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## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB

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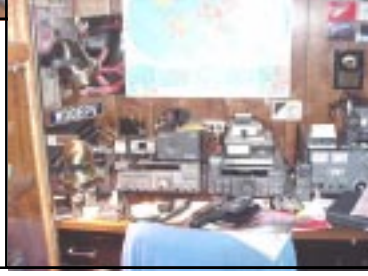
Don Anastasia, AA6W,  
Saratoga, California.  
  
(See Story on Page 7)



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**General Meeting  
January 14, 2000**

**American Legion Post 105,  
651 El Camino Real,  
Redwood City**

**Program**

Dean Straw, N6BV, editor of ARRL Antenna Handbook will debunk some of the myths about vertical antennas

**NO DINNER**  
Social Hour 7:00 P.M.  
Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

**Directions to the Meeting**  
(See Map on Page 5)

**From the North or South:**

Take the Woodside Road exit west off Highway 101 and turn right on El Camino Real. Drive about one half a mile to 651 El Camino Real (on the right).

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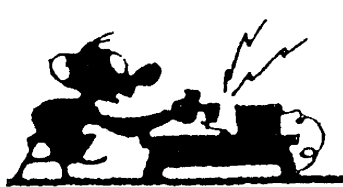
**W6TI DX Bulletins:**

W6TI Station Trustee Bob Vallio, W6RGG, transmits DX information at 0200 UT every Monday (Sunday evening local time) on both 7.016 and 14.002 MHz.

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**President's Comments**



There are several services that could provide you with a history of your call sign for a fee. I tried to research my call signs of **WB6WKM** and **W6KM**. I tracked down the original owner of **WB6WKM** and found him to have been in Burbank, California but no matter how hard I tried I could not extract an original QSL card from him. I was much luckier when I got the call sign of **W6KM**. I have been able to get two original QSL cards from the family of Bill McAulay. For all I knew Bill was the original owner of the call. But, a few months ago my Buddy Tom, N9BUL in Beloit, Wisconsin, with whom I have kept a weekly sked for over 15 years, told me his brother, Conrad, W9DL (neat call) picked up an original 1930 list of US ham call signs. In those days the U.S. Department of Commerce Radio Division, kept the Ham call records and, of course, it was printed by the US Government Printing Office and it sold for 25 cents. I had Tom copy all of the 6th call area for me. In those days, the SIXTH DISTRICT headquarters was at the Customs House in San Francisco. The Sixth District comprised the States of California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and the Territory of Hawaii.

Well, in 1930 I found **W6KM** was issued to Kenneth A. Adams in Stockton. Best I can tell, this call sign has never left Northern California. So with that in mind, I checked all of the calls of current members. I found **W6WB** to be listed to a **Clayton Bane** in San Francisco! A **W6BIP** to a **Wilber Bachman**, also in San Francisco. **W6BSS** was Joseph Hodgson in Pasadena, it now resides in Woodland with **Bill Boots**... **W6BUY** (Charter Member) was **J. Holmes** in Oakland. Jack now lives with his call in Reno... **W6CBE**, a Ronald Panton of San Leandro, moved to Menlo Park and has changed his call to **W6VG**... William Bates, Jr. of Los Angeles had the call, **W6CF**. Now, of course, it resides in Redwood Estates with **Jim Maxwell**... Archie Davis had **W6CSI** in Oakland. Now it is found in Redwood City with **Norm Smaha**... **W6CU** was Charles Filstead in Los Angeles it now belongs to **Ed Hardin** in San Lorenzo... **W6CUA** has moved up from Visalia. J.W. McElwee had it. Now, **Randy Wright** uses it in Castro Valley... **Vince Chin** picked up **W6EE** from Edward Ludes, who lived

**NCDXC Dues Information**

**Full and Associate Members;**

Date Dues are Paid	Member	Family Rate
1 July thru 30 September	\$24.00	Plus \$15.00
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## President's Comments (Cont'd)

