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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB

Join Us For Our March Club Meeting

Featuring a DX focused

“Show and Tell”

Moderated by Craig Bradley, AE6RR

Thursday, March 19th, 7:30pm

The feature program for the March NCDXC meeting will be an unique “Show and Tell” event focused on club members sharing DX related mini-presentations. We may have discussions ranging from dxpeditions to CW techniques, antennas, computerize logging, new equipment, installation secrets from a tower project, maybe even a recording of a recent most-wanted QSO. Basically anything you wish to share with the group. We still have a few slots available. If you would like a couple minutes, email Risto at risto@kotalampi.com to share something with the group. As always visitors are encouraged to come and join in the excitement. Dinner begins at 6pm with our program starting at 7:30pm.



Photo Credit: Antenna Towers and Cables by Wolfgang Staudt Via Flickr

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OUTGOING QSL CARD SERVICE

Be sure to drop off your bureau cards to Doug, W6JD at our next meeting. The club will then send them all to the ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau for free.

Be sure to take advantage of this excellent FREE service to club members. (Must also be ARRL member. Bring membership information).

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

It was good to see all of you that attended the February meeting and I would like to thank those that contributed their experiences with Logbook of The World during my talk. I like to see more interactive topics and I think that this makes the whole experience better for everyone. There is a lot of Ham Radio knowledge and experience in the club and it is great to be able to share that knowledge with the new Hams.

This month we are trying a show and tell type of event but as of this writing, we have not had anyone step forward with something to talk about. As a result the topic is uncertain at this time. Also if you have a topic that you would like to present in a longer format, please contact Risto, W6RK and discuss it with him. We are always looking for speakers for our meetings.

The forums that we have had have been very successful and I think that they were enjoyed by all. I would encourage feedback on this type of program, please let myself and Risto, W6RK know if you would like to see more forums, what subjects you would like to discuss, etc.

In addition Phil, K6TT is always looking for material for the DXer, if you have anything to contribute please contact him.

The subject of maintaining club history came up at the last meeting. There is a lot of memorabilia around and it would be good to pull it together in one place. I think that the club needs a historian to manage this material and catalog it. If you would like to fill this position or know someone that would be a good candidate, please let me know.

If you have knowledge or stories regarding the early history of the club; it would be great to have them recorded. How about some short articles from the "old timers"? This would be good material for the DXer and for the web site. Also, if you have pictures or other items of interest, it would be good to get them included.

The food service at the last meeting went very well, I



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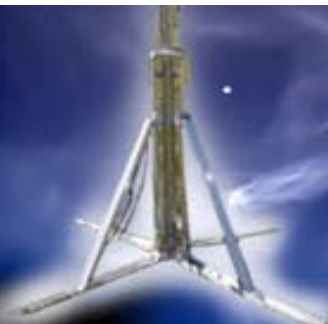
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CLUB MEETING



THURSDAY

MARCH 19th

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

Featuring a DX focused

“Show and Tell”

Moderated by Craig Bradley, AE6RR

Our Meeting Location:

Holder’s Country Inn
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5th Prize: Multi-Purpose Pocket Tool With Light

6th Prize: 9 LED Flashlight with Batteries

Door Prize: Key Chain Flash Light

President’s Message (continued)

talked to the restaurant staff before the meeting and they agreed to start taking orders as soon as people were seated. The net result was that everyone got their food on time and we were able to start the meeting on schedule. So in the future remember, when you are ready to get your order in, find a seat.

The KP5 – Desecheo Island DXpedition is now in the history books. The K5D operation, 12-26 February, netted 115,783 QSOs, including one QSO with the International Space Station. The DXpedition ranks #7th for all-time number of QSOs, and the #1 DXpedition with the most 30M contacts. I managed to contact them on 3 bands and two modes with wire antennas. On the last days it was even possible to get through with a mobile setup. I made it on 17M SSB with 200W and a Hamstick from the parking lot at work.

I would like to congratulate the DXpedition team for a very well run operation! Now I hope that they can follow up with an encore on KP1! See the KP5 web site at www.kp5.us for more information.

In closing, I hope to see many of you at the March meeting. The main topic is still up in the air, so you may have just show up at see what the surprise topic will be. I am sure that we will all have a good time. Additional details on the meeting are elsewhere in this newsletter.

For now, 73 and good DX!
- Craig, AE6RR



TOWER AND ANTENNAS MAY BE AVAILABLE

Downsizing - Tower and Antennas stay with the house if purchased by a HAM. Otherwise Tristao CZ-54 54ft. free standing crank-up tower with 15ft. mast, TH6DXX tri-bander, KLM 40m rotatable dipole available. Room on mast for WARC rotatable dipole. Approximate time frame April/May.

Contact: Gary Cervo, K6DXX, k6dxx@arrl.net

February Meeting Photo



Here is our President, Craig Bradley, AE6RR giving his presentation on Logbook of The World from the February Meeting at Holders.

NCDXC Now on FACEBOOK

If you are a member of the social networking site Facebook (<http://facebook.com>) please sure to join the "NCDXC" group online. This site is free to join for anyone and is another way to join and share information about the organization. See you there.



REMINDER!!!

It's time to get your registration in for the 60th annual International DX convention in Visalia, CA, April 17-19. Visit DXCONVENTION.ORG for more details and registration forms.

