

DXer



**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
DX CLUB**

DXer of the Year: W6TEX, Bill Fontes

Each year, at the International DX Convention, the Northern California DX Club has the privilege of recognizing one of its members as its DXer of the Year. The DXer of the Year Award is given not just in recognition for contributions in the prior year, but in those contributions to the club and achievements in DXing during the entire time of membership and for continuing contributions. This year's recipient is Bill Fontes, W6TEX, who certainly fits those criteria very admirably.

Bill has been a Club member for nearly 20 years. During that time he has served as a director, as secretary, vice-president and as president. He has both volunteered for and accepted other positions of leadership when we've called upon him for his very able help. He filled vital roles in our 40th and 50th anniversary celebrations. He has organized the NCDXC Picnic and has been the driving force behind several of the DX Convention golf tournaments. He has also helped a number of our members with antenna projects over the years.



Bill has operated DX locations on some of his vacations and made a presentation to the club about his experiences on the other end of the pile-up. He has the distinction of having achieved Honor Roll (with just a few to go for Top of the Honor Roll) and 5BDXCC, while running less than 200 watts, a moderate sized tribander and dipoles on 40 and 80 meters. All this from a location that presents him with a 10 degree hill toward Europe and Africa. He makes up for it on long path though. And as important as all of the above, he is always a gentleman both in person and on the air.

Please join us in congratulating Bill Fontes, W6TEX as the NCDXC's DXer of the Year 2000.



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**General Meeting
May 12, 2000**

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

Program

**Show & Tell - Bring all of your
great projects and brag - er,
share them with the Club.**

NO DINNER

**Social Hour 7:00 P.M.
Meeting at 8:00 P.M.**

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

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).**

**N O R T H E R N
C A L I F O R N I A
D X C L U B**

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Frequency/offset: 147.36 MHz, +
 Trustee: Bob Vallio, W6RGG
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 Thurs. Net QTR: 8 pm local time.
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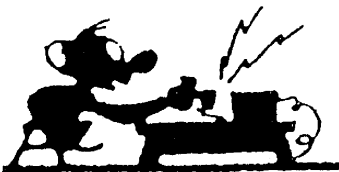
W6TI DX Bulletins:

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



CONGRATULATIONS to Bill Fontes, W6TEX as the NCDXC DXer of the Year! A well deserved award to a hard working club member. This award was presented to Bill at the International DX Convention in Visalia.

The long awaited convention was a real success. The combined clubs of the SCDXC, the SDDXC and the CADXC teamed up to put on a first class show. The programs were, as expected, excellent. We saw many club members at the convention, who live out of the immediate Bay Area. I feel that our club membership attendance was higher then in the recent years and that is a good sign. Next years Convention Chairman, George Allan, W6YD has already had meetings with the Visalia staff and many of the preliminary plans have been set. I hope you will consider helping next year as it is our turn and it is no small job to put together. Belonging to other (DX) clubs is no reason to not offer your help. We have had lots of participation from club members in the past and hope that this generous spirit will continue next year.

The annual lunch and tour of US Towers was a huge success and from my observation, they should have had many Hams take advantage of not only the delicious lunch that they provided, but also of the many special priced offers on towers. What a great Company to show appreciation to Hams in this unselfish manner. In contrast, it surely beats the so called, "discount coupons" provided by some manufactures who really give next to nothing, as most are not even cashed in. What are the odds that the winner of the discount coupon will also be in the market for a new amplifier? These manufacturers get gobs of advertising in exchange for little or nothing. On the other side of the coin, WORLD RADIO always supports the Hams with (lots of) subscriptions. Now that's tangible! Thank you, Armond.

Many club members have taken advantage of the new April 15th date to obtain their upgrades. There are so many who have, that we cannot possibly print their names and calls. Now that we have so many new upgraded Hams, how about getting more involved in the club and offering to at least come to meetings? Congratulations to all of you! Excellent views have been expressed by many in magazines. I also want to add my best to all of you. The Advanced license will, in time, fade away, as did the Conditional Tickets of the past. The FCC reminds

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NCDXC Dues Information

Full and Associate Members;

Date Dues are Paid	Member	Family Rate
1 July thru 30 September	\$24.00	Plus \$15.00
1 October and after	\$24.00	Plus \$15.00 Plus \$5.00*

*Members who have not remitted dues by the 30 September deadline are considered dropped from the membership roles. Those desiring to renew membership must both apply for reinstatement and submit the reinstatement fee of \$5.00. Fee will be waived if paid in person.

