forwarded by W6ISQ

One Member's Opinion

Change: who needs it?

Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD

Most everyone needs it sometime. And this includes even the NCDXC, where—in this golden year—there is a proposal revising the Bylaws—if not the Bylaws, the “Procedures Manual,” this at times being mistaken for the Bylaws.

Thirty or so years back, I was the Honorable Secretary-Treasurer of the club, at a time when about forty of the dedicated types would show up each month for the traditional sit-down dinner meetings. Even then there was thinking that perhaps things might need some changing. The thought usually died in infancy, as the controlling rules were so written that it was virtually impossible to make even the slightest changes.

It was evident that many of the right-thinking types had given up and that the original writers of the club's governing document either did not wish to have anything changed, or, in simple innocence, had not realized what a tight lock they had put on the Bylaws. The rule that prevailed then simply stated that any changes to the Bylaws must have a 75% approval vote of the membership. Not 75% of the ballots cast via U.S. Mail but 75% of the total membership! Then—and probably even now—it was not possible to get 75% of the paid-up members to cast a vote. In simple truth, if every single vote cast on any matter was an “aye” vote, experience over the years had clearly shown that the the measure still would not pass—the necessary 75% “aye” vote of the membership not having been attained.

Back then, several mail ballots had proven repeatedly that the old experience in such matters was still the rule—you could not get 75% of the membership to cast a ballot in a mail vote on any matter. It was almost a rock-solid rule—almost but not quite.

Finally, a determined effort to effect a change in the 75% rule was successful, but it took a lot of work. Dave Baker, W6WX, had taken up the cause, seeking free and unhindered discussion of the rule

and the problems it was causing—and he pushed hard.

With only the one item up for a decision, a letter was written to every member, pinpointing the problem and specifically asking for a return ballot. That effort got the Bylaws changed and a more reasonable requirement established for approval of Bylaws changes.

But that was thirty years ago and postage was 5 cents per ounce. It did not require a small fortune to canvass the members, even if a stamped return envelope was included with the ballot. Today it requires several hundred dollars in postage alone to poll the membership. With other expenses growing, it is a procedure that is only reluctantly used and often the question will be asked as to whether the matter under study is worth the expenditure.

Getting back to the present, it is possible that a ballot will be circulated sometime in the next year regarding changes in the Bylaws. (*It is included in this month's DXer —NI6T*) If this premise develops, it might be a time to consider a possible change in the club voting process. First, is the mailed ballot to every member a sacred procedure? Is there not another way to learn the membership's desires without spending some hundreds of dollars? Such as balloting through *The DXer*? For example and to explain: if there is a motion to revise the Bylaws, cannot the Board of Directors work out—or check the wording for clarity of purpose—any proposal to amend the Bylaws and print the proposed changes in the next two scheduled editions of the DXer. The second printing could also contain a ballot printed right into the DXer, preferably on the page backing the address page and directly behind the mailing label. (*Funny you*

should mention that!—NI6T) If a member is interested enough to wish to take a stand on the proposal, he should be interested enough to pay the return postage. Fifteen days later, or any time prior to the next DXer publication deadline, the returned and valid ballots can be counted and the results announced.

Thus, there would be two months' announcement of the proposed Bylaws change in *The DXer* and then two weeks in which to return a ballot. This is not the only possible solution to the problem of polling NCDXC members. It is but a proposal—something intended to get thinking started.

It may not yet be a time for action but certainly it can be a time for thinking. Think hard! A time to heed the words of that great Texan—the hero of the Alamo—Lyndon B. Johnson: “Let us reason together.” DXers, always being the soul of reason, should have no difficulty in this area.

