

# DXer



**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
DX CLUB**

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## *DXer Profile: W6ZX, Alex Meyer*



### **General Meeting February 9, 2001**

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

#### **Program**

**Restoring Vintage Ham Gear  
Les Zweibel, WB6ORZ**

#### **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).**

**Next Meeting: March 9th  
Program**

**History of Ham Gear  
Gary Halverson, WB9MZU**

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C A L I F O R N I A  
D X C L U B

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Trustee: Bob Vallio, W6RGG

Comm. Chairman: Robert Smithwick, W6CS

Club simplex: 147.54 MHz (suggested)

Thurs. Net QTR: 8 pm local time.

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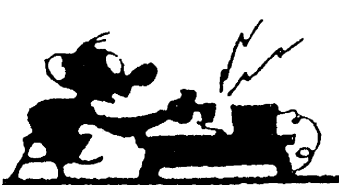
**W6TI DX Bulletins:**

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.

**Club address:** Box 608  
 Menlo Park, CA  
 94026-0608

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## President's Comments



A couple of great programs are lined up for our next two meetings. The February 9th meeting will feature our Club member, Les Zweibel, WB6ORZ, who will enlighten us on the restoration of old ham gear. Then in March, Gary Halverson, WB9MZU will take us through the history of ham radio gear with a special emphasis on equipment designed and made by our own Bud Bane, W6WB. Remember the "final, final"?

It's contest time! The ARRL International DX contest CW will take place on the weekend of February 17-18. Then the phone contest happens a month later. Remember, we have an on-going rivalry between Northern California and Southern California for the perpetual trophy!

The DX'er of the year committee is off and running. Send your nominations to the Chairman, Ted Algren, KA6W. See your Procedures Manual for criteria. Deadline is March 10<sup>th</sup>.

George, W6YD, our DX Convention Chairman moved to Los Banos so he could be closer to Visalia. See our web page for details and to download a registration form. Dick, W6KM is handling the pre-registration duties. See you there April 20-22.

73, Chuck, K6RK

### NCDXC Dues Information

**Full and Associate Members;**

<u>Date Dues are Paid</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Family Rate</u>
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.**

**General Meeting**

(No Minutes Received)

**BOD Meeting**

(No Minutes Received)

**AC6V to go to VP5**

*Ed Radlo sends us this announcement. Look for him in the ARRL DX CW Contest. -Ed.*

I will be operating from North Caicos Island in the Turks and Caicos group next month in the ARRL DX CW Contest, single operator all-band category. Look for me on all 6 bands. My callsign will be VP5U. Before and after the contest, my callsign will be VP5/AJ6V. QSL both calls to WA4WTG.

73, Ed Radlo, AJ6V

**ARRL DX Contest**

In his President's Comments, K6RK mentioned the ARRL DX Contests (CW & Phone). This is the annual competition between the Northern and Southern California Clubs. So, if you are able, get on the air and make some QSO's for the North. You'll need to report your scores to Doug, W6JD so he can compile them for the inter club competition.

Gud Luck & Gud DX!

George, W6YD

**Meeting Pictures by W6KM**



**K6RK & W6TWO  
Swapping Tales**



**Two New Faces  
Join the Deserving**



**WB6JJJ Catches  
the Action**



## Pre-Registration Form

### International DX Convention (Visalia) April 20-22, 2001

Banquet Meal Choice(s):

C = Chicken, P = Prime Rib, S = Salmon (Circle Below)

		<u>Meal</u>
Name _____	Call _____	C P S
Name _____	Call _____	C P S
Name _____	Call _____	C P S
Name _____	Call _____	C P S

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country, USA or (?) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Registration, Post Marked by 4-7-01, \$60.00 per person. — \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Amateur: Dinner & Breakfast only, \$35.00 per person — \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

After 4-7-01 or at the Convention = \$65.00. ————Your Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Please, make check payable to: NCDXC Convention 01.

*( Please, do not send cash! )*

Mail this Form and payment to: IDXC c/o Dick Letrich, W6KM

3686 Kirk Road

San Jose, CA 95124-3816

Convention Location: Holiday Inn Plaza Park,  
 9000 W. Airport Drive, Visalia, CA  
 Tel. 559-651-5000



## Visalia Convention

Planning and organizing activities for IDXC 2001 are going ahead “full throttle”. We’re happy to report that Tom Schiller, N6BT has again consented to be Master of Ceremonies for the banquet and breakfast. If you were there for IDXC 99 in Fresno, you will recall that he did a masterful job. We’re very grateful to have him on the team.

In the program department, we’ve lined up Garry Shapiro, NI6T and Tom Harrell, N4XP to present the KR2000 story at the banquet. Garry has done a couple of test runs of this program in Bay Area and they were well received. This has given him a chance to fine tune the presentation, which we’re sure will be well received at Visalia.

