

DXer



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB

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DXer Profile: K6DXX, Gary Cervo



Above and above rt: Gary's 55 ft tower with tribander and 40 M dipole.
At right: Gary at the controls of K6DXX.

Below, right: Effective screen for the patio mounted tower.

Below:

"Hey, Gary, watcha workin'?"



**No General Meeting
in December!**

**Instead, Join Us
Friday, December 14th
at the San Mateo Marriott
for our
Annual Holiday Party
(Details on Page 6)**



**Next General Meeting
will be
Thursday, January 10, 2002
at
Harry's Hof Brau
1909 El Camino Real,
Redwood City
Program**

To be Announced

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

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 Club simplex: 147.54 MHz (suggested)
 Thurs. Net QTR: 8 pm local time.
 Net Manager: Randy Wright, W6CUA
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 QSL Information: Mac McHenry, W6BSY

W6TI DX Bulletins:

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President's Comments



Here we go again! Christmas, et al., is rapidly approaching. Some of us had an early present in the form of a P5 contact - sure hope it turns out to be good! Too bad Ducie Island got scrubbed - it could have been a double header!

Sorry to have to report a silent key: Phillip Noyes, KM6RM passed away recently. We offer our sympathy and condolences to his wife, Eveline, KM6KO, who is also a club member.

Our Christmas party is rapidly approaching, the evening of December 14th at the Marriott (old Dunphy) in San Mateo. I hope to see many of you there.

Your board will meet December 8 to discuss the DX Convention in 2003. Do we have enough horsepower to put it on? Or is it time to let someone else do it?

I hope you and your families all have a very Happy Holiday Season.

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 - 18 October 2001

Thursday October 18, 2001 the meeting of the NCDXC was held in Harry's Hof Brau in Redwood City. After the dinner hour and cocktails time, the club meeting was called to order by President, Chuck Patterson, K6RK. Time was 7:59 P.M. Each club member gave his name and call. There were no visitors, but Ben Deovlet, W6FDU gave a comprehensive report on the club finances. A very fine financial donation to the club was made by K6KN and family. Sadly, K6KN is an Alzheimer patient. Chuck, K6RK gave a brief rundown on what was handled by the board of directors at the board's last meeting. K6MD, Jerry Griffin told the meeting of all his deals with our Xmas party, the particulars will be in the *DXer*. No applications for membership were received. Our treasurer, Ben Deovlet, W6FDU introduced our guest, NI6T, Garry Shapiro for the evening program. Garry gave a very fine running commentary during his showing of the excellent slides of the Kingman Reef DXpedition. (We certainly owe plaudits to Ben Deovlet for all the work getting the computer/audio amp on site and operating). After discussion following the slides, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Panton, Secretary.

General Meeting - 8 November 2001

Minutes of NCDXC meeting November 8, 2001

Our Thursday night meeting was held at Harry's Hof Brau in Redwood City. Present were K6RK, President, Chuck Patterson; K6MD Vice President, Jerry Griffin; W6FDU, Treasurer, Ben Deovlet; W6VG, Secretary, Ron Panton; W6KM, board member, Dick Letrich and; W6TWO, board member, Rolph Stoddard. After the usual libations and too much to eat, K6RK called the meeting to order at 7:59 P.M. We were all very happy to see our former Vice President, K6TS. Tom seemed to be very well, happy, ebullient, and very happy to be with us. Sincere congratulations from the club go to Art Thal, KA6WIF on getting his 100 cards for DXCC. Getting the certificate was not so simple, as the U.S. mails are necessarily slow these days. (Also, good at losing DXCC certificates.) A very nice letter from the Northern California DX Foundation (on receiving our donation) was read by K6RK. President, K6RK has written 12 letters to former members, but only one responded and was voted back into membership. This was our former member NW6P, Tom McShane. Welcome back Tom. Jerry Griffin, K6MD told of the upcoming Xmas party to be held December 14th at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel. (formerly the Dunphy, our meeting place for a long time) Our new Vice President, Jerry Griffin, K6MD (AKA, General Griffin) spoke and showed slides of his tour of duty in Northern Iraq/Turkey — medically helping the Kurds, and risking his life. It was very interesting, but also, sad to look at the Kurdish people. The scenery in the slides, at times, was very beautiful. But, Jerry reminded us that, despite the beautiful land, people were killing each other. It was a good program! No business from the secretary, but the treasurer Ben, W6FDU spoke of our upcoming Xmas party. CU there.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Panton W6VG, secretary NCDXC.



