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WE DID IT, GANG!



PREVIEW OF COMING DISTRACTIONS

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| Apr. 16 | NCCC Special FD Meeting, W6PAA,
San Jose; 7:30 PM |
| 19 | MAILING DEADLINE FOR ARRL DX LOGS |
| 26 | NCCC Club Meeting, AS&L Bldg,
Hayward; 7:30 PM (ELECTIONS) |
| May 14 | Pre-Fresno Blast, W6PAA |
| 15-16 | Fresno DX Convention, Hilton |
| 24 | NCCC Club Meeting, AS&L Bldg,
Hayward; 7:30 PM |
| June 5 | NCCC Picnic, K6SG, Carmichael |
| 12-13 | All Asian Contest (phone) |
| 26-27 | ARRL Field Day (W6PAA/6) |
| 28 | NCCC Club Meeting |

A WELFARE ADDRESS FROM GLORIOUS LEADER

I've spent a lot of time thinking about how to write my final "Pres Mess." Finally decided I just had to say, one more time, "NCCC #1 in the '75 SS." Feels good to say that with the realization that all who read it will actually know it's true!

WE REALLY DID DO IT, GANG! Come to the April 26 meeting and take a peek at the shiny new cocobolo gavel Ellen White presented to us at the WLYL Special Meeting on April 2. This is the first time a non-East Coast club has ever won the SS competition in the entire 42-year history of the Sweepstakes -- so take a bow, you butt-kickers!

Speaking of the Young Lady from the White House, the Club joins with me in hoping you enjoyed your stay here as much as we did, Ellen. Come back soon!

This has been a helluva year-and-a-quarter for the NCCC, and it's really been a pleasure to work, drink and operate with such a super bunch of human beings. We took 6th spot in ARRL DX '75 with a minimum of organizational effort. Field Day produced a 2nd place in ((QSY TO PAGE 2))

How dumb can you get? Everyone knows that only the East Coast powers (PVRC, Murphy's Marauders, Frankford) have ever won the ARRL Sweepstakes club competition. Obviously it can't be done from the remote West Coast, as any fool kin plainly see.

So the effete Easterners laughed when we sat down to play. But then something strange happened. We won!

The full glorious details will appear in May QST; however, at the April 2 meeting for WLYL, we managed to catch a glimpse of the aggregate scores. NCCC: roughly 9.55 meg; PVRC about 9.2 meg; MFI way down in the 5-meg region somewhere. Our winning margin, then, was in the vicinity of 350,000 points.

How sweet it is! And, in fact, how sweet was the whole WLYL meeting. None in attendance are likely to soon forget the jubilation that ensued when Ellen presented the engraved ((QSY TO PAGE 2))

FD Meet at PAA

At the March meeting, even before the announcement of our SS win, enthusiasm was exploding for our next #1 effort: ARRL FD. Chmn W6PAA outlined predetermined decisions by our BoD and gathered input from those present at the meeting. The following major decisions were reached:

(1) Site: 10-acre flat site on ridge overlooking SF Bay in western hills of San Carlos. Most central to bulk of membership; convenient for our ambitious antenna plans.

(2) 5A entry category using 5 HF positions and one VHF setup. Band segment operation to be controlled by 2-meter or field-phone link to "Command Post." Call will be W6PAA/6.

(3) Large antennas all bands, requiring two weekend work parties prior to FD. We will ((QSY TO PAGE 3))

NCCC #1 IN SS ((FROM PAGE 1))

gavel, symbol of club supremacy, to Prexy CEP! Every NCCC member who participated in this history-making SS effort, no matter how small his individual contribution, ought to feel ten feet tall.

As for the April 2 get-together itself, what began as simple chaos ultimately degenerated into mini-Fresno anarchy in the finest NCCC tradition. After Ellen showed slides of ARRL Headquarters, presented Bill with the gavel and was herself made an honorary NCCC member, pure animal high spirits began more and more to dominate the event. Astonishing amounts of beer and K6SG's potent homemade wine disappeared down the gullets of those present. Ribald balladry soon became the order of the day. Some, of more tender sensibilities, escaped to the basement and played Pong with Dean's 10-year-old son Jeff, who seldom lost.

