

DXer 



**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
DX CLUB**

Eric Swartz, WA6HHQ, President of Elecraft, will discuss “The K2 Receiver Design Strategy” at our October 13, 2005 Meeting!!

Presentation:

The K2, a low cost kit HF transceiver, is designed to be assembled and aligned by the average amateur without any extra equipment. This receiver is compared favorably with far more complex radios such as the Icom 7800. Read this month’s QST for a great discussion on this great kit. **Come join us for this great presentation!**

Survey:

We will also have a club survey at the October 13th meeting. The goal of the survey is:

1. to determine what everyone hopes to gain from membership in NCDXC.
2. to hear what areas of club activities people would like to play a more active role in.
3. to solicit suggestions for future presentation topics.
4. to have overall suggestions to make the club itself more enjoyable.

Please attend so that we can hear from each of our members as to what would make the NCDXC experience more fun.

Raffle: Please see page 6 for the details of this great opportunity!!!!!!!

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October Meeting

will be October,
13th
at Harry’s
Hofbrau at 7:30.
Hope to see you
there!

Deadline
For
November Dxe
Contributions is October
28, 2005

See you October 13th!

Northern
California
DX Club

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President's Comments

Hi Fellow Club Members,
We have some DX of note finally, and one where WE have the preferred propagation! Fun for Dxers!
Our next club meeting on October 13th at Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City will again be outstanding! See details on page 6 in this newsletter. It is hot outside right now but autumn steadily approaches as does the holiday season. We are happy that the Holiday Luncheon has been settled, and we look forward to a great time together. Please let us know as soon as possible that you plan to attend.

Hoping to see you all on October 13th.

73 Dewey KG6AM

Editor's reflections.....

Dear Friends,

Well, I guess that the main thing that has been on my mind for the last week or two was organizing the Winter Holiday Luncheon and it has been done. After contacting about 8-10 hotels and restaurants and having their rates and menus faxed to me the decision is made. Many factors such as location, accessibility, etc., had to be taken into consideration. The conclusion is that it will be at Michael's Shoreline in Mountain View on December 17th at 11:45-3:00. So I hope to see you all there!! More info about the details on page 5 of this DXer! I've been enjoying this fall season as the autumn colors have begun to appear and the sunsets have been very colorful as well. Mike, W6WZ has worked Kure Island K7C, but we only heard them loudly enough on a band where a general such as myself could operate on Wednesday evening at just the moment when we had to leave for a play in Mt. View so I had not been lucky so far. But, on Sunday evening at 6:15, I struck gold. I got it! It is sad to realize that 3 of our club members have passed away. The only one that I knew personally was Alex, W6ZX, who sat next to me at the 2004 holiday luncheon and happily won the main prize. Mike and I also saw him at Visalia where he reported that his health was not very good. Bless all the families.....I hope that all of them have wonderful memories. Your editor and friend, Carolyn, WB6ABC



Congratulations, Ron, W6VG! One more year you have done a fabulous job on the roster! We appreciate 10 years of dedicated work by you accomplishing this important and tedious job. You have been an integral part of our club for many years. How many 90 yr. olds in our society still contribute to fellow club members to such a major extent? I know none! Thanks for sharing your home for our monthly board meetings. And thanks to Helga, too.

AmTech Day-13 Hours of Fun Radio Activitiesin Menlo Park one Saturday every month from 8:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M. Whether you are a brand new ham operator or a seasoned DXer there is plenty happening for all to enjoy!

For example a visitor would observe at least 3 or 4 portable stations set up and running. On **October 8th** the special event callsign, **N6T** has been issued from **Oct. 8th-1600Z** until **Oct.9-0300Z**. Special QSL cards will be available to those who make contacts to one of these stations.

This commemoration is to celebrate the one year anniversary of Amtech Day.

Also Saturday, October 8th a talk will be given at 1:30 P.M. by Dale O'Harra, NX6X on the antenna analyzer that he engineered and will soon be going into full production. The title of the talk is "A New Direction in Antenna Analyzers." After the talk 2 DVDs will be shown on radio topics.

The person responsible for AmTech Day is one of our own NCDXC members, Dave Cooper, KE6PFF. THANK YOU DAVE!!!

Wanta get away? This is a great way to spend a morning or afternoon, or both.

For further info go to the Foothill Amateur Radio Society, FARS website.

Special Update!! As this DXer is being written the **K7C Kure Island DXexpedition** is in full swing. It seems that most of our club members have made contacts on the band and modes they needed, and wasn't it exciting to use the **DXA** website by **KK6EK** which allowed one to verify the contact within a short time?

Silent Keys.....

Recently we have lost 3 fellow amateur radio operators, K6CBL, W6ZX and WA6AUD.

K6CBL, Jack Mullen, a longtime member of NCDXC, retired professor of mathematics at San Francisco State University, who lived in San Francisco has become a silent key and will be missed by all.

