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Reminder – May Meeting

May 12, Monday – Sweepstakes Strategy Session

VP8GEO DXPedition Video Presentation by N5KO
Part Deux of the Great Adventure to South Sandwich/South
Georgia

Location: Mountain Mike's Pizza, 390 El Camino Real,
Belmont, CA 94002 (650) 508-9090

6 pm – Schmooze; 6:30 pm – Dinner; 7 pm – Meeting

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purchase. Purchase your dinner directly from the cashier when
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Upcoming Meeting Dates: June 9, July 19, August 11

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Commentary from New President:

By Steve Dyer, W1SRD

Do You Believe?

NCCC has a long history at winning. So I was shocked to learn when I joined in December of 2000 that we had not won Sweepstakes the prior year. Nor have we won since. This did not fit the vision I had of the NCCC. To me, NCCC represented the premier contesting club in the world – a group of confident and very capable winners.

Surely I asked myself, shouldn't the NCCC be winning Sweep Stakes, the *premier* U.S. contest? I found the incongruity disconcerting. More troubling was the low rumble of defeatism I heard at meetings. The idea that we **could not** win was circulating like a nasty virus. Excuses floated on the air. "The competition has too many members." "They submit so many logs." "We just can't compete against that."

This was not the NCCC that lived in my mind's eye. Had the club lost belief in itself? Had the club lost the will to win?

I refused to accept it. Every interaction with club members confirmed that this is one talented and classy group of people. The breadth and depth of skills in NCCC is stunning! There is absolutely no reason we shouldn't win at anything we put our hearts and minds to.

Perhaps all we needed was something to rally around. Something to reawaken the old spirit. What could we do? Sweepstakes 2003? Yes!

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- I challenge the NCCC to take back the Sweepstakes gavel in 2003 and beyond.
- I ask that we recommit ourselves to the proud tradition of the NCCC.
- I ask that every member step up and contribute in whatever way they can to achieve our goal.
- I ask that every member check doubts at the door and focus their creative energy to WIN.

You've probably heard it a million times;
winner never quit, and quitters never win.

Join the believers at the upcoming **May 12 NCCC meeting** and create the plan to Take Back the Gavel.

I do believe.

73, Steve, W1SRD

Contest Rumbblings from the VP/CC By Al Maenchen, AD6E

Taking over the Vp/Cc position is NOT going to be easy. ZFO did a great job last year, and it's really going to be difficult just trying match his enthusiasm and level of effort.

This past year, we have seen wonderful growth with our club membership, and I see that continuing again this year. Every meeting this year, I think I've chatted with someone I've never met face to face before. W6ZZZ has assembled a list of potential new members, which we will pursue during the summer. By the time "contest season" draws near, we should be in excellent shape to do some serious KB in the club competitions.

My plan for the coming season is to get more of you involved than ever before. Not just to get on the air and make some noise and points, but to get

involved with the club as well. This is not just some well meaning democratic philosophy – it will be absolutely necessary. There are many organizational things that must be done, and I can't do them all myself. So, I'm looking for volunteers to help out in various areas.

Matt, WX5S has valiantly stepped forward as has Mike, WA6O to help in very significant ways. I'll let you in on some of the details next month. More help is needed. Please contact me.

Despite entering the summer doldrums, there are many activities still going on this month. At the top of the list is **WPX CW on May 23 through May 25** (Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon local time). This is a major club effort and we need your support to win this one again.

The best way to make major points for the club in WPX is to go somewhere rare. Several NCCC'ers are doing just that. Unfortunately, I don't have a good list of who's going where.

Please drop me a note if you're doing an expedition, and I'll make sure the club knows about it via email. If you can't get away to a nice tropical paradise for WPX, then consider joining a local M/M station.

