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COMING FUN AND FRUSTRATION

- Jan. 21-22 VHF Sweepstakes
CD Party, CW
23 NCCC Club Meeting, American
Savings and Loan, Hayward,
7:30 p.m.
28-29 CQ 160 Meter Contest
Feb. 4-5 ARRL DX Competition, phone
4-12 Novice Roundup
18-19 ARRL DX Competition, CW
27 NCCC Club Meeting, Allstate
Savings and Loan, San Mateo,
7:30 p.m.
Mar. 4-5 ARRL DX Competition, phone
18-19 ARRL DX Competition, CW

JANUARY MEETING AT AS&L

Due to the efforts of Bob Vallio, W6RGG, the NCCC has secured the American Savings and Loan building in Hayward for the January 23rd meeting.

The address is: 22533 Foothill Blvd.
Between A & B St.
Hayward

The AS&L had asked us to relocate for 1978, but is now apparently reconsidering it's request. We will know by the first of February whether we'll be able to continue meeting in Hayward.

Meanwhile, Bob Flansburg, W6LH, has found a place for us to meet in San Mateo, at the Allstate Savings and Loan. So, if American falls through, we're still in good hands with Allstate.

The January meeting will feature John Doremus and a program on propagation. This is a program on why waves propagate and not just when to listen. It's a great opportunity to learn the "why" and be better prepared for the coming DX season. Jim has presented this information for other organizations, so be prepared for a high-calibre evening.

Don't forget to fill out the NCCC questionnaire enclosed in the December '77 issue of the JUG, and return it to WA6VEF.

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION

Greetings once again, NCCers, and here's hoping for a good 1978 for all of you!

The Christmas Banquet was a terrific success, and everyone there will probably attest to it. The awards preceded the actual dinner, and the word from the planning commission was that the program was within two minutes of its 63-minute schedule. Highlights of the awards were (obviously) dozens of SS Achievement Awards, and Rookie of the Year going to two young men: Paul, WB6UOC, and Robert, WB6SHD. Contester of the Year went to our JUG Editor, Gary, WA6VEF, for his many outstanding performances in '77 and also for his leadership over the past years. JUG Head Memorial was awarded to N6IG for working what seemed like a thousand NCCC members in SS. A hearty round of applause is still resounding for SS Co-ordinators Carl Cook, WA6JUD, and Phil Frazier, K6ZM. K6SG "George Wine" awards (bottles) went to W6YX both modes multi, and to W6XR top phone and N6BT top CW. Please note that if you did not receive a deserved award, get in touch with Carl, Gary, or myself. Gag prizes were sprinkled throughout the dinner, and the belly dancer and Greek dancers were absolutely excellent.

Founder's Trophy--Jim Niger, N6TJ, formerly W6BHY and the founder of our illustrious organization, is sponsoring an NCCC Founder's Trophy for the CQWW. This award is to be presented to the highest combined phone and CW single-op entry in the CQWW from NCCC members. Jim feels that the trophy should put some additional spark and incentive into the CQWW and give NCCers another goal to achieve. If any of you have questions or comments, please relate them to me. KBCQWWNCCC, and thanks, Jim, for your efforts.

One of the hottest topics for the past months has been the NCDXCC. I could write a couple of complete JUGs full of all that has transpired concerning the

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PROCLAMATION (from Page 1)

NCDXCC, but instead will only explain to you where we are.

This year in the ARRL DX, the NCCC will submit its own entry--the NCDXCC will not be used. The primary reason behind this decision is that the ARRL will be (hopefully) deciding on proposals affecting club competition at the January Directors meeting, which at this time appears to be in a state of limbo. We have achieved a good understanding regarding clubs with our newly-elected representatives W6ZM and W6JZU, but our recommendations have yet to be presented in January. Of prime interest will be the reaction of our proposal to allow a person who is a bona-fide and active member of more than one club to submit his score for those clubs. During this interim time period, the NCDXCC will receive its own directors who are not those who must run the NCCC and NCDXC. These directors will make the appropriate effort for the NCDXCC and probably determine its destiny.

