

DXer



**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
DX CLUB**

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DXer of the Year: AA6G, Chuck Vaughn

Chuck Vaughn, AA6G was named the Northern California DX Club's **DXer of the Year** at the Saturday evening banquet of the International DX Convention in Visalia. Ted Algren, KA6W, Chairman of the DXer of the Year Selection Committee cited Chuck's involvement in Club activities, his DXCC standing and his involvement in many areas of DXing as factors contributing to his selection.

For those who are unfamiliar with Chuck's activities and involvement in the Club, he has served as an officer, committee chair, project member and provided the club with presentations when needed. He has operated from Bora Bora, contest sites, field day sites and has worked all of the DX countries. He works the satellites, 6 meters, and is very active in the hobby. He presently provides the club with sysop responsibilities and is webmaster for the NCDXC WEB site. One only needs to look at the NCDXC web site (www.ncdxc.org) to see his handy work. He also has his own web site (www.aa6g.org) where you can view his other scientific interests. Chuck is an exemplary member of the NCDXC and an outstanding emissary for Amateur Radio in general.

Please, join us in congratulating Chuck Vaughn, AA6G as your DXer of the Year.



IDXC 2001 Registration Desk manned by (L to R) K6TA, Ken Anderson; WB6JJJ, Bill Maurer; N6TNW & N6TNX, Shirly & Dick Zuttermeister.

General Meeting May 11, 2001

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

Program

**Barry Bettman, K6ST presents:
"Living Your Dreams": IOTA
Dxpeditions to two never be-
fore activated remote islands
in Alaska.**

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



What a great weekend it was! A great convention! Just by memory I would say at least 1/3 of the NCDXC membership was present.

Congratulations to George, W6YD and all the helpers for a great show. The idea of a welcome session on Saturday morning was a stroke of genius! It gave us a chance to greet the first-timers and to say hello to the foreign visitors. I came in and sat down beside a Britisher, Neville, G3NUG. We had pleasant conversation, but I didn't realize until Sunday morning that he was the head honcho behind the D68C DXpedition and the star of the Sunday morning breakfast presentation!

It's that time again - elections are coming in June and all offices are open. I will serve again in whatever position seems appropriate. But I will need lots of help. If you have doubts or questions about your ability to fill any of the jobs, please give me a call. I will explain and bend your arm!

One more time: any program ideas or volunteers for programs, please let me know. Mark your calendars on July 14th for our annual picnic.

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.

What Does It Mean?

Each day last month, as my mailman came by, I could hear him grumbling about all the mail I was getting. It was especially heavy, as I had been receiving pre-registrations for the IDXC 2001 Convention.

I was really amazed at the number of DXers from the Bay Area, who registered for the Convention, but who weren't members of the NCDXC. While it is true that a small percentage of that number were ex-NCDXC members, the overwhelming majority were not, nor had they ever been members of the NCDXC! Surely, they're aware of our fine club. So why aren't they interested in joining? Maybe they just aren't interested in belonging to another club. And, that's okay! But, maybe they just don't know about us. And, if that is true, the question then becomes one of, "Why don't they know about us"?

Perhaps we should take our cue from ARRL President, Jim Haynie, W5JBP, who spoke at the Saturday Banquet in Visalia. Mr. Haynie urged us all to become salespeople for our hobby. It follows that we also need to be salespeople for the NCDXC. We need to go forth and share the benefits of NCDXC membership with other DXers. But, before we can do that, we need to address another issue.

We have a large membership base right here in the Bay Area. They're good members who pay their dues regularly. But, they just don't get involved in the month to month club activities. GEE, are they missing out! If, by chance you fit this profile and you have any thoughts or suggestions you think would perk up your interest, PLEASE, speak up. Give one of your Club officers a phone call or drop them an email to just run your thoughts by them. Maybe you have the magic secret that will bring back some of the old GLOW that goes along with being a member of the NCDXC. When the word gets around that the NCDXC has good programs, lots of energy and involvement, then we'll have a story to tell and excitement to sell. The NCDXC NEEDS you!

