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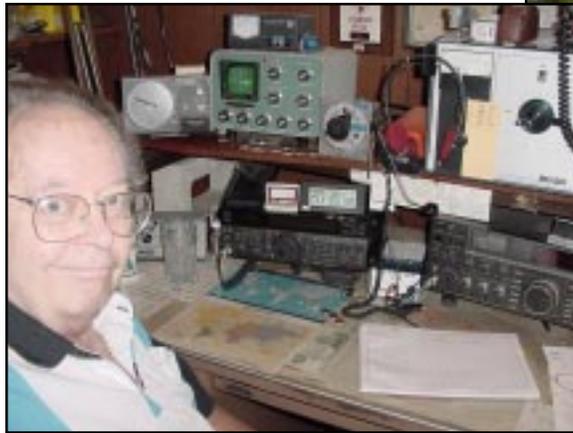


**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
DX CLUB**

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Stan Kuhl, K6MA

**5BDXCC
Honor Roll: 328 Mixed,
327 PH, 327 CW
Total: 363 Mixed,
351 PH, 335 CW**



General Meeting November 10, 2000

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

Program

**Info Not Available at press
time. Please, stay tuned to
W6TI for program information.**

NO DINNER

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

**Directions to the Meeting
(See Map on Page 3)**

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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D X C L U B

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President's Comments



I am writing this along with getting ready for our Directors' meeting. The main subject will be our 2000/2001 Budget. Our treasurer, Bill, WB6JJJ has prepared a proposed budget. It shows that without an anticipated "profit" of \$3,500 from the 2001 Convention, we will go into the red by about \$4,270. With the Convention profit, we still go into the red by \$770. What if the convention only breaks even or what if it shows a loss? We need to anticipate such an eventuality and balance our income with outgo. In alternate years we can get no help from the Convention.

We have received several requests for donations to DX-peditions and to the NCDXF. We are not as fat as some people think. For example, we have 30 life members who have paid their dues in advance. If these members have a life expectancy of 20 or more years, then \$14,400 of our bank balance is already earmarked to pay their dues. That's about 40% of our funds. We won't solve all the problems at one meeting, but we will look hard at reducing expenses. We may have to increase dues. We will also, talk about the cost of publishing a paper DXer.

We will nominate a DX QSL card checker.

Some of you (*many of you -Ed.*) missed a great program on crystal radios (that's galena) put on by Larry, WR6K at our last meeting.

Prior to the last meeting I had great sandwich at the "City Pub", a few doors down from Rusty's old pizza place. I'll look for others there about 6:00 PM prior to meetings.

73, Chuck, K6RK.



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

*Members who have not remitted dues by the 30 September deadline are considered dropped from the membership roles. Those desiring to renew membership may do so anytime, but will not be included in the new issue of the NCDXC Roster .

Absentee Member Dues are \$16.00 per year.

Editor's Choice

You may notice that this issue is much skinnier than those in previous months. Maybe there's a reason for that. Either you don't have much to share or the *DXer* isn't very interesting anymore. Actually, this same analogy could be extended to the Club itself.

Poor meeting attendance and lack of participation in Club activities and leadership, could signify that either there is very little interest in the Club or that the Club itself, isn't very interesting. For some time now, I've had the opinion that the general membership is content to just sit on the sidelines and, in effect, say, "entertain me!" But, it don't work that way.

A single individual (the Vice President, in this case) should not be expected to shoulder the entire responsibility of conceiving good programs. It's every member's responsibility to be on the lookout for programs that would be interesting to the rest of our members. But, that's only part of it. Our Vice President needs to hear about it, so he can make the contact and arrange for the program. It's just basic teamwork.

In a similar way, EVERY ONE OF US needs to get involved in Club activities. Failure to do so, means that all of the Club's work falls onto the shoulders of only a few. And these few will soon "burn out". Upon witnessing this, potential leaders would be reluctant to get involved and the downward spiral perpetuates itself. So, gang, it's up to you! If you want a strong vibrant Club, IT'S TIME TO GET INVOLVED!

For our part, we would like to share YOUR activities with our Club members. If you're planning a DX-pedition or taking part in one; or building a super contest station or a super duper amplifier; or had a super contest score or took part in one, please send us the details and we will share them with your friends and peers.

Oh! And, by the way: these would also, be good topics for presentations! Hope to hear from you soon.

73, George, W6YD

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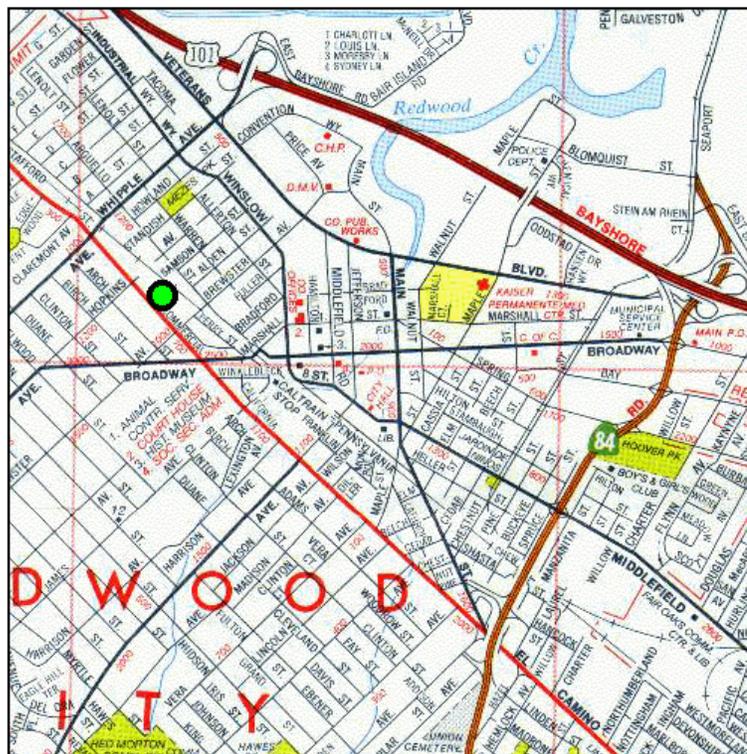
This month, we shine the spotlight on Stan Kuhl, a member of NCDXC since February 1963. His sponsor was none other than W6CBE, who we now know as Ron, W6VG. Stan's previous call was W6JKJ. And, since Stan prefers to operate CW, you can easily see the advantage of his current call over his old one. Stan has over 30 QSL cards from all over the world with the same suffix of "MA". Wow! I only have one with my same suffix.