WLYL, gracious lady that she is, managed to keep up a façade of bonhomie -- although those of us who know her suspect, despite our weakened condition at the time, that under her mask of conviviality was a certain amount of apprehension just short of outright terror. What kind of gross brutes were these, anyway?

Kudos to K6SG for the vino, W6PAA for some great banjo licks, and Dean and Terry Ann Straw for FB hospitality. The cleanup chores must have been horrendous!

Shall we do it again next year, folk?

MESIDENTIAL PRESSAGE ((FROM PAGE 1))

5A, a 5th place in 2A and an alltime Club Aggregate Mobile record. Several Club members set records in All Asian, and if they'd had a club competition for non-JARL members, you know who would have won it. The NCCC-sponsored California QSO Party broke all QSO-party precedents for activity, as was amply reported in last month's CQP insert. We punted posterior in SS to set an alltime record in the club competition. Finally, we appear to have done well again in ARRL DX '76 despite another relatively low-key effort. Wait till next year!

As for the people behind those achievements, words of praise have so often filled this column that my pen has gone hoarse and my fund of laudatory remarks has just about run dry. However, very special thanks are due for this year's officers: VP/CC WA6DIL, Sec/Treas W6KHI, and Directors WB6AIN, WB6DSV and W6RGG -- without whom such achievements would not have been accomplished.

And then there's the dude who has been

editing this peristaltic publication for the past 20 months -- a friend, compatriot and occasional pain in the ass. But no matter how you look at it, he's a Hill of a guy. BH has hinted that he would very much appreciate it if his current title "JUG Head" were retired w/ him as of this issue. All in favor say "Aye!"

So out with the old and in with the new. Firstly, a new FD Committee will be formed at PAA's on April 16. Ken did a FB job at the March meeting outlining our latest #1 game plan. Secondly, after our panel of experts on Practical Antenna Choice and Erection (WB6AIN, WAØENP/6, WB6LPK and a mystery guest) hold forth at the regular April meeting, we will elect a new slate of officers. Think carefully about this and come prepared to nominate the candidates who will do the best job for the Club. The Nominating Committee (WB6CEP, WA6-DIL, W6KHI, WB6AIN, WB6DSV, W6RGG, WLARR/6, W6OAT, W6PAA) will also make its recommendations known at that time.

In closing, I'd simply like to say THANK YOU to each and every person who has contributed in some way to help make the NCCC the club it is today. You've done a fine job -- and now the contest world will join me in knowing it!

KB in '76! -- 73, Bill, WB6CEP

JUG HEAD TURNS TAIL

Attention! this is your JUG Head speaking. You are now either reading, skimming or completely ignoring the final JUG for which I may be held responsible.

At this time I wish to proffer thanks to the tiny minority of NCCC members who regularly supported this newsletter during the past 20 months. These include WB6CEP, WA6DIL, WB6DSV, WA6GSN, W6KHI, WA6NLQ, W6OAT, K6UWR. Several others contributed material from time to time, and it was appreciated.

Tom Schiller, WAØENP/6, now takes over as Editor, with George Varvitsiotes, WB6DSV, as Folder, Stapler & Mutilator. Please help our new editorial team by sending in news!

Next deadline: May 5. Addresses: WAØENP/6, 6 Middlebury Lane, Los Altos 94022 (phone 941-8946); WB6DSV, 801 Inverness Way, Sunnyvale 94087 (phone 739-4233).

Kicque Butte! -- 73, Bob, WLARR/6

A PICNIC PLANNED, BY GEORGE!

Hear ye, hear ye! An NCCC bash is being planned for June 5th at K6SG's place, so keep that date open. Hot dogs, beer, wine! YLs and XYLs welcome! Details in May JUG. -- K6SG

FD MEETING APRIL 16 ((FROM PAGE 1))

take the 24-hours-out-of-27-possible option in order to take advantage of the prior-setup provision.

