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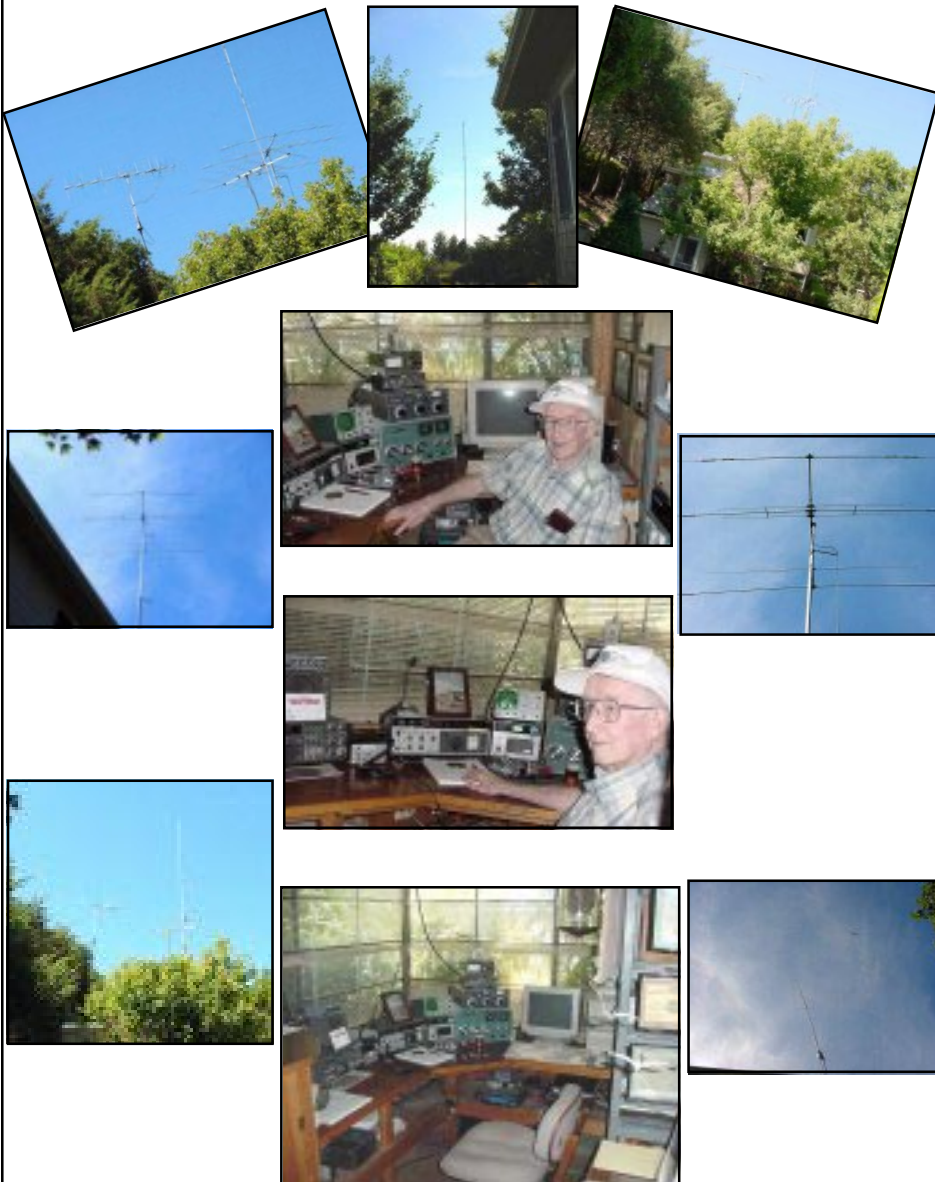


**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
DX CLUB**

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DXer Profile: W6YHM, Don Eberlein



The Neat Shack & Antennas at W6YHM. See Story on Page 7.

No General Meeting in July.

Instead, we will have the
**Annual NCDXC Picnic
July 14th at 11:00 AM**

at the

**Amador Valley
Community Park**

**4455 Black Avenue
in Pleasanton.**

See Map and driving
directions on page 6, herein.

