

DXer



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB

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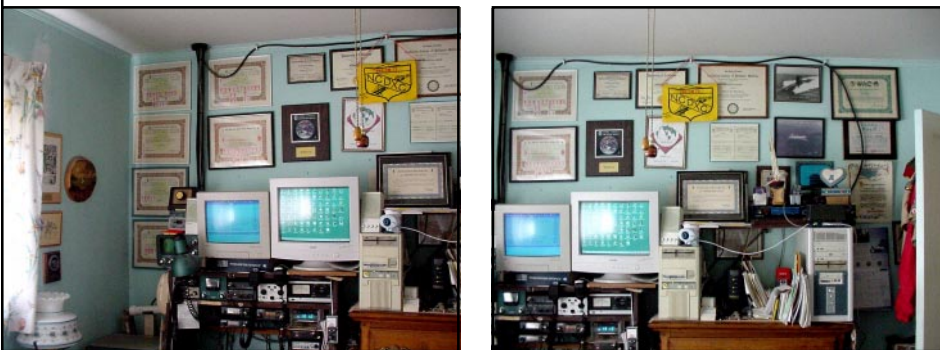
DXer Profile: W6CUA, Randy Wright



The antennas at W6CUA



Randy Wright, W6CUA



Two views of the operating position at W6CUA

**General Meeting
February 13, 2003**

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

Program

Roundtable & Other Tales



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

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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: Mitch Cipriano, AE6AI

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



Just some miscellaneous thoughts for this month.

By the time you read this I will have returned from a couple of weeks of long anticipated R&R in KH6 land. No radio, just lots of sun, sand and water.

I'm happy to announce that Ron, W6VG, has accepted appointment to the post of "interim secretary" until we can get some one to run for the post of Secretary. Come on guys, you can't make Ron do ALL the work!

I'm encouraged by the trend in attendance at meetings. We had 20 in November, in excess of 70 at the Christmas party and, I think, 22 at the January meeting. We've had several excellent programs to get out the vote, so to speak.

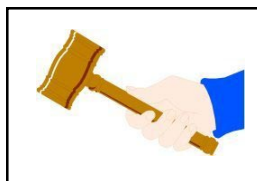
But this brings up a serious problem: there are two big plusses to meeting at Harry's, the first being the fact that the meeting room is free and, secondly the food is good and relatively inexpensive. The really big negative is that as a place to present a program it really sucks! (as we say in the vernacular). The configuration is very uncomfortable for both the audience and the presenter. I would like to get some serious suggestions for new meeting places that would be more appropriate for our programs. I know that the Contest Club has used Ron Manabe's Tide House in Mountain View with success by and we might give that consideration. The Palo Alto Elks Club might also be a possibility, but please give me any ideas *you* might have.

Charlie: Charlie has been pretty silent recently (because of some filter configuration problems) but so has the repeater. Come on folks let's chew the rag a little and keep the activity up, letting in DX announcements of course!

Keep on truckin' in the marathon.

See you all in February.

73, Doug, W6JD



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

Meeting of the NCDXC January 9th, 2003

We hope for a very good year and a happy one for all hams! Sunspots are apparently on the wane, but ham activity still keeps going. The January 2003 meeting of the NCDXC was held in the Hofbrau in Redwood City. I was surprised and delighted to see Rusty Epps, W6OAT; Bob Vallio, W6RGG; Bruno Bienenfeld, AA6AD (my old ZK2 DXpedition pal) and many others. Largest turnout in some time, very gratifying indeed. The meeting started early, and the meeting was a long one. Guests were introduced, one of whom was Friedrich (Fritz) DL4TT, who now has U.S. call N6UK. Jack Troster is chairman of the NCDXC member of the year committee. (formerly called DXer of the Year award). A volunteer person was needed for the committee and W6VG spoke up. Jack also spoke of Don Miller (W9WNV) who is now out of prison and on E mail. The club marathon is actively going on, so members were exhorted to get involved. Marathon honcho is N7RC, Dick, so let him know of your participation. Kudos were given by all to Rolph, W6TWO on the very successful, enjoyable, Xmas dinner meeting. (lunch, actually. Sans lighting due to weather) George Allan, the big man on the DX Convention this year, still needs a program chair person. Rusty, W6OAT is on the committee to help whom-ever steps up to chair this important convention committee. We welcome two new members: Steve Jones, N6SJ and John Eisenberg, K6YP. Very happy to have them with us.

Then — we were treated to a very fine program on the TI9M DXpedition to Cocos Island by Al Maenchen, AD6E. Beautiful picture work on the slides, very well accompanied with verbal info on entire DXpedition from start to finish. Enjoyed muchly by all. The large assembly was sent on into the rainy night at 9:25 P.M. by president W6JD, Doug Westover.

