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MAY MEETING, MAY 14TH TO BE HELD AT NEW LOCATION BE SURE TO GET THE DETAILS FOR YOUR CALLANDER.

THAT AND MUCH MORE

SCHEDULE OF CLUB EVENTS

APRIL 9,10& 11THANNUAL NORTH SOUTH INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION.....FRESNO

MAY 7TH ...FRIDAY NIGHT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING...DETAILS INSIDE..MENLO PARK
QRP, EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION PRESENTATION BY AD6A, Dave Fifield

MAY 14TH ...FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB MEETING (NEW LOCATION SEE INSIDE MAP)...REDWOOD CITY

JUNE 10TH ...THURSDAY NIGHT CLUB MEETING (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED)ELECTION'S

JULYMEETING TIME AND LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED, 1999/2000 BOD INSTALLATION

President's Comments



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The NCDXC is very honored to present the 50th Official North-South International DX Convention. I don't know if it is a fact, but having talked with many of the old timers, they agree that they do not know of any other Official DX convention that might have been held prior to 1949. The yearly trip to the Annual North-South International DX convention for most of us is the highlight of our Ham activities. For many it is the only DX related convention that we can attend. A time for Hams to share the passion of this hobby, Dxing. I have never been disappointed with any of the N/S conventions that I have attended. I enjoy the programs, the visits with many of our own club members that live out of the Bay Area who cannot make the regular club meetings, the Dxers from around the world. They don't know me from Adam, but I know many from their name tags and faces that I have seen in magazines and DX presentations, and of course our other friends from all over the North and South. The ARRL DX FORUM is always full of surprises and I can promise you that this year will not be any different. While we are honored to host the 50th consecutive DX convention, we have one attendee that has been to all 50! His name is CHUCK BAILEY and he will drive all the way from Sun City, Arizona (near Phoenix). Chucks current call is W7YU, some of the old timers will also remember his call of W6BXL that he held from 1929 till 1972 when he moved from Southern California. Be sure and take to time to say hello to Chuck, its Hams like him that keep our hobby alive and fun to be associated with.

I want to remind all of you that in our effort to make our club meetings more attractive to attend that we will try meeting in MAY at a new location. It should meet the criteria of the most critical Hams. No meals will be available, but there is a source of liquid refreshment available, namely a bar. I hope that this will lure out some of the Hams that have not wanted to purchase dinners. We have not actually decided to use this facility as the standard for all future meetings, but if it shows promise it will be considered as it is very affordable and accessible for nearly all of the members in the Bay Area. Another reminder that the May club meeting is scheduled on a **FRIDAY NIGHT MAY 14th**. The June meeting may be held at the American Legion Post 105, and it will be on a Thursday night. We will look at this site for the Thursday night meetings also. Please be sure and read all of the DX er to get the latest details. The June meeting is going to be election night so please come and vote for you choice. Ted Algrin KA6O and Dewey Churchill KG6AM are looking for candidates at this time. If you wish to become an Officer of a member of the Board of Directors, please be sure and contact one of them. I am hoping to have our July meeting for the new incoming officers to take over at a picnic in the East Bay or perhaps even in the Pleasanton area. Cont. Page 3

If that is the case, it will be held on a Saturday so as to allow more members and their families to attend. Do you have any thoughts along these lines? Let me know. Lastly for this month I invite anyone to submit any subject you think that the BOD should consider. The BOD will hold its meeting one week prior to our regular May meeting. The BOD will meet on May 7th. Any member is invited to attend, but prior notice is required, as well as some details that you may wish to present. We hope to see all of you at FRESNO. TNX es 73 Dick Letrich, W6KM

Minutes of the NCDXC, 12 March 1999

The meeting was called to order at 8:00pm by the President, Dick Letrich, W6KM. There were 27 members and 3 guests present.

The program was presented by Ham Radio Outlet (Sunnyvale) Manager, Ken Millman, K1ZKM. Ken had brought along several new radio and accessories to examine and talk about. He review:

Yaesu's VL-1000 Solid State KW Linear (160-6 meters) used at V31DX recent DXpedition and contest operation. Cost is \$3,400.

FT-100 Transciever (6m, 2m & 73cm), 100watts (20W on 73cm), includes DSP, Duplexers and keyer. Cost is \$1350.