No Meeting in August!

Enjoy your Vacation!

**Membership Dues
are Due Now!**

See Page 2 for details

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

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President: Chuck Patterson, K6RK
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 Treasurer: Bill Maurer, WB6JJJ
 Director: Dick Letrich, W6KM
 Director: Bud Bane, W6WB
 Director: Rolph Stoddard, W6TWO

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Frequency/offset: 147.36 MHz, +

Trustee: Bob Vallio, W6RGG

Comm. Chairman: Robert Smithwick, W6CS

Club simplex: 147.54 MHz (suggested)

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DX News: Net Control Operator

Swap Shop: Ben Deovlet, W6FDU

QSL Information: Mac McHenry, W6BSY

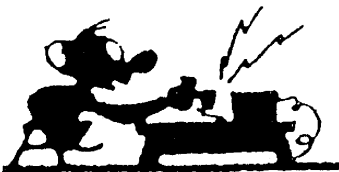
W6TI DX Bulletins:

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



As expected, we had a hotly contested election at our June 8 meeting. I will serve again as president. Tom, K6TS will be vice pres. Ben, W6FDU will be treasurer. Ron, W6VG will be secretary. Rolf, W6TWO, Dick, W6KM and Bud, W6WB will be the directors. It was nice to see Pete, W6OOL and Rich, K7ZV at the meeting.

Our picnic is coming up July 14th. Dick, W6KM and his XYL, Pat are getting ready for it. Let Dick know if you're coming and how many will be in your party.

I think we all wish we could go back to the good old days when we could have a drink and a meal along with our meetings. We sure used to get a larger turnout. Two of our members, Ben, W6FDU and Tom, K6TS have done a lot of research and come up with an alternate meeting place. They are suggesting Harry's Hof Brau in Redwood City. It is located on El Camino, just a few blocks SE of the Legion Hall where we meet at present. The food is good and there is a private area available. There's one hitch: it's not available on Friday nights! But as of a month or so back, Thursday night was available.

Enclosed with this copy of the *DX'er* is an envelope for your dues check. Also, on page 3 is a questionnaire regarding the proposed meeting place. Please indicate your preferences on the questionnaire and get both in the mail right away.

We will not meet in August, but we will meet once more at the Legion Hall in September. At that time we will make a decision regarding a future meeting place.

See most of you at the picnic. 73, Chuck, K6RK

2001-2002 NCDXC Officers

The following is your Northern California DX Club Board of Directors for 2001-2002;

President:	K6RK,	Chuck Patterson
Vice-President:	K6TS,	Tom Jones
Secretary:	W5VG,	Ron Panton
Treasurer:	W6FDU,	Ben Deovlet
Director:	W6KM,	Dick Letrich
Director:	W6TWO,	Rolf Stoddard
Director	W6WB,	Bud Bane

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 Minutes

MINUTES OF NCDXC meeting of June 8, 2001. Meeting was called to order at 8:04 P.M by President, K6RK. Guest Harry Workman, K6JTC was introduced, and later voted in to Associate membership. Much discussion re; a new meeting place, and on a Thursday. Harry's Hof Brau in Redwood City seemed to be the main spot under consideration, with a club meeting held on a Thursday night. The membership at large will be asked their opinion by mail on these matters.

Should the name of "DXER of YEAR" be changed to "NCDXC Member of the YEAR"? Any opinions should be sent to box 608.

Re new club officers, Dick Letrich, W6KM made phone calls for volunteers, but all said "no". So the slate on June 8 for were voted in. President, K6RK Chuck Patterson: Vice President K6TS, Tom Jones: Treasurer, W6FDU, Ben Deovlet: Secretary W6VG, Ron Panton: Board of Directors, W6TWO, Rolph Stoddard, and W6KM, Dick Letrich.

The financial report was presented by out-going treasurer Bill Maurer, WB6JJJ, with questions answered by him. Doug Westover, W6JD spoke on the club marathon contest and wondered if it should be discontinued because of lack of participation. Subject will be further discussed on the Thursday night net. The club annual picnic is to be held in Pleasanton July 14th All are invited, call Dick Letrich to let him know you are coming, but reservations are not necessary. See you all there I hope.

