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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB

Thursday, October 16th

## SPECIAL EVENT MEETING

Featuring a roundtable

## DX FORUM

Just some of the topics that might be on the agenda for this very special moderated forum are DXer operating techniques; Searching - Listening - Calling, Top Band DXing, Computer Interfacing, Digital Modes, DXCC, Station Equipment, Contesting, QSLing.

Whether you are a seasoned veteran or you have never worked a station outside the USA, this is surely an event not to miss!

Plan to arrive early to get a great seat and to mingle over dinner with your fellow members beginning at 6:00pm.

Our program begins at 7:30pm. For meeting directions, as well as a listing of this month's great raffle prizes, turn to page 3.

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## Welcome Back Issue!

After a brief hiatus, the NCDXC DXer is back and better than ever. For the new DXer, we have decided to lighten up the look and try to condense some of the content which was repeated in the previous format.

It's hoped this new design will be much easier for everyone to read and will offer a greater source of monthly news to our members.

We are working on a number of new and exciting additions to the DXer but we also rely on your input and help to make this an interesting publication.

If you have any stories, articles, photos, ham related for sale or wanted items, even non-electronic materials, just drop an email to the editor. We can scan the documents without harm. Thank you for the assistance. (email: [phil@k6pts.com](mailto:phil@k6pts.com))

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## BE SURE TO STOP BY THE NCDXC TABLE AT PACIFICON

Saturday, October 17th. For more info check out <http://www.pacificon.org>



## President's Message



Dear NCDXC Member,

We kicked off our 2008-09 year with the September meeting at Holder's Country Inn, 998 South De Anza Blvd. in San Jose. We had a good attendance and the feature event was an excellent video on the 3B7C DXpedition in 2007. It was enjoyed by all.

The October meeting will be on Thursday Oct. 16 also at Holder's. Please check the website for meeting information and location at <http://www.ncdxc.org/>. The social gathering starts at 6PM with dinner at 6:30 and the meeting at 7:30. The program will be announced soon. For current information always check the reflector postings. If you are not receiving the postings see the page "About Chat" on the website at <http://www.ncdxc.org/mailman/listinfo/chat>. General questions can also be sent to via email to [ncdxc@ncdxc.org](mailto:ncdxc@ncdxc.org).

We have good news! The DXer is coming back! Phil Steffora, K6PTS is now able to again pick up the reins as the editor of the DXer. We are looking forward to another series of great issues from Phil. Thank you Phil!

Carolyn, WB6ABC and Mike, W6WZ Gavin are planning the 2008 Holiday Dinner to be held at Michaels Restaurant on Saturday, December 13th from 11 AM to 3 PM. Mark your calendars and watch the chat reflector and the DXer for more information.

Don't forget the net on the club repeater, W6TI/R (147.360 +, pl 110.9) at 8 PM on Thursday nights (except for club meeting nights). This is also a good way to keep up on club news and activities.

The NCDXC now offers a FREE (to members) outgoing QSL service to the ARRL BURO. Just sort your cards by prefix per the directions on the ARRL web site at <http://www.arrl.org/qs/qsout.html> and bring them to a meeting with your proof of ARRL membership (you can print a membership card at <http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memcert.html>). The club will handle the mailing to the outgoing BURO. As we are at the bottom of the sunspot cycle and the bands are quiet, it is good time to catch up on your QSLing!

## President's Message (continued)

Now for the serious business. It is that time of the year again. Unless you are a Life Member or have already paid, it is time to pay your NCDXC annual dues! (See form on page 4) Please be sure to update your info even if you owe no dues. Please get your dues in by October 30 if you want to be included in the 2008-09 roster.

Thanks for your support and I hope to see you at the next club meeting!  
73 & DX,

Craig Bradley, AE6RR  
President, NCDXC



## SAVE THE DATE!

2008 NCDXC HOLIDAY DINNER

Saturday, December 13th, 11am to 3pm  
Michaels Restaurant, Mnt. View, CA

Stay Tuned there will be many more details on the 2008 Holiday Dinner in the November DXer!

## UPCOMING DX

T30 - Oct 3-15 - T30XX - West Kiribati  
QSL: JA8BMK

C5 - Oct 13 - Nov 9 - C56YK, Gambia,  
<http://www.on7yk.net>, QSL via ON7YK

3DA - Oct 17-27 - 3DA0DJ - Swaziland, (Oct 18-19 - 3DA0SS)

PZ - Oct 21-30 - Suriname - PZ5Z - QSL: OM2FY

A5 - Nov 7-25 - A5100A - Bhutan, QSL via F9DK

3X - Nov 29-30 - 3X5A - Conakry, Guinea,  
<http://voodoocontestgroup.com>, QSL via G3SXW

9L - Jan 25-Feb 13 - 9L1X - Sherbro Island (Sierra Leone) <http://www.i2ysb.com>

## CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 16th



6pm - 7:30pm Dinner/Social  
7:30pm Club Meeting

Special Featured Presentation

**"DX FORUM"**

Our Meeting Location:

Holder's Country Inn  
998 South De Anza Blvd.,  
San Jose, CA 95129 - (408) 244-2798

## CHECK OUT THIS MONTH'S GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES!!!

- 1st Prize:** MFJ-890 DX Beacon Monitor with the MFJ-1312D 12 volt DC Power Supply
- 2nd Prize:** 20 Meter HamStick Dipole Antenna
- 3rd Prize:** 40 Meter HamStick Antenna with 5 Quick Disconnects
- 4th Prize:** Galaxy 880 2M/70CM Dual Band High Gain Antenna
- Door Prizes:** 3-LED CLIP-ON Flashlight  
Flatlight Key Chain Flashlight



## NCDXC Membership Renewal Form

Unless you are a Life Member or have already paid, it is time to submit your dues to our Treasurer, Jose Picazo, WT6X. Dues are \$24 for individuals, \$39 for families and \$16 for absentee members. Dues may be sent to the club mailbox:

Northern California DX Club,  
P.O. Box 608,  
Menlo Park, CA 94026

Please be sure to write your call sign on the check and update your info for the roster using the form below even if you owe no dues. Please get your dues in by October 30 if you want to be included in the 2008-09 roster.

Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Dues Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Life Member \_\_\_\_ Already Paid \_\_\_\_\_

First Name or Handle \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Call \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

FAX Number (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (please print carefully!) \_\_\_\_\_

The DXer and meeting announcements will be sent to this email address.