THD-7 Voice/Packet/APRS hand held transciever. Lots of features. Cost \$450.

Ken also talked a bit about GPS toys. He passed out the various propaganda on each of the rigs. He states HRO is willing to meet almost anyone's price tag, just give them a call. There are two web sites to visit:

www.hamstore.com/sunnyvale and www.hamradio.com.

President Dick Letrich, W6KM, recognized our guests and several of the members who have been absent. Notables were K6XN (back from hospital visit), W6UDS (recovering from heart bypass surgery), K6MA, N6OM:

A short business meeting followed. President Dick Letrich, W6KM, in the chair.

The January minutes approved as printed in the Dxer.

A Second Reading for Regular Membership for Roger Miller, AC6BW, was conducted and he was approved for membership.

A report on the International DX Convention (Fresno) was presented by George Allen, W6YD. The program is pretty well set which includes: IOTA, DXpedition from 3B7RF, H40AA & BV9, DXAC forum. The banquet program will be the 6Y2A DXpedition; Breakfast program will be XZ1N DXpedition. Parking for registered guests and RVs is available on the hotel grounds. Security is provided. Other parking is available at the Convention parking lot, near by. Registration form is available on web site: <http://www.amateur-radio.org>. Jim Golden, K6LM, offered a petition to delete DXCC status of North Korea. Members were invited to sign the petition. The petition will be also be available at the International DX Convention in Fresno in April. There was some discussion.

Dxer of the Year is chaired by Glenn Venson, W6OTC. Contact him with your nominations (Last allowable date is 15 March).

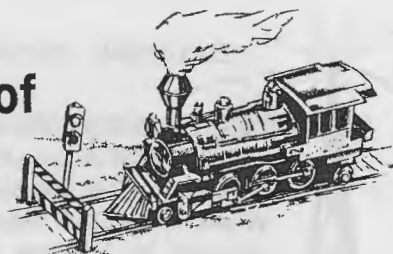
A nomination committee has been set up for NCDXC officers for next term.

Co-Chairmen are Dewey Churchill, KG6AM and Ted Algren, KA6W. Contact them with your nominations or present yourself as a candidate for office.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Faithfully submitted,
Jerry Bliss, K6iii
Secretary, NCDXC

The end of the Line!



NEW EDITOR TO TAKE OVER STARTING WITH THE MAY ISSUE!!!!

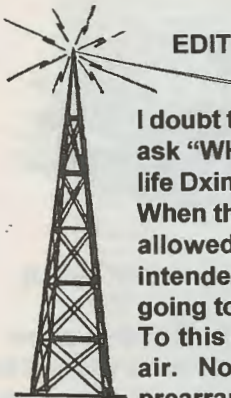
I am pleased to report that you will be getting a new Editor starting with the May issue. The transfer will be smooth and you will begin to see a very professional look. George Allan W6YD has been a past Editor and has the knowledge to put together a really nice paper and he has expertise in computer publishing. These important qualifications are very hard to find. I want to publicly thank George for coming to my rescue, and the clubs. As you may have gathered I was almost getting to the point of going from a club paper to a one or two sheet bulletin. The club deserves better and I am relieved to see this important club benefit continue. (Soon to be ex editor) Dick W6KM

Hallicrafters S-38



The S-38 is the most prolific and easily recognized shortwave receiver in history. The model depicted here is the original six-tube version with adjustable BFO which was produced only in 1946 (the year I was born). Subsequent models were of five-tube design and featured a nonadjustable BFO.

EDITORIAL P5 NORTH KOREA

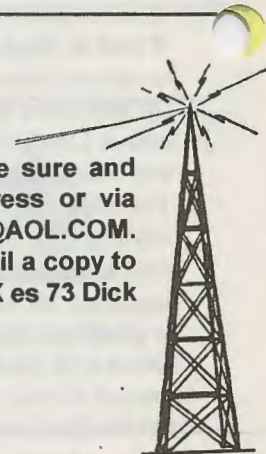


I doubt that any DX-er in the world would have to ask "WHERE IT IS", at least on a map, but in real life Dxing, all would have to say "WHERE IS IT?". When the NCDXC requested that North Korea be allowed to become a DXCC country it was intended to mean, a DXCC country that was going to be on the air as a "real DXCC country". To this day it still has not been officially on the air. No real DX Ham considers 20 or so prearranged demonstration contacts to be "ON THE AIR". However what has happened is that the ARRL jumped the gun and totally missed the true definition of a DX country status. A prearranged, limited, demonstration, is not by any stretch of the imagination, true proof of a country meeting a DXCC status.