Ron, W6VG secretary, NCDXC

Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES OF NCDXC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 2nd, 2001 meeting of the NCDXC board of directors was held outdoors at the home of W6VG. Present were: President K6RK, Treasurer WB6JJJ, acting secretary W6VG, Past President W6KM, DXer editor, W6YD, and board members W6WB & W6TWO. Coffee and cookies were available to all.

Meeting convened at 10:14 A.M. The June meeting (election night) was discussed, and possible new officers suggested. Much discussion on the possibility of Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City and Thursday night meetings. The club will be asked to vote (by mail) on having our meetings at Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City on Thursday nights. The voting slip will be included with the dues envelope in the next DXer mailing. The rebroadcast on 75 meters of the 2 meter Thursday night NCDXC net was voted down. The reinstatement of delinquent members was discussed and as a result, the president will write a letter to these members in the future. The change in the name of the DXer of the Year, to a more generic name, such as NCDXC member of the Year was approved by the board. Parameters for naming will remain as is. A financial report on the Visalia DX Convention was presented, with an approximate net gain of \$5600. This is after all expenses were paid, including the Redwood Empire club percentage. A post mortem of the convention was discussed by George Allan and Bill Maurer. We have seen a very fine convention held at Visalia, 2001, with George Allan once more getting the well deserved credit.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M. Acting secretary, Ron Panton W6VG

Meeting Questionnaire

PROPOSED MEETING PLACE
HARRY'S HOF BRAU
REDWOOD CITY

MOVE TO HARRY'S?

YES _____ NO _____

THURSDAY NITE ?

YES _____ NO _____

COMMENTS: _____

Send with dues in enclosed envelope.
(Life members - no check needed.)

QSL Buro Fee Hike

*The following comes to us via KN6K.
Tnx, Keith.*

Effective 1 August 2001, the fee charged by the ARRL Sixth District Buro for an envelope on file will be 60 cents and this includes one unit of first class postage. The present fee is 50 cents. I would also like to encourage use of the buro web site for news about the buro and for checking on-line account statuses for some of the segments. The best way to access the buro web site is via the ARRL at www.arrl.org

73 de Steve N6QEK
6th Buro Manager

IDXC 2001 FINAL RESULTS

INCOME

Pre-Registration	30,155.00	
Walk-in Registration & Raffle	15,765.00	
Less Cash for Making Change	-1,050.00	
Tour Income	90.00	
Social Hour Support	1,100.00	
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TOTAL INCOME 46,060.00

EXPENSES & REFUNDS

Promotions Expense	975.15	
Stationery	150.07	
Telephone	191.28	
Prizes	5,271.16	
Patches	974.30	
Printing (Programs & Tickets)	984.42	
Printing (Other Tickets & Brochures)	56.30	
Refunds (Speakers & Cancellations)	950.00	
Visalia Holiday Inn	27,447.26	
Tour Expenses	624.75	
Misc Audio Visual	200.00	
San Diego DX Club	400.00	
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TOTAL EXPENSES 38,224.69

BOTTOM LINE RESULT 7,835.31

REDXA for Prize Committee Support* -1,567.06

FINAL RESULT 6,268.25

* 20% of Bottom Line Result

QST de W1AW/6

For 24 hours, from 1200Z on July 14, to 1200Z (that's 8 AM Eastern Daylight time, 5 AM Pacific Daylight, etc.), July 15, 2001, the ARRL Headquarters station call sign will be activated from CALIFORNIA as W1AW/6 for the duration of the IARU HF World Championship Contest. Prominent contest operator teams in Northern California Contest Club territory will make this unique station call-sign available to the world, and attempt to top the IARU Headquarters competition category in this event. The current champion and record holder in this class is the German team, DA0HQ, who made nearly 20,000 QSO's in last year's running. We hope that active USA amateurs will contribute to the 2001 USA HQ team score by contacting W1AW/6 on all band modes, 160 through 10m, SSB and CW.

