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**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
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**General Meeting
June 9, 2000**

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

**Program:
Election of Officers!!**

- 6:00 No host attitude adjustment
- 7:00 Rusty's pizza and liquid refreshment (beer) hosted by the NCDXC.
- 8:00 Business Meeting & Election of Officers.

For Driving Directions & a Map to the Meeting, see Page 5.

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JULY 1ST**

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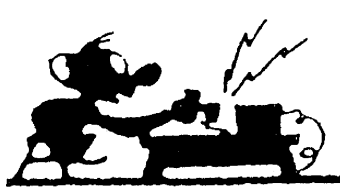
W6TI DX Bulletins:

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.

Club address: Box 608
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President's Comments



Good news folks, the Board of Directors met and reviewed membership dues and it appears that we will not have to raise them. This, in spite of several past and currently impending postage rate hikes. I think the last dues increase was in 1983, but I haven't been able to verify that. We will (as a club) try and make an effort to do some small cost trimming that, collectively, will add up to a sizable reduction in operating expenses. Moving the meeting to the American Legion Post # 105 has been a very good financial move, as we, of course, pay a small fee and do not have to guarantee 30 dinners. That has saved the club \$\$\$\$ and still allows us to supply Pizza and refreshments at a meeting and it covers the cost of the club picnic. (More on both of these topics later). So, all of the savings are being done without you losing any of your club benefits.

The next move to save money is to see how many members would be willing to receive their DXer via the club web site. We had a good start on this approach in the past, but lost the handle on it when Dave Earnest, K7JJ had to move to San Diego to work. The list of those who volunteered to drop the hard copy has been lost. I mentioned this in the past and also on the club 2 meter net. Phil Nunez, AC6HY, Ken Lewis, AK6L and Dick LeMassena, W6KH have already offered to be the first. Dick pointed out that one of the big advantages of viewing the DXer on the web site is the pictures are in color there. Also, it should be available for viewing 4 to 5 days before the snail mail would normally get it to you. Remember, you do not have to give up the mailed copy. But, if you wish to do so, please, advise either Ron Panton, W6VG or me, so we can adjust the labels. Don't worry in the future. Hard copies of any DXers with inserts would still be sent to you and you will not miss anything.

You should have found an envelope included with this issue of your DXer. This has been provided for your convenience when you renew your membership. Your membership dues for next year are due July 1st. Details are located at the bottom of this page. Please, be prompt as a lot of behind the scenes work is involved in record keeping and roster layout. Thanks! I knew we could count on you.

Those club members who attended the April International DX Convention in Visalia, might have been shocked by a comment made by Harv Shore, K6EXO.

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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.

President's Comments (Cont'd from Page 2.)

Upon receiving a well deserved award for his contributions, work and dedication to the SCDXC, Harv proclaimed that he was proud to be a member of the "GREATEST DX CLUB IN THE WORLD"! Now that's a bold statement. But, stop and think about it. He really believes it is! If he didn't, he would not be a good member of the SCDXC. The point is, Harv sets a good example for all of us to follow. As a member of the NCDXC, if you don't believe that your club is the "Greatest DX Club in the world", then we need you to get more involved and help us bring it up to the point were you DO feel as I do, the NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB IS THE GREATEST DX CLUB IN THE WORLD, for both you and me. There is no better time than now to become involved.

Elections will be held at the June meeting. Next year promises to again be another banner year. The club hosts the International DX Convention in Visalia and already George Allan, W6YD has started to put together the layout. George will be happy to have your help. Check the roster and give him a call.

The June meeting is the annual election of officers for the next fiscal year. It is a good time to step up and be counted. If running for an office is not for you, you're still really important, because attending meetings is what keeps us running smoothly. Come on down and vote for your favorite nominee. And, as a further incentive, the club will provide Rusty Epps' famous Pizza and also, pick up the tab for the liquid refreshments.

73 Dick, W6KM.

Board of Directors Meeting

NCDXC Board of Directors Meeting - May 13, 2000

Meeting was held at the home of Ron Panton, W6VG and the meeting called to order at 10am by President Dick Letrich, W6KM.

Procedure manual updates, corrections, deletions etc. was the task of the day. No by-laws changes proposed or acted upon. Consensus of the board is to affect the various changes and provide an updated procedure manual to each active member with the roster mailing.