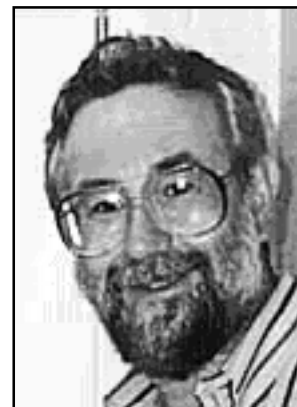
in San Bruno. It didn't go very far, either... Frank W. Clark used **W6EJ** in Berkeley. Now, my old neighbor, (when I lived in Sacramento) **Ed Anselmo** is putting it on the air from Sacramento... **W6EKR** was used by Elmer Merrill in Stockton. I wonder if he ran Mobile, like its new keeper, Walt Del Conte does over in Aromas... **W6EMD** once belonged to George Enos in Berkeley and now it has moved down to **Dave Mechan** in Redwood City... Everett Remers of Sacramento used **W6ER**, but now Don Sexton of Fairfield took it over... **Tommy Farr** of Denair is the new holder of **W6IJ** which once belonged to C. Kreighbaum of Los Angeles back then... Now here is a pretty good background lineage of the W6JD call sign. I'm not sure it's complete, but it has a very historical background. In 1921 "6JD, V.M. Bitz made a very important Coast to Coast contact by 1930 Curtis Mason of Los Angeles had the call (see QST JANUARY 2000 AND THE EXCELLENT ARTICLE WRITTEN BY Jim Maxwell W6CF, titled AMATEUR RADIO 100 YEARS OF DISCOVERY, page 30). Our own **Doug Westover, W6JD** now keeps it active... Robert Flemming of Los Angeles had **W6KH**. It's now on the air with Dick Le Massena... **Gordon Girton** has **W6NW**. But it was Emery Stuedle's call in Los Angeles back then... **W6NV** was used by Karl Huppert in San Francisco. But it is now the call sign of **Oliver Sweningsen** in Orinda... I wonder how well known **W6RJ** was in those olden golden days? Today, it is a well known call, used by staunch club supporter, **Bob Ferrero**... Another call that did not go far away is **W6RQ**. Then it was C.F. Concannon in El Cerito. Now it is **Al Lotze** in San Francisco... **W6TC** was W.T. Rathbun up in Colusa. It is now kept active by **George Badger** in Portola Valley... Charter member, **Elvin Feige** of Oakland has the call, **W6TT** that Alden Besse used in San Francisco... **Craig Smith** now has **W6WL** as his new call. But it once belonged to Fred Wisener in San Diego... **Alex Meyer** of San Jose now has **W6ZX**. But Percy Dann of Berkeley had it then... I looked over the "K" calls which were then issued in Hawaii and found **K6DB** was Ormaond Wall. Now, of course, it belongs to **Ken Anderson** in Pine Grove, the husband of our newest full member Kay, **K6KAY**... Ray Rietow in Honolulu had **K6ED**. It now belongs to **Ed Westbrook** in Greenview. The last call, **W6YD** belongs to our Editor, **George Allan**, "Yankee Doodle". That call was used in 1930, by THE NATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE AND ELECTRICAL SCHOOL in Los Angeles.

I hope I haven't missed anyone in the club. I have had a lot of fun doing this article. Perhaps Jim Maxwell, W6CF may find some free time to help you find your call history if you're not on this list. It will be fun to see who has these calls in 2030. Happy New Year to all of you and yours. 73, Dick, W6KM.

**Socializing  
at the  
Annual Christmas Party**



## Chod Harris, VP2ML



It is with great sorrow that we must report the passing of Charles J. "Chod" Harris, WB2CHO/VP2ML, of Santa Rosa, who died December 8th of complications from a severe heart attack suffered in early November.

First licensed in the late 1960's, Chod ran the ARRL Club and Training Department in the mid-1970's. He helped to author the beginner's classic *Tune in the World with Ham Radio*, among other publications. He also wrote numerous articles for QST and other publications over the years and once published several DX bulletins. He took over as *CQ* DX Editor in July 1989.

An active contester and DXer, Chod had operated from several exotic locations. He obtained VP2ML while living on the island of Montserrat in the late 1970's and early 1980's before moving to California.

He also served as an IARU Region 2 Conference delegate from Montserrat, most recently in 1995 at Niagara Falls, Canada, where he chaired the HF Committee.

Survivors include his wife, Jean, whom he met while working at ARRL Headquarters. A memorial service was held on December 10th in Santa Rosa. The family invited memorial donations to the American Heart Association or to the Northern California DX Foundation.

The Ham Radio Community mourns his loss.

**1999 9BDXCC Award Participants** *by John Brand, K6WC*

Congratulations to last year's 9BDXCC participants. Some very large increases were achieved over the 1998 reports. In particular, Klaus, DJ6RX reported some nice work. Klaus requested 22 endorsements covering 8 bands for the year. What you don't see in the chart below is Klaus's 160-meter total of 248 reported back in October of 1999. If he doesn't slow down, he is liable to end up with 300 across the board very soon!

