



NEXT NCCC MEETING

DATE: Saturday, July 15, 12:00 NOON
Joint BBQ and Meeting with MLDXCC in
Jackson, CA
INFO & DIRECTIONS INSIDE
and you can *always* check:
<http://www.nccc.cc/meetings.html>

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Survey Shows:

NOBODY READS THE JUG

Details Inside

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July Contests	Dates
RAC Canada Day Contest	Jul 1
Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest, SSB	Jul 1-2
MI QRP Club July 4th CW Sprint	Jul -5
IARU HF World Championship/ 9	Jul 8 -
WRTC 2000	Jul 8 - 9
CQ Worldwide VHF Contest 9	Jul 8 -
QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew	Jul 9
SEANET WW DX Contest, CW	Jul 15-16
Pacific 160m Contest	Jul 15
North American QSO Party, RTTY	Jul 15-16
Six Club Sprint	Jul 15-16
Colombian Ind. Day Contest	Jul 16
Georgia QSO Party	Jul 22 - 23
Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest, CW	Jul 29-30
Russian RTTY WW Contest	Jul 29 -30

IOTA Contest Jul 29 - 30

AJ6V SOABHPTS 127 93
19,530
W7SW (@ K6ZM) SOABHP 40 37 3,700
Total NCCC score 54,572,030

August Summary **Dates**

10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB Aug 5-6
European HF Championship Aug 5
North American QSO Party, CW Aug 5 -6
 ARRL UHF Contest Aug 5 -6
 YO DX HF Contest Aug 6
 QRP ARCI Summer Daze SSB Sprint Aug 6
 WAE DX Contest, CW Aug 12 -13
 W/VE Islands Contest Aug 12 -13
 Maryland-DC QSO Aug 12 -13
 SARTG WW RTTY Contest Aug 19 - 20
 SEANET WW DX Contest, SSB Aug 19-20
 ARRL 10 GHz Cumulative Contest Aug 19-20
 Keyman's Club of Japan Contest Aug 19-20
 Oregon QSO Party Aug 19-20
 North American QSO Party, SSB Aug 19 -20
 TOEC WW Grid Contest, CW Aug 26 -27
 SCC RTTY Championship Aug 26 -27
 Ohio QSO Party Aug 26 - 27

For complete calendar, log submission details, and due dates visit:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.htm>

RECENT SCORES

2000 CQ WPX CW

Call	Class	QSO's	Prefixes	NCCC Score
HC8N (ops K6AW & N5KO)				
	MSABHP 5492	1007		9,603,256
6Y8A (ops K2KW & /K6XX)				
	MSABHP 5225	939		7,250,000
KW9DX (ops K7BV & K9ZO)				
	MSABHP 2540	766		2,450,817
VA7RR (@VE7SZ) SO20HP	1824	691		3,264,975
K7NV SOABHPTS	1700	614		2,994,478
AE6Y SOABHP	1716	644		2,917,964
K3EST (@ N6RO) SO20HP	1492	656		2,395,000
WA6O (@ N6RO) SO15HP	1385	643		2,082,034
WY6K SO15HP	1041	541		1,336,811
AD6E SOABHP	758	376		780,200
K6III SOABHPAS	754	416		753,376
K6TA (as WM6A) SOABLP	748	426		735,702
AE0M (@ N6RO) SO40HP	547	266		524,000
N6BZA (as KT6RU) SOABHPTS	261	189		119,448
N6EM SOABLP	217	164		97,252
K6XX/6Y5 SOABHP	187	151		91,355
AD6G SOABLP	247	150		74,250
K6EP (as ND6E) SOABLP	181	157		68,452
K6CTA SOABHP	179	136		51,544
AK6L SOABHP	167	126		42,210
W6OAT SOABHP	117	107		32,421
K6SRZ (@ W6CUS) SOABHP				30,000

DOUBLE CROSS

WE DID IT!

While the fractional percentage margin may be minuscule, the final tally is in—NCCC won the Sweepstakes gavel for 1999. This exciting race was decided by a margin of only ONE medium sized log. Congratulations to everyone who entered; it turns out YOUR ENTRY made the difference.

