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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
DX CLUB

May 17, 2007-Come join us for another great gathering of fellow club members which will have as it's presentation the 2006 Peter 1 3Y0X Daring Dxpedition to Antarctica DVD.

They logged 86,888 QSO's of which over 68,000 were North America and Europe. All the details of various bands, countries or area's worked etc. are available on the Peter 1 3Y0X web-sight. It was a very brave undertaking as well as expensive so if you wish to contribute all that info is also on the websight.

We had scheduled this for several months back but we never did actually show this very special event on screen. In addition to the Peter1 DVD, **Steve, N6SJ, who will discuss his experiences on BS7H pileups and we will share our Visalia stories.** We will have the raffle as usual. Of course we will cover regular club business as well. See you Thursday, May 17!

**VISALIA WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!!!**

For those who had the opportunity to attend it was a very great experience! What an exciting chance to renew old/special friendships, enjoy real hot weather, win raffle prizes, view new electronic items in the vendor room, experience interesting presentations, share meals together and get away from daily problems at home. All went very smoothly, the raffle was a great success, no dining seating problems. We were glad to see you all!! See pages 3 and 4 for more details and pictures.

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May Monthly Meeting will be May 17th at Harry's Hofbrau Redwood City Food 6:00-7:30 Meeting Follows At 7:30 Hope to see you there!

Deadline For June contributions is June 5, 2007

See you May 17th!

April/May, 2007

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**President's Comments**

Hello All,

As I write this month's President's message, your Visalia team is just wrapping up the last of the post convention details and bills. We had a paid attendance of 635 and a total attendance of over 700 people. All reports received by Steve, N6SJ and I indicate that the convention was a success. People reported that they enjoyed the programs organized by Bob Davies K7BHM of CADXA. The food was OK which was a heap up from awful in some past years. The exhibits were interesting with several new product introductions including the Tokyo High Power 1.5 kw solid state amplifier and a 1.5 kw automatic antenna tuner, the Elecraft K3 transceiver with its great set of features and performance options and the new Flex Radio SDR 5000 software defined radio. The raffle was one of the convention's high points with over \$30000 in prizes awarded to the deserving. Our new DXer program attracted almost 50 hams with less than 100 countries confirmed who are looking for help in a variety of areas. Best of all the club made a little money that will allow us to add some exciting new activities for our membership. Please give us YOUR ideas for ways to use this money to benefit the club. The convention was a success because the staff worked very hard on all areas that made a difference. We owe each of these dedicated staffers a big thank you for their efforts on behalf of the club.

Now that Visalia is over, there are a number of areas that badly need attention. These include deciding the directions in which YOU want to grow our club, how to make meetings better and increase attendance (YOUR suggestions please), how to increase the utility of our Thursday Night Net Meetings and new features and directions for the NCDXC websight. The picnic is coming up in July and the elections are in June. This is an ideal time to reflect on what you are looking for from your club. Please let the board know YOUR thoughts and desires. We will be meeting to discuss these topics and others in the near future. Please take a few moments to share your ideas and comments by sending an email to the board of directors [board@ncdxc.w6rk.com](mailto:board@ncdxc.w6rk.com).

Thanks and Best 73,  
John, K6YP

**Editor's Reflections.....**

Fellow Dxers and Friends,

Well, it has been a while and lots has transpired since the last communication. Mike, W6WZ and I had a great time at Visalia. We helped with a really great raffle and had lots of fun at all the events. It is fun to see great friends that you may only have the privilege to see once a year. Everyone seemed to have fun and the weather was hot, but that's not unusual.

Since then Mike has worked Scarborough Reef but I never got the opportunity cause they did not work "generals" bands. It was only for the "deserved"! Hi. I did work Bulgaria, Romania and Greenland last weekend, however. So for a new DXer that was fun. 73. Carolyn, WB6ABC

# Visalia-2007....Wow! We were there and it was truly great!

Everything went as well as anyone could possibly have expected. Mike, W6WZ and I, Carolyn, WB6ABC saw little more than the raffle table, but we knew that it would be that way and we enjoyed it. We did get into the vendor's room where we were able to find a few new prizes for the upcoming meeting raffles. Many Visalia attendees enjoyed a Friday night out, the Saturday Barbecue, outdoors and hot, Saturday Night Banquet with a presentation as well as numerous great prizes and the Sunday Breakfast which also offered a Dxpediton presentation plus even more very special prizes. All three events went very smoothly! Below are some of the pictures which allow both attendees and others to mull over.