W6ZX, Alex Meyer, a NCDXC member since 1996, was an avid DXer who when he became ill actually had a bed placed in his office/ham shack so he could work on the computer and ham radio in his final days. And sure enough he passed away doing just that in his ham shack. Alex was on the honor roll and loved DX.

His first exposure to radio happened in the Netherlands, his birthplace, during the 2nd World War like this:

In 1942, when he was 14 yrs. old his father sent Alex to fetch an ax at a neighbor's house to split some wood. Alex rang the front bell and nobody answered. He then went to the rear of the house to the shed where he knew the ax was kept. He went in, to the horror of the man in the shed, as he was in the process of sending a secret radio message to England. The neighbor was with the underground. He asked Alex to follow him with the ax to Alex's house. They met with Alex's father and the elders decided that Alex should swear on the bible that he would never tell anyone about this. That was hard for a 14 yr. old, but Alex did not reveal this information until the war ended. In 1961 he got his 1st ham license and it was a lot of fun from then on out.

WA6AUD, Hugh Cassidy, longtime ham and NCDXC member, was an avid writer of many articles which were published in the West Coast DX Bulletin and was the DX editor for CQ magazine for many years. He also wrote articles for the ARRL QST. His contribution to Dxing will always be remembered. A note from VE1DX, Paul M. Dunphy was sent to me sharing the fact that Hugh was his mentor as an aspiring writer as well as DXer. and very good friend.

Sept. 8, 2005 NCDXC Meeting Minutes

Began at 7:30. Present were KG6AM, Dewey, pres., K6YP, John, v.p., N6SJ, Steve, treas., W6WZ, Mike., sec., K6RK, Chuck, dir., and WB6ABC, Carolyn, editor DXer.

It was discussed that we would share ideas about the club and how to improve it at the October meeting.

We viewed a great video by James Brooks, 9V1YC, about the 1999 ZL9CI Dxpedition to Campbell Island.

We again enjoyed the monthly raffle. The meeting adjourned at 9:20.

Respectively submitted by,

Mike Gavin. W6WZ. sec.

Board Meeting Minutes-Sept., 10, 2005

The board meeting took place at W6VG Ron Pantan's house at 10:00. N6SJ, Steve gave us the treasurer's report. The deadline for the roster inclusion has been closed.

A discussion about the Winter Holiday Luncheon occurred and Carolyn and Mike agreed to take charge.

Club goals were thoroughly discussed by the group and it was decided that a survey would be submitted to the members for their ideas and goals at the October 13th meeting.

We discussed the DXer and NCDXC website ads. The meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Respectively submitted by,

Mike Gavin, W6WZ, sec.

Annual Winter Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 17, 2005
MICHAELS' AT SHORELINE
2960 N. SHORELINE BLVD.
MOUNTAIN VIEW (650-962-1014)

Holiday Luncheon Choices

(Served to you at your luncheon table)

1. **New York Steak**
2. **Broiled Halibut**
3. **Chicken Florentine**
4. **Vegetarian**

All entrees are served with seasonal greens, vegetables, potato du jour, French rolls, coffee and sherbet.

No host bar will be available in our luncheon room.

Cost: \$25.00 per person (includes 2 tickets for special door prizes)

Send your check to: Northern California DX Club
c/o Mike Gavin, W6WZ
132 Alta Vista Rd.
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**SPECIAL
PROGRAM**
(To be announced)

**Great Raffle
Prizes!!!**



**ENJOY EYEBALL QSO'S WITH OLD DXER
FRIENDS!
BRING THE XYL PLUS OTHER FRIENDS OR
FAMILY MEMBERS!!**

DXer
NCDXC-Meeting

When: Thursday, October 13, 2005-7:30

Food and Socializing from 6:00-7:30

Where: Harry's Hofbrau-Redwood City

What: Eric Swartz, WA6HHQ, President of Elecraft, will present "The K2 Receiver Design Strategy". The K2 is a low cost HF transceiver kit and is designed to be assembled by the average amateur without any extra equipment!

What else?: We are back to our great raffle. And, Elecraft has been very generous in helping us to offer some great prizes this month!!!

1st Prize-Elecraft KX1 Ultra Portable CW Transceiver Kit (20+40 m) plus KXB30 30m Adaptor for KX1 (receives SSB)

2nd Prize-Elecraft 2T-gen 2-Tone (700 and 1900 Hz) Test Oscillator

3rd Prize-Ham Radio For Dummies (Offer Help in Emergencies and Have fun, too!)

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

5th Prize-OptoLight –Newest Generation High Intensity LED Flashlight!

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

6. Yaesu Log Book/Entities List
1. Handy-Light Weight Keychain Light
2. Handy Keychain Magnifying Glass

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