(4) Organization structure set up, including Chairman W6PAA; Asst Chairmen W6OWQ and WB6DSV; Team Captains WB6AIN, WA6DIL, W6OWQ, WB6DSV, W6KHI, WAØENP/6, WA6JUD -- plus several staff functions to be determined at future planning sessions.

At the meeting, various levels of commitment were offered by 25 members, sufficient to man the proposed effort but not a comfortable total without undue burden on some. In other words, we'd like to hear from members who were not at the meeting. Can you make one or two of the set-up weekends? and how much time can you operate? what equipment do you have available? what are your band/mode preferences? (We don't guarantee you'll get your #1 preference all the time.) Send a card to W6PAA, or call him at (408) 249-7447, or check into the NCCC Net on Tuesdays, 7:30 PM, 3815 kHz.

On Friday, April 16, at 7:30 PM, the FD Committee will meet at W6PAA for a detailed planning session. All FD enthusiasts are encouraged to attend (even if you're committed to another FD group or entry class). NCCC FD staff is more than encouraged to attend! I'd like to see the following key people at the meeting: OWQ, DSV, LPK, AIN, KHI, ENP, JUD, ARR, CEP, VEF, DIL, BMV, ION, DQM, KZJ, GSN, TLV, NØEL.

Directions to PAA: From I-280, take Saratoga Ave. exit SOUTH. Go about a mile, pass Williams St. on the LEFT, then a McDonald's on the RIGHT, then DeMille Drive on the LEFT. The PAA QTH is 4133 DeMille Drive, about 3/4 block down on the LEFT-hand side. Big mother tower with 20M/40M beams points heavenward.

CU Friday night! -- 73, Ken, W6PAA

A PITCH FROM MITCH

The 1976 Pacific Division Convention will be held on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-6, in San Jose. During the course of the convention there will be technical seminars. Some proposed subjects are: contest forum, DX forum, FM forum, WARC forum, microprocessor forum, etc. Each forum will have a 2- to 3-hour block of time in which there will be a series of presentations on different aspects of the forum subject (5-15 speakers). There will also be a moderator.

I'd like to see the NCCC present and conduct the contest forum, including obtaining speakers and moderator. Wat sa? -- WA6GSN

NEXT CLUB MEETING: APRIL 26

Flushed with triumph or whatever, our merry madcap group gathers once again on Monday, April 26, at the usual spot: the 2nd floor of the American Savings & Loan Building, 22533 Foothill Blvd, Hayward. It's between A and B Sts., and even you can't miss it.

Parking behind the building is ample and encouraged. Come in through the back, tromp up one flight of stairs and keep an ear cocked for the faint sounds of uninhibited bedlam.

This meeting will be unusually important: election of officers and discussion of Field Day, plus a panel of distinguished guys to give us The Word on antennas, care and feeding of. Your presence is forcefully requested! (Don't forget: THE GAVEL will be on display!)

FRESNOTE

If you are among those few benighted people who still haven't made arrangements for the Fresno DX Convention (May 15-16), better hop to it.

Assuming you wish to do everything first-class, you must (1) register for a room at the Fresno Hilton, (2) sign up with K6QX for a seat on the Fun Bus, and (3) write W6EJJ for a banquet ticket. It is possible to spend about more than a dollar-three-eighty in this way.

If, on the other hand, you prefer to save your bread for something more worthwhile (a lid of fine Colombian, say), you might substitute (1) bumming a ride with a friend, (2) skipping the banquet in favor of Denny's, and (3) crashing on somebody's floor for the night. This latter approach, highly favored by the JUG Head, has the additional merit of requiring very little advance planning.

However you choose, we'll CU there!

REPEATER REPEATER NEWS NEWS

On April 3, W6RGG and WA6DQM replaced a gassy 5894 final in the WR6ADM repeater. WR6ADM is now back on the air but spare tubes are badly needed: 5894 (1 each), 2050 (2), OD3A (1), 6BH6 (7), 12AX7 (3), 6CB6 (1), 6AK6 (2), 6360 (1), 6939 (2), 12AT7 (1), 6AM4 (3), 6AL5 (1), 6AK5 (1). Donations (to RGG or DQM) will be gratefully accepted.

