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## Our September 17th Meeting will feature a presentation by Dave Smith, W6TE on “Echoes of Apollo”

Dave Smith, W6TE was one of the principals in the activation of the Stanford - SRI dish for the “Echoes of Apollo” celebration which marked the 40th anniversary of the 1969 US lunar landing. The event was conceived to activate many of the world’s largest commercial dishes to work EME (Earth-Moon-Earth) communications in a tribute to the efforts of 40 years ago. Dave will be sharing just what it took to make this possible; including the approvals, preparations, equipment and operations along with all of the DX that was worked. This should be a very informative and interesting presentation with lots of photos and more.

Please make sure you arrive early to get a good seat and have a great meal prior to the start of the presentation. As always, dinner begins at 6pm with the meeting at 7:30pm. This meeting will be held at Holder’s Country Inn. 998 S. De Anza Boulevard, San Jose, CA.

## President’s Message

By Craig Bradley, AE6RR

Hello Everyone,

It was good to see everyone at the picnic! It was a great success and a beautiful day for a picnic. Doug Westover, W6JD did a great job organizing it. There was good food, good friends, card checking and even a go to station. The only things missing were the ants and the sun spots. Thanks again Doug!

I took advantage of the card checking and got caught up on my band mode cards; it’s nice to have them all in my DXCC record. I tried to get Andreas, N6NU ignore the A in the prefix of a PA5 card, but that didn’t work ;) ... We did have fun though.

Thanks to Andreas Jung, N6NU and Dr. Jon Zweig, W6FEL for doing the card checking and helping to eat all of that food.

We also welcomed Phil Steffora, K6TT in as our new VP. Phil is already lining up some great speakers and topics for our meetings. This is promising to be a great year. Be sure to mark that third Thursday

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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.

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of each month (except for December, April, July and August) on your calendar, you will not want to miss any of these meetings.

Remember that your dues are due, if you are not a life or honorary member and have not already paid, please send them in. You can find all of the information you need on the club web site and you can even pay via PayPal if you wish. I have some good inside information that if everyone renews, the sun spots will come back, let's see if that works.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, pray for sun spots before Glorioso and I hope to see you all at the September meeting!

For now, 73 and good DX!

- Craig, AE6RR



## A New Record For K0DQ

Friend and 2009 Visalia keynote speaker Vice Admiral John Scott Redd, K0DQ (US Navy, retired) recently achieved a first in amateur radio contesting circles. This year, Redd, an active DXer and contester, became the first person ever to win all six of the major HF contests: The ARRL International DX Contests (SSB and CW), the CQ World Wide Contests (SSB and CW) and the CQ Worked All Prefix (WPX) Contests (SSB and CW). Wow! Congratulations Redd. For more information be sure to check out the most recent QST magazine or on the web at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/08/05/11005/>



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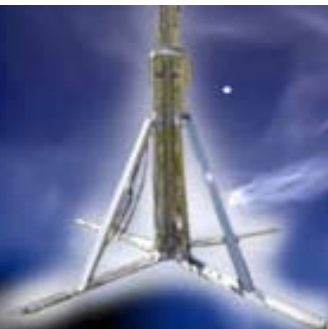
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(For more info email - [phil@k6tt.com](mailto:phil@k6tt.com))

## 701YGF Operation Approved for DXCC Credit



On August 12, ARRL DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, announced that after more than eight years, the 701YGF operation in 2000 from Yemen has been approved for DXCC credit. Moore cited a review of “recently received information,” as well as “additional dialogue” with the leader of the 701YGF DXpedition, as reasons for the approval.



Don't Miss the next



**Amateur Radio Technology Day  
Saturday, Sept 12th - 8am - 9pm  
At the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory**

For more information visit:  
<http://www.fars.k6ya.org/amtechday>

**(October 10th will be the next event)**

## DX Information

**TIMOR-LESTE, 4W.** Chris, VK4FR is QRV as 4W6FR from Dili until mid Oct. while on work assignment. Activity is mainly on 30, 20 and 17 meters using PSK31 and Olivia. In addition, Al, 4W6AL is QRV until Oct. 3. Activity is on 40 to 17 meters using mainly CW with some SSB and RTTY. QSL 4W6FR via VK4FW and 4W6AL via CT1GFK.

**KENYA, 5Z.** Steve, W8SMH is now QRV as 5Z4/home call and is active from Nairobi for the next three years while on work assignment. He is active as time permits. QSL direct to home call.

**AZORES, CU.** Jan, DL7JAN and Egon, DL2IX are QRV as CT8/home calls from Faial Island, IOTA EU-175, until August 31. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to home calls.