Our VP/CC, Ken, N6RO, is still tallying the votes for our major operating event for this autumn. Ken says SS is well out in front. If this is what we're going to focus upon, we'd better figure out how we will garner another 20 or so logs! We won this one by the proverbial skin of our teeth; NCCC sharp eyes and ever-so-slightly-less-than outright badgering of poor ole Mr. Contest, Dan, N1ND, gave NCCC every single point we had coming for us—even though the ARRL lost or mangled a few of our logs, we got 'em resubmitted in time and in barely sufficient quantity to prevail. Winning is great, but it'd be fantastic to provide a more dominant margin! We have FOUR MONTHS to prepare. Ideas? QRV?

Winner! "Why Is Contesting FUN?"

Well, of course it's fun when we are the top dogs, such as in SS 1999. What other things make contesting absorbing? The June contest began as a pseudo-serious thought-provoking exercise and evolved into a battle of verse. Twenty-two entries were tallied and analyzed by the semi-literate panel of "experts" involuntarily volunteered for that purpose. I'm not sure whether "rising from the pack" or "filtering down" from the others is more appropriate, but the June contest winner is Eric, N4BO, errr, I mean K6GV, with this gem:

"(Here's my) entry... I've had to limit my standard limerick vocabulary selections though:

Big signals and rates from your beam
 Do wonders for one's self esteem
 And when it all works
 (despite Pig Farmer Jerks)
 It's all about helping the TEAM!

I shall now think about the Haiku form....or not."

I enjoyed the pre-and post limerick comments even more than the pome itself. It kinda revived

memories of the "DX Hoggery & Poetry Depreciation Society" competitions of bygone QST DX columns.

July Contest

In keeping with the new tradition of a monthly NCCC contest, the July competition is another short essay (pome??). Pick up pen or pound some keys and compose a paragraph (or similar length entry) on how Conan the JUGhead and we-the-readers can increase our publication's readership. You see what appealed to the judges in June. Who knows what will prevail in July?! The "best" answer wins a meal at the July meeting in Jackson (directions elsewhere in this issue).

Speaking of which, the July program is WRTC-2000. Several NCCC'ers will participate, as you know, and many others will observe and cheer them on. I've been directed to take pictures for display at the meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing you in Jackson!

73 de Bob, S5/K6XX

ALL THAT JAZZ!

Hooray, it's official: NCCC won the 1999 ARRL SS Unlimited Club competition! Congratulations to all participants for their efforts, and to K6XX for his leadership! See page 94, July QST for the full story.

Our margin of victory was uncomfortably small. Those of you who monitor the club reflector have seen the reports and discussions on log error rates. (Our average rate was higher than PVRC's). Accuracy in logging can make the difference in who wins the gavel, when the raw scores are close. It's obvious that we all need to focus on improving our accuracy, and we'll develop some guidelines as we approach the fall season, and once again try for the top club award.

A first step for those who submitted scores in 1999 is to send an e-mail request for your log checking summary to n6tr@arrl.org. This report can help you identify specific sources of error, be they typos, numeric differentiation, or just not taking the time to get an error-free exchange. I'll try to summarize the inputs many of you posted on the reflector.

The next step is to practice, practice, practice. Simulators in logging software or PED can help, but none of them cover SS. Try entering as many contests in advance of SS, that you can, if even for only a few hours. This will improve your skills and proof your hardware and software setups well in advance of the November weekends. Suggested events in the near future include Canada Day (RAC), IARU, and the NAQP's in August. RAC is especially good for testing

your agility (8 bands, both modes) and maximizing score by QSO point strategies. Rules and website can be found on page 100, July QST.

An interesting note to add to the error rate discussion: George, K6SV (ex - WB6DSV) told me at the K6ZM meeting, that he had submitted a hand-written log. The log checkers entered the data into the logging programs, and they had a significant error rate! No one is perfect. We all need to work on this.

73, Ken N6RO

ANNUAL NCCC FD MEETING

(Ieskew Newservice: Danville CA)

President K6XX was out of town doing something else, so Veep/CC JAZZNUT himself, N6RO, called the NCCC Annual Meeting to order after BBQ chicken, Polish Hot Dawgs, potato salad were gulped down in quantity by all present. Displaying his usual rational exuberance, Ken opened the meeting about 2pm, and called on Aloha AI, NH7A, for the Treasurer's report, there being no new or old business. Well, Aloha isn't the treasurer, but he did report on the necessity for all to support the Tower issue before the California legislature. We hope you all did it.

