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**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
DX CLUB**

Special Visalia DX Convention Issue



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No Meeting in April

Instead, there will be a
"Joint Meeting of the
Northern and Southern
Calif. DX Clubs" in Visalia.
(Also, known as the
International DX Convention)
April 26 - 28, 2002

Next Meeting

May 9, 2002
Harry's Hof Brau
1909 El Camino Real,
Redwood City
Program
To be Announced

June Meeting

Harry's Hof Brau
1909 El Camino Real,
Redwood City
Election of Officers

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

Club Officers:

President: Chuck Patterson, K6RK
 Vice Pres: Jerry Griffin, K6MD
 Secretary: Ron Panton, W6VG
 Treasurer: Ben Deovlet, W6FDU
 Director: Dick Letrich, W6KM
 Director: Rolph Stoddard, W6TWO
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Frequency/offset: 147.36 MHz, +

Trustee: Bob Vallio, W6RGG

Control Operator: Robert Smithwick, W6CS

Club simplex: 147.54 MHz (suggested)

Thurs. Net OTR: 8 pm local time.

Net Manager: Randy Wright, W6CUA

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.

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President's Comments



We had a really good meeting on March 14th. Harry's didn't sell the room out from under us, we had a good speaker and we had a good turnout. We also, voted in a new member: Mitchell Cipriano, AE6AI. Welcome to the NCDXC, Mitchell!

I had the distinct pleasure of enjoying the company of Bud Bane, W6WB for the evening. It was nice to become better acquainted with one of the real old timers.

I must apologize for being late setting the wheels in motion for selecting the Club Member of the Year (formerly DXer of the Year). But, it is now under way.

Ben, W6FDU has given up running the "swap shop" on the Thursday night for health reasons. Meanwhile, Dick, W6KM has agreed to run it for a little while. In the meantime, we need someone to volunteer to take over permanently. Thanks, Ben and Dick, for your efforts on the Club's behalf.

The Visalia DX Convention is coming up this month on the weekend of April 26 - 28. Coming up on July 13th will be our annual picnic in Pleasanton. And, Rolf, W6TWO has put together plans for a great Christmas luncheon/party on December 14th in San Jose, complete with prizes, a magician and an accordion player!

Oh yes, election of officers for the 2002/2003 will be held at the June meeting. We retreats need a rest. Come on! Get up off your butts and do something for your club.

One final thing: Dick, W6KM needs cooks to assist at the July picnic!

See you all in Visalia.

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

MINUTES OF NCDXC MEETING MARCH 14, 2002

A large and appreciative group met at Harry's Hof Brau in Redwood City. Pat Barthelow, AA6EG gave a very interesting and informative presentation. The use of computers in conjunction with ham radio was shown graphically, with a very knowledgeable explanation of the many computer, ham radio related web sites. Setup of computer, the large screen, and the introduction of Pat was well handled by Ben Deovlet, W6FDU. The club meeting, after the usual liquid and solid refreshments, was called to order, early, by President, Chuck Patterson, K6RK. Guests were introduced, i.e.: Mitchell Cipriano, AE6AI, and Pat Barthelow, AA6EG. Reporting on the NCDXC Member of the Year committee was Chairman, Chuck Vaughn, AA6G. President, K6RK spoke of the interference on the club 2 meter repeater. It seems that our repeater is not "sanctioned", so it is very difficult to solve the situation at present. Smitty, W6CS is, at present, looking into the complex situation. K6RK reminded us all of the club picnic in July and the Christmas luncheon on December 14th. The Christmas event is being ably handled by Rolph Stoddard, W6TWO. The June meeting will be the election of club officers. And, of course, in April will be the International DX Convention in Visalia. AE6AI, Mitchell Cipriano was voted into the DX club as an Associate Member. The excellent meeting was adjourned by President, K6RK at approximately 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Pantan, W6VG, Secretary



Will It Count? By W6KM

As I write this, the VP6DI, Ducie Island operation is still going strong. Most club members have been able to make 10 and 15 meter contacts. 20 meters has been a bit more difficult, but some have been able to make it through. It sure is fun to work "a new one" and know it will count for DXCC.

On the other hand, most club members have also worked P5, North Korea. But, here we are, still uncertain if the ARRL will actually allow this one to count. All we can do is cross our fingers and hope the paper work will come through to clear up any obstacles.

I recall years ago, when Bill Stevens, W6ZM (ex-ARRL Vice President and now a silent key) told me that Turkey (TA) was a country that had never issued a license for Amateur Radio. Instead, they would step in and shut down operations that didn't follow the proper protocol for amateur operations. Maybe this has changed now. So far, I've been unable to locate any information to verify it. But the point is, assuming this information is correct, perhaps the ARRL could approve the P5 operation by applying the same criteria.

It's clearly evident that the North Korean government wouldn't allow a recent DXpedition (by YT1AD) to operate, while at the same time it allowed 4L4FN/P5 to operate freely. (One has to feel sorry for YT1AD's group, as they thought they had all their "ducks in a row".) In the meantime, all we can do, is reflect on the excellent VP6 operation, while we extend our best wishes and thanks to ED, 4L4FN for all of his efforts.

