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**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
DX CLUB**

**Rich Holoch, KY6R, will be our speaker at the November 16, 2006 meeting. His presentation will be, "Stealth DX Antennas for Small Lots."**

We are very pleased to announce that Rich Holoch will return to share his ideas about how to be successful with DX without having a huge home, yard or antenna. He has 219 countries mixed and can give plenty of clues as to how to accomplish such successful DX without any complaints from your neighbors. These were accomplished with 200 watts or less and homebrewed wire antennas. This may also be a great way for apartment or condo dwellers to go on the air in search of DX without being blatantly obvious. Some of Rich's other activities are mountain biking, (he rides 100 miles per week) and sea kayaking. He works for Oracle as a programmer as well as at several other technical companies. Welcome, Rich!

**Our Winter Holiday Luncheon will be on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at Michael's at Shoreline from 11:00-3:00. Expect great food, great speaker and great raffle prizes!! See p. 5 for further details!**

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November Meeting,  
will be November 16  
at Harry's Hofbrau  
Schmoozing, Eating -  
6-7:30  
Meeting-7:30

Hope to see you  
there!

**Deadline  
For  
December Contributions is  
November 30, 2006**

**See you November 16<sup>th</sup>!**

**November, 2006**

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## President's Comments

Hi Fellow Dxers,

Best wishes to all of you this rainy fall season. I'd like to inform you all as to what is happening with our plans for the International DX Convention in Visalia April, 2007.

Very soon you will see an application sheet on the web sight so you can sign up for this very special gathering.

As you may have heard previously we will have special greetings, seminars, raffles, etc. for new hams. We are making great effort to help each of you to find success even with minimal antennas/gear as you begin DXing!

So make your plans now to join those who have worked many countries who will be glad to "elmer" you!

We spent lots of energy trying all possible ways to secure the "best raffle prizes", appealing seminars, entertainment for the xyl's, and a great meal selection.

We hope to have an operating station. It was suggested that we present the DX Forum later as many attendees have missed it as they are too busy registering. The official theme is "Attracting and Mentoring New Dxers". So we must think of many ways to attract them. And we did, such as offering 1<sup>st</sup> timers "special raffle prizes as well as a special raffle which allows them to win "free registration", a saving of about \$90.00! We decided that face to face invitations would be the most effective. All of our committee heads are cited and you can find out all the details on p.5 of this newsletter edition. There are still a few jobs left which are also named on p. 5. We will review this info. at the November Meeting where we would be glad to accept your help.

73 and Good DX John, K6YP

## Editor's Reflections

Dear NCDXC Friends,

As usual I refer to the seasons, how they change etc. as somehow that is basically how I view the world.

So, Pacifcon passes, not without lots of interest in our club. Now we are concentrating on the November Meeting, Holiday Luncheon, and Visalia. All 3 are of equal importance to our club members. Hope that you join us at all three!

This past weekend avid Dxers were very involved in the ARRL CW November Sweepstakes. How great to have so much available to the hams all over the world. I'm sure that as usual many great contacts will occur despite the fact that everyone complains about how bad the conditions are. I have almost never not seen the "deserved" failing to punch through even the "worst of times."

So I hope that you gave it your best shot!

Sincerely yours, Carolyn WB6ABC

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## **NCDXC-Pacificon**



### **Welcome New Members:**

- 1. Terry Finn, AA6T (Pacificon)**
- 2. Ron Murdock, W6KJ (Pacificon)**
- 3. Bob Lanning, W6OPO**

**Pacificon Amateur Convention-October 13-15, 2006 San Ramon, CA**

**It was a great success for us as we got 2 new members whom we welcomed above and about 3 or 4 previous members paid their dues!**

### **NCDXC Welcomes Pacificon Attendees**

**Our club again welcomed fellow hams, many serious DXers and shared all the great activities that our club has to offer. Our table had lots of visitors stop by and it was great to have club members help with the traffic which was very busy midday on Saturday. The greeters were:**

**John, K6YP, Rob, KG6HVW, Mike, W6WZ, Carolyn, WB6ABC, and Russ, K6KLY. Look forward to seeing you all at Pacificon in 2007!!**



**Rob, KG6HVW and Russ, K6KLY**



**Carolyn, WB6ABC and Mike, W6WZ**

**Visalia, 2007 Kickoff Committee Meeting October 21, 2006 at our presidents lovely home.**

**Almost all of our committee chairs were present-John, K6YP/Steve, K6SJ Head Chairs of the whole convention, Chip Margelli, K7JA Emcee, not present, George Allan, W6YD will handle publications and Publicity, Dick Letrich, W6KM, Treasurer/Registration, Curt Kolovson, W6RQ, Vendor Relations, Mitch, AE6AI, Prizes, not present, Risto, W6RK, Website, not present, Carolyn, WB6ABC, Mike, W6WZ, Raffle, Jim Abraham, W6EB, Hourly Awards, Prize Distribution.**

**We have several positions that we need to fill. Please sign up for the event you would like to help with at our November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting! See you all then!**

## **NCDXC Patch Design Contest for 2007 Visalia Convention!!!** **Bring entry to November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting!!**

Each year (every other year-we share sponsoring with SCDXC) that it is our turn to “run the show” we ask our members to submit their idea of what they think is a good design for the convention patch that people later sew on to their jacket, shirt or whatever. Each person who attends the convention automatically receives a patch in their “Convention Packet “ upon arrival at Visalia.

