

# DXer



**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
DX CLUB**

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## *DXer Profile: AA6G, Chuck Vaughn*



THE ANTENNAS AT AA6G



CHUCK VAUGHN AT THE CONTROLS OF AA6G



THE MAIN PC AT AA6G



THE HF OPERATING POSITION

### **General Meeting Thursday, October 18, 2001**

**Harry's Hof Brau  
1909 El Camino Real,  
Redwood City  
(Directions & Map on Page 4)**

#### Program

Garry Shapiro, N16T presents the story of the Kingman Reef, 2000 (K5K) DX-pedition. This is the story that was written in the August 2001 issue of *QST*.

Social Hour .. 6:00 P.M.

Dinner ..... 7:00 P.M.

Meeting..... 8:00 P.M.

**November Meeting 11/09/01**

**Program:**

**Digital Aspects of DXing.**

**December Meeting 12/14/01**

**Christmas Party**

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## President's Comments



The best news first. Jerry Griffin, K6MD volunteered to be our vice president. The board and those present at our last meeting unanimously approved his offer. Our next board meeting will be at 10 AM, Saturday October 6 at W6VG's in Menlo Park.

Last month I asked for comments either for or against making a donation to the NCDX Foundation. To date, I have received zero comments either way. I assume this is either an approval or that nobody "gives a - - - -".

The results of the (meeting) questionnaire are that 96% approved moving our meetings to Harry's Hof Brau in Redwood City and 92% said Thursday nights would be okay. So, on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, we will meet at Harry's in Redwood City. It's on El Camino, a few blocks SE of the American Legion Hall. We will begin our meeting at 8 PM. I suggest arriving around 6 PM for drinks and dinner.

The program (for the October meeting) will be an outstanding presentation by Gary, NI6T on the 2000 Kingman Reef (K5K) DXpedition. This is a good one, so don't miss it!

For November, Ben, W6FDU is putting together a program on the digital aspects of our hobby with emphasis on the proposed on line QSL system. That, too should be a very interesting and timely presentation.

Ron, W6VG is putting the Club Roster to bed. He will pass out the new rosters to those attending the October meeting. Rosters will be mailed to others. Thanks, Ron for your usual FB job! We are, also, planning a Christmas party, but as yet, no details. Stay tuned.

See you at the meeting.

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.**

## General Meeting Minutes

The NCDXC meeting of Sept 14, 2001 at the American Legion Hall in Redwood City. Meeting called to order at 8:00 P.M. by President, Chuck Patterson, K6RK. The only guest, Bob Kalsey, KE6HKI was welcomed. We were saddened to hear that our vice president, K6TS is in poor health, and cannot continue in his position. Ben, W6FDU gave the members the situation on Tom's health and Tom will be undergoing more tests early in October. The new vice president is K6MD, Jerry Griffin. We wonder if Jerry as a General in the army will be called up for duty. Ben Deovlet, W6FDU had offered to fill in as vice president, and he has certainly done so these days. Ben presented a wonderful video on the early days of the ARRL, and the first trans-Atlantic QSO's. He also has programs lined up for October & November. Rolph, W6TWO and Ben, W6FDU are working on a location for the Christmas party. It may be on a night other than Saturday. Chuck Patterson has called for a board meeting on October 6th. New rosters will be given out at the general meeting at Harry's Hof Brau on October 18th.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 P.M. Respectfully submitted, W6VG

## General Meeting Pictures



W6ISQ & K6RK Discussing DX



W6ISQ & W6KM Enjoy a Laugh



Members of American Legion Post 105 Showing Support for the Victims of the September 11th World Trade Center and Pentagon Tragedies

## Comments by W6KM

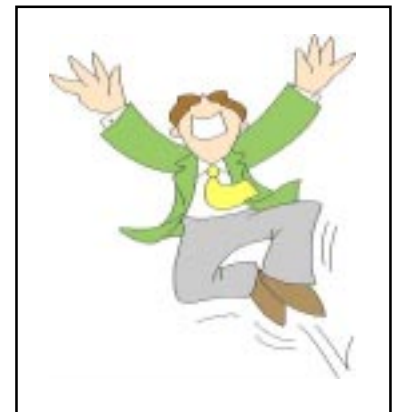
### ON THE NEW MEETING NIGHT AND LOCATION

I'm really excited! We're going to have large turnouts for our club meetings again! The recent poll to change the meeting location and meeting nights has set the wheels in motion. Now just think about it, the September meeting drew about (4) four members at large (you can't count Officers and Directors). But, with over 100 votes in favor of making the move to Harry's Hof Brau and to Thursday nights, I'm really pumped! This means we should again see upwards of at least 50 members per meeting! All the reasons for *not* attending in the past have been answered. HALLELUJA!

We will have food: one of the reasons continually given as the reason many would not come. It's now on a week night, so "traffic" will not be a factor. There will be no noise from the street or from the Karaoke in the bar. Oh, the joy of it! It will be just like old times. I can hardly wait. You had better arrive early so you can get a good seat up front. Remember, if you voted for the move, it means you are expected to attend all the meetings from now on.