Operations during the ARRL DX will be carried out in typical KB fashion. We should use the repeater, and the organization of the repeater will be the job of the new directors of the NCDXCC. A similar Area Co-ordinator for the ARRL DX will be used, but in a lower-key fashion than the SS. Our end goal is to be a top contender by 1980. This means a lot of DX-learning, planning, and people-co-operation. With the normal attitude of the NCCC and improved conditions by 1980, our goal seems to be within our reach.

Appropriate awards and trophies are also in the planning stages for the ARRL DX. We will accept all your ideas for consideration. The Fresno Convention awards are also being discussed with the leadership of the NCDXC. Please be assured that our friends in the NCDXC are really that--our friends. They are interested in many of the same things we are, and have the same desires, too--to enjoy amateur radio and good friends.

Again, best wishes in the New Year, and see you at the January meeting.

Tom, N6BT

ROSTER CHANGES

WB6NHF is now AA6DX
WB6TQS is now N6MF

New home phone for K6ZX: 408-948-6262.

CONTEST SCOREBOARD

COWW CW

N6JM (all band, single-op)...119 44 55

Sweepstakes

K6WJ (phone).....240 64
WB6FCR (phone).....525 73
K6HNZ (phone).....651 74
WB6GFJ/7 (CW).....31 21
WA6KEQ (phone).....241 66

10 Meter Contest

W6YX (N7MH & others).....1040 73
N6RZ (WB6SHD op).....1005 68
W6BH.....925 74
W6YL (N6KT & WD6DBM ops).....838 72
WA6JUD.....837 69
N6RO (WA6DGX op).....805 66
WB6PCO.....677 67
WB6FCR.....516 40
K6FB (WB6JGS & WA6RIR ops)....431 55
N6JM.....224 55

Others active: N6CT, K6KLY, and WA6HCI.

160 Meter Contest

K7OX.....341 60
K6HIH.....244 55
WA6JUD.....225

CD Party, Phone (time spent in Party)

WA6VEF (+ WA6HJV) (3 hrs.)....136 48
WB6SHD (2 hrs.).....57 23
N6NE (2 hrs.).....51 18

Others active: WA6DIL, N6RO, WLARR/6, and N6IG.

EXPEDITION TO CE3K
(Close Encounters of a 3rd Kind)

The NCCC Youth Gang again invaded SF Section, this time for pizza and a screening of the movie, "Close Encounters of a Third Kind." Included in this expedition to CE3K were WA6HJV, N6NE, N6HT, WA6VEF, N6IG, N6CY, WLARR, WB6UOC, N6LC, WB6SHD, and WA6UOM....WB6NPZ has upgraded to General, and WB6PCO now has an Extra Class license. Congratulations to both of you.....John, N6JM, needs only North and South Dakota on 10 meters to complete his 5BWAS.....WLARR is now corrupting the 2 meter band with his new IC-22S....According to the JUG look-alike publication of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club, "The Scuttlebutt," YCCG attained a Club score of 10,457,736 in

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CONTEST CORNER'S CHAIRMAN

First off, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year for 1978. And now I turn my attention to the upcoming DX contest season. The first installment of the ARRL DX Competition occurs on February 4th. The BoD, after thinking over all the options, has decided that we shall submit our scores in the name of the NCCC. Use of the NCDXCC was decided against at a meeting of the NCDXCC Board in early January. This does not mean that the Co-operative is dead, however. It just won't be used in ARRL DX this year.

A maximum effort by the NCCC is planned, although planning and organization is not nearly as massive as it was for SS. All stations are encouraged to participate. Through volunteer help and the efforts of the BoD, we will try to direct the operation and match up stations and operators. Use of the WR6ACZ repeater by dual members is encouraged, and non-members are invited to listen and submit DX information if not already announced. I will try to have log, check, and summary sheets at the January and February meetings.

Here's the deal. We have developed the winning formula for domestic contests and have proven our might in three successive SS contests. Now it's time to start playing for the really big marbles, namely the DX contests. Each year we gain more experience and confidence in DX contesting. The limiting factor seems to be propagation, and it is only a matter of time before conditions will favor the West Coast. Thus, this is the time to practice and build up our skill and stations for DX-type competition.