JAZZNUT gave several contesting tips and noted he would publish these tips in the JUG over the next few months to help the faithful sustain mastery over PVRC, in you know what. These are good ideas. Read the JAZZNUT colyume monthly for the latest!

The Round Table produced some folk who made the trek to support the NCCC FD. Flying in from Little Cayman was Bruce the Beachcomber, Zemper Fi 2 eNTEE. Bruce brought fotos of the new house he is building at the edge of the beach down there. It's a really beautiful ham shack which also has a bath and bedroom attached on one side. He's a real craftsman!

Then, there was a fella who showed wearing dark shades. He said his call was K6SV, but it turned out it was the same old George, WB6DSV, who arrived for his annual FD visit. Another incognito visitor---a fella who arrived in a hot sports VW roadster...or maybe it was a BMW...or TRW...or sumthin like that.... with the top down and sporting Oregon Plates that said KI6Y. Charlie - world traveler - with Oregon plates? What is this club coming to? JT, K7CO, arrived with two very charming young ladies! They turned out to be his daughter and her friend who had a glorious time washing pebbles and building castles. Our esteemed and hard-working JUGED/PUB, K6GT, was also present and rattled off 100 Q's before his Hot Dawg,

and another 100 after. XYL, Pat, sent along two dozen of her coconut-pecan cookies again.

N6RO closed the meeting and raced off to grab the 20 meter position to demonstrate some of the tricks of the trade he mentioned and for which he is justly renowned.

And as always, a big THANK YOU to Peggy Frazier for allowing NCCC to use K6ZM once again this year. We all enjoyed ourselves---as usual.

73, W6ISQ

JULY MEETING DETAILS

This is a joint meeting of the Mother Lode DX/Contest Club (MLDXCC) and the Northern California Contest Club (NCCC), (3rd annual).

This is the Saturday following the completion of WRTC 2000 activities. WRTC participants and NCCC members N6IG, N6TV, and K7BV will be in attendance to give us the complete rundown. N6BT will have a digital slide presentation of the WRTC and will be the MC of a roundtable of the participants. NCCC President K6XX and Force-12 Slovenia sales rep S53R have promised to take slides at the competition.

The meeting will be a **Barbecue and potluck**. Grilled chicken breasts and beef tri-tip, condiments, buns and plates/eating utensils will be provided by MLDXCC. NCCC will provide soft drinks and other non-alcoholic beverages. BYOB if you desire.

Please bring the following to share based upon the first letter of the suffix of your callsign, and serving utensils if necessary:

- A - G - Chips/dips/salsa
- H - N - Salads (potato, fruit, green, etc.)
- O - U - Relishes (assorted pickles, olives, carrot & celery sticks, veggies with dip, etc.)
- V - Z - Simple desserts (cookies, fruit, etc.)

Talk-in is available on the Amador County Amateur Radio Club repeater, K6ARC, 146.835 minus 600 KHz (PL is 100 if in use.) In case of repeater failure, use the Stockton ARC repeater, W6SF, 147.165 plus 600 KHz.

Jackson is located at the intersection of State Highways 88 and 49 in Amador County, southeast of Sacramento.

Directions:

The meeting will be held at the Senior Services Center, 229 New York Ranch Road, Jackson, CA. Take State Highways 49/88 to Jackson. From the West (State Highway 88) or North (State Highway 49),

go through the traffic light at 49/88 intersection and proceed to bottom of hill, turn left at the 2nd stop sign (a Safeway and Chevron gas station will be on your right), onto State Highway 88 East toward Lake Tahoe. Follow signs to the Senior Center and turn left on Court Street (approximately 1 mile.) New York Ranch Road is the first stop sign (1/4 mile.) Turn right and the Senior Center will be on the left approximately 100 yards from the intersection, behind an apartment complex (signs will direct you to "Oak Manor"). Parking is available in both the front and back. Additional parking is available next door at the Quail Hollow Professional Center with stairs at rear that lead to the Senior Center. Please **do not** park in the spots marked for the Oak Manor Convalescent home.

In addition to the Safeway mentioned above, if you continue South thru the stop there is a Ralph's on the right (1/4 mile) and a Raley's on the right (1 mile), in case you want to make purchases on the way in.

