

# DXer



## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB

### It's YOUR Turn!

I got a note from Ron, K6OP recently and attached to it was this poem.

#### DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Are YOU an active member, the kind that would be missed  
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?  
Do YOU attend the meetings and mingle with the flock  
Or do you just stay at home, then criticize and knock?  
Do YOU take an active part to help the work along,  
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that "Just Belongs?"  
Think this over, member, for YOU know right from wrong!  
Are YOU an active member or do you "Just Belong?"

Anonymous Author

If you think I'm trying to lay a "guilt trip" on you, you're right! It shouldn't have to be that way, but, unfortunately, it is. Participation in club activities should be a matter of pride and interest. Pride in your club and an interest in seeing it function in the manner it was intended by our founders.

There was a time when it was an honor to be chosen for a position of leadership in the Northern California DX Club. Well, things have changed. And the change can't be blamed solely on the sunspot cycle.

There are many contributing factors. Among them are the following. Many of our stalwart members have passed away. Others have simply moved away from the area and can't participate due to distance. This leaves us with a limited number of members in our pool of potential leaders. As a result, it is even more critical that YOU take your turn when called upon for leadership.

The club can't hope to survive without leaders. Dick, W6KM saw this and served two terms as your President. Chuck, K6RK caught the vision and served two more terms as your President - this after having already served a term as President in the 1980's. Ron Panton, W6VG has served as your Secretary for more years than I care to remember. And he continues to serve the Club in a variety of other positions that are too numerous to list here. The point is; when will YOU catch the vision and take YOUR turn?

The NCDXC is at a critical point in its evolution as a club. We need NEW blood in the club's leadership positions. And, hopefully, along with fresh faces will come fresh ideas. Fresh faces and fresh ideas like YOURS.

How about it? Are you going to turn your back on your club again? Or will YOU take YOUR turn? Are you going to "whimp out" with some lame excuse or an-

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**General Meeting  
Thursday, June 13th**

**Harry's Hof Brau  
1909 El Camino Real,  
Redwood City**

#### Program

**2002 DX-Pedition  
to  
South Sandwich, VP8THU**



**Social Hour .. 6:00 P.M.  
Dinner ..... 7:00 P.M.  
Meeting..... 8:00 P.M.**

#### July Meeting

**Club Picnic  
Saturday, July 13th  
in Pleasanton  
See Details on Page 5**

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

**Club Officers:**

President: Chuck Patterson, K6RK  
 Vice Pres: Jerry Griffin, K6MD  
 Secretary: Ron Panton, W6VG  
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**Club Repeater, W6TI/R**

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

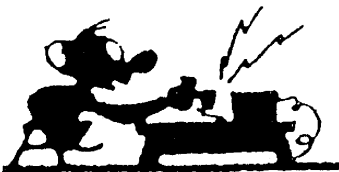
**W6TI DX Bulletins:**

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.

**Club address:** Box 608  
 Menlo Park, CA  
 94026-0608

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## President's Comments



Our May meeting was an exceptional one! The scheduled video was lost somewhere in Fed Ex, so we winged it! We had a round table - everyone had a chance to speak his or her piece. We told a few lies and told of past experiences. It gave us a chance to get to know each other better - especially the newer members. I came away feeling it had been one of our better meetings. Since then, I've had comments from others expressing the same thoughts. We'll do it again!

Elections are coming in June. So far, there have been (exactly) three volunteers to run for office. I can't be president again (per the by laws) but, I will serve in some capacity. We need a president to lead us in 02/03 and we need a vice president to assist him. Ron, W6VG says he will assume some of the secretarial duties but isn't physically able to come to all of the meetings and take minutes. The election will be at the June 13 meeting. Come and take part and run for an office. Also, we will show the VP8THU video at this meeting.

We still need someone to take over the swap shop on our Thursday evening net. Call Randy, W6CUA.

July 13th will be our annual picnic in Pleasaton. Dick, W6KM is putting it all together. He needs cooks!

Finally, some members just don't understand the rules for our DX ladder. The "Honor Roll" totals are intended to reflect entities on the current DXCC list (no deleted countries). The totals should reflect *only* confirmed contacts. The current DXCC list includes Ducie Island and totals 335. But, since no one has received a Ducie card yet, the maximum number that could be claimed is 334. Claiming more tends to reflect negatively on both the individual and the NCDXC.

