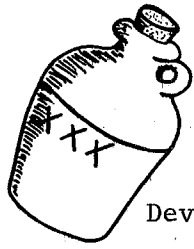


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PREVIEWS OF COMING DISTRACTIONS.

Now that The Season has burst upon us with a vengeance, you won't want to miss a single one of the exciting events scheduled over the next few weeks. Cut out the following calendar and paste it upon your forehead (or whatever other portion of your anatomy you frequently refer to):

Oct. 12-13	CD Party (phone), VK/ZL Test (CW)
18	NCCC club meeting, San Jose Red Cross Bldg, 7:30
19-20	CD Party (CW)
23	Dinner for WLYL, Nikko's, 8:00
26-27	ARRL Pacific Division Convention, Royal Coach Motor Hotel, San Mateo
26-27	CQ WW DX Test (phone)
Nov. 2-3	ARRL Sweepstakes (CW)
15	NCCC club meeting (QTH to be determined)
16-17	ARRL Sweepstakes (phone)
23-24	CQ WW DX Test (CW)

and a camper for operator sleeping quarters.

We need volunteer operators to make this effort play, so please give the club your support. Help is needed in the following categories: (1) antenna and tower erection at the Royal Coach on Thursday night, Oct. 24; (2) operators for W06PDC from 5 PM Friday the 25th to 5 PM Sunday the 27th; (3) additional people to man the table we will have set up outside the Winnebago operating positions to answer questions about our club and help us recruit new members.

The NCDXC has just adopted a "full participation" contest policy (meaning they intend to compete seriously in all contests henceforth), so if we are to continue as THE contest club in northern California, we're going to have to get off our collective rear ends and start contesting. If we can't, or aren't willing to, do just that, then we have no reason to exist as a contest club. What's your pleasure on this, OM's? -- 73, Bob, W6RGG.

PRESIDENTIAL POOP. And now we give you W6RGG, whom you may return at no cost or obligation after a 10-day free trial:

October will be a busy month, what with the regular club meeting, dinner for WLYL and Pac Div Convention in addition to numerous contest activities.

The Convention Contest Forum planning and dinner meeting with Ellen White, WLYL, of ARRL Hq., will be held on Wednesday evening, Oct. 23, at Nikko's Sukiyaki Restaurant, 1450 Van Ness Ave. (corner of Pine St.), San Francisco. The dinner itself will be at 8 PM, but there's a cocktail lounge where those so inclined may gather around 7:30 or so. Dean Straw, WB6AIN, has made reservations for approximately 20 -- if you're planning to attend, please let him know by Oct. 18 so he can reserve an appropriately large table. Dean's phone numbers are 664-8190 (home) and 873-9393 (work).

The NCDXC has decided not to operate W06PDC at the Convention, so we are going to mount an all-out NCCC effort from there in the CQ WW DX Test. So far we have two S-Lines, a Winnebago to put them in, two towers, two rotators, a 5L 20M beam, duoband 6L-15/5L-10 beam, 402B beam

COME, LET US MEET TOGETHER. Let us do it Friday, Oct. 18, at the San Jose Red Cross building, 333 McKendrie St., San Jose (same place as last month's meeting).

Directions were in last month's JUG. What? You threw out last month's JUG? Aw jeeez ...

From Hwy 17, take the Coleman Ave/Municipal Ave exit (from Santa Cruz, 2.9 mi NORTH of I-280; from Oakland, 1.4 mi SOUTH of Hwy 101). Go .2 mi EAST on Coleman Ave to West Hedding Ave. Turn LEFT onto West Hedding Ave and go .1 mile to McKendrie St; it's on the corner.

Since we have to vacate the premises by 10 PM sharp, please be on time (meaning 7:30). No bring-um firewater, just forked tongue.

THE \$12.50 MISUNDERSTANDING. Reading the Convention brochure that recently came in the mail, one (or more) might get the impression it costs \$12.50 just to get in the door. Let us assure anybody so impressed: the \$12.50 is for prize-drawing registration and the banquet. It costeth not to enter the gates.

THOUGHTS OF CHAIRMAN AIN. (We hope to receive these Thoughts in time to include them on another page; keep hoping.)

"CONGRATULATIONS, IT'S A 185-POUND NEW MEMBER!" Despite the best efforts of our hard-working Membership Growth Committee, we still keep getting new members. The JUG tips its cork to the following:

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Davis, CA 95616
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W6JZU Dr. Robert C. (Smitty) Smithwick
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Los Altos Hills, CA 94022
(phone 948-3209)

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Route 1, Box 293
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CHANGES TO AUGUST 1 ROSTER. People don't stay put very much around here, do they? If you have an August 1 roster, here are some changes to pencil in during the Lysol commercial. If your roster is out of date, send a SASE to WA6NLQ or see him at the meeting.

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Chicopee, MA 01020

WB6CEP (work phone 642-1871)

WA6CXA Delete Berkeley address; we'll use the Callbook QTH unless we hear otherwise. ^{23928 BESSONER ST.}
_{WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91364}

K6HIH 3098 English Hills Road
Vacaville, CA 95688
(phone 707-448-4633)

XE1KS Delete Palo Alto address; whereabouts unknown.