To Jackson from the Bay Area - Take Interstate 580 East to Interstate 205 (bypass Tracy) and proceed to Interstate 5 North. Proceed North to Stockton and take State Highway 4 (Ort Lofthus Freeway) East to State Highway 99 North. Proceed North for about a mile and take State Highway 88 East to Jackson.

To Jackson from Nevada - Take Interstate 80 or State Highway 50 West to State Highway 49 and proceed South to Jackson, or take NV/CA State Highway 395 South to State Highway 88 West to Jackson and turn right on Court Street.

From the North or Sacramento - Take State Highway 16 (Jackson Road) East to State Highway 49 and proceed South to Jackson.

From the South - Take State Highway 99 North to State Highway 88 East to Jackson.

Amador County is in the heart of the Mother Lode Gold Country. Our meeting location is minutes from antique shops galore, 18 wineries, gold mine tours, camping and fishing sites, and the historic Chaw'se Indian Grinding Rock State Park and Jackson Rancheria Casino/Hotel. Motels/hotels and B&Bs are close by if anyone wants to make a weekend of it.

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This promises to be a fun event -- plan to be there! *(The senior center is an outstanding facility, and the superb air conditioning kept us all cool despite the temperature being over 100 degrees at the meeting a couple of years ago. The joint meeting aspect is lots of fun, and N6BT always manages to put together a good program! Don't miss this one!... ed)*

NOBODY READS THE JUG

A report from...

(Ieskew Newservice)

A few months ago, an exhaustive survey, conducted at the request of the JUG management, determined that 1.9% (approximately) of the membership of NCCC read the JUG. This is a decrease of a whopping 0.2% over the last survey taken in 1992. The editor and club officers would like to know why. About 10 NCCC members were interviewed in this survey. That's enough considering how they do political surveys these days. Of course, we cannot disclose the names etc. of persons interviewed, but the first person surveyed lives in the Sierra foothills. His call cannot be given here, but he has had three calls in the last year. When asked why he never reads the JUG he replied that his wife grabs the JUG first. It seems she likes the size of the pages - they fit exactly in the bottom of her bird cage. Would he read it if he could grab it first? "Yes, of course; I would like to see the list of contests given on page one." Would he read the inside articles? Naw, he doesn't have time; he's watching soap operas.

The next person surveyed noted he liked the back cover of the JUG with the advertisement. He has a really powerful magnifying glass and likes to read the fine print. Would he read the inside stories? He says he'd like to, but he's too busy hooking up flashlight bulbs to make ever more QRO antennas. He suggests that when he gets enough bulbs connected, he should have enough time and light to read the JUG at midnight... outside.

The next survey was very interesting. He loved the JUG. He reads it over and over, especially the "Double Cross" colyume. In keeping with our policy, we cannot identify this enthusiast, except to say he has three spirited and beautiful daughters.

Finally, several other folks interviewed admitted to reading "Recent Scores" to see if their call was published correctly and that the score reported was equal to or greater than what they actually made. Also, some others wanted to read the neat contest tips from JAZZNUT that might actually improve their own scores. Some actually read the address label to see when their membership dues are due.

We interviewed others who said they'd been away and how could they possibly read the JUG if they weren't home?

So, there you have the survey results. Well - actually - readership is a little better than the survey indicates. The Editor, President and Veep were delighted that they received many entries from a

trustworthy few who read and responded to the "FUN" contest last month (\$10 to the winner). It appears readership jumped to about 10% then. But the survey didn't count them.

The management is studying the survey results and will present a plan for increasing JUG readership. It is important to do this now, because in the next several months the Contest Chairperson JAZZNUT, N6OR, (ex-NOR6) will be dispensing techniques, subtleties, and that good stuff to assure that NCCC continues to win the BIG ONES. The membership must be brought to reading the entire JUG to learn of these gems at the knee of the Old Pro hisself.

DO NOT FAIL TO READ VP/CC JAZZNUT EACH AND EVERY MONTH *(and the rest of the JUG, if you can still read it after you take it off the floor of the bird cage...ed)*

73, W6ISQ

POP QUIZ FOR LONG- TERM NCCC MEMBERS!

I was going through my old photo files and came across this old picture. It would mean a lot to me if it could be published in the JUG! It can be a quiz. "Who are the people in the picture?" The picture was taken at K6ZM in Danville CA, at the CQ WW 1989 Phone (I think). *(Answer on page 7... ed)*

73, Alex Rabinovich, KI6EZ



K6XX ANNOUNCES ANOTHER BIG CONTEST!