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 CLUB MEETING, MAY, 2002

The monthly meeting of the NCDXC was held Thursday, May 9. The location was at Harry's Hof Brau in Redwood City. After the food & drink time, the large group was called to order by President K6RK, Chuck Patterson at 8 P.M. The guests were introduced and each said a few words. Application for associate membership was submitted by Curt Kolovson, KG6KQH. Due to a FedEx mishandling of the anticipated video, the scheduled program was not seen. Instead, a round table including each person in attendance brought forth much information and discussion. The club picnic is looking for volunteer cooks, and the head guru of the picnic details is Dick Letrich, W6KM. Date is July 13, and will be held in the Amador Valley Community Park, in Pleasanton. The Xmas lunch is still on the calendar for December 14, and the buffet food as well as the entertainment promises to be excellent. Further details will appear in future DXer bulletins. W6KM, Dick Letrich presented a beautiful plaque on the behalf of the NCDXC to K6RK, Chuck Patterson in appreciation for his service to the Club as President for the past two years. Dick also, called our attention to the beautiful and certainly well deserved plaque that had been presented to George Allan, W6YD at Visalia. George has done more than anyone for the club, and certainly deserves the honor of "NCDXC Member of the Year". Details on George Allan are shown on the front page of the May, 2002 DXer. Our grateful thanks, George. It seems that our esteemed web page manager, Chuck Vaughn, AA6G will be soon moving to Railroad Flats. Much better Qth for DX and Astronomy. Chuck announced some of the many DX links available thru the NCDXC web site. We all should take advantage of the many beacons around the world. Jack Troster, W6ISQ is very familiar with this valuable asset to our hobby.

President, K6RK adjourned the meeting at 9:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by W6VG, Ron Panton



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other like we've heard so many times before. Excuses like "I'm too busy", "I live too far away" and the real "whuss" excuse; "My wife won't let me"! (I think you know what my answers would be for all of these excuses! I COULD have used any one of them to "cop out" and avoid doing my part.) Do YOU have enough guts to step up to the task and give it your best shot? Only YOU know the answer to that question. Only YOU will have to live with your answer.

Why don't you give it a try? Pick up the phone and call Chuck Patterson, K6RK or send him an email (his phone number is 925-934-3419 and his email address is K6RK@AOL.COM). Tell him YOU want to do YOUR part!

You'll never know how rewarding it can be until you give it a try. It's YOUR turn. So, do it!

## PNW DX Convention

The Willamette Valley DX Club  
Invites You to Attend  
the:

**2002**

### *Pacific Northwest DX Convention*

**August 2-4, 2002**

at the

**Monarch Hotel**

**12566 SE 93rd Ave.**

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For reservations call:

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Ask for Northwest DX Convention rate  
(Rate valid until July 12)

Or go to their web site at:

<http://monarchhotel.citysearch.com>

### Scheduled presentations include:

Ward, N0AX - speaking about WRTC-2002

Lew, W7EW - speaking about  
VP8GEO/THU  
DXpeditions

Rudy, N6LF - speaking about design of  
160 M Antennas

Dick, N6FF - speaking about the  
PW0T expedition

DX Forum

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For more information, contact;

**Al Rovner, K7AR**

**360-256-7437**

**k7ar@arrl.net**

- OR -

Check the Convention web site at:

<http://www.wvdx.org/convention.htm>

## Patch Design Contest

The IDXC 2003 Committee takes pleasure in announcing a contest to design the patch for the 2003 Convention in Visalia. The contest is open to all NCDXC members and the winner will receive a FREE registration for the 2003 International DX Convention in Visalia.

As basic requirements, your design(s) should include a mention of DX, International DX Convention 2003, Visalia and, if possible, both the SCDXC & NCDXC. Your design can incorporate any theme that would be appropriate to DX and DXing. The patch design can be any shape. But, bear in mind that the patch will have to be manufactured, so the shape shouldn't be prohibitively intricate.

Contest entries must be postmarked no later than October 19, 2002 and may be sent directly to either Jerry Griffin, K6MD or George Allan, W6YD at their roster addresses.

Judging will be based on originality, eye appeal, theme, ease of manufacture and adherence to the basic requirements mentioned above. All designs submitted will become the property of the Northern California DX Club.

Good Luck.  
George, W6YD

## WORKING ROYALTY

*The following was related to AC6V by a fellow W6, who prefers to remain anonymous, but swears it is true!*

W6 —: JY1, Here is W6(ANON)  
— How did you get such a fancy call sign? You must have some pretty strong political pull or clout.

JY1: — It helps when you're the King!!