WHO	160	80	40	30	20	17	15	12	10
Klaus, DJ6RX		260	300	300	300	300	300	270	280
Danny, K6UT			280			280		200	
Chuck, AA6G			250	200	270	250	270		
Steve, K6UM					290	200			250
Gary, KI6T					260	200	250		150
Chuck, K6RK	150	100	250		250	150		100	

Thanks to all who continue to participate. I hope to hear from more of you next year.

73, John

**The Last Club Christmas Party (of the NCDXC)**

Well, not the very last party of the clubs, but the last one of this Century. I hope that everyone that attended got a Christmas Present from Santa Claus. We gave out "transceivers," lots of Ham related prizes and each of the gals (XYLs) got an ornament that my wife put together just for this gala occasion. Only problem was that time did not allow all of us to visit on a one-to-one basis. I really had a good time and sure hope that those of you who attended also had a fun time. The food, as usual, was excellent and service was very good. Everything went off as planned except that the one person who worked so hard to put the party together, came down at the last minute with pneumonia. Doug, W6JD still kept it together by seeing to it that all of the arrangements were carried out to the letter. The entertainment was very, very professional and packed a lot of fun into a very short time. The evening's entertainment was provided by Jim Stevens, who sang and played the guitar. Very enjoyable and when he was finished he made available his CD, of which he sold several. I know that Pat and I picked up one and have enjoyed listening to him. Very talented and well accepted by all. I would like to mention everyone by name that came to the party, but those of us there know who we were. I do want to also mention that at the meeting we voted in as a full member Kay, K6KAY. If you remember, she joined as an associate member in July at the Club Picnic. Congratulations to you, Kay and good going OM Ken for helping her. Ken and Kay came down from "them thar hills" to attend. Also, John Brand, K6WC traveled down from the Sacramento area. Now if I start with names I am going to forget to mention someone so I will stop right here. Now, if we can get Doug, W6JD back up to full health, maybe we can convince him to do next year's party again... He does such a darn good job!

73, Dick, W6KM

**Roster Change**

Please change mailing address for;

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Only in America...do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.

## Forum On the Air

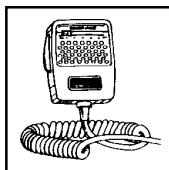
As we enter the beginning of a new Century we are also witnessing a new attitude toward Ham Radio. It has become very obvious that most Hams, both new and old want change. It is, of course, up to the club officers to respond to those changes. Often, it is hard to get input because of the low attendance at club meetings. The answer, it appears, is through the club's 2 Meter repeater.

Net Operation Manager, Randy, W6CUA and I agreed that we need to get more input from the membership, as to what suggestions they may have on various subjects. The large number of members that recently showed up on the repeater was proof that there are many who listen. Not only that: they have opinions and are not afraid to express them. And, it is important that they be heard.

So, beginning this month, the last Thursday night net of each month will be set aside to have an open round table for members to discuss various topics. All club officers and directors should be able to monitor or take part. The first topic for this month (January) will be, "HOW WE CAN IMPROVE THE USAGE OF THE CLUB REPEATER." The forum will take place following the Swap Shop that Ben, W6FDU conducts.

Randy, W6CUA will take suggestions from members and will see that the upcoming discussion topic is published in the DXer each month. This will give you time to give serious thought to what you may want add to the forum on that particular topic. Any suggestions should be directed to Randy, W6CUA, either by email (wrights@worldnet.att.net) or by 2 meters. Randy is often on the club repeater as he commutes home from work. Your input is very valuable to the future of the club. Won't you take part in how it is run?