Salient points above the administrative corrections are as follows:

1. Full and active members only to receive NCDXC publications. Also to pursue with the membership to access DXer via the NCDXC internet site in lieu of receiving a DXer. This to help cut operating cost of club activities.
2. Pursue additional advertising clients for the DXer.
3. Secretary is requested to write a letter to the Fresno Chapter of the NCDXC and rescind the charter certificate that was issued in January 2, 1982. Fresno has it's own club known as the Central Valley DX Club.
4. Picnic date to be assigned by Dick, W6KM.
5. The W6TSQ 40 meter contest is dropped due to lack of interest.
6. Certificates only to be awarded in lieu of plaques unless at least 25 club entries are submitted. Actual wording for the procedure manual will be provided by Dick, W6KM and forwarded to Ron, W6VG.
7. Eliminated the reinstatement fee.
8. Box 608 was discussed as to future use and archive retention of records. Ron, W6VG will check with Vince Chin, W6EE regarding financial statement retention requirements. The board agreed on 7 years.
9. Life membership and dues schedule, no change. Chuck, K6RK noted that the primary program for the June meeting is the election of new NCDXC officers.

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BOD Meeting (Cont'd)

BOD as a group reviewed input from NCDXC member NI6T and recommended no further action is required at this time.

BOD members in attendance W6KM, K6RK, WB6JJJ, W6TEX, N6VAW, AA6W, W6VG & DXer Editor, W6YD. Meeting adjourned at 12 Noon. de W6TEX

Annual Picnic Info

Be sure to mark your skeds and calendars to reserve **July 8th**, as the date for our annual NCDXC picnic. It will be held in Pleasanton, CA, in the same location as last year. Time will be from 11:00 am until 3:00(?)PM. More details will be found elsewhere in this issue of the *DXer*.

It will be at no cost to club members, their families and friends. Be sure to ask any prospective, future DX club members to attend. Again, it will be NO COST. Sodas, etc. will be on the club, but if you want anything stronger, feel free to bring your own!

So, please set aside the date and time to enjoy all of the members who will be able to attend a meeting without having to fight all of the usual Friday night commute traffic. TNX es 73.

Dick, W6KM



Doug Faunt, N6TQS

Basic Dxing by Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD

*Originally published in the WCDXB, 20 July 1976
(With a minor modification by VE1DX, 18 January 1997)*

One of the Local QRPer came up the hill last week and he was not happy. "Put me down as another one who missed VK0IR", he said. "Those high-powered, non-stop-calling Eastern types pushed the QRM needle off the peg at my place." We were properly sympathetic for a broken heart is a nagging burden. "Too bad", we said, hoping to ease the grief with some small talk, "we heard you in there calling and figured you'd worked them. We could not hear him here." The QRPer shrugged. "Oh, I wasn't hearing him. I was in there calling blind. Called for three days and got

nothing. Nothing at all with all that eastern QRM." We had to think this over a bit for it appeared something was not meshing. "If you could not hear him", we asked, "how would you ever know if he came back to your call? Wasn't that a bit of a futile effort to call blind?" The QRPer bristled. "Look", he said, "If I didn't call, how would they have heard my call and come back to me? Heck! That's basic DXing." We were still not getting the story. "But if you call blind and you are not hearing the DX station, how will you know when he comes back to you . . . if he does?" The QRPer started to bristle again . . . and it was apparent we had run our string. "I can see you really never will be a Big DXer", he said devastatingly. "You just cannot understand that they won't hear you if you don't call. You just don't understand!" Son of a Gun! Let's face it. There are

some of the Eternal Enigmas that only a few will understand. These are trying times in this world of DX, although for some more than others. We thought again about what the QRPer had told us. We pondered the Mysteries of the Ages, for there is often wisdom hidden beneath the surface and there are none so blind as those who will not see. After a few minutes, we decided a visit to the optometrist wasn't necessary . . . and while one of us wasn't seeing, we had convinced ourselves that our eyes were just fine! So we turned back to the rig and waited for the Heard Island boys to flash up again on fifteen.

The Great Days of DXing were at hand.

DX IS!

May Meeting Pictures by Dick Letrich, W6KM



Bud Bane, W6WB



The Deserving



Chuck Patterson, K6RK



Rolph Stoddard, W6TWO



Bill Fontes, W6TEX



Jack Troster, W6ISQ

Roster Updates

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K6DLC, Dan is now an EXTRA

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N6EK: New E-mail address:

fabry@home.com



Gislela, DK9GG & Gerd, DJ9KW
 Friends of Andreas, N6NU



A "Homebrew" Code Practice
 Oscillator

June Meeting Program Information

Bring your appetite and your choice for NCDXC Club Officers to the June meeting. No host attitude adjustment starts at 6:00 P.M. Then, between the hours of 7:00 and 8:00 P.M. the Club will be your host for beer and Rusty's famous pizza.