It has been said by a few to acknowledge this error after having made it a DXCC country, that it would really upset the North Koreans..... well DAH! I am sure that it would be a top priority problem for them at this date and time while they are struggling to just get enough food to feed their starving population. This would really be a political concern for them?.. Get Real... most of North Korea is not even letting the citizens know how bad off they are compared to the rest of the world, let alone their prosperous neighbors to the south. From what little I have been able to read, most areas of North Korea is lacking electrical power systems for a large majority of their country and few if any are able to even listen to a broadcast radio.... and we are going to upset the future of Ham Radio if we delete it as a DXCC country! That is the poorest excuse I have ever heard. I personally wouldn't mind it half as much if it wasn't for the fact that the ARRL will not even publish the call signs of the stations that worked the demonstration and have been given P5 credit. Why the secret? ... it tends to baffle all.

I therefore stand behind the current Petition to remove the P5 as a legitimate DXCC recognized country. The petition is being circulated by Jim Golden K6LM, it describes in detail all the reasons to request that the ARRL do the right thing and to resend the status of the P5 as a countable country. I urge all members of the DXCC to contact Jim Golden K6LM for your right to vote your choice. Jim will be passing this petition at the FRESNO Convention so be sure to look him

up, if you are not able to attend be sure and contact him at the call book address or via email. His email address is K6LM@AOL.COM. I'm sure that Jim will be able to email a copy to you to sign and send to him. GUD DX es 73 Dick W6KM



HERE IS A JOKE FROM THE ARIZONA AREA, SUBMITTED BY RON RASMUSSEN K6OP

Warden....Who are you and what are You charged with?

Prisoner....My name's Spark. I am an electrician and I'm charged with battery.

Warden.....Jailer, put this man in a dry cell!

Morse Code - SK

Morse code officially goes out of use at sea (AP, 31 Jan 1999)

LONDON - SOS. Morse code officially goes out of use Monday for most ships in distress at sea. The International Maritime Organization set Feb. 1 as its target date to replace dots and dashes with a satellite system the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System that can pinpoint the location of a ship signaling for help. The new system is mandatory for all international freighters over 300 gross tons, all passenger vessels and self-propelled oil drilling units. Coastal freighters, most fishing boats and pleasure craft are exempt.

1999

International DX Convention

Schedule of Events

P5 DELETION GROUP

c/o K6LM@aol.com

(A one time Petition pertaining only to P5)

TO; MEMBERS OF THE ARRL DXAC

Dear SIRs:

WHEREAS, for Amateur Radio purposes, North Korea (P5) was not officially considered for the DXCC Countries List until a successful "Petition" was approved by the DXAC and the ARRL in the fall of 1991---even though North Korea was, and had been, a World Country for many years. ((I was in favor of that petition at the time, as many of us were, ---we were all riding on the exuberance of 'another great new DX country operation' such as we had experienced when The Republic of CHINA and ALBANIA returned to the Amateur airwaves.))

WHEREAS, a "Demonstration Operation" occurred from P5 on May 13th and 14th, 1995---that only contacted a total of 23 other Amateur Stations.

WHEREAS, no "Conventional Operations" have occurred from P5 since May of 1995 (or before).

WHEREAS, most Amateurs that participate in the DXCC Program of the ARRL have done so with the goal of attaining the highest proof of their efforts and their success in this DXing Game---that of achieving the "Worked them All" position on the Current Countries List---and receiving the confirming letter of their accomplishment from the DXCC Desk.

WHEREAS, the lack of 'operation' from the country of North Korea, and the outlook for 'any operations' in the near- future- years, has clearly created an **UNSPORTSMAN LIKE situation** in this our DXing Game.---(We who are at the top of the list (except for P5) and the others that will achieve that position in this current sunspot cycle, are in effect **being held hostage** in the finishing of our long time DXCC goal(s)). Some of us will run out of life without being allowed to achieve our goal(s) of many years. You Have no chance to "work something" that isn't **ever available!!! P5 has "never been available"** for the last **eight years** (for all but 23 stations) since it has **been a possible DXCC "Country"**.

