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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB

JUG

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PRESIDENT N6TV VP/CC N6IP SEC/T WA0SDM BOD: KA6ING, WN4KKN KJ6LD, AE0Y

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THE BREEZE FROM LOUESE

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

W6ISQ: Hello Louese. What do you want to tell your Marauding Mastodons? (MMs) this month?

KA6ING: Bug off!

ISQ: Ahhhh, bug off? I'm shocked! Are you tired of our little airport gag?

ING: I turned over the gravel to N6TV last meeting so I don't have to get interviewed no more. I'm free as a bird.

ISQ: But you'll be going to meetings and conducting the 24/84 going-to-work gal-lumph activities, wont you?

ING: Of course. I'll go to the meetings and enjoy, because I don't have to find the place for the meetings or get a speaker. I will go and relax, or I will go and not relax, whatever I choose.

ISQ: Well Louese, you did beautifully as president. Everything was nice and organized and smooth. And do you realize that you were the first lady prexy of a major contest club—or even a DX club—in the world?

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TV GUIDE

BY PRESIDENT BOB, N6TV



As N6RO says, "It's about time!" I am delighted to serve, for the first time as new president of the world's best contest club. Let's Make 1992 a year to remember.

Let me begin by thanking the outgoing officers

for job well done:

To LOUESE, KA6ING, thank you for serving as club president. You will be remembered for two great accomplishments: turning around our deficit, and serving as the first YL President of any major contest club. Thanks also for organizing all the club dinners. I gained seven pounds last year.

To ACE, N3AHA, thank you for your hard work as VP/CC, organizing all the contests and collecting and publishing the scores for the *JUG*. Rumor has it you may soon be leaving the Bay Area, under Air force orders. You must have spent too much time working for the club.

To BOB, N6EK, special thanks for countless hours of dedicated service as our superb awards chairman. It will be tough to fill your shoes. I nominate you to receive the "Most Underappreciated Member of the Club:" or MUMOC award. MUMOCs are like DUBS (deliciously underbaked brownies). They keep everyone in a good mood.

To HENRY, KJ6LD, our Secretary/Treasurer, thank you for not bouncing any checks. Rumor has it Henry is now applying for a job to clean up the House Bank. Good Luck, Henry.

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NEXT MEETING
FRIDAY MAY 15 7 PM
Program
"SHOW and TELL"

HEWLETT-PACKARD 1501 PAGE MILL ROAD
Building 5 Room 5 M 1
Palo Alto

Pizza After Meeting
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And finally to our illustrious *JUG*head JACK, W6ISQ, who really isn't an ossifer, but he looks presidential. Jack takes all the credit even though Marguerite, KC6NFE, does all the work. Keep up the good work Jack and Marguerite, and thank you for agreeing to serve another sentence—I mean another year—as editors and publishers. The club cannot survive without its beloved *JUG*.

On to the future. This being an election year, I suppose there must be some confusion as to how I got elected. Let me explain.

I did not set up an 800 number. I did not talk like Elmer Fudd. I did not inhale (my dinner). I did not chose Jesse Jackson as my running mate. I do not have a wife named Hillary nor a dog named Millie who earned me \$800,000 in book sales. I am not a self-made millionaire. I won, very simply through TV exposure. Just ask Sandy.

I want to be the education president. We have a lot of new members, many of whom are new to contesting and anxious to learn. Even old hands can always learn new ways to improve contest score. To that end, all of you get to be a part of the program at the next meeting. Friday night, May 15, is going to be a "Show and Tell" night. Everyone should bring ONE new gadget or device from their own ham shack to show off to the members. Each member will be given just two or three minutes to talk about their item (because the first thing to learn in contesting is KEEP UP THE RATE!).

The item can be anything small enough to bring to the meeting. Examples: headphones that stay comfortable for 48 hours, tricks for attaching Heil boom mic., a new voice keyer, your favorite dupe sheet for the Sprint contest, RFI cures, a brief software demo, your antenna switchbox, a drawing of your antennas, a great footswitch. This is not a flea market (no for-sale items, please). Just bring anything that you think others would like to see. Little-known or recently announced products are especially encouraged. Photos are OK (but no slides).

Members who do not bring anything may be required to stand up and describe some unique gadget at their shack, in mime. (A mime is a terrible thing to waste).