The hour of glory is not far off. We wait, and practice, and train for the moment when our combined power is sent forth to attack and defeat our rivals. Northern California, DX Champions!

Take this opportunity in the coming months of February and March to increase your ability and effectiveness in DX contesting by participating in the ARRL DX tests.

Don't forget the January QO 160 Meter CW Contest, 2200Z January 27th to 1600Z on January 29th.

The NCCC Maxi-Test is back! This season the Maxi will be a year-long event with one contest each month (except in November). I am preparing a letter to be sent to all of the active contest clubs explaining the Maxi-Test. Basically, the

test is an hour-long event beginning at 6:30 p.m. PST (0230Z) on the second Tuesday of the month. The Maxi precedes the regular NCCC Net on 3815 kHz, the modes alternating between phone and CW each month. The contest ends at 7:30 p.m. (0330Z). It is open to all amateurs in the U.S. and Canada, and Club competition is promoted.

Contest exchange is RST, consecutive serial number, and ARRL section or country. A station may be worked once on each amateur band 160-20 meters for QSO points, but multipliers count only once. Multipliers are ARRL and Canadian sections--a total of 75. DX contacts count for QSO points but not for multipliers.

Scoring: QSO totals from the four bands times unique sections worked. Report scores to N6TU on 3815 after the contest, or by mail before the following Tuesday.

Entrants participate from February to October, and in December. Add scores from each month to get the final total for the year. First, 2nd, and 3rd places in the NCCC and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd out-of-club will get certificates. The Club competition winner will receive a trophy. The Northern California Contest Club will accept challenges from other clubs.

The January Maxi will be a warm-up, on CW, to be held on Tuesday, January 24th.

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NCCC NEWS (from Page 2)

the Sweepstakes Competition and 59,731,346 in QOWW.....Paul, WB6UOC, also is in the possession of a new IC-22S.....Dennis Ross, N6DR, is back from France, but will be moving permanently to North Carolina to take a hospital position there.....N6TU is now a Class II Official Observer and warns, "You guys better keep those sigs clean!".....W6NLZ lost his KLM 40 in a recent wind-storm.....WB6EXW has erected a TH6 at 55 feet.....AR

For sale by WLARR: R390 general coverage receiver, \$325. BG-221 frequency meter, \$35. All instruction manuals included.
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NCCC Net QNI for December: 4) WA6VEF.
2) N6DA, N6BT, N6KT, WA6JUD, and K6IH.
1) N7MH, WB6PKA, N6NE, N6HT, N6NT, N6VR, WA6DNM, K6RM, WA6HJV, WB6NPZ/SF, WB6UOC, and K7OX.

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QUESTIONNAIRE FEEDBACK

A complete statistical breakdown of the NCCC questionnaire will appear in the February JUG. Here are some comments from questionnaires received so far:

"I think that we should dissolve the NCDXCC first, then push hard for a rule allowing clubs to submit their score for two clubs for the same contest. This will make everything rosy, and the world will be a better place in which to live for mom, apple pie, and TRUE BLUE clubs everywhere." -N6KT-

"What ever happened to the faint idea of 'regional' meetings?" -WB6GFJ-

"I like the idea of "on-the-air" training, like that which has gone on at N6RO in the past. It's a great and worthwhile experience for ops new to contesting." -N6NE-

On the NCDXCC: "Essential to keep peace in the neighborhood." -W6BH-

"I am of the old and probably unpopular school that says in a contest to get all the help you can get--this means contesters, DXers, and anyone else. The object of a contest is to WIN. Get together and go." -W6ISQ/N6IQ-

"The NCDXCC is a paper club. There are no meetings of it's own, no social events between the members, etc. A member of NCCC or NCDXC is automatically a member of NCDXCC." -N6HT-

What kind of programs would you like to see at future Club meetings? Says WLARR, "Sex orgies."

K6KLY seeks QSOs with NCCers in the VHF SS, Jan. 21-22. Russ will be monitoring 146.52 & 146.55 FM, 145.1 SSB, 223.5 FM, and 446.0 FM.

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