

DXer



**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
DX CLUB**

Happy New Year and Welcome 2007! Our next meeting is January 18th and it will be great!!

Peter 1 3Y0X Dxpediton was probably the biggest DX event of recent years. Some people think it may have been the greatest of all times. Their website has had nearly **13 million hits!!! An extremely brave group of Dxers spent about 2 weeks on the island. We will have the opportunity to enjoy the “Peter 1 3Y0X Dxperience.” The DVD has been available for the past month and if you click on the website you can enjoy reading about and viewing fabulous photos about this amazing adventure. Do you think that you would be brave enough to be a member of this 20 man team? Wow! I know with thinking for less than 1 minute that I would never be so courageous. Plus they made almost 58,000 confirmed QSOs as of December 15, 2006. Wow!**

Our New Rosters! You have received your New NCDXC Roster in the mail in the last next week or so. Thanks first and foremost to our VP Risto, W6RK who was the main contributor. He compiled all the information, and typed it up which is no quick and easy job. Thank you Risto!!! John, K6YP, took care of the printing. Carolyn and Mike stuffed, stamped and mailed the envelopes. Please notify any of us if there was a mistake with the info about you in the roster. Thank you and Happy New Year!

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January Meeting
will be Thursday,
January 18th at
Harry's Hofbrau!

6:00-7:30-Eating and
Socializing
Meeting-7:30

**Deadline
For
February Contributions is
January 30, 2007**

See you January 18th!!!

January, 2007



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President's Comments

Greetings,

Time is flying by. I truly enjoyed the NCDXC Holiday Luncheon. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with good friends, enjoy a great program and a delicious meal as well. Mike and Carolyn did a bang up job on this event.

Things are moving along well on preparations for the IDXC Convention in Visalia. The web site is up and running and we are updating it regularly. Shortly we will upload information on the incredible list of raffle prizes for the event. We will also highlight some of the presentations that Bob Davies and his team have lined up. Talks on Dxpeditions, forums on DXing and Contesting as well as Technical sessions will keep seasoned Dxers happy. New Dxers will enjoy topics ranging from setting up their first HF station to DX operating techniques.

The convention theme is "Elmering New Dxers is Job 1". If you know any new techs or generals that would benefit from attending sessions tailored to jump starting their DX activities as well as the opportunity to learn from the best operators in the country, bring them with you to Visalia. If they are under 21 they get a special deal. Complete info as well as a registration form are on pp. 6 and 7 of this DXer or on www.dxconvention.org.

If you registered at the Holiday Inn, don't forget that your rate should be \$90 per night, not \$95. The Holiday Inn was sold out on the first day that reservations were opened. Call periodically for cancellations. I will send out an email to the entire membership if any rooms become available to my knowledge. The John Jay is the next closest, then The Lamplighter, Best Western and Radisson.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the club meeting on January 18. Risto has lined up a wonderful presentation on the recent 3Y0X Peter 1 Island Dxpediton and Mike and Carolyn will have another great raffle. Please don't miss it.

73 and gud DX! John Eisenberg, K6YP

Editor's reflections.....

Hi Fellow Members and Dxers and Happy 2007! It was great to see you all at the Holiday Luncheon. And we look forward to seeing you again at the Visalia Convention. Mike and I have attended about 6 times now and we have always had a very good time. Plus, parts of the ride there are very beautiful. We used to boat on the San Luis Reservoir that we pass along the way. Plus we will have fond memories of 2 years ago when Bharati, VU2RBI and Prasad were in our car with us. Wow!

Bye for now and 73. Carolyn, WB6ABC



[Our Winter Holiday Luncheon](#) was a great time for all who took part and I think that there were 64 of us which was a great turnout! Thank you Dick Crouch, N6RC, for the great presentation which we are sorry to have realized turned out to be a very difficult time for you since you had just sold your house and had to be out in 3 days!!! Wow!! But you did it and you did a great job. What interesting “ham” experiences have been had by fellow club members.

It is such a pleasure to have the Holiday Luncheon at Michaels’ looking out at the lovely view and as previously everyone was happy with the location as well as with the food. But, of course the greatest part of the event is seeing old friends and their XYL’s whom we may not have seen since last December (2005) or even longer. Some folks came from a great distance which made their presence even more special!



Above you see a group having a great time together.



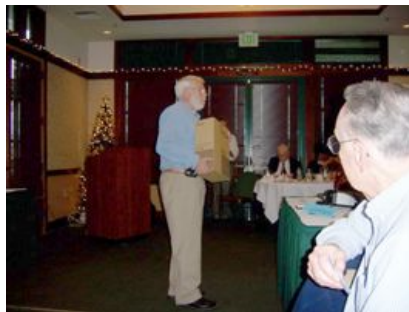
Here is our speaker, Dick Crouch, N6RC. Thank you Dick!!