OH BOY! OH BOY!

Dick, W6KM



## Donations

The DX CLUB is the recipient of a donation of \$150 from the widow of Ed Wall, WA6LUQ.

Records indicate that Ed was never an NCDXC member, but he knew many of our Club members and was a friend of Ben Devolet, W6FDU. His wife, Ruth wanted this to be given in his memory. This donation was passed to Dick Mercer, W6OTB who helped to handle Ed's estate.

The Northern California DX Club wishes to extend its sincere thanks to the Widow, Ruth Wall for her kind and generous donation.

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In addition to his membership renewal for the year 2001-2002, Kim Alfaro, W6FWX donated an additional payment of \$24 to the NCDXC general fund.

Thanks, and Very 73 to Kim, W6FWX.

## Didja Hear...?

....About the dummy who was told he had parasitics in his transmitter.. So, he went out and bought a flea collar for it.

...About the CBer who looked at the DXer's tower and asked, "Why do you have such a high tower?" And the DXer told him, "With an antenna that high above the ground, it's an absolute necessity!"

...About the idiot "slim" who was signing 4X4JU/YA!

*The above were "adapted" from W6MUR's Ham Radio Humor. -Ed*

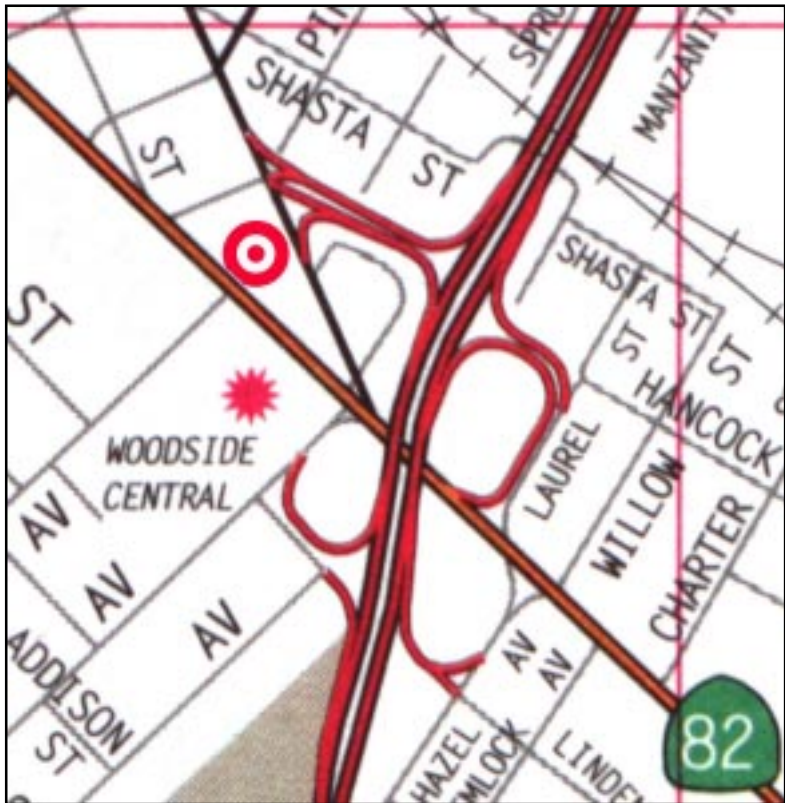
## Map and Directions to Meeting

Harry's Hof Brau is fairly easy to find. It's on El Camino Real, just north of Woodside Road (Highway 84).

**From Highway 101**, take the Woodside Road (Highway 84) West exit to the El Camino North exit. Follow that exit (a short distance) toward El Camino to the stop sign at Main Street. You will practically be in Harry's parking lot! It will be right across the street on your left.

**From Highway 280**, take the Woodside Road East exit and follow it to the El Camino North exit. Harry's will be on your right just past the underpass.

There are parking lots on both sides of the building. So, if one lot is full, just try the other one.



## Band DXCC Submissions by John Brand, K6WC

It's time for your 9-Band DXCC Award submissions again. Forgot what it's all about or how to do it? Here's a brief reminder.

1. Purpose: To promote continued interest in DXing by all club members on all HF bands and to recognize DXing achievements by individual club members.
2. To be eligible, you must have worked at least 100 countries on any one HF band since October 10, 1987. You don't need to have worked 100 countries on all 9 HF bands to receive the basic plaque.
3. Bands: 160 through 10 meters including the WARC bands.
4. Numbered tags for the plaque are issued in the following increments: 100, 150, 200, 250, 260, 270, 280, 290, and 300.
5. The plaques and endorsements are award based on the honor system. After all, who is more honorable than a DXer? No QSL cards are requested or required.
6. You should use the current ARRL country list to determine what is accepted as a claimed country or not. Do not claim deleted countries.

