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NCDXC SUMMER PICNIC

Saturday, August 13
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

At the Patriots Corner Group
Picnic Area in Shoup Park
400 University Ave in Lost Altos

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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.

President's Letter July 2011

By Richard Crouch, N6RC

Greetings fellow DXers!

In line with the sleepiness of our summer which finally arrived, I will keep this letter short.

First, a big thank you to John Miller, K6MM, and Phil, W6PK, for all the hard work they have invested in building the new NCDXC website and email lists. I think you will agree that it gives us a fresh look and will give the impression that the NCDXC is alive and well! I also want to thank Risto, W6RK, for his support for all the databases underlying our old web page and for a host of other services that required a lot of his time. We really appreciate the contributions that you have made to the club, Risto!

We all look forward to the August 13th picnic at Shoup Park in Los Altos and a fun September meeting which will feature Club Log, an exciting new tool for DXers, as well as some new, proposed awards for DX operating excellence.

73's,
Dick
N6RC

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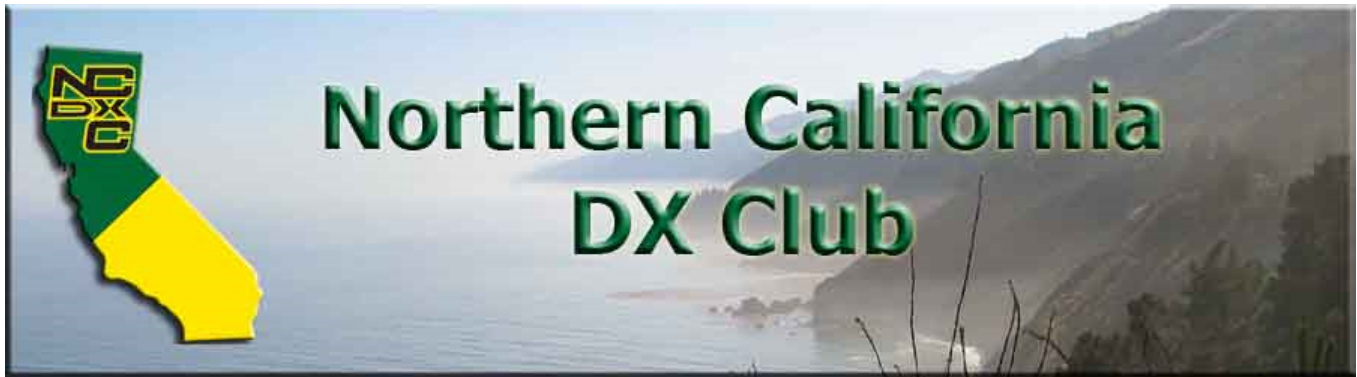
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Print Your Own Membership Certificate!
See Members Only Section

Welcome To NCDXC!

The Northern California DX Club is one of the best known and most respected DX clubs in the world. NCDXC was founded in 1946 and has over 175 members, most of whom reside in the San Francisco Bay Area. Members have participated in numerous DXpeditions over the years providing contacts to DXers around the world.

All Amateurs are invited to our monthly meetings, which are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. See the [Meetings Page](#) for more details.

We hope you find our web site of interest, and we look forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting soon!

73,
Richard Crouch
Richard Crouch, N6RC
NCDXC President



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The NCDXC website has a new look and a new hosting service.

Hosting Service

For several years now, the NCDXC website has been successfully hosted by Risto (W6RK) on his personal server. For that, we are all grateful. Recently it was decided, with Risto's encouragement, to make a change and relocate the NCDXC website to a new host. NCDXC member John, K6MM, recommended QTH.com, a hosting service owned and managed by Scott (KA9FOX). QTH.com hosts a variety of amateur radio businesses, clubs, and personal websites, including Array Solutions, Green

Heron Engineering, NCCC, The California QSO Party, NCDXF, and PAARA, among others. For more information about QTH.com see <http://qth.com/#1>.