Even a modest station doing M/S can generate significantly more points than two individual modest entries. The reason? A M/S is more likely to stay on the air for the full operating time and points are accumulated geometrically because of all the potential multipliers available. That means that each hour of WPX is going to give more points than any earlier hour and your score builds up faster and faster even if the rate doesn't improve.

If you want to join a multi group, but don't know how or who to contact, then contact me. I'll put you in touch with the right people. If you want to host a M/S or M/2 or M/M then by all means contact me and I'll match operators to empty radios. For myself, I have a moderate KB station, but instead of operating at home I'll be joining KX7M up at W6NVs beautiful QTH in Sunol.

Check out the “Coming Events” below. There’s something for everyone...well, almost. I didn’t list the summer SSTV competition.

Coming Events		
US Counties QSO Party, SSB	www.stpaulisland.net/completerules	May-17
Anatolian RTTY WW Contest	www.qsl.net/ta9j/anatolian.htm	May-17
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW		May-17
Baltic Contest	www.lrsf.lt/BContest/	May-17
CQ WW WPX Contest, CW	www.home.woh.rr.com/wpx/	May 23-25
VK-ZL Trans-Tasman Contest, Phone	www.vkham.com/contest/rules	May-24
QRP ARCI Hootowl Sprint	//personal.palouse.net/rfoltz/arci/hoot	May-25
MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint	www.qsl.net/miqrclub/contest/	May-26
Six Club WW Contest	http://6mt.com/contest	May-30
Great Lakes QSO Party	www.mdxa1.org/qsoparty	May-31
ARRL June VHF QSO Party	www.arrl.org/contests	Jun-14
All Asian DX Contest, CW	www.jarl.or.jp	Jun-21
ARRL Field Day	www.arrl.org/contests	Jun 27-29



CQP/Awards mailing party at Al Maenchen’s home AD6E on April 19. The team processed over 400 Certificates and 200 CQP T-shirts.

Identities of the group photo above are: (Left to Right): K3KOA, N6SRZ, N6NZ, W6OA, W6ZZZ

CQP Stats

By Marc Ziegler, W6ZZZ@arrl.net

In 2002, the CQP logs submitted increased 121 percent (from 493 to 597) and the total QSOs increased 116 percent (from 192,527 to 222,972) from the previous year. As you can see from the graphs both of these numbers were record-setting events.

From 1993 to 2002, the CQP has enjoyed the following growth. Note that CW QSOs grew more than SSB QSOs during this period.

	Increased
Logs 1993-2002	158%
Total QSOs 93-02	194%
CW QSOs 93-02	204%
SSB QSOs 93-02	189%



Barry NR6S operating ND6E@K6XX

I have an Excel spreadsheet with all the data from 1993-2002 (including sweeps, clubs, schools and QRP) if anyone is interested in a copy. The data was collected from the 1998-2002 issues of the CQP Commentary plus an email from AD6E for 1993-1997.