73, Dick, W6KM

March Meeting Pictures By W6KM



Pat Barthelow, AA6EG



The Meeting Program



W6VG, W6TWO, W6YD & KG6AM



W6VG, KA6WIF & W6OAT

Visalia Convention Information

Schedule of Events

(as of March 17th, 2002)

Friday April 26, 2002

Time	Location	Description
08:00	Valley Oaks Center	Tenth Annual DX Convention Golf Tournament
13:00 - 17:00	New Bar Lounge	Registration and raffle ticket sales
13:00 - 17:00	Cedar/Pine/Redwood Rms	Exhibits and displays (casual browsing)
17:30 - 18:30	Plaza/pool-side	SDDXC invites you to an "Attitude Adjustment Hour"
17:30	Apple Annie's Restaurant in Tulare	IOTA Dinner
19:00	Holiday Inn	FOC Banquet
19:00	Holiday Inn	Contest Banquet
19:30	Sizzler Restaurant	Topbanders' DX Dinner

Saturday April 27, 2002

07:30 - 09:00	Dining Terrace	"No host" coffee, etc.
07:30 - 17:00	New Bar Lounge	Registration and raffle tickets (2 locations)
08:00 - 17:00	Cedar/Pine/Redwood Rooms	Exhibits and displays
08:30 - 08:40	Valley Oaks Center	Welcome by Dave Bell, W6AQ
08:40 - 08:50	Valley Oaks Center	Introduction of ARRL representatives by Art Goddard, W6XD
08:50 - 09:15	Valley Oaks Center	Introduction of visiting DXers; Photo session
09:00 - 12:00	Plaza Room	Preliminaries for "Who Wants To Be a DX Millionaire" hosted by John Barcroft, K6AM
09:00 - 18:00	Hotel Main Entrance	Tour of local area (includes lunch!)
09:15 - 10:00	Valley Oaks Center	New Product Announcements
10:00 - 11:00	Valley Oaks Center	DX forum. Vince, K5VT, moderates
11:00 - 11:45	Valley Oaks Center	DXpedition to CE0X by W6KK and N7CQQ
11:45 - 12:15	Lunch Break	
13:00 - 16:00	Lobby Lounge	DXCC QSL card checking: new applications and updates
12:15 - 13:00	Valley Oaks Center	"Propagation Cycle 23" by Carl K9LA
13:00 - 13:45	Valley Oaks Center	"Where are They Now" by Tom, K5RC
13:45 - 14:30	Valley Oaks Center	"Computerized QSL Confirmation" A status report on project "LOGBOOK" By Wayne, N7NG.
14:00 - 15:00	Plaza Room	DX Millionaire semi-final rounds
14:30 - 15:15	Valley Oaks Center	"Log analysis tools" by Ward, N0AX
15:15 - 16:00	Valley Oaks Center	"Antennas" by Dean, N6BV
16:00 - 16:45	Valley Oaks Center	Contest forum: Ned, AA7A
17:45 - 18:45	Plaza/pool-side	SCDXC invites you to an "Attitude Adjustment Hour"
19:00	Valley Oaks Center	Convention banquet and awards emceed by Dave, W6AQ
		"The Story of VP6DI, Ducie Island" by Vince K5VT et al.
		"Where are They Now?" contest results.

Sunday April 28, 2002

07:30 - 10:00	Cedar/Pine Room	Breakfast Buffet
	Valley Oaks Center	Special Awards and Announcements. Emcee: Dave, W6AQ
	Valley Oaks Center	DX Millionaire finals
10:00 - 10:30	Valley Oaks Center	"Thirty Years of QRP" by Pete, W6ZH
10:30 - 11:00	Valley Oaks Center	"2002 VP8 DXpedition" by Trey, N5KO
11 :00	Valley Oaks Center	Prize drawings and convention wrap-up

Visalia Convention Information (Cont'd.)

DX IS NOT ALL... THERE IS

**ON Saturday JOIN THE
"FUN LUNCH BUNCH"**

THERE'S MORE THAN ANTENNAS IN VISALIA!

SIGN UP FOR THE TOUR !!

YOU MAY ALREADY BE A WINNER OF A DOOR PRIZE

Nine out of ten XYL's say, a definite "don't miss."

My accountant says, "what a bargain."

NY Times says, "Best Little Tour in Tulare."

Dad says, "Clean your room."

DXer's say "Two Thumbs Up."

Mom says, "Take out the trash."

Treat yourself to a fun filled day on a comfortable bus making new friends and taking a tour of Tulare, "The City With a Smile."

Depart from the Holiday Inn at 9:00 am on Saturday and travel to the home of your personal guide, Libby Boghosian for informal refreshments. You will then enjoy a driving tour of the Tulare Murals, guided by Libby Boghosian and George Pappas.

After that you will have some time to visit the Tulare Museum located in Mooney Grove Park, a 155-acre setting with valley oaks and date palms, a lake and recreational facilities. In this lovely setting you will be served a delicious box lunch. The museum displays American Indian artifacts and Tulare County pioneer memorabilia of the late nineteenth century.