Also, for the deserving: US Tower will again be hosting the famous Saturday barbeque at their plant out on Marcin Road. They’ll be running two shuttle busses to get people to an from the event. Be prepared to bring your appetite for both food and ham radio towers and enjoy this fine event.

Bill Fontes, W6TEX is coordinating the golf tourney for us. Anyone needing to sign up for that, can contact him either at his Email address (w6tex@best.com) or via the tel numbers listed in the roster.

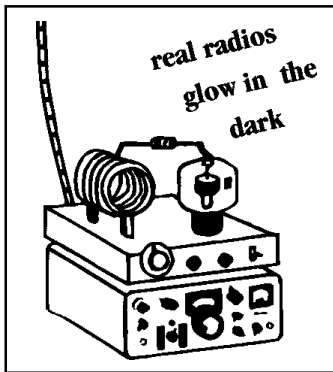
We have now have a web page attached to the Club’s Web Site at [www.ncdxc.org](http://www.ncdxc.org). Once you’re

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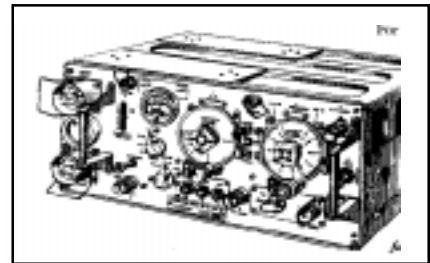
## February Program Information by AA6W

### Restoring Vintage Ham Gear

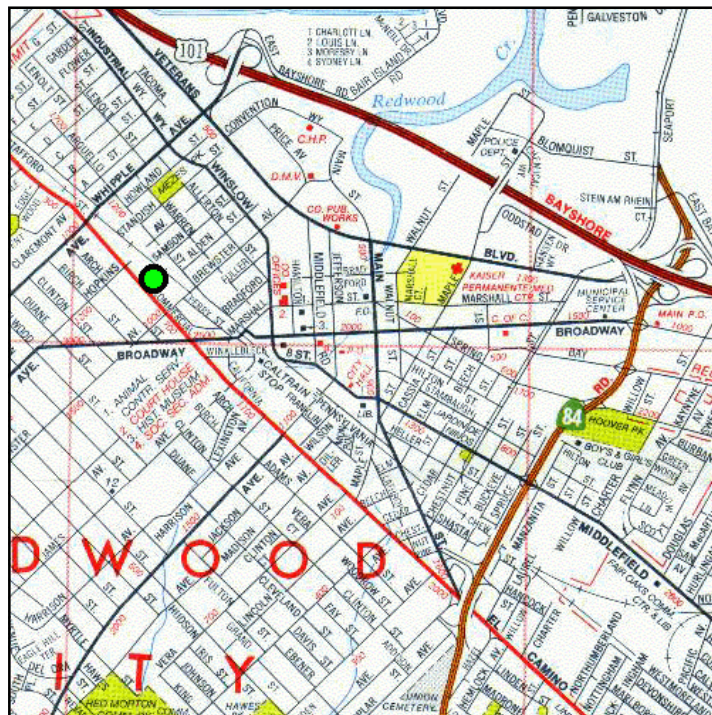
Les Zwiebel, WB6ORZ, a local collector and restorer of fine, old vacuum tube gear will discuss hints, kinks, joys, and (occasional) sorrows of “keeping the old ones going.” Topics will also include an orientation to the Internet resources, and parts suppliers available to the vintage buff or dabbler. Slides of some of the “classics” will surely evoke some FB nostalgia.



Don Anastasia, AA6W



### Map to Meeting Site



## DXer of the Year Nominations

Ted Algren, KA6W Chairman of this year's DXer of the Year Committee advises us that the committee is open to receive nominations.

As you know, the Committee consists of the Chairman (KA6W) and two other members who are appointed by the Board of Directors. The other appointed members are; Rusty Epps, W6OAT and Keith Butts, KN6K. These three appointed members then select two silent members whose identities remain undisclosed.

The criteria for selection of the DXer of the Year are spelled out in the NCDXC Procedures Manual. The Manual also states that when nobody meets the criteria, a DXer of the year selection may not necessarily be made for the year. So, please consider your nominations carefully. Once you've decided, send your nominations to any of the three named members at their Email or postal (snail mail) addresses listed in the roster. Nominations close on March 10, 2001.

The DXer of the Year selection will be announced at the Saturday banquet at the International DX Convention in Visalia.



Charlie Werth, WA6MME in Grass Valley with his 72 ft US Tower. It has a 14 ft mast with a Mosely Pro 95B on top. Thanks for the picture, Charlie.

## DXCC Announces New 17 Meter Award

*The following was sent to us by Jack Troster, W6ISQ. It just missed making it into the January DXer. Jack has added a few words of wisdom to help us all "get it right" -Ed*

DXCC is pleased to announce the addition of a 17 Meter Single Band DXCC award. Applications for this award will be accepted beginning January 2, 2001. 17 Meter DXCC certificates will be dated but not numbered. 17 meter credits will also count toward the DeSoto Cup competition for the year 2001.