QRP DXCC Rules

- The QRP DXCC Award certificate is given for working 100 different DXCC entities on the DXCC List while operating with a transmitter power of 5 watts or less.

- Applications will be accepted beginning January 2, 2002. Contacts may have been made at any time since November 15, 1945.

- This award is not endorsable. Certificates will be dated, not numbered.

- The applicant must certify the authenticity of log information for contacts with 100 entities using 5 watts or less. No QSL cards are required for this award.

- This award is separate and distinct from the traditional DXCC award program. Credits are not assigned to other DXCC awards.

- This award is available to all Amateur Radio operators anywhere in the world.

- The standard DXCC rules apply to this award.

- The award application and an alphanumeric list of 100 contacts is required in order to facilitate processing. (see below)

- The fee for this award is \$10. This includes all postage and handling fees.

- Faxed and web applications must be accompanied by a credit card number for payment.

Fax number: (860)594-0259

E-mail: dxcc@arrl.org

By regular mail to:

ARRL/DXCC

225 Main Street

Newington, CT USA 06111

See this link for more information and to get the forms:

<http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/qrp/index.html>

73, Bill Moore, NC1L
DXCC Manager

Kingman the First - Cont'd from Last Month

At dawn the following morning they eased the boat around the northern tip of the reef and then southeasterly into the lagoon. After navigating the treacherous waters, they arrived at an exposed portion of the reef that was approximately 300 to 400 yards long by 50 feet wide at low tide. At high tide it was only 20 feet wide. From the waters edge to the top of the reef was about 9 feet at low tide. They found no dirt or earth on the reef, so it apparently consisted of coral, which was completely covered over with shells. In fact, the portion of the reef on which they located was a steep mound of shells. It was however, their best (perhaps, only) choice for the operation.

After 29 very successful hours of operating from the reef, they were forced to leave and return to the SS Caroline, when rain squalls and 30 knot winds drove them to the cover of the boat. The boat had snapped one of its anchor chains in the melee and swung around on the remaining chain, slamming hard against the coral. The boat's skipper decided it was too dangerous to remain there, ordered them aboard and got underway. It was unknown at that time, whether they would return, once the storm subsided. Needless to say, the storm didn't readily abate, so they made their way clear of the reef and into the open seas. They left behind 30 gallons of gasoline for the generators, a table and chair, FT101B boxes and a marine life sample kit, which Bob Thompson had prepared for them to collect samples of any small marine animals on the reef. Thus the DX-Pedition was aborted and rightly so, to save themselves. But the saga of the original Kingman adventure doesn't end here.

A short distance out from Kingman, they decided they would try for Johnson Island as they were running short on fuel and were having fuel pump problems, as well. The weather and seas continued to be rough for the next several days - almost the entire trip from Kingman Reef to Johnson Island. Both fuel pumps were lost enroute and fortunately, were repaired onboard sufficiently enough to permit them to complete their journey to the Coast Guard Base at Johnson Island. They were also, indeed fortunate that WA6CVU, Rod Deakins (now NR7E) was working in the upper part of the 20 meter band and ran into KJ6BZ at about 14305.

In the true spirit of Amateur Radio, Rod passed this info via 2 meters to Bob Thompson who was in QSO with the boat and everyone QSY'd to 14305. There, they established contact with Steve, KJ6BZ who made a number of telephone calls to officials on the island and cleared the way for them to proceed to this restricted military base.