Be there, and learn something.
73, BOB, N6TV

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UPCOMING CONTESTS

MAY

1	ARRL 902 MHZ SPRINT
2-3	ARI INTERATIONAL DX
2-3	OR QSO PARTY
2-3	TEN-TEN CW PARTY
2-3	TEXAS QSO PARTY
2-3	MARAC CH CW
7	ARRL 1296 MHZ SPRINT
9-10	NV QSO PARTY
9-10	CQ-M
14	ARRL 50 MHZ SPRINT
16-17	MI QSO PARTY
16-17	ARMED FORCES DAY
30-31	CQ WW SSB WPX

JUN

13-15	ARRL JUNE VHF
20-21	ALL ASIAN DX - CW
27-28	FIELD DAY



OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS KJ6LD, KA6ING, N3AHA

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ING: Yeah, I'm proud of that. And did you know I almost ran for president again?

ISQ: That would be nice Louese, but it says right here in the bylaws, Article IV, Officer, Section 1".....no officer shall succeed himself."

ING: Right! It says "himself". I ain't a himself. It's all you male chauvinist porcines who wrote the by-laws. You didn't figure on a "herself", did ya?

ISQ: Ahhhhhh, well yes. I guess you are correct. We should change that himself to "person".

ING: Naw, not for me. I don't wanna run again. Let somebody else find the meeting place.

ISQ: Well, maybe in a few years? ahhh...

ING: Gotta get back to 24/84. The chauvinists are getting rowdy. Bye, Jack.

ISQ: Yeah, I guess you could say that at an airport.

VISALIA 1992

DE W6ISQ

A highlight this year at Visalia, was the contest forum, titled Rules and Ethics in Contesting. MC'd by N6AA, experts K0TO, N6BT, G3SXW, W6OAT and N6ZZ were on the panel with colorful commentary. After an hours' fairly robust discussion, a Q and A poll was taken in the audience to rate several of the stimulating topics discussed.

1. One of your club's members goes on a con-
textpedition. By pre-arrangement the DXer is put on
packet when he shows up and works only members of
your club. Is that hokay or not hokay? The Visalia
audience says that's a no good. But, if the DX station
works everyone on a non-exclusive basis, that's a hokay.

2. Is it ethical to send out letters all over the world
stating you want to break a record, so please watch for me
and work me? That's a hokay says everybody.

3. Is it hokay to tape a contest, and make up your
log after the contest? That's a hokay.

4. Should ethics be defined for contesting? Nah.
Audience consensus was, do anything in a con-
test if it gets more points and it ain't specifically dislegal
as defined by the rules of that contest. Rules should be
like taxes, the fewer, the better.

NCCCs CARL, P40V (or is it P49V?) sums up,
" anything goes that promotes points in contests."

We thought the display room was larger with
interesting items all 'round. Lotsa rigs etc, but the high-
light had to be NCCCer, DAVE, W6QHS, autographing
his new book, Physical Design of Yagi Antennas.

The cocktail party was packed as usual. No one
fell or was shoved into the pool, which shows how well
controlled the crowd was. Must be getting older! Lloyd
and Iris presented their colorful Amateur adventures in
Thailand, Laos, Brunei, Macau, and Cambodia.

NCCC's LOU, K6TMB was named "Contester
of the Year" by NCDXC. Hope he does not demand his
D-104 now!

All in all, typical Visalia. Interesting crowd, pro-
vocative talks, enough bubbly, and everybody seemed to
enjoy. Thanks to SCDXC for a well-done event!

PS. Keeping up the rate, as our new Prexy says,
here's one for the record. On 11 May, one hour after
reservations opened for next year's festivities, your ever
alert editor called Sherry at the Visalia Holiday Inn.
After securing a sure reservation for KC6NFE and
myself, I asked how many rooms she had booked that
first hour. She replied, "over 100"!!! With a rate like that
she should be in NCCC! Remember she wasn't just
giving out a " 59 cal", she took down name, address,
phone number, credit card number, at over 100 per hour!

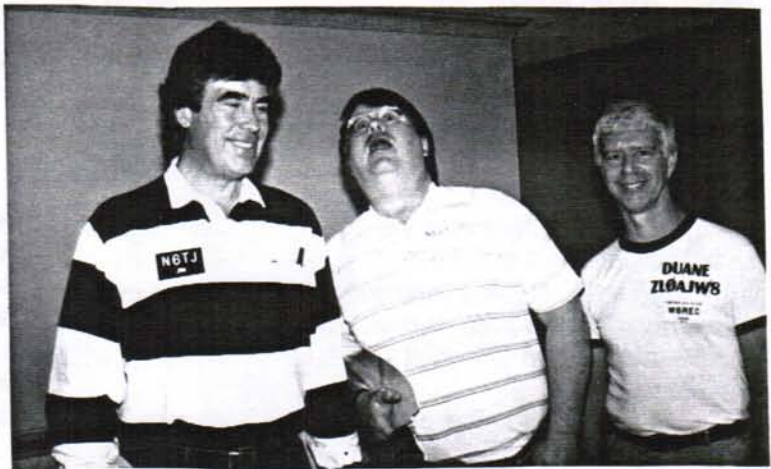
How about next year the NCCC recognize
Sherry's fantastic contesting potential and invite her and
her OM (if any) to the banquet to present her with a
plaque making her an honorary NCCCer. With rates like
that she's gotta be a contester!



