



Come to our June 18th Meeting! “Remote Radio Operation Over The Internet” by Don Melcher, W6CZ

The NCDXC is excited to announce that our feature presentation for our June meeting will be from Don Melcher, W6CZ on the subject of remotely operating your radio equipment via the Internet. What equipment is necessary? How do I configure this? Am I a good candidate for remote ops? Is my Internet connection fast enough to operate remotely? Bring these and other questions to be answered at the meeting.

The next meeting is on June 18th at Holder's Country Inn, San Jose, Ca. You'll want to arrive early to get a good seat for this informative presentation. We also will be holding our annual elections. We need our voting members to be here. Of course visitors are always welcome to all NCDXC events. So, be sure to share this with other interested amateurs. Dinner begins at 6pm and the Club Meeting at 7:30pm. See you then!

President's Message

By Craig Bradley, AE6RR

It was nice to see the good turnout for our May meeting, especially right before the Memorial Day holiday weekend and the start of vacation season. Don Anatasia, AA6W's talk on amateur satellites was very interesting and informative. From the range of questions asked, it sounded like there were some in audience that were new to this technology and some that were "old pros" at it. I have worked satellites some in the past and this served as a reminder to get the arrow antenna out of the garage, dust it off and have some fun, especially on days when the bands are dead.

The bands have been spotty lately in contrast to the sun (pun intended). I did some listening during the CW WPX contest this last weekend. I didn't hear much DX during the day but the late evenings on 20M were pretty good by current standards. I did manage one new country (OH0Z on Aland Is.) and a few new CW mode countries. Signals heard on my stealth antenna ranged from JA to Hong Kong, Slovenia and Finland around 11 PM local time.

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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.

President's Message (continues from pg. 1)

I played with CW Skimmer a bit on my SDR IQ software defined radio Sunday afternoon during the end of the contest and I was amazed at how well it pulled out the calls on weak signals. It even copied signals that I couldn't hear in the audio.

As I write this the sunspot number is up to 23, the highest that I have seen it in quite a while and the SFI index is up to 73. I am listening to RX6FC work a small pileup on 20 SSB. I can also hear another European Russian station and an Austrian with a great signal talking to KH6. I hope that this is a sign of good things to come (soon). It is time for cycle 24 to get started.

I picked up a new toy at the "candy store" last week. It is the new Alnico DJ-G7 tri-band HT.



This is the first new radio to include the 1.2 GHz band in quite a while. 1200 MHz is my favorite band for mobile FM. It is a very quiet band and there is a great linked repeater system sponsored by one of our members, Bob Warmke, W6CYX that covers a large part of the state extending into the Reno area and Southern California. You can check out coverage map at <http://members.aceweb.com/rwarmke>. The new radio works great and it is definitely a "keeper." It also transmits on 2M and 440 with a wide band receiver that covers 530 KHz to 1300 MHz. You can check out the radio at <http://www.alinco.com/usa.html>.

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President's Message (continued)

I will bring it for "show and tell" to the June meeting.

Speaking of show and tell, at the May meeting I tried something new when we went around the room to introduce ourselves and it seemed to work well, so I will continue the practice. If you have a short (2 minutes or less) show and tell, please present it then. This could be anything from a recent award that you received to a QSL card, new ham shack toy or a short ham radio story.

As the June meeting nears I realize that it has been almost a year since I started my term as president. This year has gone fast and it has been fun. I hope that all of you have enjoyed the meetings and my ramblings in the DXer. We will be holding the annual elections at the June meeting so it is important that you attend if possible. The Board's slate of candidates for election is posted in this issue of the DXer. If you the membership wish, I will continue for another year.

For now, 73 and good DX!

- Craig, AE6RR



DX Information

LESOTHO, 7P. Alexander, UX4UL and Ivan, UR9IDX are QRV as 7P8A and 7P8R, respectively, until June 10. Activity is on all bands. QSL 7P8A via UY5ZZ and 7P8R via UR9IDX.

MALDIVES, 8Q. Tom, PF4T will be QRV as 8Q7TB Embudu Island, IOTA AS-013, from June 8 to 24. Activity will be on 40 and 20 meters using SSB. QSL direct to home call.

BAHAMAS, C6. A group of operators are QRV as C6AMS from Nassau on New Providence, IOTA NA-001, until June 14. This includes possible activity from Lighthouse WLOTA LH-1115. QSL direct to NA6M.

ANGOLA, D2. Vasilij is QRV as D2QMN and has been active using RTTY on 20 meters around 2000z. QSL via RZ3EC.

SOUTH COOK ISLANDS, E5. Nigel, G4KIU now lives in Rarotonga, IOTA OC-013, and is QRV as E51SC. He is active on 80 to 10 meters using SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and some CW. QSL to home call.

IRELAND, EI. Members of the Galway Radio Experimenters Club are QRV as EI09VOR until June 6 in celebration of the Volvo Ocean Yacht Race which takes place in Galway. Activity is on 30, 20 and 17 meters using CW and SSB. Activity is from the Mutton Island Lighthouse, ARLHS IRE-107. QSL via EI8DD.

