

# The JUG



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## Presidential Pen de AA6KX AND NOW, SS!

CQP 1994. What an experience! I hope everybody in the Club had as much fun in that one as I did. Though the weather was a little rugged for us mountain-top expeditioners, this had to be one of the best CQP events ever. Did you notice how much activity we had? The ARRL's HPM event whetted people's appetites for contesting-style activity, and they came out in force for CQP. And who says the bands are dead? 15 was



absolutely screaming, and even 10 meters opened up just for us on Sunday. Sunspot level notwithstanding, several county records were blown away this year. CQP just keeps getting bigger and better each time. But now it's all up to the contest judge for CQP '94. Even if you just made a few casual contacts during the contest, please get your log in to K6PU by November 15. Ken needs all the data he can get in order to cross-check logs.

Now that CQP '94 is history, we turn our attention to the big one for NCCC: November Sweepstakes. This is a different sort of thing from CQP. In CQP, we each had two goals: to help the Club put on a good contest for the rest of the US and Canada; and to earn as good an individual score for ourselves as we could. In SS, we have a team focus, which is altogether different. Our goal is for the CLUB to win the Unlimited Club Competition. For most of us mere mortals, the thought of ever winning a major contest is wishful thinking. But here, in team competition for Sweepstakes, we really can be winners. All of us—as a team. If you were part of our winning team last year, you know

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## Upcoming Contests de N6IP

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Prepare for Sweepstakes !

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	Eu DX RTTY ..... July. p.126
	OK-DX ..... Oct. p.126
19-20	
	Sweepstakes Ph ..... Oct. p.125
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	CQWW CW ..... Sep. p.126
	ARRL EME ..... Sep. p.128

### CQWW '94 October 29 to 30

This is the world's largest contest, CQWW phone. Although NCCC is not focusing on it this year, we will make a club entry. A number of NCCers are contestpeditioning to exotic places. Make sure you work HC8A (N6KT, W6QHS, and WN4KKN) I'll be on (about) 3545kHz at 0700Z. de N6IP

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## Next Meeting

### Sweepstakes Kick Off

Friday, October 21  
Hewlett-Packard,  
5301 Stevens Creek Blvd. Santa Clara  
Building 50, Cafeteria  
Gather at 6:30 for pizza,  
Meeting at 7:30

Program: Trey Garlough, WN4KKN.  
by popular demand

It's the third Friday of the month as usual. We'll be back at a familiar and easy-to-reach location in the South Bay. There'll be Pizza and soft drinks.

Program features one of our very best contestors who'll tell us all (yeah, folks, that's ALL) of his winning strategies for Sweepstakes. Trey has more major contest wins to his credit than most of us can count. And he's going to tell us exactly how to do it.

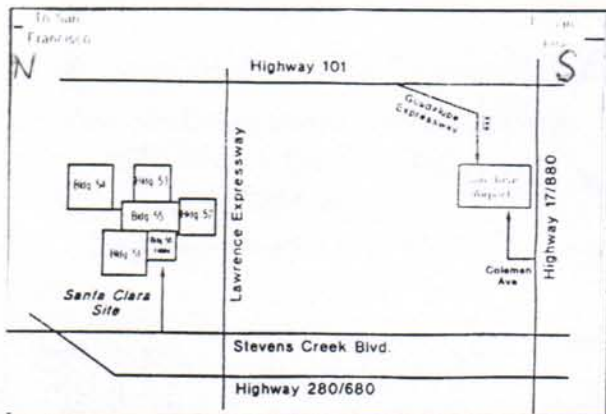
Don't let any of the jokes last year about nicknaming Trey "Dos" (i.e., #2) fool you; This is our big Sweepstakes kick-off meeting, so be sure you're there with your learning curve at the max. They'll be opportunity for questions and input from the audience.

BE THERE--DO IT

## Directions and Map Next Meeting

From North on 280, exit at Stevens Creek Blvd., turning left onto Stevens Creek, and left at first stop light.