Stan's station/shack is well equipped. His main rig is an ICOM-737 and he has an IC-765 as a back-up. His "active tuner" as he calls it, is a Henry 2KD5 with a pair of 3-500Z's. The antenna is a KLM KT-34A at 60 feet. And just below that is a WARC rotatable dipole for 10,18 & 24 MHz. He also has an inverted vee for 40 meters. His "new country needs" are simple... the P5! He enjoys Honor Roll status and has 5BDXCC. Stan has won the club Marathon several times and has way too many awards to even begin to tell you about all of them. In the past, Stan has served as Club Secretary for two years and also has done duty as Club Treasurer for 2 years. He was the 1994-1995 DXer of the Year. Stan continues to support the club and attends as many meetings as he can. I asked him if he had ever been on a DX-pedition and with a twinkle in his eye he said YES. "I went out with a group to put Alcatraz on the air for the first time!"

It sure is great to see so many seasoned Hams keeping active, continuing to enjoy our hobby and just never slowing down. Stan is one of the Classics.... Many thanks to Stan and his XYL, Hazel for a nice visit.

Gud DX, Stan. Dick, W6KM

Map to the Meeting



Unified Field Theory by Paul Dunphy, VE1DX

Although Sunspot Louie was predicting a bit more doom and gloom before the sunspots returned, we were sitting in the autumn sun musing about the Great Days of DXing that were not far around the corner. We thought of the days a few years ago when 10- meters was wide open well after dark and we were confident that it wouldn't be too long before we would be adding to our 28 MHz total again.

About this time, one of the Local QRPers came strolling by, looking somewhat confused. "Why do we have these solar cycles?", he asked, "Why isn't the flux 200-250 all the time?" We stopped the rocking chair and looked at the QRPer carefully. "Well," we replied slowly, "we've never considered why. We've read about the historical data and we can confirm that they occur at about 11-year intervals, but we never asked why . . . that's just the way it is. Like the seasons of the year, or the phases of the moon. It's a natural phenomena." The QRPer wasn't listening to the philosophical answer. "No, no", he replied, "I mean what's the scientific reason? Why is it 11-years? Why not 3 or 6? Or, better yet, why doesn't it stay up all the time. Can't NASA or the scientists at the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena do something about it?"

It took us about two seconds to realize we were out of our league, so we hauled the QRPer up the hill to the Old Timer. "Why do we have 11-year sunspot cycles?", the QRPer repeated, looking directly at the Old Timer with his beady little eyes. The Old Timer glanced right back at the QRPer and spoke without missing a beat, "To separate the DXers from the rest of the amateur population. To create the two types of amateurs, DXers and those who want to be." The QRPer stared at the Old Timer with a baffled look. "But why 11 years?", he asked again. "If you have to ask, you won't understand the answer.", the Old Timer replied, and that was all that he would say. The QRPer shrugged, puzzled and not sure what he was missing. So he wandered down the hill, still pondering this most important Eternal Enigma and muttering about writing off to NASA to get a "straight answer."

We turned to the Old Timer and smiled. "You sure can pick them out, can't you?", we said. The Old Timer was silent for a moment, then replied: "As Albert so well put it: 'God does not play dice with the universe.' And even Albert would concede that someone rolled a seven with that particular QRPer!" Son of a Gun! The Old Timer had discovered the Unified Field Theory! It was one of the components of DX IS! These sure are exciting times in the world of DX, and maybe even nuclear physics!

Best Regards, Paul



W6OD & W6JD



W6OD & his DXCC Stamps

Meeting Pictures



Ron, NC6U



Larry, WR6K



Hi-Q Receiving Coils



Part of the Program by WR6K

BOD Meeting Pix



K6RK & WB6JJJ



W6TWO, W6WB & W6VG



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KN6K & W6WB

Annual Christmas Party

When: Friday December 8, 2000. No host bar at 1830, dinner at 1930.

Where: Same as usual: Martinelli's Steak Pit
1180 El Camino Real
Milbrae



Menu:

Entree: Choice of 8 oz. prime rib, fillet of sole or chicken saute sec

Includes: Wine, green salad, relish tray, pasta starter, vegetables, potato (rice with fish) and Martinelli's cheesy french bread.

Price is \$22.00 (tax and tip included).

Entertainment is scheduled to be Ken Keeler, N6RO and his Dixieland Band. Bring the XYL (or OM), kids, potential club members.

Please send your check, payable to the NCDXC along with your choice of entree to:



Doug Westover, W6JD
717 Los Robles
Palo Alto, CA 94306



Payment must be received by December 4.

Directions to Martinelli's Steak Pit

From 101 or 280: Take the Milbrae Ave. exit to El Camino. Turn north on El Camino to Center St. Center has a light. Turn right onto center and then right into Martinelli's parking lot.

If you're coming from the North here's an alternate: From 101 or 280 take the 380 exit to El Camino. Turn south on El Camino and about 2 miles to Center St. Left on Center and then right into Martinelli's parking lot.