WHEREAS this P5 matter is **unfinished business for the DXAC and the ARRL DXCC Desk** and should be 'taken care of' prior to the beginning of the DXCC 2000 Challenge.---(In failing to act on this matter you are 'taking a head in the sand approach' and 'are throwing away the efforts of the current long term DXCC Members ((who probably have no serious interest in playing your new appeasement games)).)

THEREFORE we the undersigned (Members of the ARRL DXCC Club) petition for the **DELETION of the Country of North Korea (P5)** from the Current Countries List and **"exclude its reinstatement to that list" until a "Qualifying Operation" has occurred (both Phone and CW) from that Country**--- this "Qualifying Operation" shall complete in total, as a minimum, a number of contacts with the Worlds Amateurs that

amounts to at least Ten Percent (10%) of the DXCC Club membership at that time (as determined by the official 1 September DXCC Member record count by the ARRL --of the year prior to-- the "Qualifying Operation" from North Korea).

And if so desired, : upon approval of the DXAC and the ARRL DXCC Desk, those 23 stations who "worked" the Demonstration Operation shall be credited with a "Deleted Country". (nobody loses).

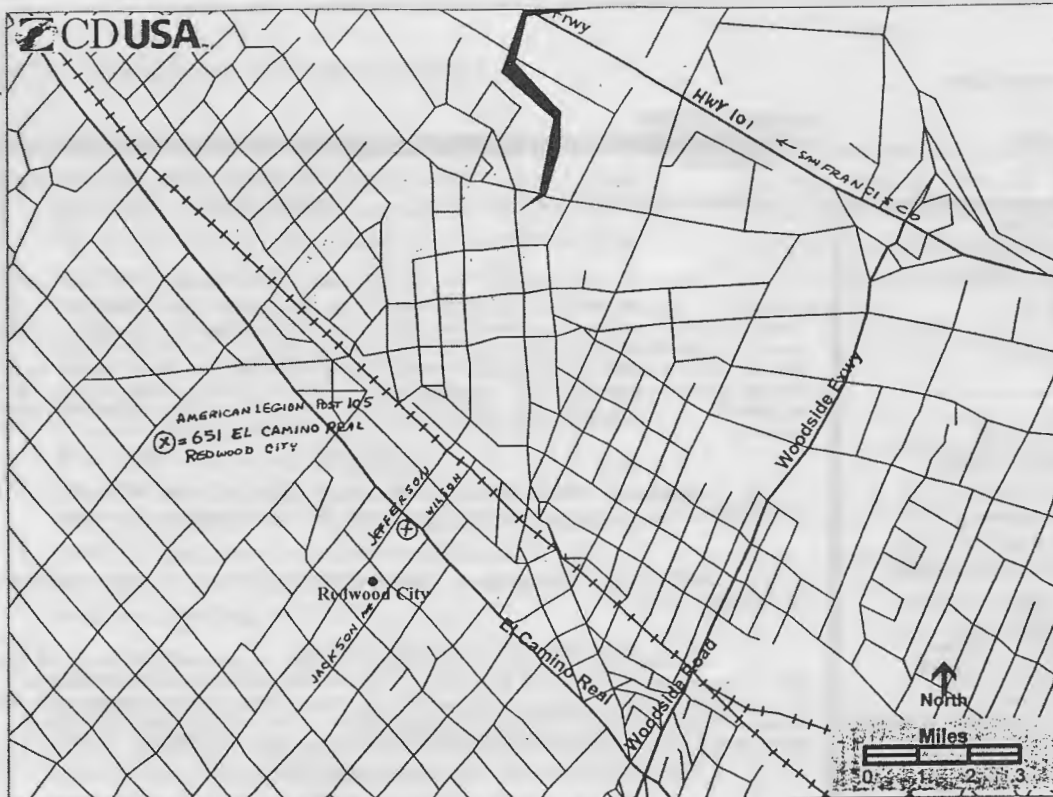
____ Printed Name _____ Signature _____ CALL SIGN _____ DXCC?