**“How can we get more
members to read the
JUG?”
FREE CHOW TO WINNER
(\$10 VALUE)**

(Here are details of how this new contest was born during another penetrating interview by Jacques, W6ISQ...ed)

JUG: Where was you the afternoon of 24 June when the entire NCCC was in solemn assembly at the K6ZM Field Day station/meeting/BBQ?

DOSE: I was making sure my Three Beautiful Daughters (TBD's) were planting grapes properly. If they don't get them 60 acres of grapes in the ground soon I won't have time before contest season to erect my six 200 foot towers on the new Rancho on that high ridge overlooking the Blue Pacific.

JUG: You're kinda tough on them sweet little ladies.

DOSE: It's all educational; and I play tapes for 'em while they are planting.

JUG: Oh that's nice! What kinda music do they like?

DOSE: Who said anything about music? It's CW tapes. Got 'em up to about 14 wpm now. Then I play theory tapes.

JUG: Ya only need 5 wpm now.

DOSE: They don't know that! How are they gonna be good CW testers if I don't.....

JUG: Ahhhhhh---well.....did you and NR6O and GT George vote a winner yet for the "FUN" contest? You had some great entries. Literary marvels, lotta pomes. I didn't realize how many pomes we had in NCCC. Who gets the ten bucks?

DOSE: No---no vote yet. But, gee, even the fellas up in Marin got into the contest. I think Marathoner ANP reads and writes a good one about the contest, and then telephones Altitude Al, 6RIM, who comes in with a pome. Not bad! And what about 6AIYIYI? He submitted 10 – count 'em – pomes!! Another beautiful pome came from Olde Tyme Pote Lorryet, AE6Y.

JUG: What about that mathematical formula from K6CTA proving that contesting is fun? And the corrections by AD6E and Zemper Fi 2 eNTee. They must be Silicone Valley fellas. And I liked the fantastic free verse from NU6S and N6ZFO.

DOSE: I liked them positive, inspirational statements from N7NV and KA6W, too, and the great one from NCCC's own WRTC Rep N6IG! And did you see the limerick from K6GV (who promises Haiku verse next time).

JUG: And I presume you saw the picture of the snoring K5RC. What a great idea! And I note that NK6L asks about DUBS. Gee, I haven't thought about DUBS for years. I'll have to check with my Chef of Staff about them DUBS. But it was a great turnout... for a beginning. It just shows what happens when 10% of the Club reads the JUG, supplemented by the NCCC reflector. What a display of ingenuity, intelligence, creativity!! [What a display of having too much time on your hands. What a display of the need for real, on-the-air radio contests!] If only we can get the other 90% of NCCCs to read the JUG think what we could do. NCCC versus the world. The membership is not completely a bunch of stick-in-the-muds! If you made it so your contest reply had to be in CW, you'd have a lot of entries. But you're right---how do we get more NCCC'ers to read the JUG?

DOSE: Yeah, we gotta get the other 90% reading JAZZNUT and Double Cross to help hone their skills. That's a real problem... ahhhhh (deep in thought) ...QRX ONE ...ahhhhh.. I GOT IT... (light bulb above head)... I HAVE FOUND IT! EXCELSIOR!!! No, Crescent City!... DON'T GO AWAY... I GOT IT! We'll add NEW COLYUMES to the JUG. Make a special colyume for everybody!

JUG: You mean like a colyume by Beachcomber Bruce about how to build beach houses near the ocean on those Carbine Islands?

DOSE: Yeah. And TV Bob could write on the use of a Palm Pilot to control everything that moves?

JUG: Aloha Al knows Hula Dancing – he could use illustrations.

DOSE: Yeah. Yeah. Maybe get AK6L to write about 50 caliber marksmanship at 1000 yards, or N6IG and K6GV could have a colyume about Haiku.

JUG: An Pote Lorryet Andy could hold a seminar on how to write winning pomes and limbricks. Oh yeah, you got a winner here, Dose! We need more colyumes about interesting things for absolutely everybody. Then they'd HAVE to read between the covers.

DOSE: Yeah, BUT...with all that neat stuff, how are we gonna get anybody to read about radio techniques and contests in the JUG?