Dick, W6KM



## Program Information

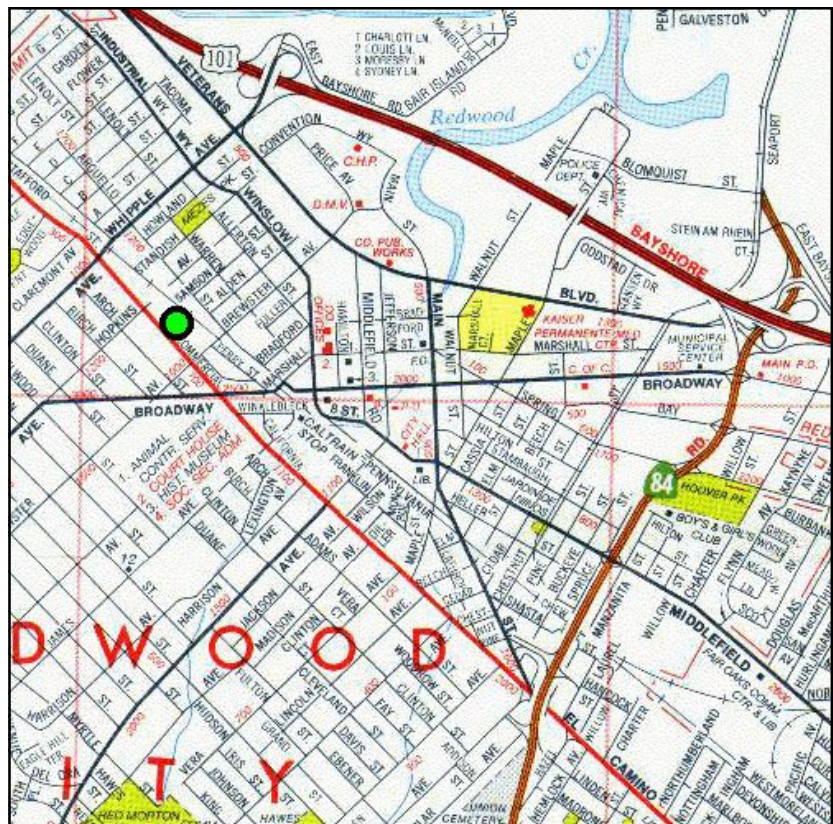
**WE HAVE CONFIRMED AN OUTSTANDING SPEAKER FOR THE JANUARY 14th MEETING. IT WILL BE NOTED ANTENNA EXPERT, DEAN STRAW, N6BV, EDITOR OF THE *ARRL ANTENNA HANDBOOK*.**

**DEAN WILL DEBUNK SOME OF THE MYTHS ABOUT VERTICAL ANTENNAS. THIS PROMISES TO BE A VERY INTERESTING PROGRAM AND A GREAT SHOW.**

**YOU ALL COME.**

**73, CHUCK K6RK**

## Map to Redwood City Meeting Site



**Annual Christmas Party Pictures**



## ***DXer Profile: AA6W, Don Anastasia***

This month's club DXer is none other than Don Anastasia, AA6W. Don has been an active ham for many years. His first call was WD6EPV, which he earned as a youngster by attending Ham Radio classes given by the SCCARA (Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association) Club. Don has been a ham since the early 1980s! Now consider that Don was born in February of 1965 and, as you can see, he was really an early starter.

Today, Don is active in several clubs. As you may know, he is the NCDXC's, DXer mailman. He picks up the DXer from the printer and puts the address labels and stamps on 250 plus copies each month. He is also active in the NCCC and operates as many contests as his busy schedule will allow. He also finds time to belong to the West Valley Radio Club. Don has his cup full. Yet, he still manages to work part time (in the hobby, of course, at HRO), attend College classes and run a small home business putting custom books together for youngsters.

The pictures will show that Don has quite a few rigs and seems to have a hand held rig for every band out there! He has quite an array for his satellite and VHF work and, as you can see, he has a nice Tri-bander for HF. To finish it off he has a Vertical and if you look closely, it appears he also has a dipole or two. Don has been an active DX Club member since September of 1997 and currently serves on the Club's Board of Directors.

Gud DX in the coming years, Don ..... W6KM

## **Boys Will Be Boys...**



**W6TEX, KI6WF and W6OTC**

## **Editor's Choice**

Happy New Year, everyone! You may have noticed that this issue of the *DXer* has taken on a new look for the New Year. We have a brand new banner on the front page and we have included dues information on page 2.

The design for the new banner is the work of Bud Bane, W6WB and his daughter, Barbara Braun, who put it into digital format for us. I was particularly impressed with the design. But, since it was in "Mac" format, we needed to have it converted to "PC" format for use with my computer. For this, we turned to Bill Hoff of Vasona Copytech Center, where the *DXer* is printed every month.

Bill not only converted the image, but enhanced and sharpened it for us - at no charge to the Club. What you see then, was the result of a team effort, which gives the *DXer* a fresh new look for the new century.

The Dues Information box, which appears on page 2 will be a permanent addition to the *DXer*. It was included in response to a request from the Board of Directors and is intended to alleviate some of the confusion surrounding the cost of annual Club dues. It is, however, only an overview. Detailed dues information dues can be found in the *NCDXC Procedures Manual*.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the many kudos we have received, by reflecting them back to you - the members and contributors to the *DXer*. It has truly become what I envisioned it to be, when I assumed the role as Editor of **YOUR *DXer***. It is the medium through which the Northern California DX Club Members' views are expressed. Thank you for allowing me to assemble them for you each month.

Very 73,  
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