Absentee Member Dues are \$16.00 per year.

Visalia Upgrade Exams by John Kelly, KG6XF

The 15th April has come and passed! Yes, we are all still alive! At Visalia, we processed 74 people, giving us 52 new Extra's and 22 new General's. My sincerest thanks go Ron, W6VG, and Ken, K6TA, and the spouse's who acted as keeper of the fees and runners with the forms between the check-in desk and sign out desk.

Saturday, 8th April was also another exam session in Sunnyvale. However, with a departure flight of 0750 hours on the Sunday, time was precious. Another good session, a few made the tech plus and others became Extra's before the 15th.



With the 8th April 2000 session, the ability of those doing the written upgrade was very positive. Those who passed, did so with flying colors, something that makes you feel good as a VE. Let us wait and see what happens in May????

Next report will be in May. Let's see what happens then.

John, KG6XF

Treasurer's Report

NCDXC Treasurer's Report –
April 2000

Income:

Dues	\$11.00
Fees & Badges	14.00
Total Income	\$25.00

Expenses:

DXer Printing	\$273.33
DXer Postage	99.00
Annual domain name for www.ncdxc.org	65.00

Club Officer's Expenses:

Secretary	41.56
Director	27.46
Total expenses	\$506.35

Checking Accounts:

Club acct.	\$11,091.96
Repeater acct.	1,807.34
Convention acct.	3,485.81
TOTAL	\$16,385.11

9 month CD acct.	10,513.41
6 month CD acct.	10,082.89

Current Club Total	\$36,981.41
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President's Comments (Cont'd.)

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us that Generals will not be allowed to operate in the Advanced portions of the bands. Frankly, I do not see this lasting very long before the General portions become overcrowded and the FCC is overwhelmed by complaints from the new class Generals. Furthermore, I think it will encourage Generals to work at upgrading to Extra. In my view, however, it will really probably do very little to encourage the Advanced class licensees to upgrade, as they would gain almost nothing, other than the pride of having upgraded. Now, all of you Generals, go out and study!

We have been quite lucky, as the monthly meetings have been fairly well attended and the programs really good. Chuck, K6RK has put together a show and tell for the May meeting. I was going to drag something over to show, but the very few things that I have put together are attached to something which is again attached, etc., so I will spare you of that. But, I am looking forward to the program. Now is the time to swell up and show off! Hey! Maybe, even get your picture in the *DXer*.

The BOD will convene on Saturday, May 13th the day after the next meeting. You may not wish to attend, but if you have any ideas or thoughts, please write them down and pass them on to someone on the BOD. I promise we will address them at the meeting.

Plans are now underway for the end of the year Picnic. Time and date to be announced soon. I will be conferring with Tom Jones, K6TS to try and put on a few finishing touches. I will repeat again, if you want a picnic, we need to know ASAP if you would consider going. I know; I know; you need a date...we will have that soon.

So see you at the meeting...Dick, W6KM



Convention Pictures



Patch Wanted

At the International DX Convention in Visalia, Will, K6NDV asked me if anyone in the NCDXC might have a Convention Patch from 1991. If you do please contact either Will by his Callbook address or myself.

A picture of the wanted patch is shown below. TNX Dick, W6KM



DX Ladder, John Kelly, KG6XF

Hello, All.

The June upgrade for the DX Ladder may be delayed until about the middle of June. My current travel schedule is, to say the least, a killer with only one out of four weekends at home. The same comment applies to the amount of time that I will actually show up at the place of work, better known as the "Palace of Varieties"!

Any of you who have not updated your listings since 1994, if you wish to remain active, send me a message saying, "reset the clock". Listings are kept active for five years and then you will be Archived. Fortunately, it is just a matter of setting a flag!! Not my doing, but the regulations set by the club!

The list of those who need to re-activate their listings is shown below.

DX Ladder – Archival Pending;

- K6OP.....3/1/94...
- W6YWH.....3/1/94...
- N6ZM.....3/1/94...
- KG6AM.....7/1/94...
- K6DC.....7/1/94...
- W9UOM.....7/1/94...
- WB6ZUC.....7/1/94...
- KA6BIM.....11/1/94...
- N6OND.....11/1/94...
- W6OSP.....11/1/94...
- K6WD.....11/1/94...
- W7XA.....11/1/94...