FRANCE, F. In commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the "D-Day landings" in Normandy special event station F/ON6JUN/p is QRV from Ranville until June 8. In addition, special event station TM6SME is QRV from Emondeville until June 14. QSL via operators' instructions.

SAINT MARTIN, FS. John, K9EL is QRV as FS/home call until June 12 while on vacation. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY in his spare time, QSL to home call.

ITALY, I. To commemorate 100 years of the Nobel Prize for Physics of Guglielmo Marconi, Alfredo, IK7JWX is QRV as IY7NGM and IY7NGM/p until the end of 2009. Activity is on all HF bands and 6 meters using all modes. QSL via IK7JWX.

SVALBARD, JW. Jan, OK1JK, Jiri, OK1ST, Pavel, OK1IPS and Jiri, OK1IEC are QRV as JW/homecalls from Longyearbyen, IOTA EU-026, until June 15. Activity is on all bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL to home calls.

NETHERLANDS, PA. Special event station PA-6JEROEN is QRV until June 14 in celebration of the 800-year-old bell tower of St. Jeroenskerk in Noordwijk. QSL via PA7DA.

FERNANDO de NORONHA, PY0F. A group of operators will be QRV as ZY0F from June 10 to 15. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters, including 60 meters, using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via PY2WAS.

DODECANESE ISLANDS, SV5. A group of operators will be QRV as SX5LA from Levitha Island, IOTA EU-001, from June 8 to 14. QSL via SV1GRM.

BERMUDA ISLANDS, VP9. Alex, W5YDX will be QRV as VP9/home call from Hamilton Parish from June 10 to 24. Activity is holiday style generally on 20 and 17 meters. QSL to home call.

ASCENSION ISLAND, ZD8. Dean, KJ4GNB is QRV as ZD8DC and has been active on 20 meter using SSB. His length of stay is unknown. QSL to home call.

From the ARRL June 5th DX News.



Here is a shot of Don, AA6W trying to work some satellites from the May 2009 Club meeting. Nice Antenna!

CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY
JUNE 18th

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

Featuring the presentation
**“Remote Radio Operation
Over The Internet”**
by Don Melcher, W6CZ

Our Meeting Location:
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5th Prize: A Roll of Rescue Tape
6th Prize: Yaesu Log Book
Door Prize: Key Chain Flash Light.

2009-2010 NCDXC

CLUB OFFICER ELECTION

The nominating committee of the NCDXC, which consisted of the current board members, has approved the following list of candidates for the June 2009 elections for the club’s officers and directors for the 2009-2010 terms. These candidates have been determined to be eligible for election under the bylaws of the club and will not be exceeding the term limits specified in the bylaws (2 terms for officers in the same office and 3 for board members):

Candidate	Office
Craig Bradley, AE6RR	President
Phil Steffora, K6TT	Vice President
Russ Benson, K6KLY	Secretary
Jose Picazo, WT6X	Treasurer
Steve Jones, N6SJ	Director
Jim Abraham, W6EB	Director
John Eisenberg, K6YP	Past President Director

In addition, the Board of Directors is naming Risto Kotalampi, W6RK in his position as Database Manager as an ex officio member of the board. Normally the editor of the DXer is also an ex officio member of the board under the bylaws. However if Phil, K6TT is elected to the VP position, there would not be an ex officio board member. Due to his long term involvement and service to the club and his desire to continue to serve the club, the BoD feels that it would be appropriate to appoint Risto to this position. An ex officio member of the board attends board meetings and is free to speak to issues before the board but does not have a vote on these issues.

The BoD recommends the election of these candidates by the membership of the club at the June 2009 meeting. Nominations from the floor for additional candidates for these offices will also be accepted at the meeting in accordance with the club’s bylaws.

Surfin': One Ham's Garbage Is Another Ham's Art

By Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU

June 05, 2009 - This week's Surfin' finds old radio parts re-cycled as new radio art.

"Old radio parts are too cool to throw away," according to Rich Holoch, KY6R. Instead of discarding old tubes, dials, variable capacitors and the like, Rich uses the parts to create radio-related "assemblage art."

It all started when Rich's wife noted that Amateur Radio operators continue to carry the torch for Morse code long after its demise in most commercial communications. She joked that Rich would be one of the last to use the mode, inspiring him to create his first assemblage based on a pun of the gun-owners' old line that "You'll have to take my key [rather than gun] from my cold dead hands."

Rich enjoyed creating the art so much that he continued creating his "shrines" devoted to radio. The Web site flickr hosts his radio assemblage art. You will also find his non-radio-related assemblages and collection of ham radio photos.

My personal favorite assemblages are one "that lets us hams pray for sunspots," another that incorporates old teleprinter keys (one of my favorite modes) and finally, one that (to me) represents the wide-eyed innocence of youth that I recall having when I began exploring the shortwaves.

Until next time, keep on surfen'!

(From the ARRL - Surfin' Articles - June 2009)



Be sure to visit: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/ky6r> ... to explore the creative radio "assemblage art" of Rich Holoch, KY6R.

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