**FRENCH POLYNESIA, FO.** Phil, F5PHW is QRV as FO8RZ and is here for the next two years. He is active on 80 to 10 meters using CW. QSL to home call.

**SAUDI ARABIA, HZ.** Abdul, 7Z1CQ has been active on 40 meters around 0300z. QSL direct to home call.

**SARDINIA, IS0.** Giorgio is QRV as IS0/IZ3KVD from the capital city of Cagliari until Aug. 31. Activity is on the HF bands using SSB and various digital modes. QSL to home call.

**NETHERLANDS, PA.** Fred, PA0FAW is QRV using special event station callsign PA09WSF until August 30 to celebrate the World Statues Festival in Arnhem. QSL via bureau.

**POLAND, SP.** Special event station SN120OSP is QRV until October 31 in celebration of the 120th anniversary of the city of Gorowo Ilaweckie auxiliary fire brigade. Activity is on all bands. QSL via SP4CUF.

**GREECE, SV.** Max, IZ4JMA will be QRV as SV8/home call from the islands of Paxoi and Kerkira, both IOTA EU-052, from August 24 to September 9. This includes possible operations from various Lighthouses. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters. QSL to home call.

**MOUNT ATHOS, SV/A.** Monk Apollo, SV2ASP/A has been active using CW on 10 meters around 0900z. QSL direct.

**CRETE, SV9.** Ron, WB2GAI is QRV as SV9/WB2GAI/p until October 5. Activity is on 80 to 17 meters using CW. QSL to home call.

**MARSHALL ISLANDS, V7.** Fuminor, JA2DSQ and Yuji, JH2BNL will be QRV as V73NF, and V7XX or V73J, respectively, from Majuro Island, IOTA OC-029, from August 24 to 29. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to home call.

**CHAGOS ISLANDS, VQ9.** Larry, VQ9LA has been active on 80 meters using CW between 0000 and 0100z. QSL direct to home call.

**SOUTH AFRICA, ZS.** Peter, ZS1JX has been active using CW on 160 and CW and SSB on 80 meters between 0330 and 0445z. QSL to home call.

**GLORIOSO, FR/G.** The FT5GA team has the gear packed and airline tickets in hand and expects to be QRV from Glorioso sometime between Sept. 11 and Oct 8th. Check the Sept. Issue of the DXer for more up to the minute details of this important activation.

*From the ARRL August 20th DX News & K6TT*

# 2009 NCDXC SUMMMER PICNIC



**August 1st - Mitchell Park, Palo Alto, CA**

## Another New Icom! IC-9100



Just announced at the Tokyo Ham Fair 2009 (Aug. 22-23, 2009) the new Icom IC-9100. Clearly the long awaited replacement for the aging 746 PRO, the IC-9100 features some very appealing specifications for the mid-level HF rig buyer.

The announced features include:

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- \* Optional D-STAR module
- \* Optional 6 kHz (FL-430) and 3 kHz (FL-431) roofing filter modules can be installed for HF/50 MHz. The default 1st IF filter is 15 kHz wide.

No specific details on US availability were given at the time of the show. However, indications for MSRP pricing were in the low \$3,000 range which would make this very attractive to many.

A pre-released product brochure is currently available at [http://www.ab4oj.com/icom/ic9100/IC-9100\\_prerelease.pdf](http://www.ab4oj.com/icom/ic9100/IC-9100_prerelease.pdf)

## Upcoming Fall Speaker Meeting Schedule

### Sept. 17 - Regular Club Meeting

Presentation - **Echoes of Apollo**, by **Dave Smith, W6TE** - Held at Holder's Country Inn - 998 S De Anza Boulevard, San Jose, CA. Dinner 6pm / Meeting 7:30pm

### Oct. 15 - Regular Club Meeting

Presentation - **Low-Tech DXpeditions (Madeira and Santo Porto Islands)** by **Bill Fontes, W6TEX** - Held at Holder's Country Inn - 998 S De Anza Boulevard, San Jose, CA. Dinner 6pm / Meeting 7:30pm

### Nov. 19 - Regular Club Meeting

Presentation - **Antenna Forum - Part 2**  
Featured presenters: **Kristen McIntyre, K6WX, Jim Brown, K9YC & Dean Straw, N6BV**, Moderator **Craig Bradley, AE6RR**  
Held at **Harry's Hofbrau - 390 Saratoga Avenue, San Jose, CA**. Dinner 6pm / Meeting 7:30pm/

### Dec. 12 - 2009 Holiday Luncheon

The holiday lunch will be held at **Michael's Shoreline Restaurant, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd. Mountain View. 94063. 650-962-1014**  
Begins at 11am.

Featured Presentation - **Midway Island 2009 - K4M** by **Kevin Rowett, K6TD & Tom Berson, ND2T**

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