THE INIMITABLE, THE ONE AND ONLY ELSIE, AT THE
KEYBOARD WHILE K16FW AND W6BIP SING-A-LONG



THE CONTEST FORUM WAS HIGHLY ENJOYED BY
PARTICIPANTS N0TO, N6BT, AND G3SXW



N6ST LISTENS TO A TALL TALE FROM N6TJ
WHILE ZL0AJW/8 OBSERVES THE FUN
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BULLETIN BOARD

MARCHING ORDERS

W6ISQ: Your editor reporting for active duty, new boss, N6TV, Sir.

N6TV: What took ya so long? Oh well. I want a "saying" or clever phrase placed in the *JUG* mast-head every month. Like the New York Times' "All the news that's print to fit", I think that's what they say. Anyway, you know, something of importance to contesters. Got it?

W6ISQ: You didn't say Hi Jack.

N6TV: I'm not at an airport.

W6ISQ: Aye, aye, sir, you want an epithet on page 1.

N6TV: And I want the "Next Meeting" news on page 1, in a box.

W6ISQ: Aye, aye Sir. Consider it done. If there's room.

N6TV: Start with those two items. Understand?

W6ISQ: Where do I get the epithet for the front page, Sir?

N6TV: I dunno. That's your job as editor. Make 'em up. Or give a DUB for good sayings. Just get 'em in. Get to work on it.

W6ISQ: Aye, aye, Sir..... Maggie!

LOUESE, KA6ING, announced at the last meeting that she understands that the FCC no longer handles TVI or RFI complaints or problems. Instead, they send out booklets in response to the complaint. Can anyone verify that or tell us more?

DAVE, W6QHS, and HOWARD, WZ6Z, have spawned a bright idea. They propose offering a special logo T-shirt to all JAs who work W-Sixes in contests. This would give incentive and encouragement to JAs to work us eager Sixes in the contests. Coupla details need finalizing:

1. What's the criteria and how do we determine it? How many sixes must a JA work to get a prize? 50, 100, 200? All on the same band? All on 40/80? All bands? What else applies?

2. How do JAs prove they worked the number of sixes they are need to work to qualify? How can it be checked?

3. How will be T-Shirt be given out? Mail? By our man in Japan?

4. Anything else we can do to encourage JAs to work Sixes in contests?

So, NCCers! A great new contest! DUBs to everyone who enters an idea or two. Maybe QHS and Z would even award a T-shirt to whoever comes up with the winning plan.

W6QHS has promised to take out an ad in the Japanese CQ magazine to announce the JA T-shirt trick. Oh, you didn't know that QHS speaks and

writes in JA? Well, look at the formulas in his new Yagi book! Might as well be in JA. Just foolin, Dave! Send ideas to QHS or Z asap!

ANDY'S DANDYS, (AE6Y), summarizes the JA-T-Shirt plan limerically: W6CF take note. Now West Coast logs are depleted Of JAs, to whom we smell fetid. If they'll only return, We'll stop our slow burn, And to T-shirts they all will be treated.

More of ANDY'S DANDYS next month.

CORRECTION: The CQP results published in the March *JUG*, did not include the plaque for the top multi-op California contexpedition. It was won by BOB, N6ZB and JIM, KS6H. Hearty congratulations to them. Sorry we missed mention the first time. We also reported W6JTI sponsored the top California Single op. Wrong! He sponsored the plaque won by Bob and Jim. These two fellas have been going to the San Luis Reservoir area in Merced County for six or seven years and have won about every time. Bob on CW in his van with a tribander and wires, and couple hundred yards away, Jim on SSB in his camper with another tribander and wires makes up the team. They alternate calls year-to-year. Nice work fellas. If you keep going there a few more years, we'll get it right sooner or later.

BOB, N6TV, asks: What is WN4KKN's favorite phonetic? Answer: WN4 Knickerbocker Knickerbocker Nicaragua. You're correct Bob, — half a Dub to you for saying it, the other half to me for printing it.