| Friday, 4/9 | Activity or Event |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Registration and Pre-Reg. Pick Up |
| 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm | Cocktail Party hosted by QRZ DX Magazine & NCDXC |
| 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Contesters Dinner |
| 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Raffle Ticket Sales |
| 10:00 am - 7:30 pm | Vendor Set Up |
| Saturday, 4/10 | Activity or Event |
| 8:00 am - 5:00 pm | Vendor Exhibits Open |
| 8:00 am - 5:00 pm | Registration & Raffle Ticket Sales |
| 8:30 am - 9:00 am | Introduction of ARRL Officials by Brad Wyatt K6WR |
| 9:00 am - 9:45 am | IOTA - Program by Martin Atherton G3ZAY |
| 10:00 am - 10:45 am | 3B7RF Dxpediton by George Wagner K5KG |
| 11:00 am - 11:45 am | DXAC Forum moderated by Jack Troster W6ISQ |
| 11:45 am - 1:30 pm | Lunch Break |
| Noon - 1:30 pm | Ladies Program (see flyer) |
| 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm | QSL Card Checking, New & Updates |
| 1:45 pm - 2:30 pm | BQ9P Dxpediton by Tim Totten N4GN |
| 2:45 pm - 3:30 pm | H40AA Dxpediton by Tim Totten N4GN |
| 3:45 pm - 4:30 pm | E-QSL's, Electronic QSLing Proposal by Lew Jenkins N6VV |
| 3:45 pm - 4:30 pm | 6Y2A - CQ W W World Record Dxpediton by Ken Silverman K2KW |
| 4:45 pm - 5:30 pm | "Just some Verticals on the Beach" (6Y2A) A Technical Presentation by Dean Straw N6BV |
| 4:45 pm - 5:30 pm | The Contest Forum Moderated by Bob Wilson N6TV |
| 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Cocktail Party Hosted by HRO |
| 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Banquet - M.C., Tom Schiller, N6BT will introduce Dick Letrich, W6KM, President of the NCDXC, for guest introductions, Dxer of the Year, and other special presentations. |
| 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm | E44DX - Dxpediton to Palestine by Bernie Mc Clenny W3UR |
| 10:00 pm - 10:30 pm | Pre-Reg. Prize Drawings & Announcements |
| Sunday, 4/11 | Activity or Event |
| 8:00 am - 10:00 am | Breakfast Buffet |
| 9:15 am - 9:30 am | M.C., Tom Schiller, N6BT; Announcements |
| 9:30 am - 10:30 am | XZ1N Dxpediton by Dan Brown NA7DB |
| 10:30 am - 10:45 am | Prize Drawings and Convention Wrap Up |

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curate dash lever sus-
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screw.
14. Dial lever travel stop.
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AMERICAN LEGION POST #105, MAY MEETING SITE

NOTE: There is a blaring spelling error in this issue, it is an intentional spelling error ... that is the only April fool joke in this issue. Any others are real errors... did you find it?



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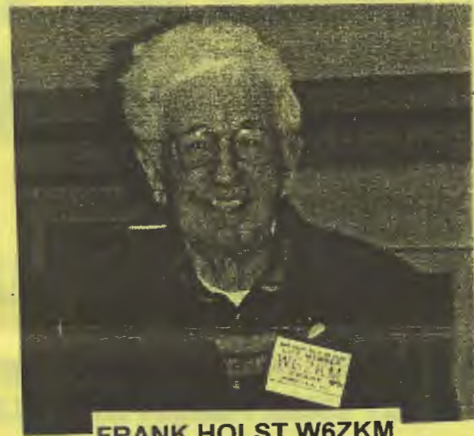
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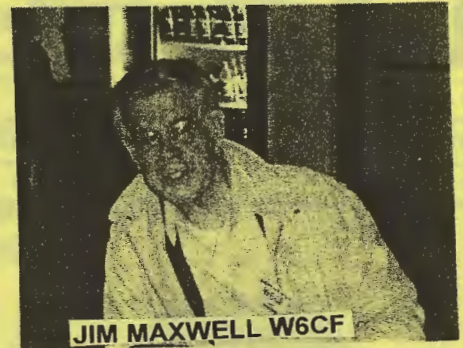
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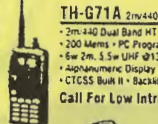
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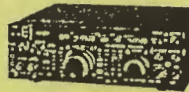


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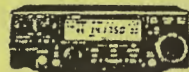
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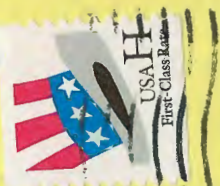
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