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**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
DX CLUB**

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**James Brooks, 9V1YC's Superb Video
Presentation of the 1999 ZL9CI Dxpediton
to Campbell Island!! September Meeting,
September 8, 2005!**

This is the same filmmaker who did the outstanding A52A Butan operation. All Dxers will enjoy this exciting experience. Of course we will continue with the monthly door prizes and raffle so get ready to win some fine prizes. We hope to see you at our next regular monthly meeting. If you have met some new hams or some fellow hams that love DX invite them to join us at the September meeting **and** to join our great club!!!

As usual we do not have an August meeting, but I thought that I would at least do a short DXer since that seems to have been the previous practice.

No, this is not the same DXer as the August newsletter!! It just begins the same way.

I hope this finds most of you back from summer vacations and having enjoyed the recent Labor Day Weekend.

We are working hard to provide all club members with another great year of DX club events and we hope that many of you hit it right to experience new countries, neat exchanges with fellow club members and a good year all around.

John, Eisenberg, K6YP, is the main organizer of our presentations. If you know of someone that may be a "terrific" presenter, please pass on that info to John.

I hope that all of you have paid your dues so that you will be a part of our roster for the 2005-6 year.

Welcome to you all. See you on the 8th of September!!

September
Meeting,
will be September,
8th
at Harry's
Hofbrau at 7:30
Hope to see you
there!

**Deadline
For
October Dxer
Contributions is September
28, .2005**

See you in September!

September, 2005

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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

Fellow Hams,

Jim, K6LM notified me that a long time club member, Jack, K6CBL is a silent key. I did not know him very well but understand that he was an excellent mathematician who taught at San Francisco State. Jack was also an outstanding operator. He will be missed by the club. K6LM is helping with the radio part of the estate.

Summer is almost over, but the DX doldrums are not. Compensate for this by attending our fun filled events starting with our September 8 meeting at Harrys. There will be a board meeting at Ron and Helga's place at 10AM on September 10. Many important topics will be acted upon by the board members.

All our sympathies go to the 5 million victims of Hurricane Katrina. There are many agencies assisting with financial and material aid. Help them. If you pray, pray for them.

Dues are past due. If you are late getting them in, don't expect to see your name and call sign in the roster. For those who paid on time and for all those who work to make our club better, THANK YOU!

73 Dewey KG6AM

Editor's reflections.....

Dear Friends,

Can you believe that another September is here? Life goes way too fast. Gosh, my granddaughter is 9 yrs. old and my grandson is 19 yrs. old. So how old does that make me?

We've spent August at home, but we have been trying to do more walking so that is a good thing. The weather has been probably the most perfect August of the 41 yrs. that we have lived here since we migrated west from Chicago. It has been 73 degrees or so 24 of the 31 days. WOW!! That is perfection!! When living in Chicago I would never have dreamed of such a possibility. Mike has worked some DX from time to time but mostly conditions have been somewhat erratic as we reach the bottom of the sunspot cycle.

The QCWA cruise to Alaska took place August 19-27 on the sailing ship, SS Veendam and a great time was had by all. Propagation was not good to the ship during the 1st part of the trip. But the last two days turned out to be exceptional. Both Mike, W6WZ and I, WB6ABC made a good contact with the ship using the call W2MM/MM with an Icom 7800, donated for the trip by Icom, and a Comet CHA 250B antenna, donated by N.C.G. Company, clamped on the railing at the fantail of the ship. The approximate 100 QCWA members made up just a part of the total passengers on the cruise. One well known member of this group was K7JA, Chip Margelli of CW shoot out fame on the Jay Leno TV show.

I look forward to seeing all you fellow club members at the September 8th meeting as we begin our new fall start. I'm sure that we are all looking forward to another great year of Dxing and sharing our experiences with one another. Your friend, Carolyn, WB6ABC



Katrina-A Horrible Disaster-What Will Be Done?

This is a very serious question that no one can really solve at this extremely serious time of disaster. All kinds of ideas are being suggested in these first days of decision, hope, horror and confusion. The ham radio world again is a part of the help for our fellow citizens. It's been reported that 50,000 health and welfare messages have been passed at this moment by ham radio operators, September 1, 9:30 P.M. PDT. Most of the traffic seems to be being sent on 20 meters, 14265. And there seems to be no end in sight.

Happenings Here, Happenings There in the DX Radio World

More Honors for VU2RBI!!

The G DX Foundation will present Devulapalli Bharathi Prasad, VU2RBI, and her team members with an "Award of Appreciation" for the team's efforts after the December, 2004, tsunami. The award will be presented at the Ham Radio convention in Friedrichshafen, Germany. The ceremony will reportedly be attended by representatives of the Indian Embassy and the Indian Ministry of communication. In May, VU2RBI received the 2005 Special Achievement Award presented at Hamvention, 2005 in Ohio.

GB2RS, Newsline

Special Update!!

Thursday, August 28th, an intrepid crew trekked its way up the mountain to the W6TI repeater..... purpose....to replace the 20 (?) year old antenna and feedline. Crew members consisted of Pete, W6OOL, Bob, W6RGG, and Doug, W6JD.

Pete did all the heavy lifting (literally) on the tower while Bob and Doug stayed safely on the ground pulling on the ropes, unrolling wire, eating sandwiches and yelling words of encouragement or insults at Pete. Despite all of this the trip and the installation was a complete success and the repeater should be good for another 20 (?) years.

Doug, W6JD

Thanks for the report Doug!

Thanks for the work, Bob, W6RGG and Pete, W6OOL, and Doug, W6YD

Great DX News! Peter 1, 3Y0X is On Again For Early, 2006!!!

See <http://www.t-rexsoftware.com/Peterone/> or go to google and type Peter 1. There is a great website to view for more information.

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NCDXC MEETING

When: Thursday, September 8, 2005-7:30

Food and socializing from 6:00-7:30

Where: Harry Hofbrau-Redwood City

What: James Brooks, 9V1YC's superb video of the Dxpediton to Campbell Islands. All Dxers will enjoy this exciting experience.

What else? We are back to our great raffle. And, of course, more great prize opportunities!!!

1st Prize-Yaesu VHF FM Transceiver VX-170. This **new** 2m HT is submersible, offers a huge easy-to-read LCD screen, bold audio, 3/4 of a watt, and a 1400 mAh NiMH battery! (See p. 8 of Sept. QST for full description)

2nd Prize-MAHA Universal Charger & Analyzer. This **new** charger/analyzer analyzes any battery pack for ham radio, cellular and more. *\$80.00 value!*

3rd Prize-Millenia 24X36 laminated DX World Map. Great opportunity to locate your DX contacts.

4th Prize – 9 LED Pocket Flashlight complete with lithium battery and case.

5th Prize-Super-Bright Micro-light with swivel key ring.

3 Door Prizes-All meeting attendees receive a free raffle ticket at the door for the following 3 prizes:

1. Yaesu Log Book/Entities List
2. Handy-Light Weight Keychain Light
3. Same as above

Attendees are welcome to a free International DX Convention Mug. Coffee in this mug encourages that rare DX contact!!