Because of their excellent reputation, QTH.com was chosen as our new website hosting service, and the transfer was completed during July.

Website

As the new hosting service was being finalized, John, K6MM, began working on a new NCDXC website design. A primary goal was to make the site easier to navigate, in both form and function. The new site, approved by the NCDXC Board, was launched on Wednesday, July 13, 2011.

<http://www.ncdxc.org/>

It has been refreshed, with a new design, new features and content.

Some highlights:

- A new navigation panel on the left-side of each page
- Announcements and current events are linked to the “News” button
- A “Pay Dues” button makes it very easy to renew annual Dues
- The “Propagation” button provides new links to NOAA data, which is updated every 3 hours
- Our “QSL Service” (Card Checking and Mail Forwarding) is described in detail
- Archival issues of “The DXer” are organized in a simple table
- The “W6TI Repeater” now has its own dedicated page
- Current and upcoming meetings are listed on the new “Meetings” page
- The “Calendar” is shown on a separate page
- “IDXC” has a dedicated page and link
- Something New: For Members Only, you can now easily print out a customized NCDXC Membership Certificate, suitable for framing

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact John, K6MM – NCDXC’s new Webmaster. His email address is: k6mm at arrl.net

Hopefully you’ll find the new website of value, and will visit it often.

73 de John, K6MM

NCDXC Members Only Area

In addition to the Membership Certificate, BoD Minutes and other items, the Members Only area contains the NCDXC Real Time Roster, which is very handy for contacting other club members.

When you select the button for the Members Only area, a popup will request your User name and Password. For the User name, enter your call sign in upper case. The password is the same as before. If you are a current member and have lost your password, email a request, and include your call sign, to Phil, W6PK (needpassword at ncdxc.org).

73 de Phil, W6PK

NCDXC Chat Email List

The NCDXC Chat email list has been moved to the same hosting service as the website. The subscriber settings are the same as before. If you need help with your subscription, email Phil, W6PK (listadmin at ncdxc.org).

Members have the option of DXer delivery via email by contacting dxer at ncdxc.org.

73 de Phil, W6PK

Membership Renewals Were Due On July 1

If you have not already done so, please remit your membership renewals. The easiest way is to use our Paypal link. Go to <http://www.ncdxc.org> and select the Membership button. Check or cash payments can be made at our September 15 meeting. Checks can be mailed to: Northern California DX Club, P.O. Box 608, Menlo Park, CA 94026-0608.

Membership dues are \$24 per year. Dues for an additional family member are \$15 per year.

Bring Your QSL Cards For The Buro To September 15 Meeting

In the July 2011 issue of QST on page 63, There is an article titled AFTER THE 73s, with some excellent information for not only DXers but anyone wishing to exchange DX confirmations. It also gives quite a few computer sites to check for additional details to QSL whether you wish physical QSLs or electronic QSLs.

With the club not having meetings in July and August, be sure to save your QSLs for me to pass on at the September meeting. Just a reminder for club members is that all you have to do is to provide proof of ARRL current membership and pass the cards to me, and the club will see to it that they will be submitted to the buro at no cost to you.

I hope that the famous summer doldrums will not keep you from enjoying DX.

73 Dick, W6KM

DXCC Awards

NCDXC life member Charles McConnell, W6DPD has achieved the DXCC award on 10 meters. Congratulations, Charles!

The Telegrapher's Lament

It's not my job to run the train
The whistle I can't blow
It's not for me to say how far
The trains allowed to go
It's not my place to shoot off steam
Nor even clang the bell
But let the damn thing jump the track
And just see who catches hell!