PENULTIMATE CALL. Field Day Frolicks. Help operate at K6ZM's. Call WB6MZQ.

FOR RENT. Two years. Top of a nose bleed hill QTH plus antennas. Call Ollie, W6NV

FOR SALE Towers: 97' Freestanding model MP-5. Windmill type, 3"x 23' Mast. New Footing Legs, Prints and Specs. \$1000.00 Firm. Lloyd, AA6T 408-722-4349

After the great program XYL, ELAINE, N6ZJM presented at the Awards Banquet, three more XYL'S joined the NCCC on the spot. Not to forget we had an XYL President then too. So how 'bout it, women? Send us your news, your fun experiences as a contester and how you do it. We need to know you YL's and XYL's are active and able on the contest circuit. Encourages us all to hang in there.

de KC6NFE(while ISQ is rag-chewing).

APRIL MEETING CHANGING OF THE GUARD

The April 17 meeting was at Miguel's. It was quite a surprise for most of the 27 or so there, to be presented with a choice of chicken, fish, or beef... at Miguel's ?? What happened to Miguel's good hot stuff, tortillas, tostados, enchiladas? We missed the Mexican cuisine.

There was a great assemblage of some of the NCCC favorites, and The Rectangular Table was a bit rowdy! **N6IP** announced he was moving way up the Mount Hamilton Road in Sam Hosay. Just one more super station us flat-landers have to contend with. Super contester **KEN, N6RO** said everything at his place was falling apart except his six acres of grapes. He needs to work over his antennas and fix his five broken amplifiers. But he stays on the air and seems to win contests. **RON, K6XC**, attended with **XYL** Helen and son Scott. This was his first meeting since joining. Welcome aboard. **JOHN, N6OM** with **XYL** Olive announced he blots out TV channels 2, 4 and 5 in the neighborhood. **AA6KX** has the same TVI but ignores it. Besides, he's bigger than his neighbors. **ANDY, AE6Y**, may have TVI, but doesn't know for sure. He has inside antennas and invisible ones outside so neighbors don't quite know what the problem could be with their TVs.

LISA, KD6BLK, came to her first meeting with **OM TERRY, K7YNO**. Terry is working to get an antenna ordinance for Los Altos which will be fair for all. **BOB, N6TV**, known to the neighbors as "N6TVI", said his worst TVI complaint is from an inactive ham across the street. Bob offered to buy him cable TV for a year and the guy turned it down! Hard to believe. Bob also gives high marks to **W6QHS'** new book.

Welcome to **PETER, VE3SUN**, at this, his first meeting. Hope you'll come often. **W6BSY** gave his remarks so fast I missed them, but he is no doubt plotting how to beat the other low-landers in the next contest. **HOWARD, WZ6Z**, used his **WZ6** call at **N6RO's** station in the fone **WPX** bash. His crew tried to beat their old '89 record but failed, although they did score a whopping 15 megs. Howard is revving up his **WZ6** for the **CW WPX**.

JIM, W6CF, announced he will use **W6CF/WZ6** for **CW WPX**. He also announced that **FATHER MORAN, 9N1MM** had passed on. We observed a moment of silence to honor this outstanding gentleman who added much honor and color to ham radio.

W6RGG was one of the fast ops at **WZ6Z's** record attempt. **HENRY, KJ6LD**, proclaimed himself a lame duck and glad to pass along his **Sec/Treas** job although it has been fun. **ACE, N3AHA**, said he has TVI every time he parks his van in front of a house. So he just keeps driving. Finally **LOUESE, KA6ING**, said she was glad this was her last night as **prexy**. She is tired of arranging for meeting place and speaker. Know what ya mean Louese!

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP DECISION. **Sec/Treas KJ6LD** announced the family membership plan for NCCC passed in the mail vote 19-0. We have a membership of about 150. 19 votes is less than 15% response.

NEW MEMBERS. We voted in two new members. **LISA, KD6BLK**, beside being the aforementioned **XYL** of Terry **K7YNO** Lisa is about to graduate from San Jose State this Spring with a major in literature. She was licensed in October and is now on her fourth log book! All ten meters.

Also joining, **PETER, VE3SUN**, long time contester and packet imprinter. This next **WPX** he will be **VE3SUN/WT4**.

CRAZY GEORGE, KI6CG. George suffered a heart attack last week and had angioplasty. He's home now, recovering very well. During the meeting, **WZ6Z**, called George on his portable, pocket, cellular phone and we all hollered, "Hi George". (You can say that at an airport). Best wishes from all for a complete and early recovery, George.