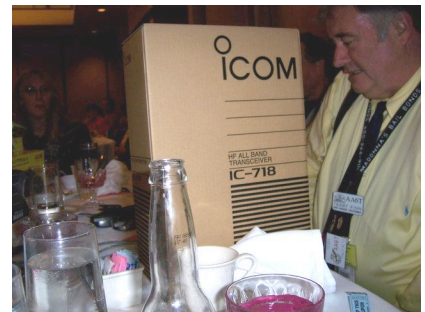
Another view of the beautiful dining room at Michaels.



Kristen, K6WX, Carolyn, WB6ABC Kyle, KG6MSK our Ticket Master For the Day and Jim, K6AK his Dad.



Mike, W6WZ, with the main prize just before the Raffle finale.



Terry, AA6T, winner of the Grand Prize obviously delighted.

[Presenting Visalia, 2007, Update!!!](#) The bargaining is over and the cost for the April, 2007 Convention is now announced in this January 2007 DXer and you can fill out your application and register for this great event. It was a long time coming but was finally agreed upon after lots of haggling by our president John, K6YP, and Treasurer, Steve, N6SJ. Thanks to you both as well as Risto, W6RK and anybody else who may have given their time and energy to get the wheels rolling. Risto is responsible for the Visalia Website and all the info is available to you all if you Google NCDXC Convention-Visalia. Or see p. 6/7 for the info. and registration form. People have already sent in their forms. Great!!!



DX News-Our Dependable President, John, K6YP's Comments

On the DX front there is a lot going on! The VU7LD and 1A4A operations are over but even though they were very tough to work from Northern California a number of NCDXC members made it into their logs. If you missed VU7LD look for VU7RG to be on starting about January 15th. The 20 meter long path opening at 2:00 UTC +-or- is a good bet as is the 40 meter short path opening around 16:00 UTC +-or- 1 hr. Other rare ones coming up are S21XA from Bangladesh starting January 9 at 1800 UTC and a whole crowd of Italians operating from Burkina Faso (XT) T30XX is also on the air from Tarawa in the Kiribati Islands. So lots to look forward to early this new year.

Visalia Convention Team Meeting On Sunday afternoon, January 14 the NCDXC Visalia Convention Team Co-ordinates will meet to receive and discuss current reports on the progress of each group. Each Team's Representatives will have the opportunity to hear, discuss and comment on each of the other's progress reports. This group of about 25 people work hard and very enthusiastically to present a unique opportunity for Dxers. If you have any ideas or contributions to the team in mind this is one of the last chances to relay your messages to John or Steve who will pass your ideas on to team members for discussion on Sunday. Thank you.

Again this **Saturday, the 13th of January**, is another opportunity for all Bay Area hams to meet together at the Stanford Linear Accelerator site in Menlo Park off Sand Hill Road. It's **AmTech Day** which begins at 8:00 A.M. and ends at 9:00 P.M. It's all about ham radio in a beautiful relaxing setting both indoors and out. There will be a speaker in the auditorium as well as comfortable places to enjoy an indoor or outdoor lunch. Don't miss it, it's unique and fun.

Fellow Member, Dick Crouch has the following to offer since his move.

FOR SALE

Item	Price New
Tri-Ex TM-370 Skyneedle (see photo)	\$ 13800.00
20 ft Chromalloy mast	\$ 525.00
Rotor	\$ 1300.00
Remote	\$ 1065.00
Work platform	\$ 300.00
Tilt over with MD-75 electric winch	\$ 1575.00
Total When New	\$18,565.00
Sale Price	\$ 9,500 plus pickup & delivery

F12 C-3 (2)	\$ 1578.00
F12 40 meter 2 element yagi	\$ 1189.00
F12 rotatable 80 dipole	\$ 879.00
Total When New	\$ 3,646
Sale Price	\$ 1,276

Contact me at 408-391-1231 or via email: N6RC@earthlink.net



When: Thursday, January 18, 2007

Food /Socializing /Great Presentation /Great Raffle

Where: Harry's Hofbrau-Redwood City

What: Peter 1 3Y0X Dxpediton Considered by Many to be Possibly the Greatest of All Times-Great Opportunity for the Club to Enjoy!

What else?: Below are the prizes for our January 18th Club Meeting

1st Prize-Free Entry to Visalia ICDX Convention, 2007 or \$80.00 Gift certificate at HRO.

2nd Prize-Diamond CP-22E, 2M 6.5db gain, 9 foot base antenna

3rd Prize- Cyber Acoustics Computer Speakers-Magnetically Shielded.

4th Prize-PitBull 5 inch Crimping Tools-Clamp, Cutter, Stripper with lock.

