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Guests are always welcome at the NCCC!
Please join us.



Monday, October 14th, 2013

Time:

6:00pm Schmooz, 6:30pm Dinner, 7:00pm Program

Location:

Tied House, 954 Villa Street, Mountain View CA 94041

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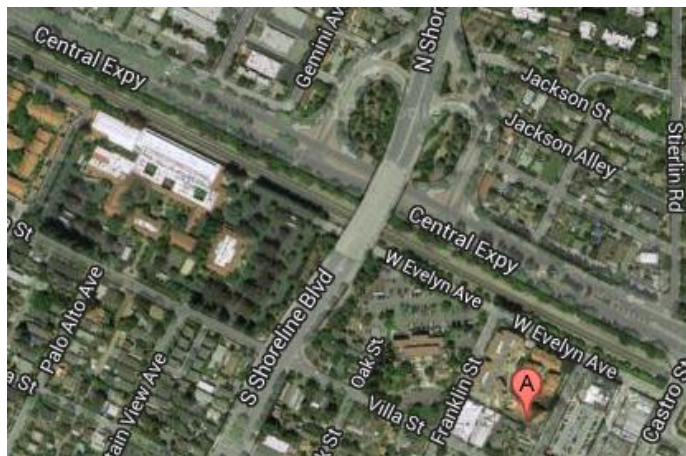
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Program:

- "Get Ready To Rumble.....SWEEPSTAKES 2013"
- Tales from CQP

To register:

Please RSVP to Tom nccc.treasurer@gmail.com



President's Report for October.

Another CQP. It was fun as always and this time with the added benefit of some great high band openings into Europe—openings better than in many past DX contests. Operators in the British Isles were out in force, some of this due to the great propagation and some of it due to our publicizing the event in UK ham radio publications.

I doubt there is another state QSO party with this much DX participation. K6XX turned in his usual excellent score and noted that the most common multiplier designation in his log was "DX".

I was the last CQP chairman so I know what's involved in putting on the show. Chris, N6WM, took the reins with a few months lead time and with the assistance of N6DE, K6MM, W1SRD, NS6T, K9YC, W6OAT, W6TCP, N6TV and WX5S continued the tradition of putting on the number one QSO party in these United States.

To those of you who volunteered to be log checkers: stand by. Sometime after October 31 your services will be required.

Now comes Sweepstakes. Will NCCC return to its past glories and take the unlimited club champion-



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Thursday 8 PM

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NCCC

Monthly meetings take place on the second Monday of each month !

NCCC Membership Information

If you wish to join NCCC, you must fill out an [application for membership](#), which will be read and voted upon at the next monthly meeting. ([PDF application form](#))

To join, you must reside within [club territory](#) which is defined as the maximum of:

- Northern California, anything north of the Tehachapi's up to the Oregon border, and
- A part of north-western Nevada (anything within our ARRL 175-mile radius circle centered at 10 miles North of Auburn on Highway 49).

ship? Well, 80% of the respondents to an NCCC member survey said that Sweepstakes should again be a focus contest. Unfortunately when they came to the follow-up question “would you be available to help drive the effort” 99% took two steps backward, leaving AD6E to take responsibility.

Now’s your second chance to help drive the effort. The first thing you should do is circle BOTH Sweepstakes weekends on your calendar. NCCC is a very CW friendly club, but maximizing our collective score absolutely requires that we get on for phone. The next thing to do if you were one of the members given a list of other members to call is to get out your list and make the calls. If you’ve already made your calls, make some time for a second time through the list sometime in the next few weeks.

This year, Sweepstakes will have a special reward for participation: each NCCC member who gets on for both weekends and works at least one other NCCC member in both modes will get a special, etched beer glass. They look great.

Joanna, K6YL, has again stepped up to manage the awards to be presented at our March 2014 meeting.



K6SRZ does the CQP 15-minute break(down)
with apologies to Earl Scruggs

Steve, W1SRD, will be serving as the W1AW/6 coordinator for NCCC. What’s that, you ask? Well, 2014 is the Centennial of the Maxim Memorial station, otherwise known as W1AW. During 2014, the W1AW call sign will rotate among all 50 states. California was allotted two weeks. NCCC is responsible for the week starting October 1, 2014, which will bracket CQP 2014. Our W1AW/6 effort during CQP will, by ARRL rules, count as only a check log, but it is sure to drive even more interest in CQP. There will be a number of awards tied to this event, including a W1AW WAS! Stand by for further details as they become known.

I look forward to seeing you at the Tied House on Monday the 14th (which is also Columbus Day).

73,

Alan/K6SRZ

Welcome New Members!

Please join me in welcoming Bob (KB6DI), Gary (WB9JPS), Ron (KU7Y), and Sheryl (KJ6UXU) to the NCCC. In addition, Chris (KG6O) is also a relatively new member.

Bob KB6DI is interested in phone, RTTY and CW contesting, and RTTY is his favorite mode. He has a FT 2000D rig and a 5 band antenna.

Gary WB9JPS is a little pistol in a CC&R neighborhood. His station includes a TS-590, KPA500, a fan dipole, and a Cushcraft R6000 vertical. He's a CW contester. His favorite contests are CQWW-CW, ARRL-DX-CW, and WPX-CW.

Ron KU7Y is interested in CW and QRP contesting. His station includes a FT-1000MP, FT 100, and KX3. He has a variety of antennas and a 51 foot crank up tower. His favorite contests are NAQP, WPX, and CQWW.

Sheryl KJ6UXU is interested in building her contesting skills. She's participated in 13 Colonies, state QSO parties, and Museum ships. Phone is her preferred mode, and her station is a Yaesu 897 with a limited antenna.