W6PAA P. O. Box 654
Belmont, CA 94002
(work phone 326-8500)

WA6PMK 2552 McAllister Street
San Francisco, CA 94118
(phone 752-3262)

K6VVA 1634 Creek Drive
San Jose, CA 95125
(phone 408-292-2222)

WE GET LETTERS. Response to the JUG has been no less than whelming, with four pieces of mail finding their way to the editorial studios. But why are three of them from the First Call Area? Anyway, with obscenities deleted:

"Just to let you know I'm back in W. Mass. Hopefully I'll become a productive member of the U.S. economy soon." -- WA1ABW.

"Your JUG runneth over!" -- W1YL.

"I don't know whether to console you or congratulate you on taking over the editorial chores for the JUG. Your first issue looks great!" -- W6KZJ (who also kindly volunteered to help out with printing arrangements if necessary).

"Of about 500 QSO's from 4ULITU I worked no W6's." -- K1ZND/Europe.

You are all hereby encouraged to write your local JUG editor and protest this shameful waste of paper.

BULLETIN BOARD. FOR SALE: Hi-Mound Japanese bug, Model BK-100, brand new; heavy weighted base, non-skid foot, bakelite case, clear plastic cover. \$18. . . . Red Chinese oscilloscope (made in Shanghai), PDRC 2" CRT, vertical bandwidth 5-200 kHz, horiz B/W 5-50 kHz, input sensitivity 1 Vpp/cm, impedance 470K parallel 40 pF, power requirements 110/220VAC, 50 or 60 CPS OK, size 7-3/4 X 7 3-4 X 4, with manual; good condx. (Both offered by global adventurer W1HZZ; contact W1ARR/6 if interested.) . . . Plain American Q-Box audio filter, 800 Hz center freq, used 15 minutes. \$12. (W1ARR/6) WANTED (still): High-quality gen'l coverage rcvr such as R-390, 51J, SP-600, HQ-180 or whatever. (W1ARR/6)

NCCC MEMBERS DO THEIR THING. Our troops are very much in evidence in this month's QST. Among the high claimed scores (over 100K) for the July Open CD Party: WA1ABW/6, W6BIP, VE7-AUA/W6, VE3DXV/W6 and W6NKR. In the phone affair, WA1ABW/6 and W6BIP.

We find K6AHV 7th and W6PAA 8th in the Top 10 Single-Op CW category of the ARRL DX Test. And how about that one-two punch in the Phone lineup: W6OAT first, K6AHV second! Not to mention the photographic homage paid K6EBB & Co.

While on the subject of high scores, we also note that San Francisco's WN6WDR placed 9th high nationally in the Novice Roundup, amassi more than 600 QSO's. (Actually, the Callbook places him at Hamilton AFB in Marin County.) Far be it from us to even suggest that this OM might be a worthy addition to our ranks.

CHAIRMAN AIN COMES THROUGH! And just in time, no thanks to the Postal Disservice. So without further ado, we present the Dean of Men:

My data on the exact scores for the AA one contest apparently were inadvertently sent off to the JARL, as I had written the results on the back of the last page of my log. Sorry about that. No semi-official tabulation for this issue of the JUG until I can get ahold of Rusty. ((ED NOTE: Rusty has been unable to find anything either, at least to this moment; however, in the JUG's best cliffhanging tradition, we'll add anything else at the end of this issue.))

In the CW portion of the contest, a few more new scores have come to light: WB6KBK (all-band single-op) 6,255; W6BIP (multiop with WA6DJI) 28,210; VE3DXV/W6 (all-band single-op) 98; VE7AUA/W6 (40 meters) 154 QSOs and 21 sections.

Preliminary indications, then, for the team competition within NCCC:

<u>YELLOW</u>	<u>pts</u>	<u>RED</u>	<u>pts</u>
W6OKK (M/S)	110	WA1ABW/6 (80)	110
W6BIP (M/S)	52	WA6YPY (40)	110
WB6KBK (all)	110	VE7AUA/W6 (40)	25
VE3DXV/W6		W6AM (20)	110
(all)	2	W6HQN/6 (15)	<u>110</u>
WA6LHN (20)	88		
WB6AIN (20)	<u>77</u>	Total	465
Total	439		

<u>BROWN</u>	<u>pts</u>
WLARR/6 (M/S)	57
K6DC (40)	34
W7NQ/6 (20)	95
W6OAT/6 (20)	62
K6VVA (20)	<u>31</u>
Total	279

Final results, of course, will be tabulated from the official results published by the JARL sometime next summer.

If you haven't sent in your log for the AA CW contest you better get cracking: the deadline for the JARL to have the logs in their hands is November 30.

The fall contest season in descending on us fast. Big things are planned for the W06PDC operation at the Pacific Division Convention in San Mateo during the CQ WW Phone contest. Ops are welcome, as are strong backs for antenna work.

There are other clubs in this area of the world that look capable of producing some very decent club scores, so let's get going

and generate points.

