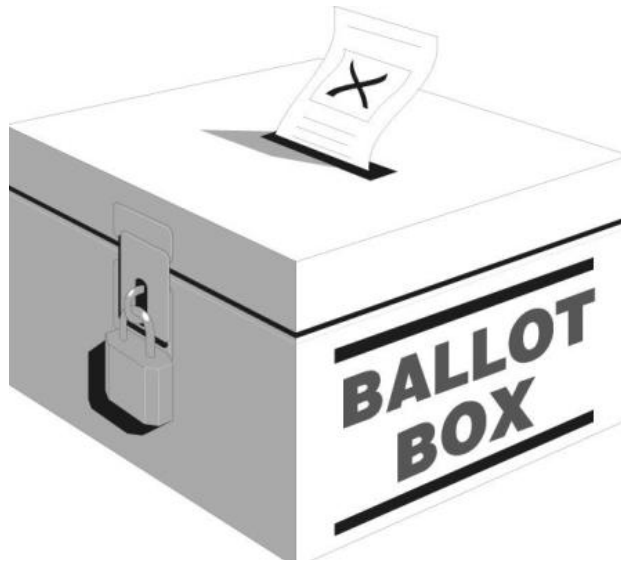




# The DXer

June 2011

**The Official Publication Of The Northern California DX Club**



## JUNE MEETING

### Annual Elections

IDXC 2011 Visalia Report  
by John Miller, K6MM

Ideas for Club Awards  
and All About Clublog  
by Craig Bradley, AE6RR

Thursday June 16  
6pm - 7:15pm Dinner/Social  
7:15pm Club Meeting  
at Holder's Country Inn  
998 S. De Anza Boulevard  
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### Note the Early Meeting Time

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## President's Letter

June 2011

By Richard Crouch, N6RC

Greetings fellow DXers!

### June DX is heads and tails above May!

Well, June is being kind to us after the bands sputtered in late May. Very strong DX signals are piling up making long and enjoyable QSO's possible as well as quick 'in and out' DX contacts for a new one!

### Annual Elections

We have several exciting things planned for the June meeting. Our annual elections will take place. All officer and directorship positions are up for reelection. The board is presenting a slate of recommended candidates, and nominations from the membership will be open from the floor. So, let's get out and vote!

### June Program

We have an excellent slate of interesting programs for the June meeting in addition to the annual elections!

- We'll have a complete report on the success of the IDXC 2011 in Visalia. John Miller, K6MM, will tell us how it all went including financial details

- John will also throw up some slides and

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talk about his experience at the 2011 Dayton Hamvention

- Craig, AE6RR, will present some ideas for awards the club might give to its members for various categories of DX achievement. He will also present “All About Clublog”

### **Committee Formed to Determine How Club Money Should be Spent**

- We have enjoined an informal committee to take input from the membership and develop spending priorities. The committee members are Craig, AE6RR, Bob, W6OPO, and John, K6YP. Seek them out, especially if you can offer to volunteer and help take the club in an exciting new direction!
- As is noted on the NCDXC website, our club is doing pretty well financially with the Visalia events bringing in the profits every other year. At this meeting we want to talk about the club’s financials and hear from the membership as to how they would like to see the club’s money used. Not that all the money is discretionary, but our treasurer, Bob Lanning, will give us a feeling as to how much money really could be eligible for special projects
- One of the objectives that has been bantered around for several years, if not longer, is that of building an NCDXC club station. I’ll talk a little bit about this below. However, please understand that there are other possibilities for the use of our funds such as larger contributions to NCDXF and expeditions. So, please be prepared to voice your opinion at the meeting and to the committee members directly!

### **NCDXC Club Station – Fact or Fiction? – My Ideas**

Many of us have long talked about how great it would be if we had a club station for all modes and bands. Assuming the membership was in favor of building such a station (as opposed to more money being donated to NCDXF and/or DXpeditions); the club could certainly foot the bill for equipment in the shack. The club could probably pay for antennas also. I am not as certain, however, if we can cover the cost of a large, tower and certainty cannot buy any land. We would have to find someone who will let us use their property to locate the antenna farm and small shack.

In any case the idea would be that all members could become eligible to operate this station after being trained/certified in the use of the equipment. I am pretty certain I may be able to get remote control software from the Finns that would allow us to operate the station from people’s homes, from HRO, from monthly meetings, and for special events and gatherings that go beyond what we do as a group up to now.

Use of the station would be organized using an electronic scheduling system which would ‘manage’ the use of the station based on various criteria. E.g., an individual might be allowed to sign up to use the station during a 2-3 hour period, or longer periods during DX contests staffed by multiple operators on a fixed schedule, more or less, depending upon demand. Group use of the station either at the site (which would have only a very small and cramped shack) or from any of the locations as mentioned above, would carry a priority for the very

reason that more than just a few members at a given time would be able to use the station from one location. This would promote socialization that would help the club grow with an even higher interest in DX.