JUG: Hmmmmmm. I hadn't thought about that. Instead, maybe you should sponsor another contest.

Are you willing to pay another ten bucks for free dinner at the next meeting? Why don't you go public, like an IPO? That would get the SILICONE VALLEY types' attention. Say they can participate in the growth of the world famous NCCC for only 3 minutes of their time... NO MONEY, just about 3 minutes time.

DOSE: We'll have a IPO with limited participation restricted to NCCC members who are standing good. *(That means they've paid their dues by cutting out the little form on page 9 and sent their check in to W6ISO...ed)* Write in 37 words or less (or more) – prose or pome-- HOW TO GET MORE MEMBERS TO READ THE JUG. Send answers to the reflector immejetly; Attn: K6XX, K6OR, K6GT.

JUG: I think some of the fellas are shy and think they can't write real good. What do we tell them?

DOSE: Have 'em send their innermost, quick thought to Editer Scholar Perfesser K6GT and he will put their thoughts into masterful English and enter 'em in the contest to try to win the \$10 meal at the next meeting. *(Conan charges only \$5 for this service!... ed)*

JUG: Dose, OM, you're some kinda jeenyus. Be sure to tell the Editer to put that up front in the JUG. Now that a dozen or so NCCC'ers broke the ice last month, you might just have a few more literary troglodytes come out from under this month.

DOSE: Hey, what happened to the Big Bird... the AAMOUNBAA AWARD? You was gonna tell us all about it. Is it really a bird like some folk say?

JUG: The contract to build the trophies has been awarded.

DOSE: Don't you think you oughta tell the NCCC'ers out there what it is for?

JUG: Sorry, that cannot be revealed at this time.

DOSE: Not even a little news leak? Ya know, this is political season--and they always have leaks.

JUG: Walllll, just say that a candidate for the trophy might be like as if N6Killer Tomato(e) if he ever showed up at 40 wpm in CW SS. Or the Beachcomber if he ever slowed down below 50 per in SS.

DOSE: It's like that, huh?

JUG: No further comment at this time. My press secretary will make the announcement at the proper time. Oh, by the way--how many grapes did your TBD's plant on Field Day?

DOSE: One hectare. I kept 'em busy. They plant and plant; the grapes will grow and grow; and about the time they are ready for college, our winery will be the talk of Northern California, and I'll send 'em all to Stanferd.

JUG: You'll send 'em WHERE?

DOSE: I take it back. I didn't say that. Erase that. Wash my mouth out with non-vintage Chardonnay. *(Out of respect for the interviewee's wishes, his statements indicating his desire to expunge his*

previous statement from the written record [specifically the statement regarding sending the TBD's to Stanford, which should be ignored by the reader] have been included.)

Answer to POP QUIZ on page 5. From left to right the contesters are KI6EZ, WB6MZQ, AK6T (sk), K4UVT & right shoulder of NB6L.

SELECTED CONTEST ENTRIES

Summary of "Why Contesting is fun" entries. Not all entries are included. If we missed yours, sorry... Enter this month's "How we can increase JUG readership" contest, and maybe that one will make it!

First, K2KW's entry was disqualified, at his own request.

de W6ISQ: Here is my winning entry for the monthly essay contest "Why is amateur radio contesting fun"

"There are two fun challenges in contesting: one is to do one's best for one's club - the team effort - and secondly, do one's best for one's self-- individual satisfaction. Trying to exceed your personal previous performances is exciting: work more Q's, a higher score than last year, work all sections, or zones, or countries.. This requires dedication and expertise to assure that one's personal operating skills and one's operating equipment be at peak efficiency. When these skills are honed and executed, amateur radio contesting is a joy to the operator and to the club. It is especially fun if you are on a winning team....like NCCC".

I think I have exceeded the 37 word limit, but K6XX e-mailed that he would not count too closely. Note to K6GT: please correct grammar and translate into Shaxperian English.

I expect at least another 29 entries from NCCC. Otherwise I shall claim my free Polish hot dawg, roasted to perfection by NH7A, as contest winner at the annual meeting at K6ZM. Please Al, I prefer mayonnaise to katsoop.

37, (special secret greeting to NCCC people). *(Jack later withdrew this entry when he feared that he might not win. A larger bribe might have done it for him, though... ed)*

de AE6Y

"It's like Baseball"

So why is contesting fun?