To make your experience of working W1AW/6 even more special, a certificate will be issued for North American stations that work W1AW/6 on 8 or band/modes, and 6 band/modes for stations outside North America. A special endorsement will be made for those stations that work W1AW/6 on all 12 band/modes. More details on the awards and the operation can be found at www.nccc.cc/. Included there will be lots of hints on "how to work W1AW/6", including propagation information, best times on the low bands, etc.

Look for W1AW/6 near the following frequencies for USA/DX:

CW: 1818/1833; 3538/3508; 7038/7008; 14038; 21038; 28038

SSB: 1848; 3838/3798; 7238/7158; 14238/14158; 21338; 28338

The IARU contest will be a fun event for all amateurs, whether you are a contesteer, DXer, award hunter or casual operator who might want to contact this one-of-a-kind W1AW/6 operation. Contest rules are at <http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/rules-iaru.html> or on page 111, April 2001 QST.

Please QSL via ARRL.

73, N6RO

Coordinator for W1AW/6



Is Anyone Out There? By George Allan, W6YD

I recently read a story by Mark Hansen in the book, "*Chicken Soup for the Soul*" which he co-authored. The title of the story is: "*Are You Going To Help Me?*" It takes place in Armenia in 1989 after an 8.2 earthquake nearly flattened the country and killed 30,000 people in less than four minutes. Rather than lose impact by attempting to paraphrase the story, the following is quoted directly from the book.

In the midst of the utter devastation and chaos, a father left his wife securely at home and rushed to the school where his son was supposed to be, only to discover that the building was flat as a pancake.

After the traumatic initial shock, he remembered the promise he had made to his son: "No matter what, I'll always be there for you!" And tears began to fill his eyes. As he looked at the pile of debris that once was the school, it looked hopeless, but he kept remembering his commitment to his son.

He began to concentrate on where he walked his son to class at school each morning. Remembering his son's classroom would be in the back right corner of the building, he rushed there and started digging through the rubble.

As he was digging, other forlorn parents arrived clutching their hearts, saying: "My son!" "My daughter!" Other well meaning parents tried to pull him off of what was left of the school saying:

"It's too late!"

"They're dead!"

"You can't help!"

"Go home!"

"Come on, face reality, there's nothing you can do!"

"You're just going to make things worse!"

To each parent he responded with one line: "Are you going to help me now?" And then he proceeded to dig for his son, stone by stone.

The fire chief showed up and tried to pull him off of the school's debris saying "Fires are breaking out, explosions are happening everywhere. You're in danger. We'll take care of it. Go home." To which this loving, caring Armenian father asked, "Are you going to help me now?"

The police came and said, "You're angry, distraught and it's over. You're endangering others. Go home. We'll handle it!" To which he replied, "Are you going to help me now?" No one helped.

Courageously he proceeded alone because he needed to know for himself: "Is my boy alive or is he dead?"

He dug for eight hours ... 12 hours ... 24 hours ... 36 hours ... then, in the 38th hour, he pulled back a boulder and heard his son's voice. He screamed his son's name, "ARMAND!" He heard back, "Dad!?! It's me, Dad I told the other kids not to worry. I told 'em that if you were alive, you'd save me and when you saved me, they'd be saved. You promised, 'No matter what, I'll always be there for you!' You did it, Dad!"

"What's going on in there? How is it?" the father asked.

"There are 14 of us left out of 33, Dad. We're scared, hungry, thirsty and thankful you're here. When the building collapsed, it made a wedge, like a triangle, and it saved us."

"Come on out, boy!"

"No, Dad! Let the other kids come out first, 'cause I know you'll get me! No matter what, I know you'll be there for me!"

So, are you gonna be there for your club, no matter what? Or will you be content to walk away and let it die for lack of interest?

It seems apparent that it will take much more than a pep talk from me to stir you out of your complacency. But, let me just say this: this club cannot continue to exist for long as it is right now. There are far too few people doing far too many things. Sooner or later, either you will have step up or the club WILL go down the tubes! It's that simple!