WR6ADM operates 449.2 input, 444.2 output. Everyone welcome! -- WA6GSN

DX TEST SCORES (DE WB6DSV)

Before we plunge into numerical waters, an important reminder: ARRL DX TEST LOGS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MONDAY, APRIL 19! That doesn't leave much time -- QRV? And please, if your score does not appear in the list to follow, let WA6TLV (642-8238) or WAØENP/6 (941-8946) know what you made so that they can prepare and submit the required entry letter to ARRL Hq. A lot of people in this Club are better at kicking butt than getting off their own.

	Phone		
W6OKK (M-S)	1,069,686	1674	213
W6YX (WA7MQX)	626,898	1282	163
W6UA	187,200	400	156
WB6JGS	9,462	83	38
AA6VEF	?		
W6PAA (M-M)	?		

	CW		
W6PAA (A-B)	1,361,424	2008	226
WA6DQM	471,441	941	167
K6HIH	453,468	1219	124
AA6JVD	323,760	710	152
W6UA	187,200	+400	156
WA7NIN (W6OAT)	119,310	410	97
WB6BWP	+3,000
WB6LPK	27	3	3
W6RGG (H-B)	97,263	321	101
WB6DSV (WA6DGX)	31,512	202	52
WAØENP/6 (L-B)	132,600	680	65
WA6TLV/6 (M-S)	1,006,656	1712	196
W6OKK	787,152	1426	184
W6BIP	596,850	1150	173
K6ZM	596,400	1420	140
W6YX	557,232	1222	152

M-S CW Mult Breakdown

	160	80	40	20	15	10
WA6TLV/6	1	25	55	67	43	6
W6OKK	1	19	50	66	39	9
W6BIP	0	19	46	52	40	16
K6ZM	0	17	36	58	28	0
W6YX	0	25	35	64	28	0

NEW MEMBERS AND ROSTER CHANGES

As we mentioned last month, three new ones were added at the February meeting. In March, another four reported for duty. It seems fitting to introduce these OM's before they have a chance to defend themselves:

- K6MA Stan L. Kuhl
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Sunnyvale, CA 94087
phone (H) 408-736-8358
- WB6PCO Charles Vaughn
475 Lloyd Avenue
San Leandro, CA 94578

phone (H) 357-4767

K6QDV James R. Saltkill
414 West 4th Street
Antioch, CA 94509
phone (H) 757-7908

W6CTH Larry M. Reed
1649 King Street
Belmont, CA 94002

WA6DGX Ron Debry
837 Hydrangea Court
Sunnyvale, CA 94086
phone (H) 408-738-1018

WA6MQS Richard Smith
3281 Loma Alta Drive
Santa Clara, CA 95051
phone (H) 408-244-9725
(B) 415-961-9050

WA7VZX/6 Richard K. Karlquist
P. O. Box 426
So. San Francisco, CA 94080

K6MA is an Electrical Engineer and a member of NCDXC and FARS. An Extra, he likes FD, SS, CQ WW and ARRL DX Tests; licensed 26 years.

WB6PCO, an Electronics Technician by trade, operates 90% phone -- an announcement that received the usual raucous roar of disapproval at the meeting. But somebody has to operate A3, we suppose. Anyway, he likes All Asian, FD, SS, ARRL DX and CQ WW. He's had his license 6 years and holds Advanced.

Citing "great desire to participate in contests now that I am active again," K6QDV casts his lot with the NCCC. He's been on the air since 1958, has a General and likes CW best.

W6CTH is one of the actives in the San Carlos RC and will be a big help to W6PAA/6 on FD for sure. A ham for 40 years, he operates one hundred percent phone (ecch), holds Advanced.

WA6DGX becomes yet another in the veritable army of occupation that NCCC boasts in Sunnyvale -- gad, the local QRM! He's 19, Advanced and has had his ticket 5½ years.

You had to be deaf not to hear the SSB signal of WA6MQS in the ARRL DX this year. He's another of these A3 people, has been licensed 5 years and holds Advanced.