Friday morning Nancy, XYL of K6OP was my right hand woman and we sold lots of tickets!



At 10:00 Saturday morning people flocked to the drum to see if they were a lucky raffle winner!



Ron, K6OP, donned his selling garb and was great!



Craig, AE6RR, in full costume, had fun and success.



Carolyn, WB6ABC handled lots of cash. GOOD NEWS!!!



**More Visalia.....almost 700 fellow hams, about 30 countries represented and lots of fun for all.**



Stan, K6MA and his wife Hazel are enjoying the barbecue.



The Saturday afternoon outdoor lunch. Note RV rigs in background.



Mike, W6WZ and a long time convention organizer, George, W6YD.



WB6ABC and Champ Muangamthun, E21EIC Bangkok, Thailand, a very special ham operator.



Chip Marchelli, K7JA a DXer for many years, left Dave Gladding, KI6DZA, a new attendee at right.

## March, 2007 Club Meeting-Now Here's Synchronicity

Curt, W6RQ, came over to the raffle table at the March meeting and asked for \$10.00 worth of raffle tickets. On second thought he decided to buy \$10.00 more since he wanted to win the main prize, the VX-2R/E, world's smallest handheld Dual Band HT-2m-440 for his wife Mihaela, and he did!!

Both of them were very pleased. Congrats, Curt!!!



Mihaela, W6MIH, with her VX-2R/E a day or two later.  
Wow, that was a real kick for me, Carolyn, WB6ABC!



**Glad News.....Now Some Sad News.**

Two of our very special members became *Silent Keys* in the last few weeks. The first was **David Palmer, W6PHF**, who was the oldest living member of NCDXC. He joined our club in 1948. He came to all meetings and events even though it was difficult for him to get there. And he always had a “lively spirit”. Our condolences to all of his family members as well as fellow hams.

That news was followed by the second silent key. **Hillart Raamat, N6HR**, passed away Sunday morning, May 8<sup>th</sup>, shortly after operating the 7 QSO party with his wife Elsie, N7YX. He was originally from Estonia but he migrated to the U.S. after WW2. He was active in countless contests over the years, a very active member of the ham radio community. He was also a member of NCDXC. He was always full of enthusiasm, truly a “gentle giant”. Again our caring wishes to all his friends and family.



**Welcome New Member!**

**Howard Califf, W6HOC, the Sunnyvale “candy store manager” (HRO)** became a member of our club at the March meeting. We all welcome him as he always welcomes us. He recently got his general license and we hope to enjoy him in a new category of his life.

**80 Meter Beam OSOs.....**

Friday night, May 11 offered a good opportunity for working European DX on 20 meters. I had a great very long QSO with SM0W/Teemu who is a transplanted Finn and presently lives in Stockholm, Sweden. He is attending the University of Stockholm studying for his master’s degree in electrical engineering. He has been a ham since he was 8 yrs old and is now 25 and still loves it. He said that the noise level in Stockholm where he lives is always a problem because of all the electronic equipment in his area. He and his ham friends decided to form a club and developed a club station sight away from the city. About a year ago he had told me that he was getting an 80m beam ready for shipment to OH0-Aland Island for Martti, OH2BH, but after Martti found out the shipping cost, the deal was off. So Teemu decided that a new home for the beam would be at his club station sight. I asked him if he had made any sideband contacts with our own club member Bob, W6RJ. His response was that he had several great QSOs with Bob who is also using an 80m beam at his remotely controlled station in Danville. Boy, would I have liked to have been at one end or the other. Be sure and check the bands for DX between 9 and 12 P.M. local as the summer DX is rolling in early this year. 73, W6WZ



**When: Thursday, May 17, 2007**

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

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

**What: DVD Peter 1 3Y0X plus Steve, N6SJ on Breaking Through Pileups and Visalia Stories.**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize-Yaesu VX-2R/E-World's Smallest Dual Band HT-2m-440  
1.5 watts-Rechargable Lithium-Ion Battery with Charger**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize-40 Meter Ham Stick with Quick disconnects for 5 Ham  
sticks**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize-28 LED Metal Flashlight with Carrying Case and  
Batteries!**

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize-Galaxy 2M/70CM Dual Band High Gain Antenna  
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**5<sup>th</sup> Prize-Electronic Sudoku Puzzle-2 Levels-Easy/Pro**

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Thank you, HRO!  
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