The costs this year are as follows:

New 9BDXCC Plaque (one time)	\$36.00
Band Country Tags (each)	1.00
Surface Mail U.S.	6.00
Surface Mail – Foreign	8.00
Airmail – Foreign	22.00

Here is an example on how to request endorsements for your plaque. Maybe you did well on 10 meters this past year. You have never applied for 10-meter endorsements before but now you are requesting an endorsement for 250 countries. You must apply for the 100, 150, 200 and 250 tags. Do not apply for the 250 tag alone. The cost will be \$4.00. If you have previous 10-meter endorsements, let's say to 200, then you only need the tag for 250. The cost is \$1.00. Your plaque is designed to display each increment. The plaque would look rather bare if the only endorsements you ever applied were the 9 for 300 countries.

Please make request to me, John Brand, K6WC, 9655 Tanglewood Circle, Orangevale, CA 95662 by December 1, 2001. Do not list countries, just totals per band 100 and up. Include a check to cover the one time cost of the plaque, the cost of the tags and the cost of mailing. Make checks payable (in U.S. Funds) to the NCDXC.

Last year one of our members suggested that a total standing of the 9BDXCC plaque for each participating member be posted in the DXer. I don't think this is in keeping with the original spirit of the award as it is my understating that the award was simply a personal accounting. I meant to follow through on this but didn't. If you are participating, how do feel about this? I might point out that this might look a great deal like the DX Ladder Listings already in place.

Do you have questions or comments? Try (best) k6wc@earthlink.net or write to above address.

John D. Brand

## Veep's Message

I am pleased to help out at this time and will do so as much as I can. We wish Tom, K6TS, good health and a speedy return to the lower ends of the bands. I would appreciate help and advice from everyone - please, give me your guidance so I can do what's right for you and our Club.

Stay safe and well in these anxious times.

Jerry, K6MD

## Christmas Party

Planning is underway to hold our annual **Club Christmas Party on Friday, December 14th at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel** (formerly, the Dunphy Hotel). It also appears that our committee is trying to line up Ken (K6RO) Keeler's Devil Mountain Jazz Band for entertainment.

It just won't be the same as Martinelli's Steak Pit, but they're out of business. And the San Mateo Marriott, located at the intersection of Highways 101 & 92, is very accessible for people coming from all directions. Stay tuned for additional information.

For the past several years, the NCDXC Christmas Party has been a well received and fun event. So mark you calendars for for Friday, December 14th and plan to attend.

See you there! W6YD, George.



## ***DXer Profile: AA6G, Chuck Vaughn***

Chuck Vaughn, AA6G as most of you know, was the NCDXC DXer of the year for 2000. Chuck is a very active Ham, who pursues many aspects of the Hobby. He was first licensed many years ago as WN6PCO, then WB6PCO and for a time as he attended school as WA7YY. We know Chuck today as AA6G. He's also the guy who takes excellent care of our club web site, WWW.NCDXC.ORG.

His main rig is a tried and true KENWOOD TS-930S, which drives his Ameritron AL1200 amplifier. He recently purchased a Yaesu FT-847, which covers all HF bands, plus 6 meters and up! It's tiny...but mighty. He does not need a tuner as his HF antennas are a log periodic up at 55 feet and a two-element 40 meter KLM at 65 feet. Chuck operates both CW and SSB and only needs P5 to have them all. He is on the Honor Roll and has 5BDXCC to name just a couple of his many awards. Chuck once went on a DXpedition in 1981 to Bora Bora to participate in the CQ World Wide DX Contest. He has been a club member for 19 years and October is his anniversary date. Chuck has served the club in many ways and has held the office of Director.

My visit was really very interesting as Chuck demonstrated some of his satellite programs. One picture that he captured from two satellites of the Western Americas, that when combined along with special red/blue glasses, was so stunning that I will never forget it. It was as though I was up at 500 miles in space just looking out a window of a space ship! I hope that you can get an idea of his layout from the pictures.

Thanks, Chuck, for a nice visit.

73 Dick, W6KM

## **More Meeting Pictures By W6KM**



**W6YD & KG6AM Discussing DX**



**W6VG & W6FDU Compare Notes**



**The Early Birds Gather for the Program**

## **Editor's Choice**

Last month we sat in stunned silence as we watched the events of September 11th unfold. It's difficult to relate the range of emotions we experienced as we grieved for those innocent people, whose lives were snuffed out by those senseless and despicable acts. Our grief then turned to anger and hatred of those who had perpetrated these tragedies. I found myself wanting to go out and hunt them down. The next emotion we experienced was fear: fear of flying, as we were planning to do on our upcoming vacation. Fortunately, President Bush is a strong leader. His words calmed us and reassured the nation that Uncle Sam would find and punish those who were responsible for those cowardly acts. And he urged us to try getting back to "normal." So, the final emotion we have felt is courage.

We understand that "things" can never be the same as they were, but we will be going ahead with our vacation as planned -even though it involves flying. And we will also, complete the November *DXer* before leaving on October 13th. We will TRY to put as much information as possible into that issue beforehand. Much of the content, however, will not be as current. Please forgive us on this one occasion. We'll see you again in November.

73 and May God Bless America.  
George, W6YD

## **Kudos `n Kredits**

The following contributors made this issue possible:

W6FDU, W6KM, K6MD, K6RK,  
W6VG, K6WC.

Thank you, one and all, for your contributions to the success of your *DXer*.

73, George, W6YD

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