Respectfully submitted by W6VG, Ron Panton, Secretary Pro Tem

Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes: Board of Directors

The esteemed president of the NCDXC opened the February meeting of its Board of Directors at 10:01 A.M. February 1st, 2003. Present were; President W6JD, Doug Westover; K6RK, Chuck Patterson; KG6AM, Dewey Churchill; W6VG, Ron Panton; KN6K, Keith Butts and; W6TWO, Rolph Stoddard. Future programs for NCDXC meetings were announced by K6RK. Rolph Stoddard will handle the club information to World Radio and ARRL. The NCDXC is still searching for the best place for monthly meetings. Future donations by the club were discussed and the treasurer will first assess the financial situation of the club prior to placing the donation subject before the board and the club members. Treasurer KG6AM, Dewey Churchill presented the club budget, prepared as of January 20, 2003, which was discussed at great length and approved. Fine job by Dewey. Copies of the budget are available to Club members. The membership of DJ6RX is in the database, thanks to W6CF.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by W6VG, Ron Panton, Secretary pro tem.



Marathon by N7RC

Now, the clubs' Marathon has ended. Now, please submit your tallies via e-mail or snail mail, listing the stations worked and date/time of qso. My addresses are per the Membership Roster booklet.

Thank you, and I certainly hope that you enjoyed the competition. (And that T31MY was one of your counters.)

Have a good DX year.

Dick (aka N7RC)

AJ6V in Martinique

To members of the NCDXC:

I will be operating from Martinique next month in the ARRL DX CW contest, using the callsign FM5BH as a single operator all band entrant. QSL via W3HNK. I hope to work many of you!

73, Ed Radlo, AJ6V

WE6V Recovering

I received the following note regarding Jim O'Keefe's health from Dick Letrich, W6KM.

"...By the way, I checked on Jim O'Keefe, WE6V and he is slowly recovering from his stroke. Unable to get on the air yet, though.

73 ...Dick."

I'm sure Jim would appreciate hearing from club members, so why not drop him a card or just a line. His address is good in last year's roster, as his sudden illness prevented him from renewing his membership.



The Meeting Program

Member of the Year By Jack Troster, W6ISQ

The annual ritual to select the “Member of the Year” is here and now. For you elderly types with long memories, that is the new name for the old “DXer of the Year”. Now pay attention. The “Committee” of 5 of your peers has been formed which has the terrible task of selecting the MOTY and we need your support. Read: EVERYBODY— that means YOU.

Will youse ALL PLEASE email or snail mail or tellyphone mail to W6ISQ with your Nominee for the award and GIVE YOUR REASON your person should be the winner.

Note email for W6ISQ is: jmtroster@aol.com.

This is an opportunity for the rest of the hunnerts of NCDXC members to actually participate, at no extra charge, in helping out the club. Surely every member should know somebody worthy of being “Member of the Year”. Send in that name.

Deadline for your reply is 10 days after publication of this memo. The Committee can’t not do nuthin until we hear your neat nominations. Read the rules for the selection process scribed below.

Thank you for your participation
73, Jack, W6ISQ, Groopenfuhrer

NCDXC Procedures Manual, Paragraph 3-115 Member of the Year

g. Criteria for Selection:

1. Cooperation and assistance with DX efforts, maintaining liaison with or coordinating DXpeditions, participating in expeditions, and helping other members to work DX.
2. High standards of operating practices and ethics. Compliance with FCC regulations, exhibition of fair play, sportsmanship, and good operating practices at all times. Use of ethical practices in working new countries, and obtaining QSL cards.
3. Participation in club activities: Service as officer or director, DXer editor, or other club appointments, participation in DX contests with scores contributed to the NCDXC, support of the club repeater, attendance at club and repeater meetings, service on committees, or bringing in new members.
4. Achievements: Winning, or placing high in major DX contests, winner of awards, such as: 5BDXCC, Honor Roll, etc. Amateur related appointments, service to the public in emergencies, promoting international goodwill. Assistance to potential or new amateur radio operators, conduct of training programs.

Meeting Pictures



The Deserving



W6TWO Speaks to the Deserving

K6WR Honored

Gary Cervo, K6DXX brought the following to our attention.

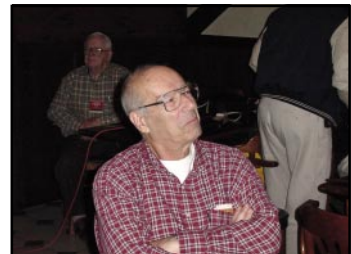
According to the Feb. 2003 issue of *QST* (Pg 83), Brad Wyatt, K6WR along with Stan Schretter, W4MQ and Keith Lamonica, W7DXX has won the *QST* Cover Plaque Award. The award was for their collaboration on the article “A Ham Radio Public Utility HF Station” which appeared in the November 2002 issue of *QST*.