Cass, our resident prophet, submitted this piece several months ago!—NI6T

Roster Changes

Silent Key

L. E. (Bud) Walton
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Bud was a Charter Member of NCDXC
Would any friend of Bud's please contact the Editor? Tnx de NI6T



The DXer Review

The TS-870S: A User's Perspective

Jeery Boyd, KG6LF

This is not a “technical” review of Kenwood’s new TS-870S transceiver, because I have neither the equipment user’s perspective, nor the expertise to perform a technical evaluation. It is instead an evaluation from a DX and contest

I purchased the TS-870S with the built-in digital voice recorder option as soon as it became available. My radio was to replace a TS-850S—also with the built-in digital voice recorder, as well as many optional filters and an external AF DSP (JPS NIR-10). I should add that I have used most other current production HF transceivers, including the FT-1000/D (but not the new FT-1000MP), TS-950SDX, IC-775 and their various predecessors. tailored to suit conditions of the moment. Transmit audio “out of the box” receives outstanding audio reports—particularly when the processor is used. My microphones all use Heil HC-4 elements. Although I have not needed to use it, the “TX EQ” function allows transmitted audio to be “equalized” (digitally tailored) to the operator’s preference.

In a few weeks’ operation, including a serious effort in the California QSO Party (CQP), less-serious efforts in several other contests, and some little time “in the pile-ups,” I must say that I am very favorably impressed with the 870. There is no question that the built-in DSP (in the 4th IF) works, works well, and is significantly better than the different outboard AF DSP units I have used on many rigs. The ability to front-panel select two different antennas *plus* having a separate receive antenna input (for those of you with the real estate for a Beverage) is a benefit.

Editor’s note: the “RX ANT” jack on the rear panel is—according to Contest Reflector comments—an *ouput* and there appears *not* to be provision for a separate receive antenna (nor in the TS-850S)—a grievous omission for lowband operation—*NI6T*

The filters are, of course, digital and both low (width) and high (shift) can be

is in the works at this QTH—remoting the DVR controls to my computer keyboard. Kenwood claims the TS-870S transmit power output to be 100 watts. Mine pumped 135 watts into my dummy load! The rig, which does not have a built-in AC power supply, is almost identical in size to the TS-850S it replaced.

Editor’s note: According to Bob Heil, the Heil HC-4 element frequency response is more radical than the equalization range in current radios and is usually best with no additional shaping—*NI6T*

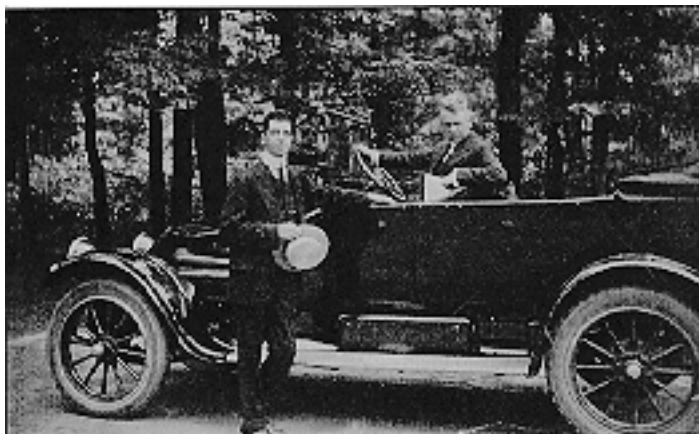
The built-in antenna tuner (which I use only to “tune” the coax between the radio and the Alpha 76) works on receive as well as transmit. The signal strength on receive is noticeably improved when the autotuner is used! The 870 is also computer-compatible, with a male DB9 connector provided on the rear panel. While I like the built-in digital voice recorder—which is particularly useful in contests—the numbered keypad which activates it is pretty “close quarters” for me: it’s too easy to hit the wrong button! A fix

In summary, from a user’s point of view, the TS-870S—with its “quiet” receiver, excellent transmit audio, built-in K1 Logikey keyer and front-panel user-programmable menus—is an excellent radio and, compared to its competition, favorably priced.



Mystery Photo

These two dapper young lads are Amateur Radio’s most famous pioneers, circa early World War I. On the left is hamdom’s first scribe; the one on the right had the most perfect CW fist of his day.



October Meeting

The October 26th joint meeting of the NCDXC and REDXA featured a presentation by Jim Smith, VK9NS, on the final leg of his round-the-world tour. Jim came with books of slides from many of the exotic places he has visited and from which he has DXpeditioned—or attempted to DXpedition. He asked the assembly of the Deserving what it wished to see. He and we wound up staying late to share images and descriptions of Andaman Island and VU2JPS, his early-80's trip to Heard Island, and aerial views of Norfolk Island—Jim's home. He concluded with a few slides of Bhutan. The man has been around!