Navigation was a continual problem. They had no Loran equipment aboard (GPS hadn't been developed yet) and the overcast skies made celestial navigation nearly impossible. Factor in ocean currents and they could be off course by as much as fifty miles. Again, in the true spirit of Amateur Radio, Steve rotated his 15 Meter beam in their direction while Pete Grabosky kept the carrier on for short periods of time, allowing Steve to get a bearing on their heading. But, they were still unsure of their distance from the island.

No problem! The Commanding Officer on the base arranged an oil fire to put up a column of smoke visible for a great distance at sea. The fire was set and the smoke column rose about 2000 feet into the air over Johnson. A great cry of joy went up from the entire crew when they spotted the column about 18 miles from port. They were given "red carpet" treatment when they arrived on Johnson, being treated to steaks, scotch, ham & eggs and everything but seafood.

Concluded - Next Column

Then, they showed their true love of DX and Amateur Radio. After being off the air for some 14 - 15 hours, they surfaced as W6WX/KJ6, where they showed their real selves, having recovered, regained their color (lost the green pallor) and even began to display a sense of humor. All in all, Johnson proved to be just what they needed to get back their stateside personalities.

Many of our members watched this tale unfold as the events actually took place. Others, myself included, were unaware that it had even happened or who was involved in it. Good show, Men! --Ed

NCDXF BOD

NCDXF PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION

At its Board of Directors meeting on October 23, 2001 in San Francisco, CA, the Northern California DX Foundation re-elected the following officers and directors:

President, Len Geraldi, K6ANP
Vice President, Al Burnham, K6RIM
Secretary, Tom McShane, NW6P
Treasurer, Bruce Butler, W6OSP
Director, Rusty Epps, W6OAT
Director, Dave Pugatch, KI6WF
Director, Chuck Ternes, N6OJ
Director, Steve Thomas, N6ST
Director, Glenn Vinson, W6OTC

Newly elected directors are:
Steve Merchant, K6AW and
Ken Anderson, K6TA.



“Thank you” from NCDXF



October 25, 2001

Northern California DX Club
P.O. Box 608
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Dear Fellow DXers,

On behalf of the Northern California DX Foundation, please accept my appreciation for your one thousand dollar donation. It would not be possible for the Foundation to be the benchmark support of DX operations without contributors like you.

Your very generous contribution is timely and appreciated. You can be confident it will be used to foster DX worldwide.

Visit our web site ncdxf.org, to view how the Foundation is deeply involved in DX.

Please take note of the number of DX cards you receive that contain the NCDXF's logo. It is one indicator of our active support of your hobby.

The officers and directors truly appreciate your contribution. We view it as a vote of confidence in the Foundation and it's programs. We encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas with us as we promote international goodwill via amateur radio.

Very 73,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Len Gerald".

Len Gerald, K6ANP
President, NCDXF

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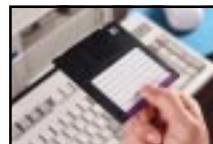
TNX from W6KM

THANKS FOR RESPONDING TO MY REQUESTS FOR 3.5 FLOPPIES...

I just wanted to thank the many club members who are responding to my request for old used 3.5" floppies. Several members have passed along used floppies, for which I am very grateful. But, a special thanks goes out to Steve Stevens, W6MKM who donated 100 brand new floppies!

Floppies are like good DX. When you use a digital camera that uses them as the recording medium, you just can't get enough.

Thanks, again. Dick, W6KM.



TNX from K6MD

I want to thank all those great DXers who encouraged & supported me in my campaign for Vice Director, Pacific Division. I lost the race, but life goes on. I gave my support and best wishes to Bob Vallio & Jim Maxwell for their new term.

Now I have time for DX'ing....
HOOAH!



...Jerry, K6MD

NCDXC GALA CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
SAN MATEO MARRIOTT HOTEL*
1770 SOUTH AMPHLETT BLVD
SAN MATEO, CA 94402
***FORMERLY THE DUNPHY**

6:00 P.M. -- Reception and
Cocktails in the Bar Area on
the First Floor.