Congratulations, Brad!

More Meeting Pix



Al Maenchen, AD6E



Bruno Bienenfeld, AA6AD



Steve Jones, N6SJ

9 Band DXCC Standings by John Brand, K6WC

Awards were delayed last year due to my change in QTH. I hope this has not been an inconvenience for anyone.

If you are not already familiar with the award, rules may be found in your copy of the Club's Procedure Manual. Otherwise, you may write or email me for instructions.

Please remember that endorsements (Tags) are only issued in increments of: 100, 150, 200, 250, 260, 270, 280, 290 and 300. To complete a band, all 9 tags must be applied, 100 through 300. You may begin your plaque with only 100 countries worked on any one band. Non-deleted countries for credit must have been worked since joining the NCDXC or October 10, 1987 which ever is later.

- 9BDXCC Plaque (one time) \$ 40.00
- Shipping/Mailing:
- Surface – US 10.00
- Surface – Foreign 15.00
- Band Total Tag, each 1.20
- Shipping/Mailing:
- Postage Included - US
- Foreign add extra \$1 only

Send your request and check in US funds payable to the NCDXC within the next 45 days from publication.

Mail to: John Brand, K6WC
 16100 N. Hwy 101, Space 21
 Willits, CA 95490.

Phone: (707) 459-0139
 Email: k6wc@jps.net

Callsign	160	80	40	30	20	17	15	12	10
K6CBL				200	150	200	150	150	150
K6DY					100				100
N6EK			200		280		250		200
WD6EKR					250		200		150
K1ER		100	150	100	250	100	200	100	200
AA6G			250	200	280	250	280	200	280
N6HR//		100	200	150	300	100	200	100	150
KG6I	150	200	250	200	300	200	200	250	200
KA6ING									250
W6ISQ				150		200		150	100
W6JD			200	150	300	150	250	100	200
N6JV	100	150	200	200	300	260	290	200	260
W6KQK			100		260	100	260		200
A16L	100	200	300	270	300	280	290	250	270
K6MA		100	250	150	300	200	300	150	270
N6OM					150		150		100
K6RK	150	100	250	100	250	150	200	100	200
DJ6RX	200	280	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
K6SIK					150		150		150
W6TEX			100		250		200		100
K16T		100	200	200	290	250	280	200	250
K6TMB					150		100		100
K6UM		100	150		300	200	280	200	260
K6UT		150	280	100	300	280	200	200	100
K4UVT					200		200		150
K6VX	150		300	250		300	300	270	290
K6WC			100		100				
K16WF		150	150		300	100	300		270
W6YHM			200	100	300	100	260		150

More Meeting Pix



IDXC 2003

Planning and activities associated with the International DX Convention 2003 in Visalia are moving ahead.

After considerable negotiations with Bruce Kopitar, President of U.S. Tower Corporation, we agreed to an arrangement that permits them to put on their famous Saturday Barbecue.

The U.S. Tower Barbecue is a very expensive event for them to put on (in excess of \$10K) and has, in recent years, resulted in very scant sales revenue. In my opinion, the economic downturn has resulted in a reduction of disposable income for those who would normally buy towers.

This, coupled with the fact that many people who are neither hams nor who are not, in any way, connected with the convention have taken advantage of U.S. Tower's generosity has cost them dearly.

The solution is to limit attendance to only those people who are registered for the convention. The NCDXC will also do some advertising for U.S. Tower in the DXer. And, finally, the convention will subsidise some of the expenses associated with the barbecue.

The order for patches has been placed with Bimark and we are moving ahead on programs. This month we will be mailing out the usual flyers to all previous attendees, SCDXC and NCDXC Members.

So there you are. I'm sure there is something we've omitted, but hey -- we're only amateurs -- right?

73, de George, W6YD



559-733-2438

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.