If we are to ever have a club station one thing is for sure – we must have someone or maybe two individuals to champion the project and guide the club to a successful outcome. Your officers and directors have the desire, but not the time to lead the charge. So, we are looking for volunteers from the membership who can take this on and make it happen.

Obviously a site for a club QTH is a major question that has not yet been resolved. However, it does appear that there may be several options worth pursuing, but ONLY IF, someone takes ownership to drive that to a successful outcome.

So, be prepared to talk about this. We want your ideas, your participation, and your leadership as a group to find a way to make this a reality. It's a chance for someone to step forward, take the challenge, and create a legacy that will serve the club and its members for years to come.

### **From our Vice President, K6TT**

Our Vice President, Phil, K6TT has been actively involved in a couple of areas. First, he is to be congratulated for taken on the position of ARRL Section Communication Manager (SCM) for the Santa Clara Valley. This is a demanding job and we are proud to have a club member filling that slot. NCDXC will benefit by virtue of Phil's leadership in this important aspect of ARRL's overall management of the Amateur Radio Service!

### **Pacificon Needs the NCDXC!**

Phil has also been actively involved with planning for the upcoming Pacificon! Here's his report:

"Pacificon, Oct 14-16. The NCDXC club will have a table in the main exhibition hall, and we will be running a live HF station doing some DX (hopefully). I have already spoken to a couple of people and we should have all the equipment necessary.

We are also going to be given a time slot for a presentation on DXing, so we need volunteers. Contest club is doing 1/2 day presentation (contest academy) ... we need to come up with at least one hour on DXing to folks who may never have really worked DX before. It's a huge opportunity to showcase our club in a real way.

Note: Pacificon will be held this year at the Santa Clara Marriott, off Great America Pkwy... they have over 1000 parking spaces and a much larger venue for putting on the show. It is shaping up to be the best Pacificon ever. Let's turn out strong and make sure they keep it in Santa Clara.

So, we'll be looking for volunteers at the meeting so please give some thought as to what contribution that you can make to this great event and to your fellow DXers and NCDXC!

## That's it for now!

See you all June 16th at Holders!

73's,  
Dick  
N6RC

### **Annual Elections At June 16 Meeting**

#### **Board Nominations for 2011-2012**

##### **DX Club Officers**

President: Dick Crouch, N6RC  
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Russ Bentson, K6KLY  
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Peter Grabosky, W6OOL  
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### **Membership Renewals Are Due By July 1**

Please remit your membership renewals by July 1. The easiest way is to use our Paypal link at <http://www.ncdxc.org/Ncdxc/paypal/renew.html> . Check or cash payments can be made at our June 16 meeting. Checks can be mailed to: Northern California DX Club, P.O. Box 608, Menlo Park, CA 94026-0608.

### **New Member**

Mike Flowers, K6MKF became a new member at the May meeting. Welcome to the NCDXC, Mike!

### **Summer Picnic**

The NCDXC Summer Picnic is on Saturday, August 13 at Shoup Park, Patriot Area, 400 University Avenue, Los Altos. When you enter the park, you will see the Garden House in front of you. The Patriot Area is the smaller shady area to the left of the Garden House. This is the same spot where the picnic was last year. Starting time will be 10 or 10:30am.

We will be serving Burgers, Hot Dogs, maybe Chicken plus the trimmings. Sodas and other drinks will be provided by the club. Alcohol of any form is not permitted. Members are free to bring a dish (hopefully to share) if they wish.

## Photos of May Meeting



Dick, N6RC presents the NCDXC Meritorious Service Award to Dick, W6KM



Dick, N6RC presents the NCDXC Club Member Of The Year Award to Russ, K6KLY



Craig, AE6RR wins a battery power pack with a built-in charger



Fred, WX6W picks the next raffle ticket



Nimit, K6XOX wins the IC-2200H!



## **DXpedition to Southern Sudan by Paul Ewing, N6PSE**

**The Intrepid-DX Group and the DX Friends/Tifariti Gang** continues to move forward with our plans to activate the new country of Southern Sudan with a large multi-national DXpedition.

We have held several successful meetings with representatives of the Government of Southern Sudan. We have been issued an amateur radio license for the purpose of this DXpedition. The Government of South Sudan is very supportive of our plans to visit Juba and to help them celebrate the birth of their new country.

The Government of South Sudan will declare their independence from Sudan on July 9th, 2011. They have applied to the UN for admission as a member state. The UN General Assembly and Security Council will vote on the matter in the weeks following the declaration of independence.