If you do not know what credits you have on 17 meters, you may contact DXCC for an update prior to applying. This will help avoid duplicates and additional costs. If you have web access and can handle ADOBE (.pdf) files, contact DXCC at [dxcc@arrl.org](mailto:dxcc@arrl.org) for a copy of your record. If you do not have web access, please send a note to DXCC along with \$1.50 for postage or an SASE with \$1.50 in postage. For further information, please contact DXCC at [dxcc@arrl.org](mailto:dxcc@arrl.org).

Here is a bit more info on the 17M DXCC thing. (*This is a message from W6ISQ to Bill Moore, NCIL.* -Ed.)

Bill:

Just read the statement about 17 M now being open for new DXCC listing. I want to forward the statement to our local DX Club newsletter, but want to clear up a small matter. I have about 120 or so 17M cards, which have been approved by DXCC desk and I have received a little sticker for reaching the 100 mark. It is now stuck on the 5BDXCC plaque. I now have about 100 more 17M cards. Now I can just submit those 100 cards for further credit. Is that correct? So I will wind up with — say—220 on 17M.

Also, henceforth, there will be a 17M column printed on the summary sheets you return with our approved all-band DXCC credits. i.e. alongside the 160-80-40-etc listings. If people are using the new electronic card checking method of card submission, they will go ahead with that method when submitting for credit.

Thanks for anything you can send along to be sure the boys submit for 17M properly. P.S. I still like the mailing of cards in to you—hi. Have a fine New Year and tnx

73, Jack, W6ISQ

(*And Bill's reply.* -Ed.)

Hi Jack:

Yes, if one has 100 on file then they can apply for the award. As long as no cards are sent in they only need to send the \$10 certificate fee. If cards are sent then is it \$10 for the certificate and \$10 for the submission fee (first submission) plus postage. Copies of records will now consist of the 17 meter band also.

73, bm

## **DXer Profile: W6ZX, Alex Meyer**

DXer Profile this month features Alex Meyer, W6ZX. He is easy to find in the Club Roster. His is the last call on the last page. But that's about the only time you will find Alex last at anything. There is no telling just where on the bands or on what mode you may catch Alex. Here is a quick rundown of his operating: he has 341 confirmed in mixed mode (guess what country he still needs to have them all). He has 336 worked and 333 confirmed on SSB; 324 worked and 322 confirmed on CW; (Hold on! We're not done yet!) 328 confirmed on RTTY and 258 worked on mobile with 243 confirmed.

Now you would think with all of this, Alex would be burned out. Hey, by the time you get this DXer, Alex will be starting up on 6 Meters with his new KENWOOD rig. Thank goodness that he is retired and can find some free time.

He joined the club in May of 1996 and some may recall that his original call was WB6AFJ. But he has also held the call signs of PA9AQF and ON/WB6AFJ. He has operated from DL, F, G, GJ, GM, GW, HB, HB0, KH6, KH7, LX, ON, OZ, PA, SM, VE, VK, VS6, W, XE, YB, ZL and 9V. That is more DX than some Hams have ever worked. All this and he has only been licensed since 1962.

His main HF rig is a YAESU FT-1000 with a KENWOOD TS-930S as his backup. He has so many VHF & UHF rigs running so many modes that they can't all be listed. But rest assured! He uses them all. The HF tower is self-supporting and at the top is a TH-7, again topped by WARC sets. He has excellent wire antennas for 40 and 80. The tuner is a B&W US1500A and his crown jewel is an ALPHA 87A. The station is not just impressive, but also functional as is evidenced by his many achievements.

GUD LUCK on 6 Meters Alex—I am glad that I don't operate there and have to go up against you! It was a fun visit.

*Is your station next? 73, Dick, W6KM.*



**Dick Kors, KM6EP**  
Guest Speaker at the January Meeting



**A Control Module from an Amateur Rocket.**

## **Convention (Cont'd)**

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there, you can follow the links to the information pages. These will be updated on a regular basis to add new information as things progress. You can also have a look (in full color) at the patch design. It doesn't look good in black & white, so it has been omitted from the *DXer*.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

73, George, W6YD

## **Help Wanted!!**

Just in case the foregoing article gave you the impression that everything is going along great with the Convention, well it isn't. We **STILL** need many volunteers to serve on committees and some to chair committees. They're not big jobs, but they **ARE** important. And the Convention cannot be a success without someone doing them.

So, if you can spare some time for the Convention, why not pitch in and be a part of the team that will pull it off. Please Email me at [w6yd@aol.com](mailto:w6yd@aol.com) and let me know you're available to help.

Remember: I can't do it alone and I will not let the convention be unsuccessful. If I can't get help in our Club, I'll look elsewhere for it. I **HOPE** it doesn't come to that, but I will, if we don't get the help here. Please, pitch in and do your part so I don't have to.

George, W6YD



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