WA7VZX/6 works with WB6AIN at Konel. He's not presently on the air (join the crew!) but strongly prefers CW when he is. His favorites are FD, SS, CD and QSO parties.

Phone operators are urged to disregard the misanthropic grumblings of the JUG Head. You are just as welcome as hams -- er, we mean CW operators.

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Phone #s: K6QX 358-2061; WA6DIL (B) 656-

From far-off Saudi Arabia, WB9FUV/7Z writes to pass along an address that supersedes the one we printed last month. The new one:

ARAMCO Box 2364
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

CLUB QSL SITUATION (ONE IN A SERIES)

This seems like a never-ending soap opera or a very bad nightmare, but hopefully this is the final chapter. Here's the situation:

The low price given to us was due to the printer using the fully-outfitted print shop at the high school where he teaches. Because of funding problems within the school district this year, the printing program was cancelled, thus removing our means of production.

In recent months, the printer felt that he could use the district office print shop to complete our order; however, this now seems to be impossible. Therefore, the printer has assured me a complete refund to all those members who have had an order in for this prolonged period of time.

In the meantime, W6RGG has lined up another printer, this one in the Bay Area and reliable. We hope to have a definite quote for our cards by the April 26 meeting. -- WB6DSV

WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH THE GAVEL?

Now that we've won a gavel, what do we do with it? K6UWR suggests we have it mounted, with an inscription giving more details, and display it at Club meetings, etc. Or the new Prez can bang away with it to keep the rest of us noisy turkeys in line. Any other suggestions? Please make your feelings known before or at the April 26 meeting. -- WB6CEP

OPEN CD PARTY ("CO SUNSPOTS!!!!")

Without a doubt, the April CW CD Party had the worst band conditions anyone can remember. Starting the contest at 2300Z, one quickly discovered that 20 was practically dead; all that could be worked was an occasional 9- or 4-land station usually around S2. After half an hour the band was completely useless. One naturally goes to 40 when this occurs, right? One thing, though, it was only 3:30 PM local time!

Once on 40, I found things a little better. Till, several East Coast stations, particularly 3's, sounded the way Europeans sound on 20: fluttery. This situation corrected itself and as soon as the East Coast guys had finished working each other, things began popping on 40 and 80.

The next day started out much better, with 20 its usual bodacious self. Promptly at 1800Z I pop up to 15 for a listen. "Hmmm, all I hear is Sixes!" Back down to 20. An hour later I'm back on 15 and what do I hear? The same (expletive deleted) Sixes I've already worked! A few hours later I didn't even hear the Sixes anymore. I don't care what any propagation expert says, the only way we can go from here is up! (Sunspots, do you QSL?)

Despite these miserable conditions, NCCC members were out in force! W6PAA completely annihilated his West Coast (and, for that matter, East Coast) competition with a total of (gulp) more than 1100 QSOs! Yessiree, the CD King is back. All in all, I counted 27 NCCC callsigns participating in this Open CD Party. They include WB6LPK, WB6DSV, WB6CEP/m6, W6MSF, K6ILM, W6PAA, WB6ION, W6BIP, WA6DIL, W6OAT, AA6VEF, WA6DQM, WB6JGS, K7JCA, W6KZJ, W6OKK, W6RFF, K6AQ, W7EXM, WB5IZN, W6KYA, W7MRS, AA6-JVD, K6TG, WA0ENP/6, W6KQG and WA1ABW. Many thanks to all who participated. -- WA6TLV

Some early returns: W6PAA 1115-74, WB6ION (WA6TLV) 869-72, W6DGH (WB6ZVC) 955-73, W6RTT 1049-71, WB0DJY 1081-71, K4PUZ 993-72, W2YD (WA2SRQ) 960-71, WB5QWX 960-71, WB9BWU 876-72, KP4EAJ 1300(!)-71.

80/40 ANTENNAS (PART II) -- WA0ENP

Verticals have been said to radiate poorly in all directions. This is true only if they are inefficient, obviously. To be efficient, the ground losses must be minimized. I had to use at least 3000' of radials in Minnesota because of very poor ground. There are enough articles in recent QSTs covering ground systems, so I will not cover them now.