DX Information

NIGERIA, 5N. Bodo, DL3OCH is QRV as 5N/KT3Q until July 24 while on business. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters, including EME. QSL to home call.

NETHERLANDS, PA. Special event call PA750ASN is active until April 15 to commemorate the 750 years of the town of Assen. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL via PI4ASN.

BANGLADESH, S2. Some members of the Korea DX Club will be active as S21KD from Dhaka from March 7 to 14. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL via HL5FUA.

CHAD, TT. Franck, F4BQO is QRV as TT8CF until July 1. Activity is on all bands using CW and SSB. QSL direct to home call.

DJIBOUTI, J2. Dennis, N7WYW is QRV as J20DJ and is here for three months. He is active mostly on 20 meters using SSB. QSL via operator's instructions.

MACEDONIA, Z3. Members of Macedonian Telegraphic Group are QRV with special call Z30MCWG until December 31. Activity is on all bands using mainly CW. QSL via Z35M.

From the ARRL February 26 & March 5th DX News.

13 Ways To Tell If You Are A Redneck Ham Operator!

Submitted by Dick, W6KM



You are a Redneck Ham Operator if...

1. One leg of your dipole is tied to the outhouse.
2. Needle nose pliers are needed to turn your transceiver on and off.
3. You paid more for your mobile antenna than you did for your wife's wedding ring.
4. You paused for ID every ten minutes while on your honeymoon.
5. Your spouse says, "Honey, do you love me?" And your response is ROGER ROGER ROGER!
6. Your trailer home is part of your antenna.
7. Your mobile radio costs more than the vehicle it's mounted in.
8. Your power supply consists of jumper cables hanging out the window of your shack attached to the battery of your truck.
9. Your HF rig is the latest ICOM and your Desk Mic came from Radio Shack.
10. Your idea of RF is REAL FINE audio.
11. Your homebrew amplifier resembles a moonshine whiskey still in Alabama.
12. Your TV antenna and 10 Meter Beam are one in the same.
13. You own a linear amplifier but not a lawn mower.

Why Come To The 2009 International DX Convention ?

Why come to the DX Convention in Visalia on April 17-19, 2009? Well of course you will have the opportunity to see what is moving and shaking in the world of DX, plus meet your old friends and make many new ones. You can attend technical seminars, forums on Dxing and contesting and take in informative presentations by many of the year's major Dxpeditors. We are honored to have Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy (ret.), J. Scott Redd, K0DQ as our banquet speaker. Vice Admiral Redd served as Director of the National Counter Terrorism Center and is an expert on national security. He will speak on his life lived on the tip of a spear, from his unique perspective as a DXer and contester. For more info see <http://www.dxconvention.org>.

In addition there are some very special reasons to come and bring your spouse this year. We have put together a truly outstanding Saturday spouse's tour including, a visit to a lovely iris garden and farm, lunch in the quaint village of Exeter at the Wildflower Café and a visit to La Belle Winery, one of the best vintners in Tulare county. Again there are many more details on the web site.

While you are on the web site, check out the snappy navy blue commemorative polo shirt customized with the IDXC 2009 patch plus your name and call sign. Shirts must be ordered by March 20, 2009.

Another reason to come to Visalia this year is to participate in our incredible \$30,000 raffle. For our 60th anniversary we have gone all out to make this year's raffle one of the very best ever. HRO, Icom, Kenwood, Yaesu, US Towers, and many other vendors and manufacturer's have made it possible to offer a mind boggling array of major prizes. We deeply appreciate the generosity of each vendor and manufacturer who has helped to make the amazing IDXC 2009 raffle a reality.

ICOM America and Ham Radio Outlet have donated our Grand Prize, an ICOM IC7700 HF/50MHz Dream Transceiver. Additional major prizes include fourteen of your favorite HF, VHF and UHF transceivers, beam antennas, a tower as well as a huge range of ham accessories. See the web site for the latest information and other great prizes.



OH2BH & OH8NC will be at the DX convention presenting new and really innovative ways of recruiting youth into the hobby. The all new Contest Academy is happening on Friday. All your friends will be in Visalia. We hope to see you there too!

Visit www.dxconvention.org for registration information and the latest details.

N6RC Works the 2009 ARRL DX CW 2009 From 6Y1LZ - JAMAICA

Check out a few photos that were shared by Dick, N6RC who had the pleasure of working multi-two on the recent ARRL Intl. DX CW Contest from 6Y1LZ in sunny Jamaica (Just west of Montego Bay, Jamaica, in Hanover Parish). Operators on this trip included K1LZ, JT1CO, RA1AIP, UA9USU, N6RC. Weather was in the mid to high 80's with light trade winds, partly cloudy the whole time. Antennas: 15M stack, 20M stack, 40M stack, 80M wire 4 square, 160M wire delta loop & MonsterIR – 10M (virtually no propagation). Radios: ICOM 7800 (3), ACOM 2000 HF Amp (3). Software: WinTest – networked using Cisco routers. Results: Worked just shy of 7,000 Q's during the 48 hour period, and 5M+ points.



6Y1LZ-6Y1V QTH



40 Meter Stack



Alexey, RA1AIP



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Chadraabal Choigonjav, JT1CO



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