More CQP Information Available

For an excellent “behind the scenes” history of the CQP from 1974-1994, see

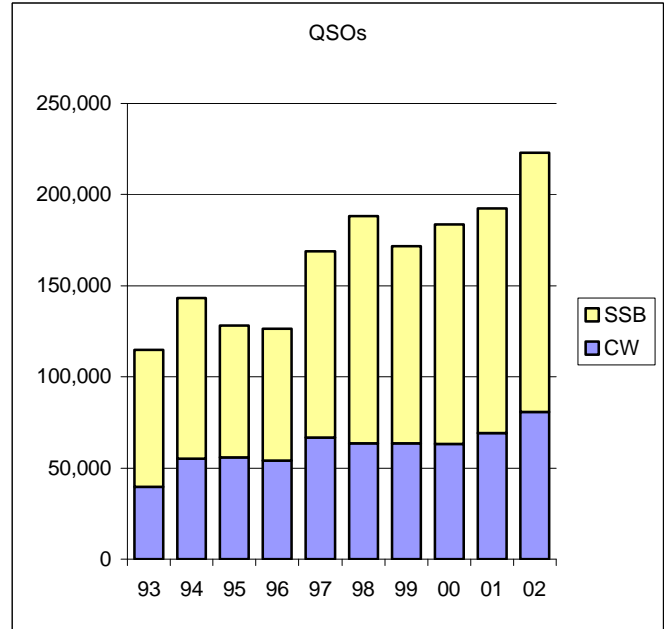
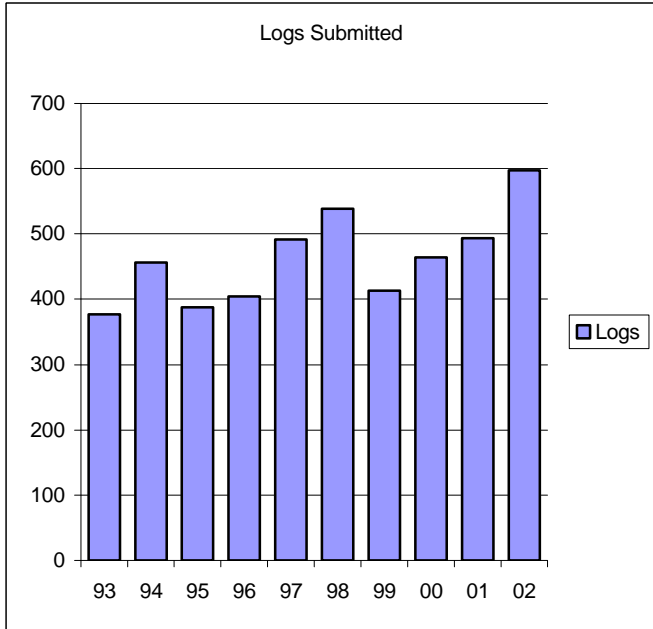
<http://www.cqp.org/History.html>

For the complete set of CQP results from 1995-2002 and the annual AD6E CQP Commentary from 1998-2002, see

<http://www.cqp.org/Results.html>

Madame BEE's Tease
There once was a club called the N-Triple-C
Whose president made an impassioned plea:
“Let's rally our cause
And generate big logs
To win Sweepstakes in Two Thousand Three!”

Year	Logs	Sweeps by CA	Sweeps by non-CA	QRP Entries	CA Clubs	Non-CA Clubs	Schools	M/M	M/S	County Exped	CA Mobile	Non-CA Mobile	CA County Records	State/DX Records	Other Records	Non-unique Call signs	QSOs Total	QSOs CW	QSOs SSB
93	377	20	17					4	19	16	5						114,686	39,577	75,109
94	456	40	4					5	20	15	3						143,225	55,051	88,174
95	388	23	11					3	17	15	2		5	7	0		128,286	55,931	72,355
96	404	17	10		4			3	31	16	2						126,247	54,188	72,059
97	491	50	14	10				4	30	18	5		4	11	3		169,010	66,722	102,288
98	538	49	30		11					18	4		11	13	6	5684	188,046	63,587	124,459
99	413	48	18	25			7			19	2		7	9	6	4974	171,720	63,590	108,130
00	464	39	28	18			9			21	3		7	11	1	5462	183,795	63,324	120,471
01	493	36	9	22	8	10	12	8	8	20	5		11	8	6	4138	192,527	69,168	123,359
02	597	45	30	30	7	20	5	8	17	14	5	5	10	18	6	4832	222,972	80,911	142,061



Year	Delta in Logs	Delta Non-unique	Delta in QSOs	Delta in CW	Delta in SSB
93					
94	121%		125%	139%	117%
95	85%		90%	102%	82%
96	104%		98%	97%	100%
97	122%		134%	123%	142%
98	110%		111%	95%	122%
99	77%	88%	91%	100%	87%
00	112%	110%	107%	100%	111%
01	106%	76%	105%	109%	102%
02	121%	117%	116%	117%	115%

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