Chris KG6O is a relatively new member who probably hasn't been announced before. He's got a KX3 and a backpack dipole. He does CW & phone contesting, and his favorite contest is CQWW-CW.

73 de Tom NS6T
NCCC Sec/Treas

JUG October Deadline

The last date to submit articles for the November JUG is Thursday 31st October.

We would welcome articles and information from other reader ! Please submit you material to Ian W6TCP, via email at w6tcpian@gmail.com

Wanted CQP Operators!

Let's hear how CQP was for you! Just send us your write up and pictures and we take care of the rest !

There is no better way to let your fellow contesters know what you have been up to!

Please submit you material to Ian W6TCP, via email at :-
w6tcpian@gmail.com

JUGhead Award.

Several years ago, there was an SS award given to the member who works the most number of other NCCC members in SS.

This award is being reinstated. Alan AD6E will provide more information about the award at the NCCC meeting this month.



The Prize

The winner will receive a jug of the ~~most expensive~~ cheapest mountain wine.

C82, Mozambique DXpedition

The **C82DX Mozambique DXpedition** team plan to be operational on October 14th and be active until the morning of October 23rd, giving us 9 evenings of low band opportunities.

Operators depart from Japan, Canada and the U.S. next week to convene in Pretoria on the 12th for loading the caravan for the trip to Xai at 5 AM on the 13th.

Upon arrival the first antennas to go up are the low band Titanex, Battle Creek and Big IR verticals. After that the listening loops and beverages, beams, and VHF antennas will be erected.

Our final team consists of: JN1THL, K6RB, K6TD, K8EAB, N1DG, N4NX, N4XP, N9JA, NF4A, VA7DX, W6OAT, WF4W, ZS6P, and ZS6RI.

Team C82DX wishes to thank our Foundation, Club and individual donors, and all the support by lead sponsor ICOM for assisting us in making this happen. Please visit <http://www.c82dx.com/pages/sponsors.html> for a list of all our great and generous supporters.

Hope to see all of you in the logs, especially the low bands!

Don, N1DG, and **Tom, N4XP**

Co Leaders of Team C82DX

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Contest Calendar—October page 1

222 MHz Fall Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Oct 1
German Telegraphy Contest	0700Z-0959Z, Oct 3
NRAU 10m Activity Contest	1700Z-1800Z, Oct 3 (CW) and 1800Z-1900Z, Oct 3 (SSB) and 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 3 (FM) and 2000Z-2100Z, Oct 3 (Dig)
SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Oct 3
A2NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 4
YLRL DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest	1400Z, Oct 4 to 0200Z, Oct 6
TARA PSK Rumble Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Oct 5
15-Meter SSTV Dash Contest	0000Z, Oct 5 to 2359Z, Oct 6
EPC Russia DX Contest	0400Z, Oct 5 to 0359Z, Oct 6
Oceania DX Contest, Phone	0800Z, Oct 5 to 0800Z, Oct 6
WAB HF Phone	1200Z, Oct 5 to 1200Z, Oct 6
GTC CW Cup	1200Z, Oct 5 to 1200Z, Oct 6
TRC DX Contest	1200Z, Oct 5 to 1200Z, Oct 6
International HELL-Contest	1600Z-1800Z, Oct 5 (80m) and 0900Z-1100Z, Oct 6 (40m)
California QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 5 to 2200Z, Oct 6
EU Autumn Sprint, SSB	1600Z-1959Z, Oct 5
4 State 4x4 QRP Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 5
UBA ON Contest, SSB	0600Z-1000Z, Oct 6
RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest	0700Z-1900Z, Oct 6
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 8
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Oct 9
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 9 and 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 9 and 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 10
432 MHz Fall Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Oct 9
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 9
10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint	0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10
NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder	0130Z-0200Z, Oct 11
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 11
Makrothen RTTY Contest	0000Z-0759Z, Oct 12 and 1600Z-2359Z, Oct 12 and 0800Z-1559Z, Oct 13



Contest Calendar—October page 2

Microwave Fall Sprint	0700 local - 1300 local, Oct 12
Oceania DX Contest, CW	0800Z, Oct 12 to 0800Z, Oct 13
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Oct 12 to 2400Z, Oct 13
QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party	1200Z, Oct 12 to 2400Z, Oct 13
Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB	1200Z, Oct 12 to 1200Z, Oct 13
Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 12 to 0500Z, Oct 13 and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 13
EU Autumn Sprint, CW	1600Z-1959Z, Oct 12
Arizona QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 12 to 0600Z, Oct 13 and 1400Z-2359Z, Oct 13
FISTS Fall Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 12
PODXS 070 Club 160m Great Pumpkin Sprint	2000 local, Oct 12 to 0200 local, Oct 13
North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Oct 13
UBA ON Contest, CW	0600Z-0900Z, Oct 13
JARTS WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Oct 19 to 2400Z, Oct 20
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW	0001Z, Oct 19 to 2359Z, Oct 20
Iowa QSO Party	1400Z-2300Z, Oct 19
New York QSO Party	1400Z, Oct 19 to 0200Z, Oct 20
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Oct 19 to 1500Z, Oct 20
Worked All Germany Contest	1500Z, Oct 19 to 1459Z, Oct 20
W/VE Islands QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 19 to 2359Z, Oct 20
Feld HELL Sprint	2000Z-2200Z, Oct 19
Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 20
UBA ON Contest, 2m	0600Z-1000Z, Oct 20
Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 20 to 0100Z, Oct 21
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 21
ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Oct 21 to 2359Z, Oct 25
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint	1800Z-2000Z, Oct 21
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 23
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Oct 23 and 1900Z-2000Z, Oct 23 and 0300Z-0400Z, Oct 24
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB	1900Z-2000Z, Oct 24
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 26 to 2400Z, Oct 27
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Oct 26 to 2359Z, Oct 27

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