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DX CLUB

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We Begin Another Year!! Our Summer was Great Albeit for the Terrifically Hot Spell in July!! Hope all is Well with You and Yours!!

Our next meeting will be September 21st and the program will be a talk on the "Timewave Antenna Analyzer by Dale, NX6S." Dale is from Medford, Oregon and he has a 90 yr. old father who still runs a hardware store in Medford. He left Medford as a young man and completed his education and now has a career in California. He has a master's degree in electrical engineering, and, he engineered the antenna analyzer which is now marketed by Timewave. One of Dale's favorite lines is "Don't spend a lot of money on antennas. Wire works just fine when installed properly." Join us for what we know will be another great ham radio experience!! **We did not have an August meeting because we have found that many people are on vacation!!**

SUN CYCLE BOTTOM??

It has been reported that in the last month a small sunspot flare appeared on a very unusual place on the sun. The odd thing about this flare is that it had a reverse polarity. Scientists wonder if this event is an indication that the new 11 year sun cycle has begun.

Next meeting will be Sept. 21st at Harry's Hofbrau No August meeting!! See you at 6:00 for Dinner 7:30 Meeting!

Deadline For September DXer Contributions is September 5th.

New Meeting time-7:30



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Club simplex: 147.54 MHz (suggested)
Thurs. Net OTR: 8 pm local time.
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President's Comments.....

Fellow NCDXC Club Members,
July was a busy month. A letter was sent out to all NCDXC members in the current roster, 2005-2006, and those who became members after the roster was printed. The purpose of the letter was to request payment for current dues and ask each of you to update your contact information so that the 2006-7 roster will be accurate. Even if you already paid your dues, or are Life or Honorary members and therefore owe no dues we still need to update your contact info. Your email address is especially critical as it is used to send you important information such as club announcements and the DXer.

Please dig out the questionnaire, include your \$24 dues check if appropriate and mail it to Northern California DX Club, PO Box 608, Menlo Park, CA 94026-0808. I also sent out the letter to all former club members found in the 2 prior NCDXC rosters. My purpose was to welcome them back to the club and obtain up to date contact information. I truly appreciate the help provided by Mike and Carolyn Gavin and my wife Joan in completing the task. I look forward to seeing you at the September 21 club meeting. Risto has lined up our friend Dale, NX6S to speak. Steve, N6SJ and I will share some news on plans for the IDXC 2007 in Visalia and of course our raffle will again be a high point at the September meeting. Please come and enjoy!

73 and DX, John K6YP

Editor's reflections.....

Hi Fellow Ham Friends,
Hope this finds you enjoying the end of the summer as much as we are. The weather in August has been terrific! We just had a great party at our home for our 10 yr. old granddaughter and then went on a 3 day camping trip to Monterey with her which included the Boardwalk, Monterey Aquarium and Pt. Lobos. As far as DX is concerned the last few weeks have been quite quiet.

73, Carolyn, WB6ABC

[Fellow Ham, Mike Schwab, OE6MBG, Arrives on Vacation from Mooskirchen, Austria !](#)

Amtech Day was made more special by the arrival of a fellow DXer from Austria. Mike, OE6MBG was enthusiastic about the wonderful welcomes he received from ham friends both new and veteran. Mike, W6WZ, had spoken to Mike, OE6MBG several times from Austria so he was very enthusiastic about an “eyeball” QSO. Gary Cervo, K6DXX, was also friendly and inviting to our visitor and a great time was had by all as Mike and his wife stopped off at Amtech activities on the way to the airport leaving California for Hawaii before returning home to their homeland, Austria. Many hams have made reference to warm greetings by fellow hams when traveling worldwide. It’s another great “perk” in the world of ham radio (DXing).

P.S. Gary, K6DXX reports that the overhaul of his rotator and the re-installation is just about complete. It will soon be ready for the next sun spot cycle. For those of you who are not aware, Gary has been a member of NCDXC since the 70’s!!



Mike Schwab, OE6MBG and his lovely XYL.



Mike, W6WZ, OE6MBG’s XYL, Mike OE6MBG, Gary, K6DXX

NCDXC Club Repeater (W6TI) Net-Thursdays 8:00 P.M.

After much ado about problems with the NCDXC Club repeater, it certainly seems to sound much better as of the last few days. On the Thursday night net it sounded just fine. The only improvement would be if more club members would check in and share either DX or just friendly radio chat. Just the 6 or 7 faithfuls show up which often makes me feel as if “Why bother”, but since I can remember the glory days of 20 plus years ago I realize what a great experience could be possible.

Thanks to Smitty, W6CS for his continued nurturing of our club repeater. More about Smitty. Isn’t it great that fellow hams spent 3 days installing new antennas, (including a SteppIR beam) and new feed lines. There was lots of help, Matt, WX5S, (great motivator), Kurt, K7NV, Kit, K6ISO, (connector guy), Jim, W6EB, Gary, NI6T, Great Scott, N6NXI, Jack, N6EM, Kevin, WB6S, and Dean, N6DE were present. The “got things going guys” were Rusty, W6OAT, Tom, NW6P, and Ira, K2RD. Smitty says thanks to all!!! The above are members of the NCCC.

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NCDXC-Meeting

When: Thursday, September 21st, 2006-7:30

Socializing/Dinner from 6:00-7:30

Where: Harry's Hofbrau-Redwood City

What: Dale O'Hara, NX6S will present a talk on "Timewave Antenna analyzer". He engineered the antenna analyzer."

What Else? Monthly raffle-Fun opportunity for all present!

1st Prize-MFJ-135- 5 Time Zone 24-Hour Quartz Wall Clock

2nd prize-Set of 2!! MegaBrite Self-Powered AM/FM Radio and super bright LED Flashlight!No batteries-just wind to charge!

3rd prize-40 Meter Hamstick with Quick Disconnect!

4rd prize-YASME Book-The very special story of the amazing travels and DXing by Lloyd, W6KG and his XYL Iris, W6QL.

5th prize-Workman Magmount Antenna for 2m/440.

6th Prize-Radio Shack Multipurpose Laser Level-Ideal for do-it-yourself projects!!

7th Prize-O.5 LED Clip-on Light- Battery included- Neat light for handsfree jobs!

4 Door Prizes-All meeting attendees will receive a free door prize ticket for the following 4 door prizes:

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