EARLY HISTORY OF NCCC was the topic of our **geschpeker** of the evening, **W6CF**. The club was founded in anger on 14 October 1970. It happened that a group in the **NCDX Club** who liked contesting, requested the **DX Club** to sanction sending in their Sweepstakes scores in the name of **NCDXC** so as to compete with other clubs around the country. Incredibly, **NCDXC** turned down the contesting group request and the revolt was on.

After that fateful meeting, **JIM, W6BHY** (now **N6TJ**), sat at the bar and declared, "everyone who gives me a dollar donation is a charter member of the Northern California Contest Club."

That's where it started, folks. Jim went on to say the first meetings were mostly at somebody's home and no dues were ever collected. Neat, huh? **W6CF** can take great pride that he was the first editor of the **JUG**. Someday our speaker will continue this saga and, hopefully will commit it to script for publication right here in the tabloid he started.

THE TORCH-PASSING CEREMONY

followed the election of new officers. President **LOUESE** passed the gavel to new president **N6TV**, with thanks to the fine crew who had worked with her all year. Well deserved praise and applause for all. **W6ISQ** presented Louese with the traditional gavel-plaque in appreciation from the membership for a job well done.

The new team now in place comprises:

President, **BOB, N6TV**; VP/Contest chairman, **BOB, N6IP**; Sec/Treas **JIM, WA6SDM** plus **BOD: TREY, WN4KKN; HENRY, KJ6LD; ANDY, AE6Y; and LOUESE, KA6ING**. Congratulations, we're with you and we'll help keep up the rate!

TREASURER'S REPORT

JULY 1, 1991 THROUGH APRIL 17, 1992

	BUDGET	TO DATE
Membership Dues	\$3,000.00	\$3,002.00
Donations		\$1,580.77
JUG and Roster Ads	\$670.00	\$270.00
JUG and Roster Publishing	(\$1,800.00)	(\$1,834.98)
CQP	(\$1,000.00)	(\$889.65)
Membership Awards	(\$1,000.00)	(\$502.33)
Visalia Hospitality	(\$200.00)	\$0.00
Self-funding Events	\$0.00	\$52.60
Sponsored Awards	(\$150.00)	\$0.00
Contingency Fund	(\$200.00)	(\$39.55)
Total	(\$680.00)	\$1,638.86

Notes:

As of April 17, 1992, the balance in our Wells Fargo checking account is \$2107.64. (The repeater fund does not belong to the club; I do not include it in the Treasurer's report.)

Respectfully Submitted, Henry Stewart, Secretary/Treasurer, KJ6LD
1/16/92



PHONE CALL TO GEORGE KI6CG AT APRIL MEETING
W6RGG KIBITZES WHILE WZ6Z GETS THE NUMBER



KA6ING CROWNS THE NEW PRESIDENT N6TV

TROSTEROSTER EVENTS AND PERSONAGES

We hope all of you folks who went to Visalia took the opportunity to have lunch Saturday at the U.S. Tower facility about a five minute complimentary-jitney-ride from the convention center. DEE-licious barbie beef sangwiches, beverages, plus coffee and donuts for the slim of waste. There was a goodly crowd amongst which we think we overheard the following:

WA7NIN: Bob, my station got beat by two Qs in SSB SS and by only a few Qs in the CW SS.

W6RJ: Gee, sorry to hear that, Pat. But that was excellent for a West Coast station.

NIN: Second is losing., I don't like second. I need a taller tower.

RJ: Ahhhhhh, well, you might consider our HDX-5106 MDPL. That's 106 feet. Ha

NIN: Don't fool around, Bob. I'm talkin' taaaaaallll.

RJ: Hmmmmm ...we have our new series, the ...ahhhhh...OUTASITE 199.

NIN: How tall?

RJ: That's a beautiful 199 feet. Would handle three elements on 80 plus some others.

NIN: You didn't hear me right, Bob . I said biiiiiiiiigggg.

RJ: We just built up a prototype of our new ...ahhh...WAYOUTASITE 483. Maybe...

NIN: Ship three. And send N6BT with a safety belt and parachute.

At the April meeting, HOWARD, WZ6Z, reported that he always attends all NCCC election meetings so he can withdraw his name if nominated. Seems he was twice elected president when he was absent and had to resign later.

So HENRY, KJ6LD, reminded us of that famous political quotation that went something like this: "If nominated I will not run. If elected I will not serve". Nobody present knew. Henry offers this clue: "He was an expert in urban renewal." Remember, Henry grew up in Virginnie, Nawth Carlina and Geoja. Now all you mallet heads, who said that? A DUB to the first five who packet in the correct answer.