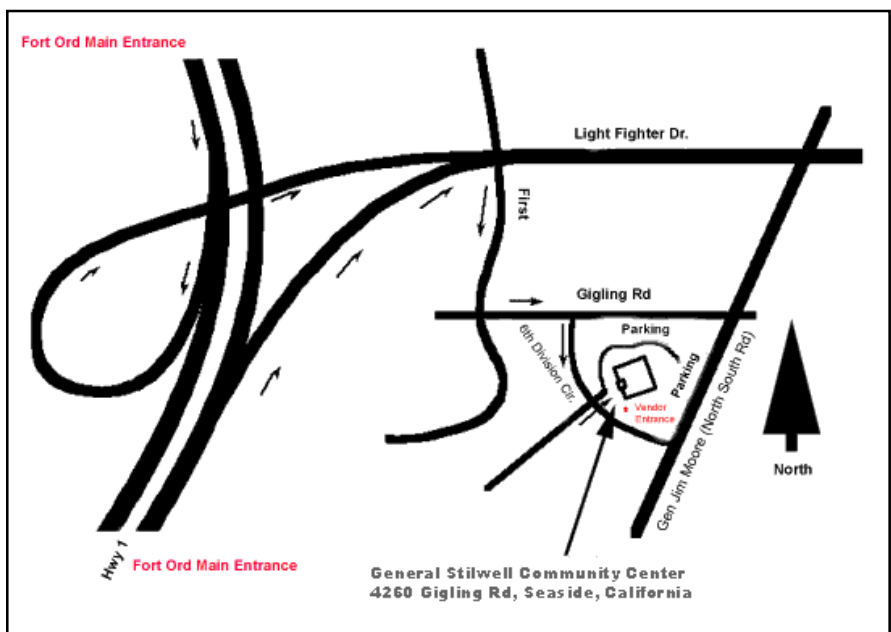


NPSARC Radiofest February 22nd

The Naval Postgraduate School Amateur Radio Club will again sponsor their annual Radiofest on Saturday, February 22nd in the General Stillwell center on the grounds of old Ford Ord. This is a one day, FREE event that is fun for the whole family. It draws many hams and wannabe Hams from surrounding areas.

They will have a Flea Market, Vendor Booths, Amateur Radio Demonstrations, Free Ham License Exams, Fantastic Guest Speakers and Door Prizes

As I recall, admission is free and they even have some dandy door prizes that are donated by vendors. Full details can be found on the NPSARC website which is at <http://k6ly.org/radiofest/>. Hope to see you there. de W6YD



DXer Profile: W6CUA, Randy Wright

Most club members may know Randy Wright, W6CUA by his dedication and involvement with the Thursday night 2 meter on the air Club Meetings. He has been Net Manager for many years. Being Net Manager is not an easy job, but he seems to always be able to keep a reliable crew in place.

Randy joined the club in July 1976 and had been an active Ham for over a decade before that. His call has always had the "CUA" suffix. As a Novice it was WN6CUA. Later on, when he upgraded it became WB6CUA. Then, when the FCC allowed vanity calls, he found W6CUA open and immediately applied for it.

Randy's location is in a residential neighborhood but from his tower he has a commanding view in all directions as he is on the upper part of a large hill. Now you can have the best site in the world but it takes, as most DXers know, great dedication to achieve "TOP OF THE HONOR ROLL." Randy works 50/50 phone and CW. His total country count is extremely impressive: 349 MIXED, 346 SSB, 342 CW, along on RTTY and of course 5BDXCC! His wife, Marlene is KB6LDV and all of his family is supportive of his hobby.

His HF Rig is a KENWOOD TS-950SDX and his linear is the old trusty Heathkit SB220. The only tuner in the shack is the one built into the KENWOOD. His antenna system is very complete with 4 elements on 20, 5 on 15, 6 on 10. He has slopers on 40, 80 and 160 and rotatable dipoles for the WARC bands.

While in the military service, he operated from Spain, Midway, Okinawa, KL7, the Balearic Islands, as well as, air mobile.

In addition, Randy is Awards Manager for YASME. This impressive award can be viewed at WWW.YASME.ORG along with all of the instructions and requirements for it.

Thanks for your fine work on behalf of the club, Randy.

73, Dick, W6KM

DX Ladder Updated

John Kelly, KG6XF advises us that the DX Ladder has been updated and is available for viewing . It's available at the NCDXC Web Site, where you can follow the links to the DX Ladder.

As a reminder, you can find the Club's Website at WWW.NCDXC.ORG

Kudos 'n Kredits

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N7RC, Dick Courtway
W6VG, Ron Panton
K6WC, John Brand
KG6XF, John Kelly

Thank you, one and all!

George, W6YD

International DX Convention 2003 Registration Form

CIRCLE MEAL ENTREE CHOICES*

Name _____ Call _____ C P S V

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* Banquet Meal Request: C = Chicken P = Prime Rib S = Salmon V = Vegetarian

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____ Country _____

Pre-registration (before 18 April 2003): \$60.00 per person Total \$ _____

Late registration (after 18 April 2003): \$65.00 per person Total \$ _____

Non Ham (Meals only) Registration: \$35.00 per person Total \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: NCDXC Convention 03 (no cash, PLEASE)

Send Registration form & Checks to: Dick Letrich, W6KM
3686 Kirk Road,
San Jose, CA 95124-3816