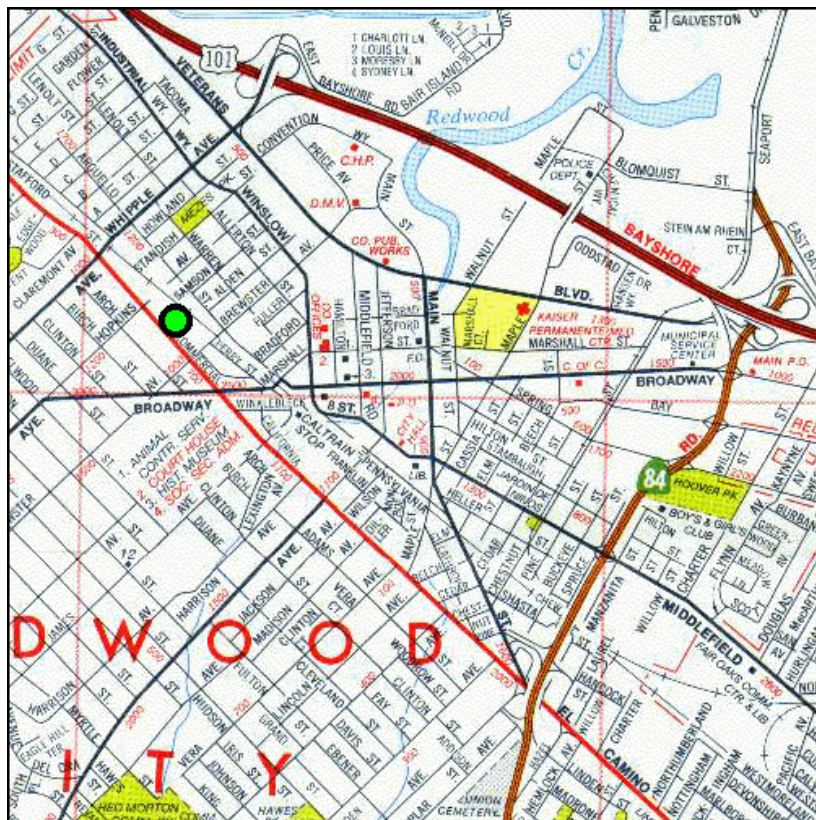
Then at 8:00 P.M., our business meeting will begin and culminate in the election of new Club Officers and Directors. Come be part of the process. Better still, become a candidate for office and be a leader. The Club needs you and your leadership.

The time is now! Be there!

Driving Directions & Map to the Meeting

From the North or South:

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



NCDXC Annual Picnic - July 8th

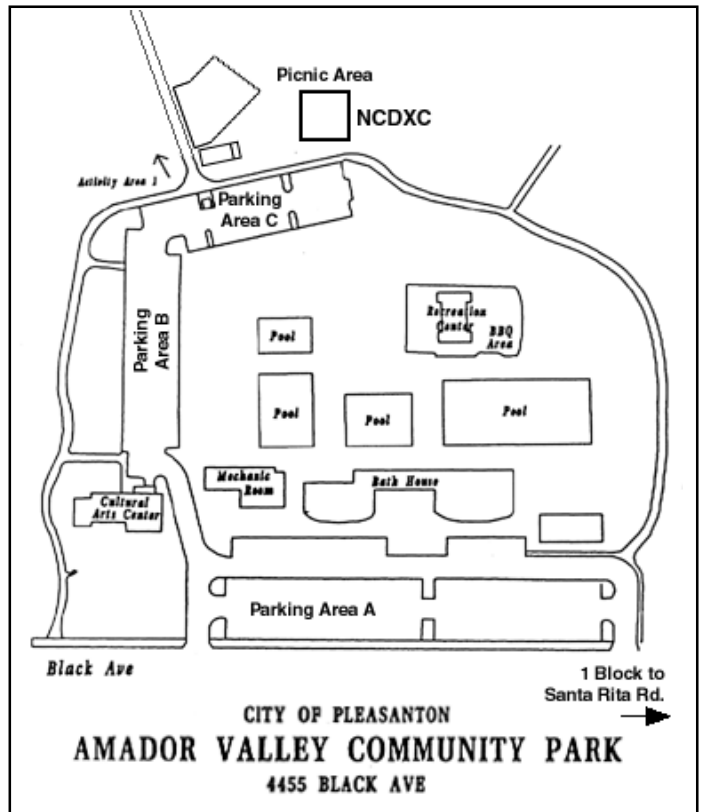
Free Food & Sodas for You, Your Family, Friends and Prospective Members*

Time: 11:00 A.M. Place: Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton

Menu: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Beans, Salads & Soda Pop. (Bring your own "hard stuff")



*** In order for us to plan properly, please, Call Dick Letrich, W6KM (408-267-2624) and let him know how many will attend.**



“Knock” Knochenhauer, K6ITL



Absorption Wavemeter



Jack Troster, W6ISQ

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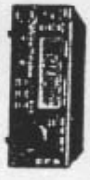


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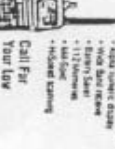
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