WE RECEIVED 127 (well, maybe that's a bit high) letters suggesting we change the name of this tabloid to that shown on the cover of the April issue. W6CF went beyond. He suggests we name it 'The G'. How do you like that? The G. Sounds menacing. The G. We could lay down the law with that name. The G. That would make all your NCCers "G Persons". Kinda like that. The G! Watch out you other outfits. Better turn on your finals and raise your antennae. The G persons are comin!

NCCC SCORES - MAY

Key to Categories:
 S/O = Single-op
 S/U = Single-op, assisted
 M/S = Multi-single xmtr
 M/2 = 2 xmtr multi-2multi
 M/M = Multi-multi
 10 = Single-band 10

ACE'S SPACE

DE ACE, N3AHA

1992 NA QSO PARTY

N6RO	599	194	116,206	CW
N1EE/6	514	18	94,062	CW

1992 FEB NA SPRINT

WN4KKN/6			15,557	CW
N6RO	308	43	13,244	SSB
N6RO	284	45	12,780	CW
WA6AUE	280	41	11,480	CW
WA6AUE	280	41	11,480	SSB
AJ6V	233	41	9,553	CW

1992 ARRL DX CW:

Call	Qs	Mults	NCCC/5M Points*	Cat
WATNIN (OP N6TV)	2446	330	2,421,540	S/O
K6PU	1008	265	801,360	S/O
K6PJY	922	250	691,500	S/O
NF6S	849	231	588,357	S/O
AE6Y	862	224	579,264	S/O
W6PSJ	764	197	451,524	S/O
W6QHS	1099	102	336,294	S/O 15
K6MA	440	177	233,640	S/O
W6BSY	673	99	199,881	S/O
AA6QY	424	135	171,720	S/O LOW
WB6CJE	533	82	131,118	S/O 10
W6WB	341	133	136,059	S/O
NT7E	306	94	86,292	S/O
K6LRN	172	87	44,892	S/O
N6EE	70	42	8,820	S/O
N27E (OP K13V)	2407	406	2,930,508	S/O
N3AHA	973	287	837,753	S/U
N6IP	853	267	683,253	S/U
N16T	501	255	383,265	S/U
W6BIP	470	241	339,810	S/U
WA6AUE	408	187	228,888	S/U
W6OAT	310	201	186,930	S/U
W6ISD	563	83	140,187	S/U 10
WA6SDM	220	163	107,580	S/U
WABLLY/6	103	78	24,102	S/U
AJ6V	31	21	1,953	S/U
W6GO	2952	414	3,666,384	M/2

+ NB6G, AA6WJ, NV60, AA6LB, WY7M

* SOME OF THE ABOVE SCORES WERE CREDITED FOR NCDXC

OUT OF AREA

NH6T (OP W0ZZ)	3,406	306	3,126,708	S/O
4U11TU (3 OPS)	4,050	247	3,001,050	M/S

1992 ARRL DX SSB:

Call	Qs	Mults	NCCC/5M Points*	Cat
WC6H (OP NU6S)	2203	288	1,902,528	S/O
K6HNE	1000	200	600,000	S/O
W6PSJ	672	209	421,344	S/O
AA6KX	589	231	408,177	S/O
WX6M	998	103	307,455	S/O 10
W6BSY	892	104	278,304	S/O 15
K6MA	395	154	182,490	S/O
W6PAH	202	117	70,902	S/O
N1EE/6	100	21	6,300	S/O 15
K6LRN	60	26	4,680	S/O 20
N27E (OP K13V)	3401	402	4,101,606	S/U
N6CCL	641	287	550,179	S/U
N6TV	902	198	535,788	S/U
W6BIP	428	208	267,072	S/U
K16YB	445	158	210,930	S/U
N6IP	485	141	205,155	S/U
WABLLY	204	105	64,260	S/U
KA6ING/T	206	76	46,968	S/O 10

K6PJY	150	89	40,050	S/O
W6OAT	69	53	10,971	S/O
W6QHS	3633	391	4,225,644	M/2
+ KK6QM, N3AHA, N6EX, WZ6Z, K6TMB, WN4KKN, N6TV, W0ZZ				
W6EEN (+K6XC)	1041	272	843,744	M/2

OUT OF AREA

T11C (OP N6KT)	10170		10,000,000	S/O
J79RM	4063	227	2,766,903	M/S LOW
OPS N6ZJM (J79ER) AND WB6CJE (J79RM)				