From South on 280, exit Lawrence Expressway, take middle lane, make left turn onto Stevens Creek..



de AA6KX

## Lessons Learned from CQP

CQP gave me a chance to try out one of the wire beam designs presented by W6QHS at the July NCCC meeting. I put up the 2 element 40 mtr wire beam Dave described in his handout. It was up only 45', and about 50 yards away I had a monoband vertical as a reference point. Every single comparison I got said the wire beam was at least 2 S-units higher than the vertical. The difference I heard in receiving was just as good. This antenna is a great addition for a little pistol station without a rotatable 40 mtr beam. Try it out for SS!

## First Notice--Christmas Is Coming!

Mark December 10 on your calendar for the NCCC Christmas Banquet. More details in upcoming JUG issues.

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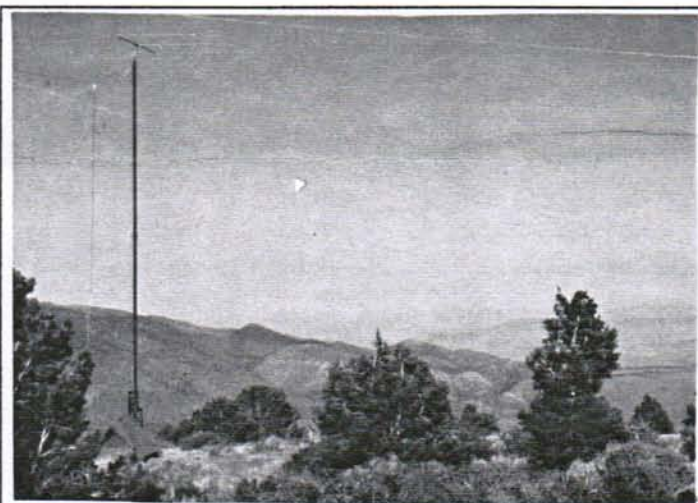
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what a thrill it is to see our name up there in the lights.

Now that our membership is approaching 200, you might not think your own score for Sweepstakes would make much of a difference to the Club. Wrong! Unlike the DX contests, there aren't many multipliers in SS and you can only work each station once in the contest. Result is that the difference between an average score and a winning score in SS is very small—about a factor of 3. (In CQWW or WPX, it's more like a factor of 20.) So in Sweepstakes team competition, we can't count on having a few great ops in the Club and let them carry it for us. We each have to go in there and slug it out for the full 24 hours, both weekends. Winner of the Unlimited Club competition is simply going to be the club that gets the most members to make a serious effort. The Club needs your help.

In the "NCCC Sweepstakes Handbook", N6IP has presented some fascinating trend data in analyzing our SS competition. However, that data is historical and could lead to a false sense of security. The FRC and YCCC newsletters make clear that at least those two clubs have also chosen SS as a focus event. Also, the cq-contest reflector has been full of chatter from the east coast about SS. They're going to really go for it, and if we let ourselves become complacent, they just might unseat us and terminate our SS dynasty.

The CW Sweepstakes happens just two weeks after our October meeting, on November 4-6.



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The phone weekend is two weeks after that, starting the morning after our November NCCC meeting. Those two weekends in November are the place to put all your contesting energies. Sit out CQWW if you have to—it's going to be boring from California, anyway. But make a serious effort in Sweepstakes. And don't forget: "serious" for NCCC is defined as 100,000 points. For all those who do make a serious effort in just one of the two modes, and also turn in a log for the other mode, the Club will reward you with a personalized hat prominently displaying your call sign. Do it both weekends and the hat will advertise to all the world that you did it both modes. You too can be a winner as part of our team.

# WOLBERT'S WORDS

NCCC Triple Crown—one down, two to go...