Look at the current leadership: W6VG has been secretary and has done more jobs for more years than I care to count and all the while, calling for someone to step in and replace him, "before it's too late". W6KM served as president for two years - not because he wanted to be president for another year, but because nobody else had the guts to step up to the task. In addition, Dick has been the force behind the DXer Profiles, he mails out the DXer every month and takes most of the pictures at club meetings. You'll also see him organizing the club picnic and serving as one of the two cooks. Who will do these things when Dick burns out? K6RK is beginning his second successive year as president (his third year in total) again, not because he wanted to serve another year, but because not one of you had the guts to step up to the task!

Personally, I'm into my third year as your DXer editor and I just finished chairing my third International DX Convention. And, while I'm very grateful for the help we did get, we found it necessary this year both to recruit help from outside our club and to pay other clubs to get all of the help we needed for the Convention. I find this to be a bitter pill to swallow - especially when the talent is available right here in our own club!

Who will step up to the task of organizing and running IDXC 2003, which I refuse to chair? Will you just sit by and let another club run it? I certainly hope not! Or maybe you just don't care!

Is anyone out there? Does anyone care? Are you going to help me now? When will YOU GET INVOLVED?

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ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, July 14th 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Amador Valley Community Park
4455 Black Avenue, Pleasanton, California



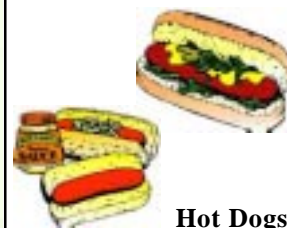
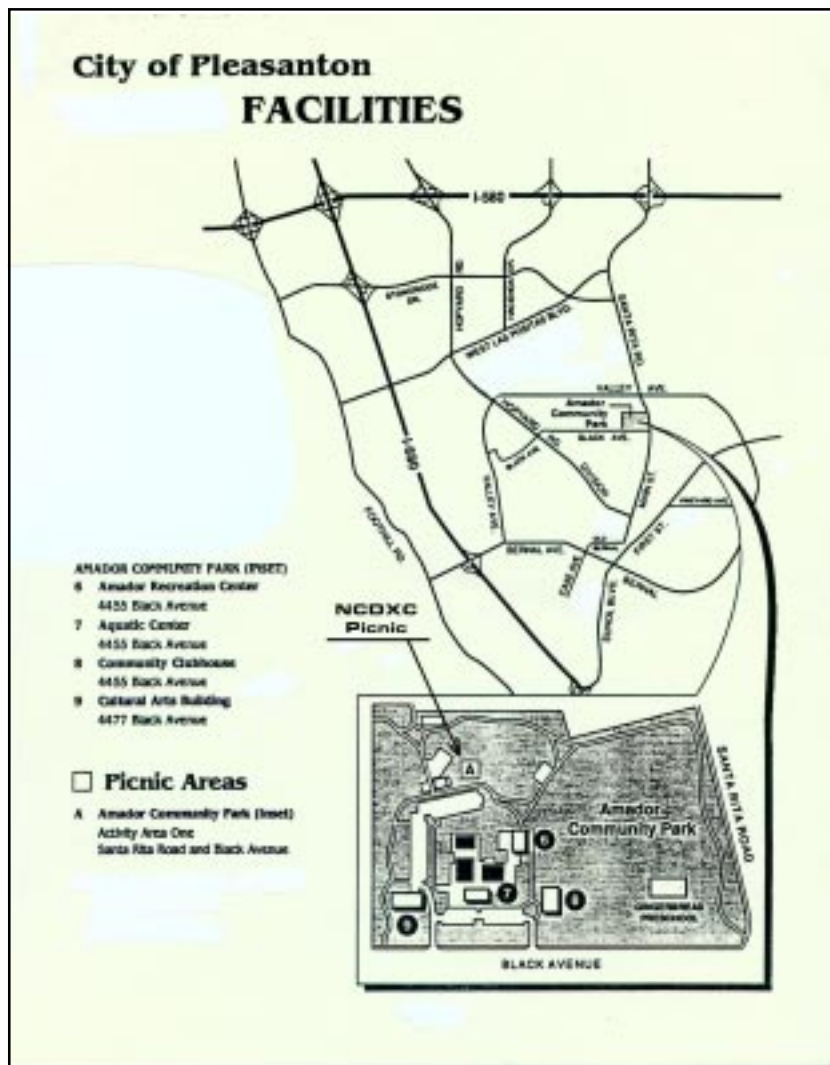
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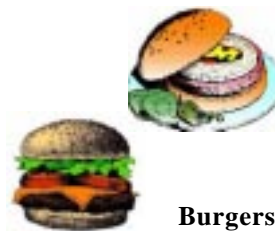
Swimming