## Basic DXing by Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD

*Originally published in the WCDXB, 20 July 1976 (With a minor modification by VE1DX, 18 January 1997)*

One of the Local QRPers came up the hill last week and he was not happy. "Put me down as another one who missed VK0IR", he said. "Those high-powered, non-stop-calling Eastern types pushed the QRM needle off the peg at my place." We were properly sympathetic for a broken heart is a nagging burden. "Too bad", we said, hoping to ease the grief with some small talk, "we heard you in there calling and figured you'd worked them. We could not hear him here."

The QRPer shrugged. "Oh, I wasn't hearing him. I was in there calling blind. Called for three days and got nothing. Nothing at all with all that eastern QRM." We had to think this over a bit for it appeared something was not meshing. "If you could not hear him", we asked, "how would you ever know if he came back to your call? Wasn't that a bit of a futile effort to call blind?" The QRPer bristled. "Look", he said, "If I didn't call, how would they have heard my call and come back to me? Heck! That's basic DXing."

We were still not getting the story. "But if you call blind and you are not hearing the DX station, how will you know when he comes back to you ... if he does?" The QRPer started to bristle again ... and it was apparent we had run our string. "I can see you really never will be a Big DXer", he said devastatingly, "You just cannot understand that they won't hear you if you don't call. You just don't understand!"

Son of a Gun! Let's face it. There are some of the Eternal Enigmas that only a few will understand. These are trying times in this world of DX, although for some more than others. We thought again about what the QRPer had told us. We pondered the Mysteries of the Ages, for there is often wisdom hidden beneath the surface and there are none so blind as those who will not see. After a few minutes, we decided a visit to the optometrist wasn't necessary ... and while one of us wasn't seeing, we had convinced ourselves that our eyes were just fine! So we turned back to the rig and waited for the Heard Island boys to flash up again on fifteen. The Great Days of DXing were at hand. DX IS!

## 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.





# NCDXC ANNUAL PICNIC

*Saturday, July 13th 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Amador Valley Community Park  
4455 Black Avenue, Pleasanton, California*



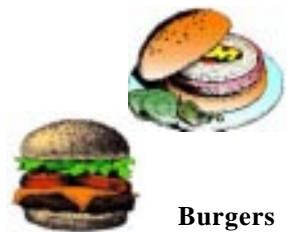
Swimming



Sodas



Hot Dogs



Burgers



**Talk In**

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

## A True Ducie Island Story

*We found the following story in the humor section of AC6V's web site. If you haven't already done so, I urge you to visit his site. It's a virtual treasure trove of Ham radio information. The URL is [www.ac6v.com](http://www.ac6v.com). -Ed.*

The scenario — VP6DI has been on the air for a few days and being a new DXCC entity, the whole world (plus a coupla other worlds) is trying for a contact. Its early morning (1630Z) and Ducie has not made an appearance, the frequency at 21.295 MHz is dead quiet.

"Hello CQ CQ CQ here is W4-OLD-TIMER, calling CQ and tuning."

"W4-OLD-TIMER, here is VP6DI."

"VP6 didn't get the rest of the call — guess you're in Bermuda, I'll turn the beam — Handle here is Frank."

"Well, Frank, good to contact you - very good morning — we are not on Bermuda, we are a DXpedition on Ducie Island."

"HMmm.. Where is Ducie Island?"

BABBLE - GROWLS - "WHAT'S HE DOING?" ETC — From The Anxious Mob wanting Ducie

"Ducie is in The Pitcairn Group we're on a DXpedition."

"Oh, you're on Pitcairn — let me turn the beam around."

A MORE GENTLE ROUTINE QSO FOLLOWS — GROWLS - SCREAMS FROM THE WAITING MOB.

"Well Frank, I need to get on with today's DXpedition, with your kind permission, — can I use the frequency?"

"OH, sure thing Jim, I used to DX a bit myself."

SIGNS OFF - VP6DI sez "QRZ 300 to 310!" The band explodes!

WELL DONE, DUCIE — A heart warming story as W4-OLD-TIMER is 96 Years old and after all, it *was* his frequency!