Heard Island was the principal subject. This was quite *apropos*, for two of the current Heard Island DXpedition team—KK6EK and N6EK—were present, with their wives. This was to have been the night before departure for that most remote of DXCC countries, but alas, it was not to be, as Bob Schmieder, KK6EK rose to inform the multitude that Heard Island '95 had been postponed, and will most likely become Heard Island '96. An inadequate ship was cited for the delay.

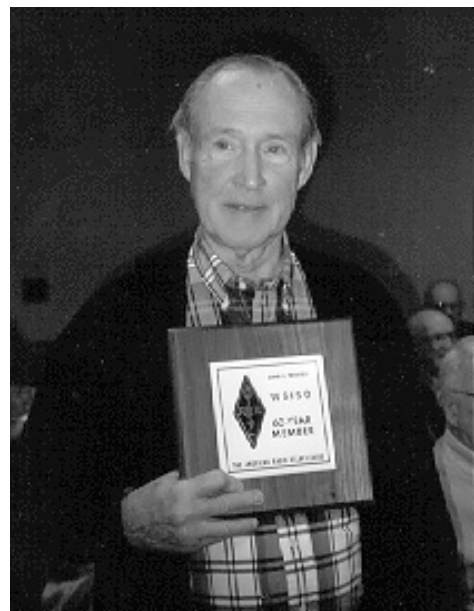
—N16T



Bob, N6EK & YF Susan, Martha & OM Bob, KK6EK, VK9NS



110 years of DXing: Jim, VK9NS and Jack, W6ISQ



Jack Troster, W6ISQ with 60-year ARRL plaque

Contest Corner

Regarding the Marathon, I received a total of 2 (yes, *two!*) replies to my question as to what we should do with it. I can only draw from this that few care one way or another about this activity. One can also make this conclusion from the low participation each year for the Marathon. Since we are changing the format of our participation in the ARRL DX Contest this year, I am going to recommend to the Board of Directors that we drop the

The Marathon

Here are the results of the 1995 NCDXC Marathon. There were a total of 16 entries: 10 in the CW category, 4 in SSB and 2 in mixed.

- CW winner: WG6P—198 countries
- SSB winner: AC6HY—191 countries
- Mixed winner: K6MA—220 countries

Congratulations! Awards will be forthcoming.

Marathon, and add additional categories for club awards to the ARRL Contest. I would like to see a *major* turnout for that contest, and think that we can come up with some interesting award categories to add to what we now have.

I hope that everyone made a good showing in CQWW-SSB. Get ready for the CW portion at the end of this month—and be sure to send me your summary sheets.

—Ed Schuller, WA6CTA

Bylaws Changes

There are two kinds of changes to the Bylaws: corrections or clarifications of language or terminology—which do not require membership approval—and actual changes, which usually *do* require membership approval. The following excerpts are from those Bylaws sections—Articles II, III and IV—containing the proposed changes presented for membership approval, as well as the corrections and clarifications. Underlined material is to be added and crossed-through material is to be deleted. Note that such information as the dues schedule is included in the Procedures Manual.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1 This organization shall have two classes of membership: voting and nonvoting. Each class of member shall have grades as follows:

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| 1.1 Voting Members | Charter Member |
| | Full Member |
| | Life Member |
| 1.2 Nonvoting Members | Absentee Member |
| | Honorary Member |
| | <u>Associate Member</u> |

Sec. 2 Qualification of Members

2.1 Voting Members - Location

All voting members shall possess a valid amateur radio operator's license and have licensed an amateur radio station located in the area of California from the Oregon border down to 35 degrees North Latitude, known as the Tehachapis.

2.2 Voting Members - Requirements

All voting members shall have confirmation of two way communications with a minimum of one hundred (100) countries, ~~post-war, phone and/or CW~~ World War II, phone, CW and/or RTTY mode. All countries must be accredited to the ARRL DXCC list ~~(ARRL Operating Aid Nr. 7)~~ Countries List of the latest issue as of the date of election.