5th Prize- SE Super Bright 3 LED Crank Flash Light-Be ready for emergencies.

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

- 1.LED Clip-on 3 Lights-Great with Keychain
- 2.Magnifying Glass and Compass

2007 INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION

APRIL 27, 28, 29, 2007 HOLIDAY INN, VISALIA, CA

YOUR REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

All HF, low-band, and DX oriented forums and technical sessions; the traditional Convention Patch; Hosted Cocktail Parties; Saturday Night Banquet, and DX oriented program with a well-known speaker; Sunday Morning Breakfast Buffet, with more great programs. Pre-registration Drawing for a Super Prize; only for those who pre-register by the 15th of March 2007. Registration includes Saturday lunch served by the Hotel. Remember to bring the YLS. We are planning a great (optional) Saturday Tour. Get your reservations in early so you can participate in the pre-registration drawing.

NEW THIS YEAR:

EVENTS FOR NEW DXERS: Special Programs and events designed to help new DXers.

ADVANCE RAFFLE TICKET SALES: Book of 11 raffle tickets for \$10 when purchased with your pre-reg.

YOUNG HAM REWARDS RETURNS THIS YEAR: Pre-register a Young Ham, under 21, with your pre-registration. When you and the young ham, with FCC Ticket and proof of age in hand, come to the Convention Registration Desk to pick up your Registration Packets you will be eligible for a Reward of \$30.00 in convention raffle tickets. Bring as many young Hams as you like, but the reward is only for the 1st one. The young Ham's admission to the exhibits and technical sessions is free, convention meals (Saturday Lunch & Banquet and Sunday Brunch) are \$60.00. Students and Hams under 21 are free. Just show your ID and get a FREE Saturday Day Pass good for exhibits and technical sessions.

POPULAR EVENT RETURNS: The very popular Vendor New Product Showcase will be held again this year from 9:00 to 10:00 AM, Saturday in the Convention Hall.

BANQUET THEME: Elmering New DXers is Job 1 Old Timers; Strike up a conversation with new DXers and share DXing tips or swap war stories about favorite DX contacts. Maybe, whet their appetite by sharing one of your rare QSLs.

CONVENTION SHIRTS: High quality Polo Shirt with collar, embroidered logo above shirt pocket, Name, and call sign will be opposite pocket side of shirt. Color of shirt will be white. Be sure to order your shirt when you Pre-Register.

GOLF TOURNAMENT ON FRIDAY (Contact Don Bostrom, n6ic@scdxc.org)

THE SATURDAY TOUR: Tour will be Saturday, April 28, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For more info keep checking our web site: www.dxconvention.org

CARD CHECKING: DXCC Card Checking for 3 Hrs on Saturday.

RV PARKING: (DRY) RV Parking (DRY) is available in the parking lot behind the Holiday Inn at a cost of \$35 per vehicle. Contact the Holiday Inn at (559) 651-5000 or via internet at www.visaliaca.holiday-inn.com.

RV PARKING:(WITH HOOK UPS): If you want parking with hook ups please check the website: www.visitvisalia.org and click on the link for Recreation Areas at or near the hotel.

PRE-REGISTRATION ENDS MARCH 15, 2007

Sponsored this year by the NCDXC www.ncdxc.org or www.dxconvention.org
(See Next Page for Pre-registration Form)

INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION 2007
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

BANQUET MEALS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED FOR WALK-IN REGISTRANTS!!!

REGISTER NOW!

Are You A Newcomer: Yes No Golf Tournament: Yes No

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Ham<21 Name _____ Call _____ Chick Beef Salmon Veg

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All Pre-Registrations Must Be Postmarked On, Or Before, March 15, 2007

Individual Pre-Registration: \$80.00 per _____ Person(s) Total \$ _____

Pre-Registration for Non-Ham YL/XYL (with meals) \$60.00 per _____ Person(s) Total \$ _____

Pre-Registration for Young Ham<21 (with meals) \$60.00 per _____ Person(s) Total \$ _____

Pre-Registration for young Ham<21 (Without meals) \$ 0.00 per _____ Person(s) Total \$ _____

Individual Pre-Registration (without meals) \$35.00 per _____ Person(s) Total \$ _____

Late Registration (Postmarked After 03/15/07): \$90.00 per _____ Person(s) Total \$ _____

Saturday Tour (Saturday, April 28, 2007): \$30.00 per _____ Person(s) Total \$ _____

Embroidered Convention Polo Shirts: \$37.00 per _____ Shirt(s) Total \$ _____

Advance sale raffle tickets (Book of 11): \$10.00 per _____ Book(s) Total \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: NCDXC Convention 07 (No Cash PLEASE) Grand Total \$ _____

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