Quarter-wave verticals on 80 work great -- phased and parasitic arrays work even better. However, if the ground losses are not minimized, you may lose more than you gain with multiple elements. On 40, the same is true, but you may also want to try a 3/8- or 5/8-wavelength vertical. The 5/8 is a real bomb on DX. A 40' to 42' vertical works well on both 40 and 20. The impedance increases with increased vertical length, and the takeoff angle decreases. Don't go up to 3/4 wavelength, because the takeoff angle rises sharply!

Probably the easiest vertical to put up is the one already up: your tower. There have been many articles dealing with different methods of feeding towers, and you should be able to find one to work for your installation. Put out as good a ground system as possible. Buried radials need only be an inch below the surface -- just enough to clear your feet.

That's enough for the moment on transmitting antennas. Receiving theory is very straightforward: you can't work them if you can't hear them. Receiving loops are OK, but a Beverage is the best I have found. I have used them as short as 400' with good results.

How to build one? Simple: take any (small) wire you have lying around and run it in the general direction you want to listen. Height should not exceed six feet. Terminate the far end with 400-1000 ohms to ground, attach a piece of coax to the other end, plug the coax into your receiver and be amazed! The noise is gone. The big locals are gone. There are all these nice little DX signals crawling all over the place (provided the band is open!) A word of caution: the induced power into a Beverage when you transmit can be enough to blow the front end in your receiver or open the terminating resistor; therefore, be sure to use at least a five-watt resistor and open or short the receiver antenna terminals.

A receiving antenna I am now using consists of about 200' of #18 wire strung along the house and fence line (includes a right-angle bend). The far end is left dangling and a simple L-network is used at the receiver end. It works extremely well compared to the transmitting antenna, which is a 2-element phased vertical. Even on Tuesday nights, all the NCCC'ers are 100% copy with no noise. Interestingly enough, the signals are about the same strength on either antenna!

I hope these few notes can be of some assistance in improving your particular lot on 80 and 40 meters. They admittedly cover only a few simple antennas, but perhaps one or two you haven't tried. If more detail or additional material is desired, please just ask -- it's free. -- 73, Tom, WAØENP/6

SLUDGE

What ever happened to the National Contest Journal? . . . WB6DSV advises that W6OKK got his WAZ certificate in the mail after having waited 2+ years for a QSL from ST2SA for his final zone.

WA6GSN is the mournful bearer of sad tidings: disaster has struck the W6RGG aerial installation! Bob's rotator, a prop-pitch, has crapped out, leaving five 20M elements twisting slowly, slowly in the wind. Says RGG, "It's terrifying -- the beam could get stuck pointing at Japan and I'd have to spend the rest of my life listening to JA's!" Bob is looking for a prop-pitch to borrow while he repairs his own.

Meanwhile, down in Hayward (Calcutta by the

Bay), WA6GSN himself is back on the air. He's acquired a new Kenwood TS-520. His operation is limited to his car, however. Mitch says it's because he lives in an apartment, but it is rumored that the real reason is nobody can pin his coax that way.

Lots of tidbits from K6SG: W6KYA has received WPX Award #60. He also shipped off 2 lbs. of QSLs to JARL for the JCC-200 award for working 201 cities in Japan. (John's other favorite hobby is award-hunting!) . . . K6RLY has received CW DXCC #42. Congrats, Dean. He has 143 worked and more confirmed since the award.

W6NJU is QRL with new CB biz. Good luck, Gary. . . . W6NKR managed to squeeze in a little DX between bowling games. . . . K6SG has been QRL with yard work but found ZK2AQ and VR6BA on 40 CW, VR4DA on 75 SSB.

ATTENTION SUBSCRIBERS

For those non-NCCC members on our subscription list, a reminder: your subscription expires after the date shown on the mailing label (it appears at the end of the line following your name).