A charter member is a member in good standing who was a member of the club at its first meeting of October 10, 1946. Charter members are life members. Life members shall be charter members or full members whose dues have been paid for life, pursuant to the bylaws.

2.3 Nonvoting Members - Requirements

An absentee member is a full member who by reason of change in geographical location ceases to have his station in the area defined in Article II, sec. 2.1. Transfer to absentee member is automatic with the change of location. An honorary member is a person who by reason of unusual and significant DX accomplishments is elected as an honorary member. ~~The grade~~ Honorary member also includes courtesy members elected by the Club. An associate member is a person possessing the qualifications of a voting member other than those described in Section 2.2.

Sec. 3 Election of Members

The election of members shall be by a procedure specified by the board of directors in the Procedures Manual, ~~except that no new associate members may be elected after January 31, 1980.~~

Sec. 4 Lapse

A member of any class for which dues are necessary shall cease to be a member upon a two month lapse in the payment of dues; PROVIDED, however, that if requested by the delinquent member, the board of directors is empowered to waive this provision in special cases and to authorize extension of the period or a temporary excuse for payment.

Sec. 5 Expulsion

A member may be expelled from the club for continued, flagrant, and willful violations of the Code of Ethics, by the procedure given in the Procedures Manual.

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Bylaws Changes

Sec. 6 Reinstatement

Any person who has at any time been a voting member may be reinstated by the procedure given in the Procedures Manual.

ARTICLE III INITIATION FEE AND DUES

Sec. 1 Initiation Fee

All new full and associate members shall pay an initiation fee of five dollars. There shall be no initiation fee required for life member, absentee member, or honorary member.

Sec. 2 Dues

Dues in this organization shall be set by the board of directors, and ratified by the membership. Dues shall be due and payable for one year in advance on the first day of July of each year.

Sec. 3 Life Membership dues

A full member may become a life member upon election and by making a single payment according to his age, of an amount set by the board of directors and ratified by the membership.

ARTICLE IV MANAGEMENT

Sec. 1 Directors

The directors of this club shall be seven in number as follows:

- President (chairman of the board)
- Vice-President (vice-chairman of the board)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Immediate past president
- Elected director at large
- Elected director at large

In addition, the editor of the club's publication, *The DXer*, may serve as an *ex officio* member of the board.

(End of excerpt)



New Orleans IDXC: Frank, AHØW/W7; Garry, NI6T; Vince, K5VT

Who were they?

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Mystery Photo

On the left is radio manufacturer Clarence D. Tuska, first editor of *QST* Magazine

Member Ballot: Bylaws Amendments

At its August meeting, the NCDXC Board of Directors voted to propose to the membership two changes in the Bylaws:

1. Creation of a new class of members to be known as Associate Members.

- This is a change to Article II of the Bylaws.
- These members will be licensed amateur radio operators in Northern California with an expressed interest in DXing.
- They will *not* be required to show proof of having worked any particular number of DX stations nor will they be entitled to vote on club matters.
- They will pay full dues.
- The intent of this proposal is to promote interest in DXing and club membership, leading to Associate Members becoming Full Members upon their fulfilling the normal criteria for full membership.

2. Appointment of *The DXer* Editor as an ex officio member of the Board

- This is an addition to Article IV of the Bylaws.
- The editor of *The DXer* becomes an official participant at board meetings but shall have no vote. The vote is reserved for current elected officers and directors and the immediate past president.
- The intent of this proposal is to recognize the importance of *The DXer* to the management of club affairs and to formally include its editor in the conduct of board business.

A ballot is provided below for your vote on the proposed amendments. Please cut out *this entire page* along the dashed line—your mailing label is on the reverse side— and return the completed ballot in the included pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

I hereby cast my ballot as follows:

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|---|---------------|
| Creation of a new class of members to be known as Associate Members | |
| in favor_____ | opposed_____ |
| Appointment of <i>The DXer</i> Editor as an ex officio member of the Board | |
| in favor_____ | opposed_____ |
| Name_____ | Callsign_____ |
| Signature_____ | |

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