CQP '94 was an outstanding success. Although the solar flux index loitered near its theoretical minimum, seasonal propagation and intensive activity combined to produce many four-digit QSO totals in and out of state. On a promising note, AE6Y reports receiving *one hundred* serial number 1s. Make sure you postmark your logs by 15 November to Ken Anderson, PO Box 853, Pine Grove, CA 95665.

As of a couple of days after CQP, here are the scores received. More next issue.

## California QSO Party '94 Scores

Station	QSOs	Mult	Total
Single Op			
AE6Y (SCLA)	1687	58	228,752
WA6AUE (NEV)	1506	58	206,074
N6EK (ALAM)	1439	58	205,784
AA6KX (ALP/MON)	1421	57	199,557
AB6WM (SCRZ)	1213	58	168,374
N6IP (SCLA)	872	57	135,603
N6TV (SCLA)	1000	56	122,976
WA6CTA (MARN)	739	55	108,020
WA6SDM (SCLA)	629	58	90,712
NP4IW/W6 (CCOS)	611	56	79,128
N6BT (YOLO)			
(N6TV, opr)	542	57	67,659
AE0M (SCLA)	273	49	33,781
KD6NOS (SCRZ)	144	43	12,383
Multi-Single			
WB6IRC (+W6OAT)	1681	58	231,942
Multi-Multi			
N6RO (CCOS)			
(+ K3EST)	2926	58	389,644
Non-California Members			
VE7SZ (WA6VEF)	1151	57	150k (est.)
VE7NKI	617	51	62,934

## Congratulations to our contest winners:

CQWW CW '93 and ARRL DX results are out. NCCC's top ops placed very well, as expected.

Last November's CQWW CW saw the 4M5I team, lead by WM2C, placing #2 for world-wide multi-singles. AG6D's local M/S team achieved a #6 USA finish, a great effort from California.

February's ARRL DX CW saw AG6D's multi-single team again breaking the top ten in the U.S. Al and company took fourth place. But the most exciting accomplishment came from our president, Bruce, AA6KX, who set a new record for low power single ops from his ZF8BS superstation. In fact, Bruce achieved #3 overall, whipping nearly all of his high

power competition. Check out his neat "advertisement" on page 114 of *QST*. During the phone weekend, the P40V M/S team of AI6V and W6QHS took first place world. And WR6R/KH6 won 7th place world. A round of applause for all!

## September Scores:

North American Sprint, Phone (CW elsewhere)

Station	QSOs	Mult	Total
NV6O	267	51	13,617
AE0M	112	36	4,032

All-Asian, Phone

N2ALE	2	2	4
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## CQWW RTTY

WA6SDM	603	132+94+60	297,154
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## North American Sprint

NCCC fielded two teams in the CW Sprint, but some miscommunication doomed our effort. See Scott's, N1EE, report elsewhere in this *JUG* for particulars. The next Sprint will be held in February (probably 12 February). NCCC *will* win this one! More about this later.

## Next: Sweepstakes!

SS CW: 5/7 NOVEMBER SS Ph: 19/21 NOVEMBER  
2100Z TO 0300Z

(1:00 P.M. Saturday to 7:00 P.M. Sunday, P.S.T.)

Just a few short weeks before SS begins. Time to make your final preparations. Is SS prominently marked on your calendars? Don't let anyone commit you to anything else these weekends! NCCC's chances of taking SS #10 look really good, but of course it is up to you.

Remember to work all NCCCers. These Qs are the most valuable to the club, giving us double the points of an ordinary QSO while giving our competition zero. Look for NCCCers on 3545 for CW or 3865 (phone) at 0700Z Sunday morning (11 P.M. P.S.T. Saturday night).