While there have been attacks and fighting in the disputed border region of Abyei, these issues are not expected to derail the emergence of this new country.

We plan to be in the new capital of Juba and to be ready to start our DXpedition upon admission by the UN. We will have 18 operators operating 24X7 on seven active stations.

At this time, we are seeking Foundation, Club and Individual Sponsors to help us defray the costs of carrying out this DXpedition.

Our official website is <http://www.dxfriends.com/SouthernSudan2011/>

**Thank you,  
The Intrepid-DX Group and The DX Friends.**

<http://www.dxfriends.com/>

<http://www.intrepid-dx.com/>

## **January Board Minutes Posted**

The NCDXC's January Board Minutes are posted in the Members Only page of the club website.

To view the minutes, go to <http://www.ncdxc.org> and select the Members Only Documents link on the left side. The annual password that was emailed to each member for the online roster is needed for the Members Only page. If you need your private password, contact Risto W6RK, risto at kotalampi.com .

## **DXpedition to Rotuma as 3D2R by Paul Ewing, N6PSE**

**After many months of careful planning, we are pleased to announce our DXpedition to Rotuma-3D2R with a large multi-national DXpedition Team.**

Rotuma is located in the South Pacific Ocean and is #32 on Club Log's most wanted DXCC list.

Hrane Milosevic-YT1AD has recently visited Fiji and has obtained the license of 3D2R and a landing permit. We have received the Rotuma Island Council's official approval as well as from the Prime Minister's Office.

The team of 19 operators will meet in Fiji on September 24th and sail to Rotuma with an arrival slated for September 27th. We will be active on all bands and modes from September 27th to October 7th, 2011.

We will focus on the low bands at this time of the year and will make every effort to satisfy the needs of EU operators.

At this time, we are seeking Foundation, Club and Individual Sponsors to help us defray the costs of carrying out this DXpedition.

Our official website is <http://www.yt1ad.info/3d2r/index.html>

**Thank you,  
The 3D2R Team**

### **Phil Steffora, K6TT Is Our New Santa Clara County ARRL Section Manager**

Congratulations to Phil Steffora K6TT our brand new Santa Clara County ARRL Section Manager. Phil has also been a very active NCDXC member and has served as NCDXC VP for the past two years. Thanks Phil for stepping up to the plate. See the link below for details.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter?issue=2011-06-02#toc09>

73,  
John K6YP

### **Fill Out Your QSL Cards For The Buro!**

Dick Letrich, W6KM will be collecting QSL cards at the June meeting for the Buro.

### **Pacificon October 14-16, 2011**

Marriott Santa Clara  
2700 Mission College Boulevard  
Santa Clara, CA 95054  
[www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org)

### **Electronics Flea Market**

The next flea market is on Saturday, July 9.  
[www.electronicfleamarket.com/schedule](http://www.electronicfleamarket.com/schedule)

### **Last Am-Tech Day at SLAC**

Sadly, June 11 was the last Amateur Radio Technology Day at SLAC. Stay tuned for new dates and location for future Am-Tech Days. [www.fars.k6ya.org/amtechday](http://www.fars.k6ya.org/amtechday)



# NCDXC Status in ClubLog DX Leagues - We're Down at #22

SCDXC is up at number 1. We're not let them going to stay there, are we?

You can help move up our ClubLog DX League standing

Register at [www.clublog.org](http://www.clublog.org), "join" NCDXC in your account setup and upload your logs