## Meeting Pictures by W6KM



*Dick, W6KM Presenting the Past President Plaque to Chuck, K6RK*



*Christine, KE6TFS & Mitchell, AE6AI*



*Bob, KE6HKI*

## More Meeting Pix



*Dewey, KG6AM*



*Bob, KE6HKI & Gary, K6DXX*



*Ron, W6VG & Guest*

## DX Digest by W6YD

*The following was "gleaned" from NG3K's web site at <http://cpcug.org/user/wfeidt/Misc/adxo.html> and the Ohio Penn DX web site at <http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>. Please, refer to those sites for more complete information. -Ed.*

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|-------------------|---|
| Now - July 31     | Afghanistan, YA By G0TQJ as YA/G0TQJ; QSL OK via RSGB Buro or direct: C.M. Vernon, 66 Kesteven Road, Stamford, Lincs PE9 1SU, England   |
| Now - June 22     | Morocco, CN2DX By HB9HLM fm IM63; 6m + 2m   |
| Now - June 14     | Dodecanese, SV5 By HB9DTA as SV5/HB9DTA/P fm Rhodes (EU-001)  |
| Now - June 22     | Malta, 9H3UT By DL9GDB fm Comino Is (EU-023); CW; QSL OK via Buro or direct   |
| Now - June 17     | Gibraltar, ZB By G3SQX as ZB/G3SQX; CW only; QRV for RSGB Jubilee Contest (June 8-9) on 80 40 20 15 10m; WARC following week  |
| Now - June 16     | Ogasawara, JD1 By JH0IEW JE0EHE as homecall/JD1 fm AS-031; 80-6m; SSB CW; QSL via JA Buro or direct to home call.   |
| June 13 - 16      | Market Reef, OJ0 By SM5AJV SM0GNS SM5HJZ SM0HPL fm EU-053; 160-6m; CW SSB, perhaps digital; 2 stations, 24 hrs/day  |
| June 14 - 23      | St Pierre Miquelon By NA1CW K1TOL as FP/NA1CW fm Miquelon (GN17va); 6m; 100 W; M2-6M7JHV; 24 hr beacon on 50.120± CW  |
| June 15 - 22      | Falkland Islands, VP8ITN By GM3ITN fm Saunders Is (SA-002); QSL: Less Hamilton, Halls Land Hardgate, Clydebank, Glasgow G81 6NR, Scotland - UK                                    |
| June 21 - 23      | St Pierre Miquelon, FP5KE By FP5AC FP5CJ FP5BU FP5BZ fm Île aux Chevaux (NA-032); 160-6m; QSL per operator instruction.   |
| June 29 - July 08 | St Paul, CY9 By WV2B VE1AAO VE9DH W0SD W7XU N0QJM W0OE fm (FN97); 40-6m; RTTY SSB CW; full-time 6m operation on 50.157 MHz (when there is propagation), listening up. QSL to W7XU |
| July 08 - 11      | Market Reef, OJ0 By OH1VR AE9YL K9LA; 160-6m; CW SSB; A4S + 5 el on 6m  |
| July 11 - July 18 | Swaziland, 3DA0CF By K5LBU; SSB, perhaps PSK31 RTTY; QRV for IARU Contest. QSL to K5LBU   |
| Jul 13-14         | IARU HF World Championship  |
| Jul 13-14         | World Radiosport Team Championship  |
| Jul 27-28         | RSGB IOTA Contest   |
| July 30 - Aug 11  | Maldives 8Q7ZZ By M0DXR M0TTT K3XC EA2AIJ DJ1YFK (all young DXers); 80-6m; CW SSB + digital modes   |

## Editor's Choice

Putting the DXer together each month is not as hard as some people might imagine. We have (the NCDXC owns it) a piece of software, (PageMaker) which allows us to make a template and use it with some minor changes every month. Story input is edited in Microsoft Word 97 and the resulting files saved in RTF format. Word does a good job of spell checking and identifying grammatical errors. What the software fails to do, however, is prevent operator errors.

It's not in my nature to be very organized and, as a result, I sometimes misplace things. It IS my nature to fall on my sword and admit my mistakes. Such is the case, again. This time I came across some input from Gary Cervo, K6DXX that I had set aside to use later. Well, I plain forgot about it! And as a result, you can expect to see the story next month.

It's a repeat of a story that appeared in 1990 and is an interesting (inexpensive) alternative to the Delay One for Ham IV Rotators that W6KM shared with us some time ago. You'll see it next month -- if I don't forget !



## Kudos 'n Kredits

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

**AC6V's Web Site**  
**NG3K, Bill Feidt's Web Site**  
**Ohio Penn DX Bulletin**  
**WA6AUD, Hugh Cassidy**  
**VE1DX, Paul Dunphy**  
**W6KM, Dick Letrich**  
**K6RK, Chuck Patterson**  
**W6VG, Ron Panton**

Thank you, one and all!

George, W6YD

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