Sodas



Hot Dogs



Burgers



Talk In

Primary: 145.350 MHz, (-) offset, PL=100.0 Hz
Secondary: 147.120 MHz, (+) offset, PL=100.0 Hz



DXer Profile: W6YHM, Don Eberlein

If you are like me, you often wonder what the person whose voice is on the other end looks like. Most of the time we hear members, but never seem to have the opportunity to actually meet them in person. Our profile for this month is a case in point. For years I have had the pleasure of listening to Don Eberlein, W6YHM on the air - mostly as net control for our Thursday night 2 meter net. Well, I recently had the pleasure of meeting Don and his wife in person.

As you can tell from the pictures, Don has a great location as well as some very super antennas. He was first licensed in 1936 on the East Coast as W2JKG. He has operated as ZL0AAF and as a portable KL7 in his work on a research vessel. His main rig is a Ten-Tec Omni 6, which he has had the factory update. His back up rig is a KENWOOD TS-940 and the tuner is a Murch UT-2000B (it will load a hairpin) and his current Amp is a Heathkit SB220. He estimates his Hy-Gain DX 14 sits 750 feet above sea level.

Don's main mode of operation is CW, but he uses SSB when the spirit moves him. As a "60 year, plus" member of the ARRL, he has almost every award available, including Honor Roll. Don needs only a few more (so do many of us) to have 'em all. His country count is 334 mixed with 301 on phone and 327 on CW! Don has been a member of NCDXC since 1987 and, while he is unable to attend meetings, he keeps active in the club as Net Control on the Thursday night 2 meter net.

Sure enjoyed the visit, Don. Thanks es GUD DX es 73. Dick, W6KM

Meeting Pix By W6KM



Pete, W6OOL

**Ron, W6VG
&
Chuck, K6RK**



The Deserving



Bud, W6WB & Tom, K6TS



Harry, K6JTC

Editor's Choice

I guess it's time to come out and say I'm excited! For the past couple of months I've been standing on the sidelines quietly cheering for Ben Deovlet and Tom Jones (W6FDU & K6TS). Why? Because, these two guys are initiating changes that will likely increase meeting attendance. And how can I conclude that? Well to me, it's fairly obvious.

The American Legion Hall, while it has served our needs for a meeting place, isn't exactly an uplifting place. It's dark, dull and drab, which I find to be somewhat depressing. Rather than compete with the karioke, we've been relegated to the back room, where the noise is still pretty bad. And food is unavailable there.

A few years ago, when Jim Knochenhauer was president, we began to meet at the Dunphy Hotel in San Mateo. Participation was initially sluggish, but as time went on, attendance began to increase. By the end of Knock's tenure, we were getting forty - fifty people at monthly meetings. Why was that? I suggest that the restaurant with its uplifting atmosphere and opportunity to socialize had a lot to do with it. Similarly, when we met at Harry's Hof Brau in Mountain View (no longer in business) and Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course (when the Harry's Hof Brau was there) we had large (fifty plus) meetings. So, what I recommend is this: first that we give it a chance by making the move and secondly, by hanging in there for a while if attendance doesn't initially improve.

What can you do? You can help by responding positively to the Meeting Questionnaire on page 3 of this issue. This positive response will make it possible to move ahead immediately with the change. Then support the move with your attendance.

Hope to see you at the picnic.

George, W6YD

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