Questions? Get answers on NCDXC's Chat Email List

## NCDXC DXCC League in ClubLog

DXCC and Slot Counts are for Confirmed QSOs with Current and Deleted Entities

League for NCDXC - Northern California DX Club - 21 members

Rank	Callsign	160	80	60	40	30	20	17	15	12	10	6	4	2	70	DXCCs	Slots	Range
1	K6RIM	20	139	0	249	208	355	219	284	185	228	7	0	0	0	366	1894	53 yrs
2	K6ANP	59	165	0	225	68	335	65	242	30	197	3	0	0	0	365	1389	66 yrs
3	W6NWS	133	192	0	279	98	332	132	297	41	272	0	0	0	0	341	1776	48 yrs
4	K6TA	172	238	1	283	238	307	235	263	175	204	2	0	0	0	334	2118	44 yrs
5	K6KO	123	197	0	251	207	291	192	204	120	167	0	0	0	0	332	1752	13 yrs
6	N3RC	43	128	1	172	117	291	170	267	72	230	3	0	1	1	327	1496	54 yrs
7	K6MM	31	89	0	178	113	288	136	189	30	86	6	0	1	1	308	1148	52 yrs
8	N6NU	16	92	0	159	80	215	77	169	38	102	2	0	1	3	293	954	14 yrs
9	W6PK	14	55	0	158	89	208	73	136	8	18	1	0	1	1	250	762	7 yrs
10	K9YC	101	154	1	195	106	208	100	145	39	60	5	0	1	0	247	1115	5 yrs
		<b>160</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>70</b>			
11	W6OPO	1	10	0	56	6	182	28	108	1	48	0	0	1	0	222	441	38 yrs
12	AB6RR	3	28	0	44	12	167	50	78	10	32	2	0	1	1	192	428	7 yrs
13	N6BM+1	0	13	0	30	5	144	41	107	5	17	0	0	0	0	186	362	3 yrs
14	W6PK+3	0	7	0	32	0	145	4	69	0	10	0	0	0	0	171	267	8 yrs
15	K6MKF	1	4	0	4	0	89	23	75	7	77	1	0	1	0	162	282	31 yrs
16	P4OK	4	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	78	0	0	0	0	84	86	8 yrs

Five additional members have registered. After their logs are uploaded they will appear in this list. To view this list on the web, go to <http://www.clublog.org/browse.php?club=61>.

## Doug Westover - W6JD

### Silent Key

Doug Westover, W6JD passed away on June 9. When Doug joined the NCDXC in July of 1963 his call was K6TZX and of course at some later date he acquired W6JD as his call. Just when the change took place I have no clue but he had already become W6JD at the time I joined officially in October 1978. Doug also held calls KN2CHN in New York, W7UYE in Arizona and WOQFD in Nebraska, Missouri and Colorado. He is a past president of our club, and when the NCDXC was in serious trouble he helped save the club. As someone stated in another post, he loved the club picnic and after I had revived it in 1996 he took it over a few years later when I had to give it up because of other commitments. He was a very quiet and gentle man. Doug was very active on CW and was one of the first in the USA to switch to Elecraft rigs that he loved to put together. Although he was not a DXpeditioner, his work allowed him to be "DX", using W6JD/VO1 from Newfoundland and W6JD/KP4 from Puerto Rico. The wall in his ham shack was papered with awards from DXCC (in several modes and bands) to Honor Roll. I do not know of his exact country count but I am certain he either had them all or darn near all. He was a regular attendee at club meetings when his health allowed. Many others knew him on a more personal level than I, but when I last called him a month or so back he commented that he was very weak and was not doing very well. He had been fighting the evils of cancer for many, many years. I am sure his family is very proud of him as he beat the odds longer than many thought that he could.

73,  
Dick Letrich, W6KM



Doug Westover (K6TZX at the time) at the Stanford club in 1957. Doug is in the lower right corner with the glasses. The gentleman second from the left in the front row is Professor Oswald "Mike" Villard, W6QTY. Photo courtesy of the Stanford Amateur Radio Club, description by Phil Steffora, K6TT.

## At Last!!

Several years ago we purchased a new Bed Room Set. One of the dressers sat right in front of and over the main light switch. So I bought a remote switch set. This worked just fine but every time I used my ground mounted Hy-Gain 18HT on 75, 60, 40, 17, 15, 12 or 10 meters, the light would come on and stay on until I physically shut it off.

Not a good idea if I forgot to disconnect the light before I transmitted and my wife was in bed. So I tried to RF proof the switch system with no luck. The only cure was to add a small in line cord switch to the light itself and not forget to turn it off or on. That really didn't work so well as often I forgot to turn it back on and the wife had to stumble in the dark to find the switch to turn it back on. Not a good idea if your wife is very understanding with Ham Radio, but that could ruin a good thing, I think you know what I mean. Also it was not very convenient.

Early in May I was at Orchard Supply and noticed a "Remote Switch", I looked at it and the package said that it operated on a frequency of 315MHz. I was pretty sure that was not going to be a harmonically related to our Ham frequency,s so I bought one.

It was half of what I paid for the old system and above all it works! No more problems. I'm happy, my wife is happy and I can now use the vertical at any time, even at the full legal limit.

So if you might have been having the same problem or would benefit by making a switch move in the Shack, here is the answer. It is the "Stanley Light Switch Remote System" Model number #28068 and it cost me \$12.99. A real winner.

73 es Gud DX ..... Dick, W6KM

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Club simplex: 147.54 MHz (suggested)

Thurs. Net OTR: 8 pm local time.

Net Manager: Russ Bentson, K6KLY

### **W6TI DX Bulletins:**

ARRL Pacific Division Director Bob Vallio,

W6RGG, transmits DX information at 0200 UT

every Monday (Sunday evening local time) on

both 7.016 and 14.002 MHz.

### **About the DXer:**

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**See You At The June 16 Meeting**