Some folks who signed up at Fresno last April are reading their final JUG unless they ante up \$3 to W6KHI (Dennis Ross, 2079 15th Ave., San Francisco 94116). So keep an eye on you expiration date. Tnx!

BULLETIN BOARD

For Sale: Waters "Compreamp" Model 359; \$10 (WA6DQM, 593-5126). . . . Drake 2B rcvr w/ 2BQ; \$180 (W6PAA, 408-249-7447). . . . Brand new HW32A (20M rig), works great; \$75 or offer (K6RLY, 916-961-4603). By the way, Dean's Area Code appears incorrectly in the most recent NCCC Club roster as 415.

VE3DXV/W6 (408-246-1763) wishes to sell the following: Collins 75S1 rcvr w/ 3 mechanical filters (6, 2.1, 0.5 kHz), just retubed and realigned; \$275. Curtis EK39 keyer; \$40. Heath SB220 amp; \$350. 60' self-supporting (4-legged rigid) tower w/ prop-pitch rotator & indicator; \$180. 30' of 2"-diameter aluminum tubing; \$25.

NET QNI FOR MARCH (DE W6RGG VIA WA6GSN)

5 -- WA6HAF, WA6DQM. 4 -- WB6DSV, WB6JGS, WA9UCE/6, K6HIH, W6PXG, W6PAA, W6MSF, W6KQG. 3 -- W7MRS, WA6JVD, WB6OLD/6, WAØENP/6, W6YT. W6UA, K6ILM, W6RGG, WA6GSN/m6. 2 -- K6UWR, WA6VEF, W6OKK, WA6KAC, WB6GFJ. 1 -- K6ZX, W7PHO, WBØANT, W7KW, W6ZT, AC6KYA, W6PWR, VE6BAZ, WA6DIL, WA6UZA, W6ZRJ, W7EXM, K6QZ, K6RM, WB6PCO, AD6QPH, WB6LPK, WB6EXW, K6QX, W6NJU, W6-

OAT, W6YA/6, W6MAR, W6RTT, WB6AIN, K6SG, WA5-VDH/5, W6KHI/6. Totals: 53 stations, 108 QNI.

Reviewing past JUGs, we find that our March net totals are the best ever, and by a wide margin, too. FB! Are you a part of these statistics? If not, you're invited to be.

The NCCC Net meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM local time on 3815 kHz. An informal b.s. session takes place between 7 and 7:30. Your occasionally genial Master of Ceremonies is W6RGG.

NØEL'S NØTES: KB'ERS OF THE MONTH

Hi again, radio fans, it's me -- still trying to get rid of my hangover from the party at WB6AIN's on April 2. Trying to play Pong drunk was definitely an experience. Especially when you're playing against Dean's dog, Prince Kamehameha, and he beats you 15-2.

Anyway, at the last meeting I decided that it would be a good idea to try to get to know some of the members a little better. I think everyone knows so little about everyone else. I did two interviews for this issue and will do more from time to time. So you can start avoiding me now -- remember, no matter what time of day it is, someone may come up to you and say, "May I interview you?"

WA6TLV

Bob is a Cancer, for all of you astrology nuts and for those who aren't. His birthday was June 23, 1957. At the present time he is going to Cal (Berkeley), majoring in that mind-boggling subject of computer science.

He has been licensed for four years. He became interested in amateur radio when his father got a radio manual. Bob was already in electronics and so it was a natural.

He became interested in the Club and wanted to be an NCCC nut when he met Rusty and Ken (that's enough to turn anyone nuts). He was very impressed and loves contesting.

Bob's hope is for the NCCC to remain #1 in the SS. He would like to see all the members with big stations get on or have guest operators for contests.

Awards: 5-Band WAS, low power (200 watts).

WB6AIN

Dean was born in Honolulu in March 1946 (he's a Honolulu Lulu). He has a charming wife, Terry Ann, and two terrific boys, ages 11 and 10.

He joined the Club in 1973 with the help of W6OAT (boy, does Rusty keep busy -- the

Army should use him as a recruiter) and the biggest nut of all, W6NUT.