If anyone has a station that may be unmanned, get in touch with me and I will try to tap our reserve of "floating operators" to plug the gap. I will try to act as a central clearing-house but can do so only if you get in touch with me by phone or postcard and indicate what your plans (or lack of plans) are! The SS is coming up soon as well, so start planning ahead for yourselves and the NCCC.

Another plea: send me your scores after the contests! My phone bill went out of sight when I tried to do a lot of phoning from home to coordinate the AA phone contest, so I'm going to have to get data from you. I'm willing to send logs from the club in a package to CQ, JARL, ARRL, or whatever, and maybe this is the way for you to get the scores to me so they can be JUGged properly. -- 73, Dean, WB6AIN.

Garrulous little feller, ain't he? But possessed of a heart of gold and a burning desire to boost NCCC to the top ranks of contest clubs. Your cooperation will help Dean breathe a little easier.

By the way, something he didn't mention: the intra-club team concept has been scrapped for future contests. We hope to challenge such West-Coast powers as the Western Washington DX Club and the West Valley group down LA way.

WB6CEP/VE7: Mobile Operation in the VE/W Test
by Bill Zachary, WB6CEP

An opportunity to leave the academic scene for a much-needed rest before classes started again, a chance to revisit the exquisitely scenic Northwest, and (coincidentally!) the fact that the VE/W Contest is held in late September -- all led to a most enjoyable 9-day tour through Oregon, Washington and Vancouver I., British Columbia. The weather was almost flawless -- 75 to 80 degrees and clear blue skies, with only one two-hour misty exception on the Washington coast -- until the return home to Berkeley and a 50-degree fog-bank.

As my fellow traveler was a non-ham, no mobile operations other than during the contest itself were undertaken. The QTH for the test was the parking lot of a resort beach about ten miles west of Victoria and as close as possible to Rocky Point, the southern tip of the island, which sticks out into the Straits of Juan de Fuca. Unfortunately, the Canadian military has seen fit to transform Rocky Point into an ammo dump, so a terrific location is forever lost to hamdom. They were kind enough, however, to pay a quiet courtesy visit on Sunday morning to determine

where the hell all that RF was coming from.

Between the explanations to curious beach visitors (including a gang of 5- to 10-year-olds who reported my QSO totals almost hourly to anyone who would listen, an aluminum welder who liked the antenna design, and a 19-year-old chick looking for her boyfriend at 4 A.M.), the gear was jammed together in about 50 minutes and fired up at 2310. Despite inexplicable receiver audio problems (the entire contest was operated with the gain almost wide open) the system functioned reasonably well to the tune of 454 QSO's, 158 multipliers and 143K points.

High points included: a mid-Sunday-morning comment from WB8FUO that my 15-meter mobile signal was "even louder than VE7WJ"; working WB4OGW on 10 at 1900 after five unsuccessful tries on that band.

Bay-Area signals were good when conditions were right -- which really wasn't all that often. Only two W6's were worked on 15: W6-DGH (LA) and K6QPH (SB). W4's dominated the contest, accounting for 1/4th of all QSO's. W6's tied with W4's for most QSO's on 40 and were way out in front on 80. Very few W1's and no Oregon stations were worked. The hottest band was 15, with 120 QSO's in a little over four hours. It is interesting to note that 15 first opened at 1500Z on Sunday A.M.

TIME TO TEST YOUR WITS (OR WHATEVER)!

With this issue, your JUG editors are adding a new and (we hope) regular feature: a quiz. We solicit your contributions to help keep the column interesting and challenging. Technical braintwisters, operating/contest/DX sticklers, or even just questions to help us get to know each other better, are all welcome.

Mail us your entries, or bring them to meetings. (Please include the answers; we're

hardworking but not very smart.) If your question is selected for publication, we will not only give you credit by printing your call -- we will also extend, free of charge, the valid period of your one-time lifetime membership fee. Keep those cards and letters rolling in. These items courtesy of the JUG Heaus:

1. Which two NCCC members have not only the same last name but the same callsign suffix?
2. What NCCC member recently gave up a weekend of AA contesting to get married?
3. What four NCCC members are also members of Murphy's Marauders?

Answers upside-down at bottom of page.

EMESIS FROM THE EDITORS. Once again we ask all NCCC members to contribute material to the JUG -- remember, the more empty space we have to fill by ourselves, the more awful puns and cryptic double-entendres by W1ARR you'll have to wade through.

Send your articles, quiz questions, letters or whatever, direct to the editors, not the Castro Valley P.O. Box. We are, yours truly:

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Stu Carp, WA6NLQ, 2970 Russell St., Berkeley, CA 94705. Phone 848-8991. Since he's never there, leave a message.

Next JUG will be mailed Nov. 6. Please get all material to us no later than the 2nd. 73!

QUIZ ANSWERS: (1) The Jones Boys -- W7CFJ and WA6CFJ. (2) WA6DIL. (3) WA1ABW, W1ARR, WB6KBI (ex-WA2BCT), K6OZL. And don't you feel silly standing on your head to read this?

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