-- by an anonymous telegrapher who
worked for the railroad in the late
1800's

73 Dick, W6KM

Photos of June Meeting



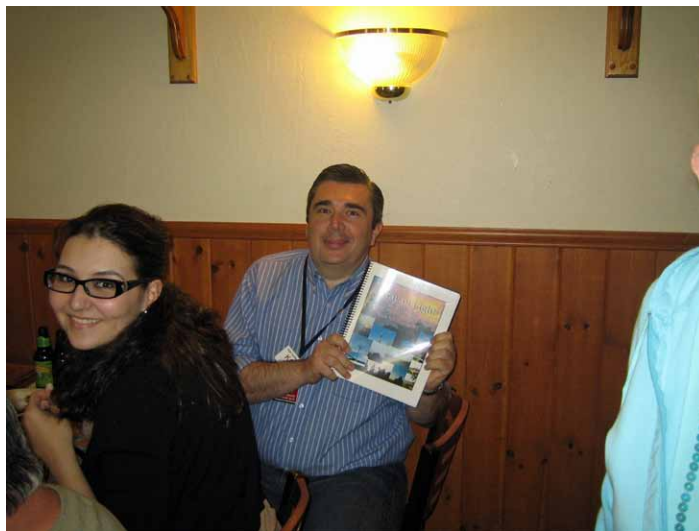
Dick, N6RC Starts the Meeting



John, K6MM Presents Visalia Report



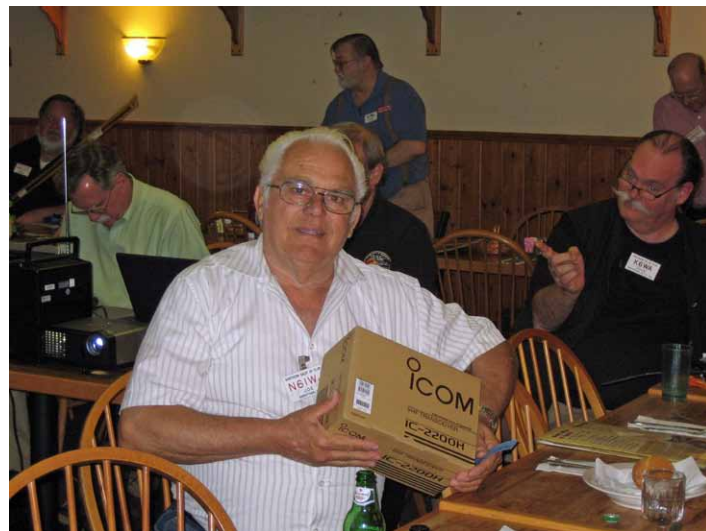
Bob, W6OPO's Raffle Prize



Phil, K6TT With New Book



Scott, AF6RT



Joe, N6IWJ Wins IC-2200H!



Press Release #5 DXpedition to the Republic of South Sudan

On July 9th, the Republic of South Sudan was born upon their successful declaration of independence from Sudan. The Country of Sudan has congratulated and recognized the Republic of South Sudan.

Today, on July 14th, 2011, the United Nations admitted the Republic of South Sudan as the newest member state. This is a significant achievement for this new country and a significant milestone for amateur radio. It is expected that the ARRL will now add South Sudan to the DXCC list of entities.

The DX Friends and the Intrepid-DX Group continue to move forward with their plans to activate this new entity with a multi-national DXpedition team. With our visas in hand, the teams will soon be making their way towards Africa and ultimately to Juba, the new capitol of this new nation.

We will have five active stations, operating 24 hrs a day.

We will be in regular contact with our US, EU and JA Pilot Stations and we will pay close attention to propagation reports from them. We ask that you please make contact with the pilot stations only during the DXpedition and to please refrain from contacting the team members directly via email. We will announce our call sign once we are in Juba and ready to become active.

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

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

**Update: ST0R will be QRV in the Republic of South Sudan from July 22 to August 10.
The DXCC Desk began accepting QSOs for this new entity with a start date of July 14.
The Republic of South Sudan has been issued country code 211 by the ITU.**

DX News From ARRL Headquarters - July 21, 2011

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by IZ8EDJ, KB9LIE, NC1L, the OPDX Bulletin, 425 DX News, The Daily DX, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

UGANDA, 5X. Stewart, GM4AFF is QRV as 5X1SF until July 29 and is active on 30 to 10 meters using CW and SSB in his spare time. QSL via GM4FDM.