Dean's first meeting was at W6MAV's and it was a typical meeting for those days: everyone was drunk, especially . . . I'll let you try and figure that one out.

Dean says that the girls who just happen to show up at the meetings give the Club some class. As for his hopes for the NCCC, Dean says, "Where can you go when you're Numero Uno?" But he also adds that one thing about the Club bothers him: he knows too many faces that he can't put names to!

Awards: 7th in nation for CW and phone in DX Contest as WB4YOJ in North Carolina.

That's it for this month! See you all at Ken's on April 16 and the regular meeting on April 26. -- 88, NØEL

NCCC PARAPHERNALIA

WB6DSV has already filled us in on the exciting Club QSL situation. Other NCCC items you may wish to obtain:

Roster -- SASE to W6KHI (Dennis Ross, 2079 15th Avenue, San Francisco 94116).

Badge -- \$2.75 to W6RGG (Bob Vallio, 18655 Sheffield Road, Castro Valley 94546).

"NCCC #1 in SS" T-Shirt -- \$4.50 to WB6CEP (2705 Ridge Road, Berkeley 94709). Better check with Bill first, however, regarding any change in price or supplier -- also find out how many orders he needs to submit an order to the vendor.

SS Handbook -- \$2 to WB6CEP.

What other memorabilia do you think the Club should make available to its members? Let your officers know.

"THIS YEAR, IN MY OPINION, THE NCCC SHOULD"

As you recall, we sent out the 1976 Club questionnaire a couple of months ago, asking that all members fill one out and return it to VP/CC with all possible celerity.

Well, returns thus far haven't been overwhelming. If you haven't submitted yours, it would help tremendously if you did so. The input is urgently needed so we can plan our activity priorities in line with majority desires. Or, to put it somewhat more crudely, if you don't vote, don't bitch if the Club doesn't emphasize the activities you like!

Anyway, some of the responses to the question about 1976 activities have been both interesting and intelligent. (Some have also

been boring and stupid, but that's another story.) Let's examine a few:

"This year, in my opinion, the NCCC should . . .

" . . . concentrate on other types of contests also, e.g., VHF, smaller QSO parties, etc. If this is done, I could anticipate a larger Club membership and more activity and more recognition and zzzzzzzzz . . ." (WA6-BMV)

" . . . really encourage local gatherings for Erector Set work and partying, and not worry much about getting new members." (WB6-CEP)

" . . . set up better communication between members' interests and BoD (this questionnaire is a good start). Possible DX-pedition? Also more Club activities such as picnics, ski trips, canoe trips." (WA6DIL)

" . . . rename CQP 'California Sweepstakes'." (WA6DQM)

" . . . become better acquainted, since our Club has grown so large . . . we should have the same strong leadership this coming year as we did in this past administration." (WB6DSV)

" . . . put more effort into helping some of the members get their own rigs in top shape -- seems like we are long on ops but short on stations like K6EBB." (WB6GFJ)

" . . . compile a picture roster; form a log-collecting committee." (K6ILM)

" . . . should continue in the present format as established by the CC committee, who, in my opinion, are doing an outstanding job." (K6KWN)

- " . . . win, win and win!" (W6KZJ)
- " . . . continue in its ascent to world greatness and glory, full speed ahead." (WB6-LPK) What have you been smoking, Bruce?
- " . . . kick butt again." (WA3MQJ/6)
- " . . . reestablish camaraderie and a sense of personal identity within the Club . . . concentrate on more people-oriented events in 1976 . . ." (W6OAT)
- " . . . kill CB'ers!" (W6WQ)
- " . . . get into public service -- maybe RACES, as a group or individually." (W6RGG)
- " . . . put more emphasis on DX contests, less on USA types." (AA6TKT)
- " . . . concentrate on major US contests only . . . too many Club efforts wear out the troops and cause XYL problems . . ." (W6UA)
- " . . . have more internal contesting . . . this would get the coordinators back to work." (WA6VYK)
- " . . . keep status quo -- it's great!" (W6ZT)

We especially want input from those members who have joined the Club during the past year or so. Help us help you, OM's!

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73,
Bob

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