Please get your SS summary sheets to me by 15 December and postmark your logs to ARRL by 22 December. Do not forget to clearly state on your summary sheet:

**CLUB COMPETITION: YES, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB**

## Sweepstakes Handbook

A best-seller now in its second printing. If you don't have yours with its valuable insights and tips on how to WIN and WIN BIG, turn to page 9, fill out the order blank, and mail it now, before October 24. They cannot be printed or mailed after that date. Don't deprive yourself of being in the Know. This is no ordinary self-help tract. It is the definitive gathering of winning method and technical wisdom yet compiled in one place. Beginners, OM's, YL's, YF's., yes you too, this book is for all NCCC'rs. Sorry, available only to members. It's free. Charges are for mailing costs only.

de W6ISQ

## Re-Cap of the Doin's

# Last Meeting

Reminds ya of Edgar Allen Pro., the one who wrote "Quoth the raven, Livermore"? I think that's it. Anyway we were there, in the Livermore City Council Chambers, some 50 members strong. Great meeting room.

Requirement was that we had to leave it as span and spic as we found it. Last time sighted, prexy Bruce, AA6KX, had his personal vacuum going full volume, tidying up.

Bob, N6TV, reported that all but seven California counties had been filled for CQP to that date. (At press time all counties had been filled. Scores and results elsewhere in JUG.)

Big thanks directed to Al, AD6E and Bob, N6IP, for the excellent publicity they generated for CQP by sending out more than 500 letters across the country. Ken Anderson, K6PU, was also applauded for his continuing work as contest recorder and scribe. We'll reserve six pages in the JUG for his '94 CQP report.

Dick, AA6MC, reported club solvency at \$6100 in the bank. 21 ops had still not renewed. However at press time most of them had and membership is now more than 180 !!

As always the two highlights were the food and the program. W6OAT, Rusty, arrived with a mega order of Give Pizza Chance pizzas, cut into slices that overflowed the plates.

We then launched the program, the demonstration of five different logging systems. Each demonstrating op, brought in and set up his own computer station. N2MM showed and explained the N6TR program, AD6E and AE6Y each demonstrated his own original logging program. N6TV showed the K1EA V.9.02, and N2ALE a system somewhat similar to K1EA's. Each gave the JUG a summary of his program and what it does. And here they are.

## Computer Logging

### Summary of Demonstrations

N2MM: The TR logging program is a favorite of serious contesters owing to its time efficient operator interface. It handles more than 35 contests and has all the standard features of other programs, including band mapping, packet, multi-multi and radio interface. Support includes a 24 hour BBS and e-mail access to a user round table and the author.

AE6Y: My CQP Software is a full featured logging program in both DOS and Windows. It logs, dupes, displays rates, mults, prepares summary, log and breakdown sheets, etc. Many features are current versions 5.0 for DOS and 3.0 for Windows. I have an alpha copy of Version 4.0 for Windows that I used in CQP that built on support for sending WAV files using soundblaster card. This allows sending CQs etc. with same function key as CW. Also sends exchange. Works FB. Fidelity is excellent. It helped me do so well on phone in CQP (only s/o station) operating both phone and CW, I got more that 1K Qs on phone (1117)

AD6E: CQP software. Does usual functions of dupe checking and logging, also displays score, band-by-band QSO tally, and keeps track of mults (either In or Out of State). Multiple mults allowed. (NM./AZ/CO/UT/VT gave you five mults with one QSO, you get the idea). In CW, all 10 F keys are CW memories. What separates this program from others is format free data entry. Enter call, QTH and number in any order: W6YL, 123, SCLA is logged. This could also be entered as: 123 SCLA W6YL. No problem. An error? Just re-type it. NO EDIT KEYS to fool with. 124 SCLA W7YL W6YL 123 (enter) is logged correctly.

N2ALE: NA is a CT look-alike for the less intense contesters wanting to work minor contests and state QSO Parties as well as the big ones. NA has an excellent manual with detailed

description of all its features. Special features are a contest simulator, and creating user-defined contest logging.

N6TV: CT by K1EA Version 9 has many new features including 50-line VGA mode, mouse control of window position, and a neat "band-mapping" feature for those with computer-controlled rigs. Dial in a frequency, and it tells you who is there! CT is the best one to use for multi-op since all computers can be networked together. CT 9.07 is the latest version available. Some bugs have been reported with the DVP after version 9.02, however, so make sure you get the latest fix.