73 es CU @ the Monthly Meeting.
Dick, W6KM & George, W6YD

Picnic Set for July 14th in Pleasanton

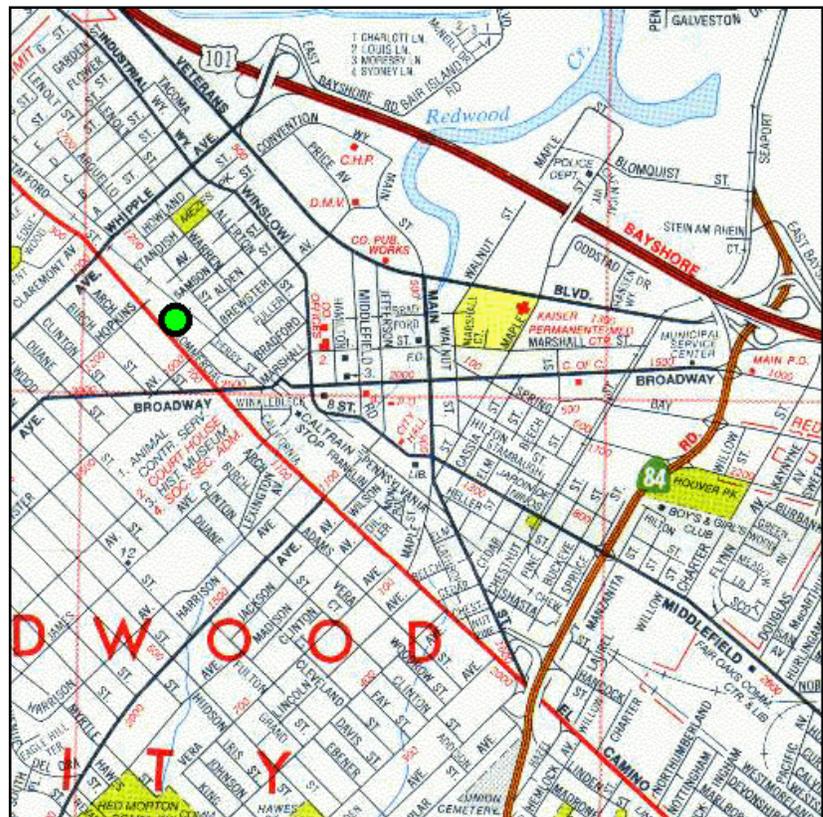
Well folks this is the time to meet many of the members who are unable to make the Monthly Friday night meetings. Distance and traffic (which gets worse every year) tend to keep away many, who once made the meetings on a regular basis. The picnic gives you an opportunity to meet with your old friends. We hope you will give some serious thought to the idea of attending the Club Picnic. Since there is no regular meeting scheduled in July, the picnic gives you the alternative of attending on a Saturday. Besides, it gives you a valid excuse to get you out of cutting the lawn or to postpone whatever honey-do's you're obligated to.

It's also, our annual "Farewell to the outgoing club officers" and "Welcome to the new ones" fun picnic. Please plan on attending. I have it from a good source that both of the cooks have now had enough practice, that they will FLING THOSE BURGERS AND SOCK THOSE DOGGIES as fast as you can eat 'em. Next month we will publish a map for those of you who have not been able to make it in the past. Be sure to invite any prospective Hams or Future club members. Again be sure to mark your calendar TODAY!

Oh! Before I forget; it's a Ham's Delight... IT'S FREE! Just bring yourself, Wife, Kids and/or a guest..