A votre service,
John Kelly, KG6XF



May Meeting Program Information

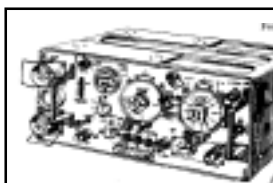
THE MAY 12th MEETING IN REDWOOD CITY WILL BE "SHOW AND TELL" WITH THE EMPHASIS BEING ON OLD GEAR. BRING YOUR OLD EQUIPMENT, HOMEBREW OR COMMERCIAL. AND THEN, BE PREPARED TO TELL ITS STORY.

YOU MIGHT ALSO, WANT TO CONSIDER BRINGING IN OLD PHOTOS AND QSL'S, WHICH COULD BE VERY INTERESTING ESPECIALLY IF THERE IS A STORY BEHIND THEM.

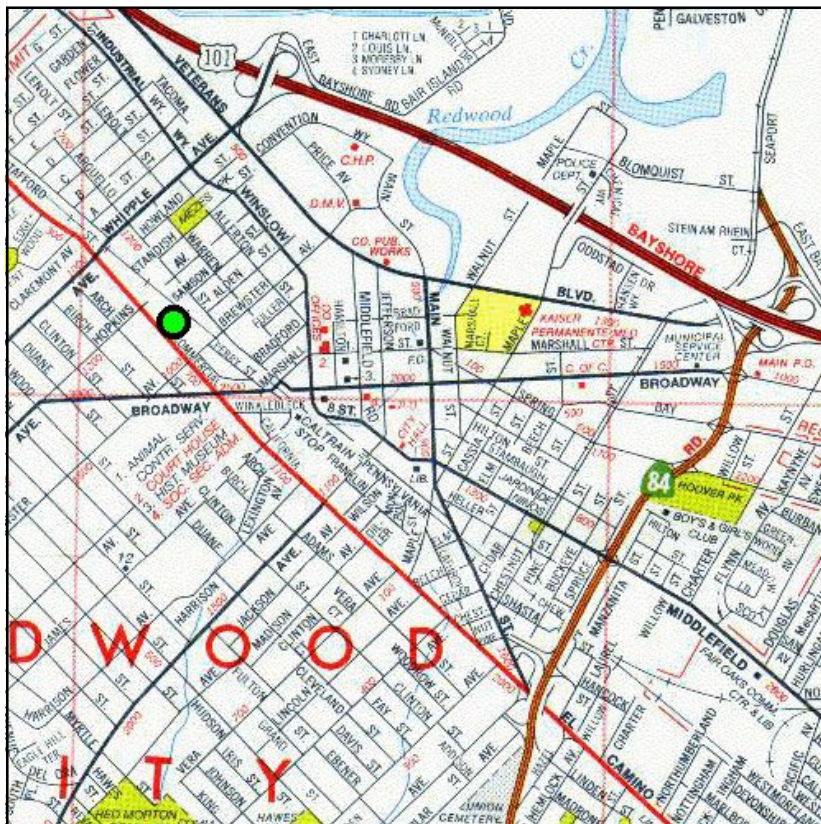
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND YOUR OLD, EXOTIC EQUIPMENT AND RELICS.



73, CHUCK K6RK



Map to Redwood City Meeting Site



More Convention Pictures



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Many Thanks!

If it is true that a picture is worth 10,000 words, then this issue must equate to nearly half a million words! The credit for that and my gratitude as well, goes out to Dick, W6KM and Bill, WB6JJJ, who supplied us with the majority of the pictures we've included herein. Thank you, Bill and Dick.

For those who were unable to attend, the pictures tell you a story, but it's not the same as being there. Next year, we hope to see you there, too. And, since it's our turn to host, I hope to see many volunteers. That way, everyone will have a chance to enjoy the programs.

73, George, W6YD



Roster Updates

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W (408)938-2533
FAX (408) 998-5388
EMail: ae6y@aol.com

Updates;

W6BSS, Bill upgraded to Extra
Delete work Phone Number

W6EKR, Walt upgraded to Extra

W6FKD, Bruce new address, but no other info yet.

Bruce Wade
10385 Placerville Dr.
Reno, NV 89506-8523

KA6ING, Louese upgraded to General
New E-mail address:
lfbloom@atdial.net

K6KAY, Kay upgraded to Extra

NI6T, Gary change of email address.
New Email address:
ni6t@intuitive.com

N6XG, Walt (E) (Repeat posting)
Walter Wilson
11471 Buena Vista Drive
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H-650-947-3312
Fax: (none) Email: (none)

KD6XY, Larry upgraded to Extra
New Email address:
lfbloom@atdial.net