Well, in SS the team got it done.
The members pitched in
To eke out a win
And help the Club hit a home run!

de K6ANP #1
contests are fun if your number one.
contests are great if your the favorite bait.
contests are for Lenny if the sunspots are many.

and,

(k6anp #2)
Contest are supreme for helping the team.

de K6RIM
Contests are fun when you can run.
When you cain't, they ain't.

de K7NV
Because they provide an enjoyable competetive venue
that challenges my knowledge and abilities in all
fundamental aspects of amateur radio, continually
teaching me new things. Becoming a more
knowledgeable and capable Amateur while enjoying it
is fun!

de KA6W

NCCC team members enter contests now and
whenever.
By plying their might, keeping victory in sight,

Team members have won some insidious fights.

Second, you see is unacceptable to be,
when competing with PVRC.

And the fun of all tests takes place in a hall,
When winners share how and the why with us all!

de N6IG
We like to contest
To run rate and make big scores
And to kick some butt.

*(This entry received Conan's vote, because it is the
ONLY Haiku entry, despite all the Haiku talk by other
entrants. It is also the ONLY butt-kick Haiku Conan
has ever seen!... ed)*

de NU6S

The big knob turns.
A new one! Now he's in the log.

The heart restarts.
A clear freq.? CQCQ.
The Q/Heart rate climb.
The mind travels; this morning in Europe.
Now with my old friends in Japan.

de N6ZFO

Contests are *no* fun.
They're hard work.
The computer crashes.
The kid's yell about RFI.
You get tired and frustrated.
Static comes.
Then the contest ends.
Finally, you have to submit the dumb log.
BUT. . . there's always next year.
Contests are life.
Life is fun - contests are fun.

de AD6E: #1
"Kick Butt"
Hey, that's less than 37 words right?

de K6RB:

Contests are fun because no two are ever alike. And
they test our mental endurance and concentration in a
way that is exciting and (usually) gratifying.

de K6CTA:
I find that determining why contests are fun can be
easily expressed by the following:
 $2\{m+1\}x^m=(4p+1)[2\{m-1\}+(-1)\{m-1\}(2\{m-2\}+...+2+1)]+(-1)\{m-1\}2x^0+2m+(-1)\{m-1\}$

de K6III #1
Di-dit Di-dit Di-dit
I can't believe I heard
AYE-AYE-AYE?
Really quite absurd

QRP you say he said
Your nose bent out of joint
But Hey, it's a multiplier,
Good for another point.

Five Nine Nine
That can't be right either
But there it is again
Refracted out of the ether

Well, that was fun!
I hear above the roar
Chalking up another one
For the NCCC total score.

What cheek! He's starting up a run
Hey! They're coming back to him;
Now he's having all the fun.

K2QRP... Mojo Happens!

k6iii #2
Contest weekend is almost here,
Stock up on soda, pretzels and beer.
Load up the keyer and oil up the key
Get set for the weekend with N-Triple-C!

k6iii #3
The garden can wait, and so can the grass,
Set up for a weekend of pounding the brass.
Can't abide any dull household chore,
Not when N-triple-C is needing my score!

k6iii #4
Booming signals, I can't hear for the din,
Gotta hang in there, gotta get a win.
CQ CQ gotta keep up the pace,
Running and running, stay in the race!

Narrow the filters, that's the trick!
What's that I'm hearing? Massive key clicks!
NR6O, get outta my way...
That's a new mult I hear,
Thanks Ken. Next time I see ya, I'll buy ya a beer!
Cooperation. That's the ticket here
A little of that and we'll have the trophy next year!

k6iii #5
Hunt-'N-pounce. Gotta keep the dial movin'
Hunt-'N-pounce. Man we're groovin'
Ah, there's a weak one, gotta get it filtered,
Banging the keyboard, get the data entered.
What's that? A new mult? OK, it's in the log.
Now poke F3 and... CRASH!!!

k6iii #6
Peak the grid, dip the plate,
Got to get it stokin'
Increase the load, stroke the tuning,
Man, he isn't jokin'
Pop the breaker, screw it down,
Load a bit more...
What's that funny smell I sense?
Now we're REALLY smokin'

(Jerry did a VERY good job, but misunderstood the rules... It was not "in 37 entries or fewer" it was "in 37 words or fewer" ... ed

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