1992 CQWW WPX SSB:

Call	Qs	Mults	NCCC/5M Points*	Cat
HC8A	7041		22,000,000	S/O
P49V	6034		18,000,000	S/O
NU6S	2507	728	4,667,208	S/O
VG7MTT	2765	665	4,000,000	S/O 10
N6EK	1716	558	2,365,362	S/O
AE6Y	1117	547	1,053,522	S/O
WB6CJE	687	369	401,103	S/O 10, LOW
AD6E	123	110	32,450	S/O
N6CCL	957	464	628,256	M/S
W6EEN	1824	642	2,121,810	M/2

+ K6XC, KI6CS
 WZ6Z (AT N6RO) @16,000,000 M/M
 + N6RO, K6TMB, K3EST, W6QHS, KK6QM, W0ZZ, N6TV, N3AHA, ETC



ABOVE: NEW BOD RARIN' TO GO KJ6LD, AE6Y, KA6ING, N6TV, N6IP. NOT PRESENT, WN4KKN, WA6SDM



LEFT: APRIL SPEAKER JIM, W6C TELLING HOW OUR NCCC GOT STARTED.

Callsign Trivia

de Fred, K3ZO

(The following article by Fred Laun, K3ZO appeared in the October 1989 PRVC Bulletin and later in the January 1990 Frankford Radio Club Newsletter. With the flurry of new prefixes appearing on the bands these days these "rules of thumb" may need amending, but the approach certainly is worthy of note...ed)

As I've said in comments (before), it helps me immensely in DX contests to know which callsign combinations are likely to be correct and which are not. Of course, at the rapid pace amateur radio is growing in some areas, those rules of thumb change constantly, and it helps to be active on the bands to become aware of changes.

Here, by first letter, are rules of thumb that I use when operating contests. I don't have a little sheet with these rules on it, they are just files "upstairs" for future reference. If I omit a first letter in my review, it's because the rules of thumb have occasion to be too seldom used (because of lack of activity in the affected areas) to be worth keeping in mind as an operating aid. Here, then, are the rules of thumb. They apply to HF operations only, since we are not taking up VHF operations in this review. Some countries use special callsigns for their VHF licensees.

"B": Only BT, BV, BY, and BZ prefixes are possible.

"D": DA, DF, DJ, and DK will almost always have two letter suffixes. The main exceptions are DJ0 and DK0, which frequently have three letter suffixes. The exception that proves the rule is DF1IAF. Don't ask me how he got his call! DH calls will be found only on 28 MHz and 3.5 MHz CW.

"F": Stations operating in France (F, FB, FD, FE, and FF) do not use the numbers 4 or 7 in their calls. Such stations with a 1 or a 6 in their calls will always have three letter suffixes. Such stations with a 2, 3, 5, 8, or 9 in their calls will almost always have two letter suffixes.

"G": The numbers 1, 7, and 9 are not used on HF in prefixes beginning with G. G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, and GW stations with a 0 in their calls will always have three letter suffixes, while those with a 5, 6, or 8 in their calls will almost always have two letter suffixes. Don't forget that in the CQ WW contests, GM-Shetland counts as an additional multiplier.

"H": The HJ (Colombia) prefixes will be found only on CW and on 3.5 and 7 MHz SSB. Except on 28 MHz, almost all stations using the HG (Hungary) prefix will have a single letter suffix.

"I": Almost all Italian stations are limited to the I, IK or IO prefixes. The biggest (exceptions?...ed) are IN3 and IV3 prefixes, and of course we all know about IT9 and IS0, but the latter doesn't count for Italy anyway in the contests (IT9 counts as a separate multiplier in the CQ WW). Stations with the IK prefix have three letter suffixes only.

"J": The prefixes JB and JC are not used. The Japanese began with the JA prefix, then jumped to JH, and then to JR, before coming back to JE and starting up the line alphabetically from there. Thus, in the less populated call areas, you will not find prefixes near the end of the Japanese allocation block (JA through JS) except for JR. JS6 is the exception, designating newer stations on Okinawa. At this time, I am not aware of any assignments of the following prefixes: JN-JS2, JQ3, JS3, JJ-JQ4, JF5, JG5, JI-JQ5, JS5, JKI-Q6, JJ-JQ7, JS7, JI-JQ8, JS8, JE-JI9, JJJQ9, JS9, JF0, JI-JQ0, and JS0. Incidentally, if you ever have a JA pileup that is so bad that you just can't pull anybody through, the best thing is to say "The JA5, go ahead" or "The JA9, go ahead." These are the two least populated JA call areas, so chances are, given the JAs' noted discipline, you will get only one or two callers if you do that.