73 Dick, W6KM

Map to the Meeting



Convention Pictures by W6KM



Pile Up at the Banquet Table Reservation Desk



ARRL President, Jim Haynie, W5JBP



Jim Maxwell, W6CF & Gerry Griffin, K6MD



Emcee, Tom Schiller, N6BT



US Towers Saturday Barbecue



George Allan, W6YD & Harvey Shore, K6EXO (Alias: Frick & Frack)



Bud Bane, W6WB & Rolph Stoddard, W6TWO



**Verne Anderson, W6LPM;
Dick Le Massena, W6KH
& Chuck Patterson, K6RK**

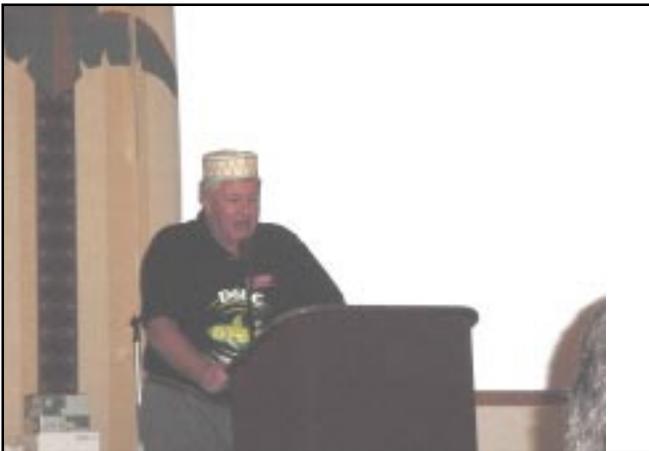
Convention Pictures by W6KM



Mae & Bob Ferrero, W6RJ



Bill Heather, KB6WKT winner of the Grand Prize, a Yaesu Mark-V FT100MP



Neville Cheadle, G3NUG Presented an Outstanding Program on Comoros, D68C at the Sunday Breakfast



Sylvia & George Allan, W6YD



Nancy & Ron Rasmussen, K6OP & Bill Maurer, WB6JJJ



Rolph Stoddard, W6TWO & Alex Meyer, W6ZX

Convention Report by George, W6YD

Well IDXC 2001 in Visalia is now history. To say it was a success could be the understatement of the year. While the weather outside was cold, the spirit inside the Holiday Inn Plaza Park was warm and friendly.

We had 518 pre-registered for the convention and 55 walk-in registrations - about 100 more than we had in attendance in 1999. We were very privileged to also have ARRL President, Jim Haynie, W5JBP in attendance.

The convention got off to a rousing start with the Friday Evening Happy Hour, which was co-sponsored by DX Publishing, Radiodan and the NCDXC. Then, early Saturday morning, the NCDXC hosted a newcomers and VIP welcome, which gave everyone an opportunity to mingle with the Big Time DXers.

The Convention program officially began at 8:30 AM on Saturday morning with opening remarks by Jim Maxwell, W6CF and Jim Haynie, W5JBP. Then the scheduled programs began. There was the DX Forum, the Contest Forum and a Top Band DXers Forum. There were presentations on the subjects of Antenna Disasters, Weatherproofing Towers, Antenna Logic and DX-Peditions to Timor and Niger.

Ken Anderson, K6TA assembled a crew of twenty-one QSL card checkers. He and his team processed in excess of 5000 cards and 83 DXCC applications! This is the equivalent of a week-ends work and was accomplished in the astonishing time of just TWO HOURS!

US Towers again invited conventioners to their manufacturing facility on Marcin Street for the ever popular barbecue. It was well attended, in spite of the unusually cold weather. US Tower President, **Bruce Kopitar, WB6UST** hosted the event.

The programs ended at 17:00 and were followed by a cocktail party co-sponsored by Ham Radio Outlet and the NCDXC. Libations began at 17:30 and continued until 19:00 when the doors were opened for the Saturday evening banquet. The 575 attendees heard **Garry Shapiro, NI6T** and **Ned Sterns, AA7A** talk on the K5K DX-Pedition to Kingman Reef. The 447 conventioners who stayed for the Sunday breakfast were treated to an excellent program on the recent Comoros, D68C DX-Pedition. **Neville Cheadle, G3NUG** delivered the program and was treated to a standing ovation at its conclusion. The Grand Prize, a Yaesu Mark-V FT1000MP was won by **Bill Heather, KB6WKT**.