7:00 P.M. -- Adjourn to the
Lombard Room Upstairs for
Dinner & Entertainment.

Dinner Menu

Classic Green Salad, Fresh
Baked Rolls & Sweet Butter

Choice of Entree:
New York Striploin, Chicken
Piccata or Medallions of Pork

Dessert, Freshly Brewed Coffee
& Assorted Teas

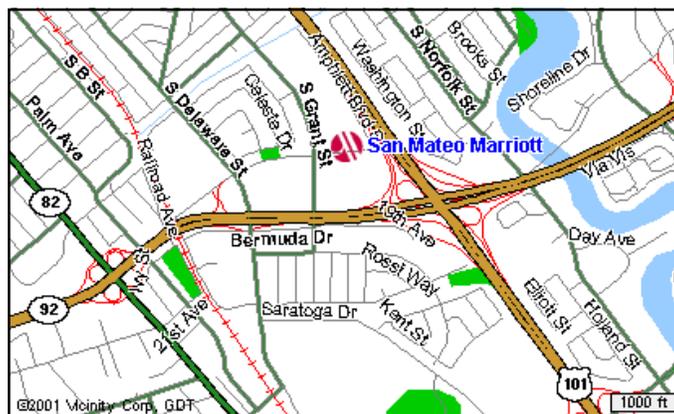


*Dance to the Music
of
Ken Keeler (N6RO)
and his
Devil Mountain
Jazz Band*



For Reservations,
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933 Robin Lane
Campbell, CA 95008-5365

Map to the San Mateo Marriott



DXer Profile: K6DXX, Gary Cervo

Most older club members know Gary very well, as he has been a club member since October of 1974. He is now retired, having worked for Lockheed for 32 years as an aerospace engineer. Gary was born and raised in upstate New York, went to college at Michigan State University and came to California in 1966 to work for Lockheed. He has been here ever since.

Gary has held 3 US calls, since he was first licensed in 1970. The first call was WN6EXW, then WB6EXW and now K6DXX. Gary has so many hobbies that you might wonder how he does so many, so well. He is a DXer, enjoys Astronomy, builds and flies Radio Controlled model airplanes, goes snow skiing, just gave up playing on baseball teams and he and his wife, Rose are avid RV'ers. All this is done in a first class manner. Since getting actively back to Amateur Radio and DXing, he has worked the remaining 3 countries that he needed to make Honor Roll. His country count is 337 with 325 after deletions. As you can tell by the pictures, his station is well laid out. His main rig is a Yaesu FT-101B with matching external VFO. This is run into a Heathkit HA-54 linear, also the tuner he built out of QST "The Ultimate Tuner." The photo also shows his Heathkit, SB-220 which is currently under rebuild. He has added for his RV a KENWOOD TS-520S with VFO. Antennas are at 55 feet and above that is a KLM 40 meter rotatable dipole. Gary has also been DX, having operated with the call signs of FO0GC, 5W1DL, ZK2WW and XE2BC.

Thanks, Gary, for a fun tour. 73 and gud DX. Dick, W6KM.

Meeting Pictures - 10/18 & 11/08



Roster Changes

The following information came after the roster was printed.

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Oops!! We Blew It!!

Last month your DXer was misprinted. Page 6 was omitted and in its place, page 3 was printed a second time. The PDF file posted on the web site was okay. To rectify this situation, we've asked the printer to reprint last month's page 6 and enclose it as an insert in this month's issue. Hope it wasn't too much of an inconvenience. -Ed.

Kudos 'n Kredits

This month's issue was made possible by articles and contributions from the following:

K6ANP, Len Gerald
W6CS, "Smitty" Smithwick
W6ISQ, Jack Troster
W6KM, Dick Letrich
K6RIM, Al Burnham
K6RK, Chuck Patterson
W6VG, Ron Panton

Thank you, one and all!
George, W6YD