"L": All LA three letter suffixes end with A. Only LX1 and LX2 prefixes exist except for the occasionally special stations, and LX1 and LX2 stations all have two letter suffixes. The same thing exactly can be said for LZ stations, except that suffixes beginning with K almost always have three letters. In LZ, the standard exceptions to the 1 or 2 in the prefix are LZ5A, LZ7A, and LZ9A. Other special event stations may exist from time to time.

"O": All OH stations with three letter suffixes have suffixes beginning with M or N, except in OH2 where most of the three letter suffixes begin with B. OF is often used by the OHs in contests. Czech prefixes are normally limited to OK1, OK2, and OK3, with a few OK5 club stations, and special stations OK6DX, OK7AA, and OK7MM being the exceptions. The OL prefix will be found only on 1.8 MHz generally, but every now and then the OKs use OL in a contest, generally with a single letter suffix. In Belgium, there are no assignments of ON1, ON2, or ON0 prefixes. All ON5, ON6, ON7, and ON8 calls have two letter suffixes, while only ON4 suffixes beginning with A or K have three letters. The only ON9 call is ON9CDX.

"P": Only PA2, PA3 and PA0 are assigned. All PA2 and PA3 calls have three letter suffixes. PB prefixes (PB0 only) will be found on 28 Mhz only.

"Q": Definitely a busted call.

"R": The rules of thumb are rapidly disappearing here as the Soviets seem to be imitating us in trying to use all possible prefixes, but you still will not find and RA5 or an RA7 on the air. RE, RK, RN, RS and RX prefixes are not normally used. Beyond that, anything beginning with R seems possible these days.

"S": There are no SM8 or SM9 calls. The Swedes do not assign the same suffix to two different hams even if they are in two different call areas. Thus far, they have reached the S in their three letter suffix assignments, so you will not find the three letter suffixes beginning with T or above at this time. Exactly the same can be said about the SPs, except that SP8s and SP9s exist, but SP0s are rare. It is an interesting coincidence that the Swedes and Poles are just about at the same place in assigning three letter suffixes.

"U": Same editorial comments as in "R". No UA5s or UA7s are known to exist, and UE, US, and UX prefixes are not normally used (US0SWU and US4P being the rare exceptions). Remember UA9S and UA9W are in CQ Zone 16.

"X": There are only XE1, XE2, and XE3 prefixes in the XE block.

"Y": Only Indonesian first class hams are allowed twenty meters. They are assigned the YB prefix, with YE as the overflow prefix. Thus, you won't find any YCs or YDs on 14 MHz. The Y00 prefix is not normally assigned, nor are the YU9 or YU0 prefixes. Also, East Germans don't seem to use anything above the letter O for the last letter of their suffixes.

There are many more rules than these, but these should cover 99% of the cases found in contests.



W6RJ AND WA7NIN CHECK OUT THE BAR-B-CUED BEEF

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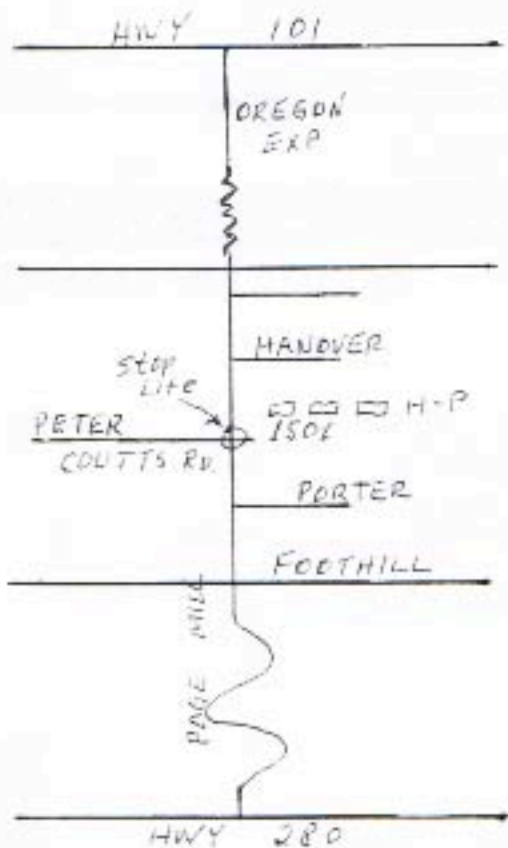
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