**So if you feel artistically inclined and would like to enter your artwork, please be sure to submit it by the November 16th meeting at which time the club members will vote for their favorite.**

The patch must contain the words:

**NCDXC, SCDXC, 2007 International DX Convention,  
Visalia, April 27-29, 2007-58<sup>th</sup> Year**

A prize will be awarded to the winning patch design. All members are eligible to enter the contest. Please send your designs to John, K6YP.

## **November 16 Meeting Update-Special Raffle for Patch Entries!!**



To the left is an example of the 2005 Visalia Convention winning patch. Try your artistic abilities for the 2007 Visalia Convention patch!! Bring to November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting!!

## **October 19, 2006 Meeting- Speaker Ira, K2RD (left) Raffle (below)**



**Our president John Eisenberg, K6YP  
And Ira Stoler, K2RD speaker.**



**Raffle winners-Vic, AB6SO, Brad, AE6RR  
David, W6DH, Kristen, K6WX**

**Thank you, Ira Stoler, K2RD, for your great presentation on “Identifying, Finding and Eliminating Noises”.** Not only was it very interesting and helpful, but it was also presented in a manner that was understandable to even the less knowledgeable DXer. Very often presentations are over the head of many attendees. It was great to have you as part of our October meeting!

## *A Very Full 3 Weeks of Amateur Radio Happenings!!!!*

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1. DXer Work for the beginning of a three week period-OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup>  
You have seen the October issue on our NCDXC websight.
2. PAARA Club Meeting-October 6th , Am-Tech Day, October 7th attended both.
3. Preparation for Pacificon, attending Pacificon. October 11th-14<sup>th</sup>.
4. Joel, KD6W invited us to his annual early fall picnic which was very special as usual. October 15<sup>th</sup>.



Andy, KR6DD next to his by now famous apple pie. To his right is Doug, K6LWE's xyl.



It was a beautiful fall day and everyone enjoyed the food and fun!



Our delightful host Joel , KD6W chatting with KR6DD at the event in Joel's lovely Menlo Park yard.

5. October 19<sup>th</sup> our NCDXC Monthly Club meeting. It is described in several other spots in this newsletter.
6. NCDXC Visalia Committee met for a "kickoff" planning meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> at our president John, K6YP's home.

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*Long Time Coming..... Great new s for presentations as well as our presenters.*

*We soon will have a new projector. Our previous one was very cumbersome as well as outdated. Risto, W6RK, has agreed to purchase an appropriate one for us which may be used Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>! Thank you Chuck, K6RK, for allowing us to use your projector for several years.*

**Am-Tech Day-November 4th was enjoyable, with 2 GOTA stations up and running.** As has been true for all 26 months of operation so far, THERE WAS NO RAIN!!! At 2:00 speaker Trish, WA6UBE gave a presentation on Combat Communication in the warm and delightful theater. So if you didn't come see you on December 2nd for another great day at Stanford Linear Accelerator Center. All area hams will gather again.

**Holiday Luncheon-December 16. See you! Visalia -April 27-29, 2007  
See you there!**



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**When: Thursday, November 16, 2006-7:30**

**Food and Socializing from 6:00-7:30**

**Where: Harry's Hofbrau-Redwood City**

**What: Rich Holoch "Stealth Antennas for Small Lots"**

**What else?: Here are our current prizes for our November Raffle!!**

**1st Prize-HEIL Quiet Phone - Active Noise Canceling Headset-  
Soft leatherette cushions, High Fidelity Dual Channel Audio, Folds Flat**

**2nd Prize-HEIL HM-10 "DX Dream Machine" Microphone with  
HC4- Element**

**3rd Prize- RadioShack Projection Weather Forecaster Wireless  
Operation, Projects time and outdoor temperature on wall or ceiling. Predicts  
local weather patterns.**

**4th Prize-Super Bright 3 LED Crank Flash Light. Be ready for any  
unexpected situation!**

**5th Prize-PitBull Wire Clamp, Crimper, Cutter and Stripper Tool!**

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

1. Three PC Ultra-Bright LED Flashlights/Keychains
2. DX Countries Map
3. Yaesu Topper

# Annual Winter Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 16, 2006-11:00-3:00

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2. Broiled Halibut
3. Chicken Florentine
4. Vegetarian

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No host bar will be available in our luncheon room.

**Cost: \$25.00 per person** (Includes 2 tickets for special door prizes.)

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**PLEASE INDICATE LUNCHEON CHOICES FROM ABOVE!!!**

Dick Crouch, N6RC

will be our speaker  
and it will be a treat  
for all present!!

**Great Raffle**

**Prizes!!!**

(To be announced)

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Thank You, HR0!

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