There is a LONG LIST of people to thank for making this years convention happen. First and foremost, I want to thank **Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV** and **Rusty Epps, W6OAT** for their outstanding work in arranging an exceptional lineup of programs. Their energy and enthusiasm was contagious. They were assisted by **Steve Dyer, W1SRD**, who was our Audio/Visual Guru and by **Dennis Utley, AF7Y**, who supplied the state of the art LCD projectors for us and the technical know how to make them work. Then **Dick Letrich, W6KM** who was Pre-registration Chairman and did a yeoman's job on it. Dick turned the money over to our treasurer, **Bill Maurer, WB6JJJ**. Bill was also on hand throughout the convention to handle the money and to see that a variety of things got done. I am always pleased when **Ken & Kay Anderson, K6TA & K6KO** are a part of the committee. They always seem to be in the right place with the right suggestions to make things work smoothly. This year was no exception and you have already heard about the QSL Card checking. I was pleasantly surprised to have **Dick and Shirley Zuttermeister, N6TNX & N6TNW** volunteer to help us at the registration table. They did a superb job.

The Redwood Empire DX Association under the leadership of **Len Geraldi, K6ANP & Rich Carbine, W6UDS** shouldered the responsibility of the Prize Committee. Assisting them with raffle prize distribution was **Marilyn Bagshaw, N6VAW**.

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W6ZKM, SK

It is with deep regret that we report the passing of Frank Holst, W6ZKM on April 25, 2001 at the VA Hospital in Menlo Park, California. He was 79.

Frank was first licensed in 1947. He had served as a club officer and was a life member of the Northern California DX Club. Memorial services were held on Monday, April 30, 2001 at the Colonial Mortuary in Mountain View and a Requiem Mass was held on Tuesday, May 1, 2001 at Our Lady of Most Holy Rosary Chapel in San Jose. He was laid to rest in the Mission San Jose Cemetary in Santa Clara.

We were proud to call him a friend. We will miss him profoundly.

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John Kelly, KG6XF and his wife, **Julie** did a splendid job on raffle ticket sales. They were assisted by **Ron Rasmussen, K6OP**, who is a well known absentee member, now living in Sun City, Arizona. Another out of area volunteer, **Tuck Miller, NZ6T** handled the banquet table reservations for us. Tuck is a member of the San Diego DX Club.

Finally, I want to mention and publicly thank **my wife, Sylvia** for her support and assistance. She tolerated my shenanigans and allowed me to concentrate on the jobs to be done. Then she single-handedly stuffed all of the pre-reg envelopes for us, making it unnecessary for the committee to meet and complete that task. Finally, she staffed the walk-in registration desk almost constantly during the convention.

It's still a bit early to determine the financial success of IDXC 2001, but as conventions go, this had to be one of the best ever. Please join me in thanking all of these people for making it happen.

George Allan, W6YD

Letter from Jim Haynie, W5JBP



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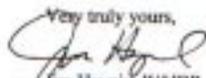
April 23, 2001

Mr. George Allan, W6YD, Chairman
 2001 International DX Convention
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Dear Mr. Allan:

I want to thank you for my invitation to the *2001 International DX Convention* this past weekend in Visalia. I had a wonderful time visiting and sharing the weekend with all the DX enthusiasts. Your hospitality was outstanding and I sincerely appreciated everyone's efforts to make my time in California an enjoyable experience.

My congratulations are extended to everyone that helped make the convention a success. You did a wonderful job promoting the world of Amateur Radio and should be commended on your collective efforts. Keep up the good work!

Very truly yours,

 Jim Haynie, W5JBP
 President

CC: Jim Maxwell, W6CF, Pacific Division Director
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More Pictures



**Cathy & Carl Gardenias,
 N6DXC & WU6D**



**The NCDXF Table
 staffed by Dave Pugatch, KI6WF and
 Chuck Ternes, N6OJ**



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