Later in the afternoon you will stroll around Exeter, "One of America's Prettiest Painted Places" and one of California's charming country towns with antique stores, specialty shops, and murals. Exeter promotes economic development through the arts and tourism by providing an outdoor art gallery reflecting Exeter's history and culture. The murals are painted on historic brick buildings by professional artists. From downtown at an elevation of 390 feet, there is a spectacular view of the Sierra Nevada's with snowcapped peaks reaching more than 13,000 feet.

LIMITED SPACE, RESERVE YOUR TICKET NOW...Contact Don Bostrom n6ic@arrl.net



Visalia Convention Information (Cont'd.)

International DX Convention 2002 Registration Form
April 26-28, 2002
Holiday Inn Visalia
9000 W. Airport Dr.
Visalia, Ca

ARE YOU A NEWCOMER: Yes____ No____ GOLF TOURNAMENT: Yes____ No____

Name_____ Call_____

Name_____ Call_____

Additional Guest:

Name_____ Call_____

Address :_____

City :_____

State :____ Zip (Postal) Code:_____ Country: _____

Full Registration (after 15 March 2002): \$65.00 per person..... Total \$_____

Tour (April 27, 2002): \$20.00 per person..... Total \$_____

Grand Total \$_____

Banquet Meal Request: Chicken____ Prime Rib____ Salmon____ Veggie____

Make Checks Payable to: **International DX Convention (no cash PLEASE)**

Send Registration form & checks to:

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Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

E-mail questions to Don Bostrom, N61C at n6ic@arrl.net

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DX Digest

The following operations were "gleaped" from the NG3K, Bill Feidt website. If you want to visit the site directly, it's at <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

- Now to May 15 **Chagos VQ9GB** By K7GB from Diego Garcia (AF-006); all bands; CW SSB
- Mar 21-Nov 30 **Macquarie Island VK0MQI** By VK0MQI; JAs QSL to JE1LET, all others to JA1ELY; begin and end dates uncertain
- Apr 01-30 **Spratly Islands XV9TH** By Vietnam ARC fm AS-051; during April, exact dates not yet known
- Apr 11-22 **Lord Howe Island VK9LT** By VK6CTL; VK/ZL QSL via VK6CTL; HB9QR: Erwin Fink, Toedistr. 7, CH-8572 Berg, Switzerland
- Apr 09-16 **Sierra Leone 9L1JT** By K4ZIN; 40 20 15 10m; CW SSB; limited operations
- Apr 12-22 **Mellish Reef VK9ML** By VK4GL + Team; 160-6m; CW SSB
- Apr 17-22 **Vietnam 3W6LI** By JA6IEF JI6KVR from Cham Island; CW SSB, two stations
- Apr 20-22 **Sierra Leone 9L1JT** By K4ZIN; 40 20 15 10m; CW SSB; full-time operation
- Apr 20-May 10 **Laos XW3ZNR** By IN3ZNR from Vientiane
- Apr 30-May 10 **Baker & Howland Island KH1** By YT1AD and others; QSL SSB via RZ3AA; all other modes QSL via YT1AD
- May 17-27 **Congo TN3** By EA3BT EA3WL as TN3B and TN3W; 80-6m; SSB RTTY, some CW
- May 23-24 **Iceland TF7** By DL2RTK DL2VFR as TF7/homecall from Vestmanneyjar Is (EU-071); 160-6m; CW SSB, possibly RTTY PSK

CQ WPX CW Contest (May 25-26, 2002)

- May 25-30 **Iceland TF1** By DL2RTK DL2VFR as TF1/homecall from main island (EU-021); 160-6m; CW SSB, possibly RTTY PSK
- May 27-30 **Iceland TF5** By DL2RTK DL2VFR as TF5/homecall from Grimsey Is (EU-168); 160-6m; CW SSB, possibly RTTY PSK; QRV one or two days

I wouldn't ordinarily devote this much space to Iceland, but there are those among us who chase IOTA's and would consider this to be important information. -ED

Editor's Choice

By the time you read this, the Ducie Island, VP6DI operation will only be a memory, but a pretty pleasant one at that. You can review the operation from the viewpoint of the DX ops, who will be featured in the banquet presentation at Visalia.

I, for one, was particularly impressed by the cooperation shown between this and the concurrent XR0X, San Felix operation. It was pretty hard to not be aware of both operations. The responding frequencies took up nearly 70 KHz of bandwidth on any given band. But it was refreshing to hear these operations during the temporary absence of P5/4L4FN.

Ed, P5/4L4FN was back on the air for the weekend of March 23-24 with a big signal. We'll keep our fingers crossed that it will count. It would be nice if that affirmative announcement could be made during the Convention in Visalia.

By the way, the NCDXC will host the Convention next year, so be thinking about the part YOU will take in supporting your Club and this fine event. Jerry Griffin, K6MD and I will share the load of chairing the event, so don't hesitate to contact either of us to let us know how you will be involved.

73 till next month.
George, W6YD

Kudos 'n Kredits

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Thank you, one and all!
George, W6YD

