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Editor's Choice

Spring is supposedly here. We are on daylight savings time. El Nino says it must still be winter, because every time I want to work outside on the antennas or the mobile rig, it seems to be raining! Perhaps the end is in sight and sunny skys will be with us again.

The new DXCC 2000 rules are in effect. As a result, some possible new ones are out there for the deserving. I guess everyone pounced on the H40AA opportunity. I heard an announcement on a FO0, that might count separately as the Marquesas.

I had requested your inputs for photos and / or your favority ham radio story. I have received promises from some and actual input from others. Thanks to all who help make my job easier and more fun.

We had a good turnout for the April meeting, with some welcome guests attending. Garry's talk on Rocky Point and the pioneers of radio was very interesting and well received. I always thought the folded dipole always was. I never imagined someone had to invent it! HI!

It is DXconvention time again. I hope to see a good participation by the NCDXC gang. I feel fortunate that I will be attending for the fourth time. Two years in a row! One of the benefits of moving to the Silicon Valley. I hope to remember to take a working camera.

I'm also making my first trip to Dayton. I will be there with about 20 former HZ1AB operators. That should be quite a reunion.

Finally, I talked to Cass on the phone and he is doing great.

No NCDXC Meeting
in May, due to the DX Convention

See you in June!

1998 DX Convention

Hosted by the SCDXC

May 1-3, 1998

Holiday Inn, Visalia

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in May. Next meeting is June 12th.

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DXer 2000 or ???

I have a proposal for the club. My idea is not unique and is being used and/or is on trial by many radio clubs. It will save the club money and members time and work. As you know, the DXer is available to those of you with internet access. This by means of the NCDXC web site. This is very handy to a lot of people, but we are still printing out copy, taking it to the printer, picking it up, putting labels and stamps on the copies and taking them to Uncle Sugar's post office for distribution to the membership. We can save time, work, fuel, trees, and money by sending the *DXer* to the membership VIA E-MAIL. I would be able to increase the cutoff date for your inputs by several days. Right now, I usually deliver copy to the printer about 10 days before the meeting. Those members who wish to continue receiving their copy via snail mail (or who do not use the internet at all) would continue to receive the *DXer* the traditional way. Those members who receive their copy via e-mail will have to download their free copy of Adobe Acrobat from the Adobe web site. If you want hard copy, you can print it out. Each individual would have to see how long it takes to download the .PDF file on his/her particular system. Obviously, if you are using 14.4Kbaud modem, it is going to take some time to download a 1 meg file. As soon as I can build a membership email address file, I will send a group message to the list and see how you copy an email copy of the *DXer*.

Let me know what you think. My telephone number and e-mail address are listed in the column to the left..

73 de Dave, K7JJ

General Meeting

Minutes of NCDXC regular meeting, held at Palo Alto Golf Club. Friday the 11th, Good Friday, April 11, 1998. The regular dinner at 8 P.M. was supplanted by pizza brought in by W6OAT and friends. At 8:21 P.M. the business meeting was called to order by president K6XN.

Guests were introduced, Mr. Hansell and wife were present and Mr. Hansell gave additional facts to our principal speaker from time to time. Garry Shapiro, NI6T, was our presenter, and gave a very interesting and factual presentation on the, in some cases, little known pioneers in our radio / electronics field. Overhead picture projection of various pioneers were shown, and recalled to some of us the important part their inventions played in the history of electronics. Interesting stories about Sarnoff (RCA), Marconi, Beverage, Hansell, GE, Westinghouse, and others. All in all, a very wonderful presentation.

Re-instatement was given to our old time member Oliver Sweningsen who has shed his old call of WA6QGW and is now W6NV. Also re-instated was (formerly W6TMA) K6AC. Life member status was voted to KI6CG, George Staudacher.

Meeting ended at 9:32 P.M. W6VG, Secretary, NCDXC



My Memorable Radio Experience

by Tom McShane, NW6P

In the early 1980s, I was in Lodon at a trade show where I was demonstrating my company's latest data communications equipment. One day we were told that after normal hours a special "VIP" demo would be given by us to Prince Philip of the U. K., King Hussein of Jordan, and others.

At the appointed hour the entourage arrived and 2 of us gave the "dog and pony show" to our guests. At the conclusion, just as they were getting ready to leave, I turned to King Hussein and said, "Your Majesty, I am November Whiskey Six Pappa". The King immediately replied, "and I am Juliette Yankee One; my handle is Hussein, Henry Uniform Sierra Sierra Echo India November, and my QTH is Amman, Jordan. What is your handle and QTH?" I replied, "Tango Oscar Mike. QTH near San Francisco." At that point JY1 turned to his associates and said, "Please go ahead. I will catch up. This is important "business". Tom and I need to talk ham radio."

We then proceeded to have a 15 minute chat about DX, satellite communications, our stations, ham radio past/present/future, the usual stuff when 2 DXers get together. He had an associate give me his card and said if I ever wanted to operate from Jordan to contact him personally. The card had English on one side, Arabic on the other. It said quite simply:

**Hussein
The Palace
Amman, Jordan**

Life is too short for QRP??

Hi Dave,

Re: your note in "The DXer" for favorite stories, one of mine occurred during our KP6KR operation from Kingman Reef back in 1974. We had just come on the air on 15 meters cw. This was the first time anyone had ever operated from Kingman, so everybody needed it for a new country. It was mid-day on Kingman, thus late afternoon in the USA. That was prime propagation time and the big guns all were there flexing their muscles trying to beat out each other to see who could get into the log first. Amplifiers were cranked full bore. For the first twenty minutes we worked nothing but S-9+40 W6 and W7 stations. Then right in the middle of this humongous pileup, executing a perfectly-timed tail end, appeared a weak, S-5 W5 station, the first one we worked who was not on the US West Coast. He concluded his report to us with the comment,

"Tks! One watt here! ..._._"

73 de Rusty, W6OAT

