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Looking Forward to Seeing All of You  
at the September Meeting at Harry's  
Hofbrau. It's Been a While since We've  
Met in the Meeting Setting.

As announced previously our next meeting will be  
September 21 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!!

*At this point in the year we may become a bit sad about the end of summer while at the same time ready for a new season of regular NCDXC meetings so come join us for our kick-off this fall-September 21!!!*

October Meeting will be Ira Stoler, K2RD, speaking on "How to Find, Identify and Eliminate Power Line and other Man Made Noises." See p. 3 for details.

Next meeting  
will be Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>  
at Harry's  
Hofbrau

See you at 6:00  
For Dinner/  
Schmoozing...

7:30 Meeting!

Deadline  
For  
October DXer  
Contributions  
is September 30!

**New Meeting time-7:30**



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**President's Comments.....**

Hi Fellow Dxers,

I hope everyone is back from summer trips and ready to attend some important and fascinating meetings. Our Vice President Risto, W6RK has lined up some great programs. Carolyn and Mike have also planned a great raffle. The two members nominated for the director openings are Curt Kolvoson, W6RQ nominated by W6VG and Jim Abraham, W6EB nominated by me. These great nominees will bring new ideas and fresh energy to the board.

Thank you for your co-operation in filling out the membership survey. It allows us to update our club member's data base. We are currently verifying the validity of the email addresses as well as postal addresses and phone numbers. Any changes will be reflected in the next roster. Look forward to other new ways that our data base will benefit club members. Thanks to Chuck, AA6G our webmaster and Risto, W6RK who are helping us to better serve our membership both near and far.

Our Treasurer, Steve Jones, N6SJ reports that he is beginning to recover from serious reconstructive shoulder and hip surgery. His Doc has cleared him to drive and one of his first trips was to the bank to deposit your dues checks. Thank you all for your patience. You will find that your dues checks have been cashed as you read this. For those who have not sent your dues checks yet, there is still time to make the roster. The last chance to assure your name in the new roster will be at the meeting on September 21.

Lots of DX is being spotted on the bands. Unfortunately many of the rare ones like FH, SV5 and S79 are very tough this time of year in Northern California. On the other hand we have several Dxpeditons to Libya 5A and Lakshadweep, VU7 coming up near the end of the year. Go get 'em! 73 and Good DX John, K6YP

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

Dear Fellow Hams,

I've been thinking about all the possibilities for any level of ham radio operator. We have exciting morning nets daily, weekly nets as a part of all clubs in our Bay Area, Amtech Day which is a terrific opportunity to spend time with a wide range of hams, flea markets which provide opportunities to find all sorts of gadgets that we may or not need, Pacificon and Visalia offering a wide range of weekend long activities. We are rich with things to do. And all of these opportunities are easily available to all of us. Wow! What great variety!! Whoops! I forgot to mention our great holiday parties (luncheons and dinners even offering exceptional raffle prizes!

So.....I am looking forward to seeing all of my fellow NCDXC buddies plus any newcomers who are always welcome.

So.....again.....See you.... in Sep...tem...ber!! (21<sup>st</sup>)  
 Carolyn, WB6ABC

**[A Quick Preview of Our NCDXC October Meeting Presentation](#)**

**Risto , W6RK, has booked a great program for our upcoming October 19th meeting. The title is “Identifying, Finding, and Eliminating Power Line and other Man Made Noise Sources.” By Ira Stoler, K2RD. If you have a problem with noisy HF bands and want to get some knowledge about how to locate and eliminate these noises join us on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at Harry’s Hofbrau in Redwood City. Ira will be talking about those buzzes, hisses, pulses. etc. that you often hear which may very well block some of the very DX that you would like to have the opportunity to work more comfortably and with less disruption. Ira will demonstrate some devices that are cheap and easy to make or buy so join us for this great presentation which will help you achieve better contacts. He will also inform you about what should not be done!! Hope to see you all at this special October 19th meeting!!**

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

**It has surely been great to hear more voices on the NCDXC Thursday Night Net. On September 7<sup>th</sup> the net actually lasted almost a half an hour. It was a very pleasant surprise , and I suppose that it will get more and more activity as the bands improve in the next year or two. So see you on September 14 on the club repeater 147.360 at 8:00 for the weekly NCDXC Thursday Night Net!!**

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

*Our Winter Holiday Luncheon will be December 16<sup>th</sup> at Michaels at Shoreline since everyone was so pleased with the location location in 2005. It will begin at 11:00, and end at 3:00.*

*The menu and the sign up, cost, etc. will be published in the October October DXer. Come join us for a great celebration!*

## **Pacificon 2006, the West Coast Ham Radio Convention- October 13, 14, 15.**

Make your reservations by October 1<sup>st</sup> and the cost for entry will be just \$10.00. Further details can be found on the Pacificon website.

**HELP US, NCDXC, BE SEEN AT PACIFICON!!!** Our club will have a table again this year at Pacificon and we would like some volunteers to spend 1 hour stints at our presentation table so that all the work will not have to be done by one person. We will have a flyer, membership apps, and other interesting information about our club at your disposal as you show enthusiasm to fellow hams about us. Call Mike, W6WZ or Carolyn, WB6ABC to offer your help and the time of availability on Saturday between 10:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Thanks.

**Lakshadweep, VU7RG!** Mike, W6WZ had a nice free SKYPE internet telephone conversation with Bharathi, VU2RBI at which time he was reminded about the upcoming Dxpediton January 15-25 to Lakshadweep, using the call VU7RG. Bharati invited Mike to operate there, but Mike probably will not join Bharati and fellow hams. She also offered an invitation to any member of the NCDXC and if you are interested contact Mike, W6WX for further instructions.

Bharathi calls Lakshadweep the "Hawaii of India".

## **Amtech Day-September 9, 2006**

Again it was a great day at the Stanford Lineator Accelerater. About 60 people partook which was rather a smaller group than usual on the 24<sup>th</sup> month of operation. One of the highlights was fooling around talking on SKYPE. Also about 10 or more of us spoke to our very special buddy Steve Leander, KV6O, who just last month moved to Colorado to have the opportunity to be with his children daily rather than 2 or 3 times a year. It was especially fun since we all took turns on the phone as well as on the radio. He sounded very happy about his new location and his signal was terrific!

See you on October 7<sup>th</sup> same time same place. There will be a program, a special station and lots of time to schmooze with fellow "radio fascinated" folks. If you have never been to the event you are missing a very unique experience at an extraordinary site!

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

**When: Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 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!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize-MFJ-135- 5 Time Zone 24-Hour Quartz Wall Clock**

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> prize-40 Meter Hamstick with Quick Disconnect!**

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

**5<sup>th</sup> prize-Workman Magmount Antenna for 2m/440.**

**6<sup>th</sup> Prize-Radio Shack Multipurpose Laser Level-Ideal for do-it-yourself projects!!**

**7<sup>th</sup> 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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3. ARRL Repeater Directory, 2004-5
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