

# DXer



**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
DX CLUB**

## *Abbreviated Issue*

### **2005 Visalia Convention**

The initial meeting of the 2005 Convention Committee was held Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City. This meeting covered initial planning and was attended by Mitch, AE6AI; Doug, W6JD; Dick, W6KM; Kay, K6KO; Ken, K6TA; Sylvia, XYL of W6YD; George, W6YD and; John, K6YP.

Since nobody has volunteered to become the Convention Chair, George W6YD volunteered to take on that responsibility. W6YD that it is impossible to focus the required amount of attention on being both the DXer Editor and the Convention Chair, to do either of them well — especially the convention. As a result, he will step down as Editor of the DXer, effective with the completion of the October 2004 issue.

Mitch, AE6AI confirmed that he will be Prize Chair and Dick, W6KM volunteered to be Registration Chairman, in addition to being Pre-registration Chair. Ken, K6TA suggested that we contact the Central Arizona DX Association to explore the possibility that they might be willing to take on the responsibility for doing the Programs. (More about that later). Ken also agreed to explore the possibility of the Mother Lode DX and Contest Club doing both the hourly and main prize drawings. Kay, K6TO agreed to look into some options for the Saturday Spouse/Significant Other Program. We also explored some other possibilities for our vendors, such as greater help loading and unloading and possibly a vendor hospitality room.

The following jobs remained open after the meeting:

- Saturday Spouse/Significant Other Program Chair
- Golf Chair
- Exhibits Chair
- Raffle Chair

We would love to have you join the committee and would welcome your participation.

Subsequent to this meeting, W6YD contacted Bob Davies, K7BHM of the Central Arizona DX Association. Bob's response was very positive and it appears that we will get a huge amount of help from CADXA. In addition,

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**No Meeting in August  
Next General Meeting  
September 9, 2004**

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

### Program

**Dean Straw, N6BV  
See Page 3 for Details**

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**Social Hour .. 6:00 P.M.  
Dinner ..... 6:30 P.M.  
Meeting..... 7:30 P.M.**

**DXer Deadline  
for  
September 2004 Issue  
is  
August 25, 2004**

August 2004

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Frequency/offset: 147.36 MHz, +

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Club simplex: 147.54 MHz (suggested)

Thurs. Net OTR: 8 pm local time.

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QSL Information:

**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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to running the programs for us, they also will be doing (banquet) table reservations. They also offered to bring W7UGA/R for official committee communications during the convention. They appear to be very eager to help and will be a welcome addition to the convention committee.

The next meeting is planned for Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM at Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City. Hope to see more of you there.

George, W6YD

## DXer Editor Needed

### W6YD's Final Issue to be October 2004

In May of 1999, just following the Visalia DX Convention, I volunteered to be the DXer Editor. It's now August of 2004 and I've been the DXer Editor for five years. In the interim, I chaired two more conventions for the club. But, I have to admit that the last one didn't go as well as I had hoped it would. And I attribute that to the fact that I was stretched too thin, what with a trying to hold down a part time job, while trying to simultaneously be Convention Chairman and the DXer Editor.

As a result, I have decided that it would be in the best interest of the Club (and my mental health) if I stepped down from being the DXer Editor. It's a decision that was difficult to make, but one that must be made for the good of the Club.

For years I have been saying that it is unfair to the Club for so much responsibility to be so centered in one person. Jobs like these need to be spread out among many people so as not to leave the Club in a lurch, in the event of a sudden catastrophe, such as a major illness or the like.

My decision is final. The October Issue will be the last issue I will prepare. After that, someone else will have to do it or it won't get done. I have all of the software, templates, archives and expertise, which I will pass on to my successor. I will also be available for advice and consultation, in case you run into a problem. Don't be bashful. Anyone can do this and you stand to learn a lot.

73,  
 George, W6YD

### 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.**

## **Dean Straw, N6BV to Speak at September 9, 2004 Northern California DX Club Meeting**



**Dean Straw N6BV, contester, Dxer, antenna expert, propagation guru and editor of the ARRL Antenna Book will speak at the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of NCDXC at Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City.**

**His talk entitled "Strategies Using Propagation Predictions for DXing and Contesting" will focus on how to use modern computer aided propagation prediction to your advantage. Dean has reduced the difficulty of applying propagation prediction to the point that it is useful to any amateur radio operator who is active on the HF bands. These techniques will help you snag rare DX contacts and to know when propagation should be at its best from your location to any part of the world. Knowledge of propagation prediction is particularly important as the sunspot cycle continues to decline.**

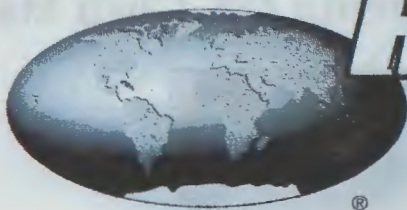
**Those who have had the opportunity to attend a presentation by Dean Straw, know that he is an eloquent speaker with a particular gift for making complex topics easy to understand and apply. Everyone is welcome to attend.**

**There will be a social hour beginning at 6:00 PM. Dinner and refreshments are available if you desire. Dean's presentation will be at 7:30 PM.**

**Harry's Hofbrau is located at 1909 El Camino, Redwood City at the junction of El Camino and Woodside Road.**

***Please mark September 9<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and plan to attend.***

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