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DX CLUB**

## Our 60<sup>th</sup> Year Begins!!! WOW!!

**1946-2006 We gather together to enjoy the celebration!! Good Food! Great Entertainment! Terrific prizes!!! Come, and bring family and friends!**

**Our Winter Holiday Luncheon will be on December 17<sup>th</sup> at Michael's @ Shoreline from 11:45-3:00. See details on p.5 for the menu, cost, etc. We hope to see you all there. It will be a great afternoon!!! See p. 3 to see who's coming!**

**Our speaker/presenter will be Robert W. Schmieder sharing his unique experiences on the K7C Kure Atoll 2005 Dxpediton. This journey implemented the new quasi-real time website called DXA, which allowed Dxers to see the call signs of the most recently worked stations. I'm sure you are familiar with the "greenies", the little squares that confirm or deny that you are in the K7C log for a specific bandmode. A very exciting innovation for our hobby!**

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December  
Winter Holiday  
Luncheon will  
be December 17<sup>th</sup>  
at Michael's @  
Shoreline-Mt.  
View  
11:45-3:00  
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**Deadline  
For  
January, 2006 DXer is  
December 28, 2005**

**See you December 17<sup>th</sup>!**

*Northern*  
California  
DX Club

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**President's Comments**

Hi Fellow Club Members,

I am happy to say that the light at end of the pain tunnel has appeared. Hopefully it is not a freight train.

This year, 2005 has given its share of sadness to our club through the loss of a number of our club members. Let us survivors take the opportunity to enjoy each other's company while we may. I hope to see many of you show up at the Holiday party in a festive mood and help spread good will to one another during these last few days of the year. We have a great program and fabulous prizes ready for all to enjoy.

See you on December 17<sup>th</sup>!

73 Dewey KG6AM

**Editor's reflections.....**

Dear Friends,

I hope that you all had a great Thanksgiving celebration. Ours was fine, but Mike, W6WZ and I have had back problems for the last 2 weeks. Luckily both our daughter and son, plus his wife did most of the cooking Mike's pain has mostly subsided, but mine continues to be very painful. I hope to feel better in time for the Holiday Lunch.

DX has been rather quiet of late except for the CQ World Wide DX Contest--CW, Nov. 26/27. Since neither Mike or I are big CW folks so we have listened somewhat but not partaken.

Exciting news about our Holiday Luncheon speaker. It will be Robert Schmieder, KK6EK who will share his uniquely fascinating experience on the K7C Kure Atoll Dxpediton. It was truly a terrific experience for the 11 operators who totaled about 51,000 QSOs and **I got 2 of them, one on 20 and one on 17 meters!! It was really exciting to get them both especially when they showed up on the computer! What a kick!! Mike, W6WZ also contacted them several times. That was a really fun time for me!**

We have news that Mario Chirone, W6DUB, one of our founding members, has been moved to a home to end his days. He may be the only one from the 1946 group who is alive today. Our thanks to Mario for contributing to our club for many years. 73 to all members and friends,

Carolvn. WB6ABC



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

We enlisted 1 new member at the November meeting. Welcome back to Andreas Junge, N6NU. (Andreas is an official ARRL DX QSL Card Checker!!)

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*Below is the list of those who are coming to our great luncheon as of November 1, 2005. [Join the Party!!](#)*

1. Chuck Vaughn, AA6G our webmaster
2. David Pugatch KI6WF and 3 family members
3. Doug, W6JD and Myrna Westover
4. George, W6YD and Sylvia Alan
5. Joe, N6IWJ and Yelka Talaich
6. John Eisenberg, K6YP, vice president
7. Art, K6WIF and Bonnie Thal
8. Gary, K6DXX and Rose Cervo
9. Mike, W6WZ and Carolyn, WB6ABC Gavin
10. Charles, WA6MME and Jean Wirth
11. Ron, W6VG and Helga Panton
12. Walter Johnson, W6MZQ
13. Dewey, KG6AM and Marqueta Churchill
14. Dick, W6KM and Pat Letrich
15. Bob, W6RGG and Gwen Vallio
16. Jim, K6LM and Therese Golden
17. Smitty Smithwick, W6CS
18. Steve Jones, N6SJ
19. Steve Stephenson, W6MKM
20. Robert KK6EK Schmieder, our speaker

**Add your name to the above list!!!!**

AmTech Day will be Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and our rejoined Andreas, N6NU will speak on "How to Succeed DX from a modest HF Station using a Wire Antenna from an Apartment" at 12:30-1:30. Also Steve Stearns, K6OIK will present "Understanding HF Propagation and Prediction" at 2:00-3:00.

Come to the Stanford Linear Accelerator on Sandhill Road in Menlo Park and enjoy an experience that is only offered in our uniquely special bay area for hams to have fun and enjoy comraderie. It is in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year and going strong!!

**October, 2005 Meeting Minutes-** Meeting began at 7:30 at Harry's Hofbrau. Present were: John, K6YP, vice-president, Steve, N6SJ, treasurer, Mike, W6WZ, secretary, Chuck, K6RK, director, Ron, W6VG, director, Carolyn, WB6ABC, DX Editor. One new member was Andreas Junge, NCNU, a returning member to our club. A presentation by Steve Stearns on how to be able to predict HF propagation as well as the available tools to help us be able to predict more rapidly and precisely was given. That was followed by a raffle and the winner was David Unger, W6DH who won the Yaesu 2m VX170 handheld transceiver and the great battery charger. That was his night!! Respectfully submitted by,

Mike , W6WZ, Secretary

**DXer**  
**NCDXC-Meeting**

**When: Saturday, December 17, 2005-11:45-3:00**

Socializing from 11:45-12:30, Presentation:12:30, Lunch:1:00, Raffle:2:30

**Where: Michaels' at Shoreline, Mt. View**

**What: Our 60<sup>th</sup> Year! Annual Holiday Luncheon-Robert W. Schmieder, KK6EK, will be our speaker. His presentation will be, "The K7C Kure Atoll 2005 Dxpediton" at 12:30 sharp!!**

**What else?: Read on to find out about our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Regal Raffle! Prizes fit for a ham radio king or queen!!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize-ICOM-706MKIIG-HF/VHF/UHF All Mode Transceiver!!!**

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**4<sup>th</sup> Prize- Kill A Watt-Electric Usage Monitor-Can help you reduce energy costs**

**5<sup>th</sup> Prize- 21 LED High Intensity Pocket Flashlight-This is a great new light.**

**6<sup>th</sup> Prize- 40 meter Ham Stick with Quick Release Adaptor**

**7<sup>th</sup> Prize- MiracleBeam Laser Level Tool Set-3in1 Kit for any handyperson!**

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4. ARRL Repeater Directory, 2004-5

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### **SPECIAL PROGRAM!!!**

Robert W. Schmieder,  
KK6EK- K7C Kure Atoll

### **Great Raffle**

### **Prizes!!!**

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