BARBADOS, 8P. Carsten, DF1XC will be QRV as 8P9XC from Saint Philip, IOTA NA-021, from July 23 to August 14. Activity is holiday style on all HF bands using mostly CW. QSL to home call.

BAHRAIN, A9. David, A92GE has been QRV on 20 meters using CW around 0400z. QSL direct to home call.

ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON, FP. Operators Paul, K9OT and Peg, KB9LIE are QRV as FP/homecalls from Miquelon, IOTA NA-032, until August 4. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via K9OT.

ITALY, I. A group of operators will be QRV as IC8L from Licosa, IOTA EU-031, on July 24 and 25. QSL via IZ8EGM.

MONGOLIA, JT. Frank, DD0CW is QRV as JT1FDB from Ulaanbaatar until the first week of August. Generally he is active as JT1FDB/7 most of the time from Bugat. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters, including the V/UHF bands using all modes, but primarily CW. QSL to home call.

DENMARK, OZ. Axel, OZ7VEA will be QRV from Bornholm Island, IOTA EU-030, from July 25 to August 5. This includes an entry in the upcoming RSGB IOTA contest as a Single Op/SSB Only/12-Hrs entry. QSL via bureau.

GREECE, SV. Operators HA6NL, HA7JJS, HA7PL and HA5AOP will be QRV as J48NL, J48JJ, J49P and SV8/HA5AOP, respectively, from Thassos Island, IOTA EU-174, from July 27 to August 1. This includes an entry in the upcoming RSGB IOTA contest. QSL to home calls.

PALAU, T8. Operators JA3AVO, JH3PBL and W7AED are QRV as T88MB, T88MP and T88SR, respectively, from Koror, IOTA OC-009, until July 24. In addition, they will also be active as T8XO. Activity is on all bands using CW and SSB. QSL T8XO via JA3AVO and all others to home calls.

TURKEY, TA. Special event station TC100TAF will be QRV from July 23 to 31 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Turkish Air Force. Activity is on all HF bands using mainly SSB but also SSTV and PSK31. QSL via TA1HZ. In addition, look for special event TC7EYOF to be QRV from July 23 to 30 from Trabzon during the 11th European Youth Olympic Festival. QSL via YM7KA.

CORSICA, TK. Laurent, F8BBL plans to be QRV as either TK11OTA or TK1QRP from Olmeto Plage on Sanguinaires Island, IOTA EU-014, from July 23 to August 6. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using mainly CW with some SSB and digital modes. QSL to home call.

KAZAKHSTAN, UN. Two groups of operators are QRV as UN6GWC/7 from Almaty, and UP7Z from Astana, respectively, until July 31 in the country's Flora and Fauna sites. Activity is on the HF bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via operators' instructions.

UKRAINE, UR. Operators UR5GDX, UR8GX, UR3GO, UT7CL and UR3CJR will be QRV as homecalls/p from the Kalanchakskiye Islands, IOTA EU-179, from July 26 to August 3. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via UR8GX.

MICRONESIA, V6. Look for V63FAA to be QRV from Kosrae Island, IOTA OC-059, from July 26 to 29. Activity will be on 40 and 20 meters using CW and SSB. QSL direct via W6ANM.

LORD HOWE ISLAND, VK9L. HARAOA group operators will be QRV as VK9HR from July 23 to August 2.

Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY with a few stations active simultaneously. QSL via EB7DX.

ASCENSION ISLAND, ZD8. A group of operators will be QRV as ZD8D from July 24 to August 9. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using mainly CW and RTTY, with some SSB, with two stations active around the clock. This includes an entry in the upcoming RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via DL9HO.

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Electronics Flea Market

The next flea market is on Saturday, Aug 13.
www.electronicfleamarket.com/schedule

See You At The August 13 Picnic!