Write Log for Windows by W5XD This program looks great on the screen, and the data entry in version 7.10 is almost exactly the same as CT. Great for two-radio mode since you can have two data entry windows. Uses the standard CT keying circuit, or you can key CW via a PK-232. Full support of packet and most major contests, with beautiful summary sheets (far superior to CTs). Uses the CT country file and MASTER.DTA file. Can use sound board in your PC for voice keying without any additional software. For only \$29.50 introductory price, it's well worth the investment. By far the "best looking" of all the contest software, and getting better with each release. I used Write Log in CQP. It worked great. Order from W5XD Software, P.O. Box 371, Round Rock, TX 78680-0371.

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Are You Ready? Checklist For

## Sweepstakes

### Nov 5-6 and 19-20

Equipment at state-of-the-art Go SS Handbook for NCCC Ed., N6IP Attend Kick-Off Meeting on 21st Cancel all Distractions, business etc. Program Wife, Kids, Dog, to

Respect "Out of bounds Sign" Appropriate foods at arm's reach Make a Killi-yun Q's

# 1994 California QSO Party (CQP) Claimed Scores

Please send updates/corrections to N6TV@VNET.IBM.COM in the following format

## Inside California:

Call	CW QSOs	Phone QSOs	Total QSOs	Mul	Points	Comments
N6RO	866	2060	2926	58	389,644	CCOS, M/M, +K3EST
W6EEN	765	1334	2104	58	296,986	RIV, M/S, +KA6SAR, K6XC
AB6FO	825	829	1654	58	239,714	LAX
AE6Y	570	1117	1687	58	228,752	SCLA
WA6AUE	543	962	1505	58	206,074	NEV, 22 hours, one xmtr
N6EK	670	769	1439	58	205,784	ALA
KC6X			1497	57	203,262	LAX
AA6KX	659	762	1411	57	199,557	ALP/MON, missed HI
AG6D	682	654	1336	58	194,532	SCLA, M/S, +N4TQO, 23.6 hrs
K6KM			1290		183,744	Butte, M/S +WM2C
W6BJH					176,958	SHASTA, new record
AB6WM	477	736	1213	58	168,374	SCRZ, 19 hours
KM6YX			1371	58	159,152	LAX
KG6VI	546	482	1028	58	150,916	INYO, M/M, low power
WX6M			1208	58	148,186	SOL, 19.5 hrs
KJ6GQ					146,624	SHASTA
AA6MV	282	718	1000	58	132,356	SCRZ
N6UUG	0	1111	1111	58	128,876	TUOL
KD6FW	0	1077	1077	58	124,932	MADERA, 19 hrs
KI6AN					123,570	BUTTE
N6TV	196	804	1000	56	122,976	SCLA, 11 hrs; then to Yolo
AB6LJ			1050	58	121,220	SAC
KN6EL	486	257	743	58	114,376	Butte, low power
KK6QM	270	543	813	57	108,072	M/S +W6QHS, 9 hrs, missed RI
WA6CTA	486	253	739	55	108,020	MARN, low powe
AA6YX	406	305	711	47	104,196	SONOMA
KJ6HO	876			56	97,328	LAX, low power
W7CB/6	555			53	72,210	MONT
WR6R	8	511	519	58	60,668	CCOS, M/S +WB6MZQ, 10 hrs
NF6H	224	71	295	45	36,630	ORG, low power
WA6SDM	306	323	629	58	90,712	SCLA
N6BT	103	439	542	57	67,659	YOLO expedition, N6TV opr.
WA7BNM			413	52	44,616	LAX, low power, 8.75 hrs
AE0M	143	130	273	49	33,781	SCLA, low pwr, 11.5 hrs, indoor ant
K6LL	88	143	231	48	26,400	IMP, 2.5 hrs, also on from AZ!
K6HTM					25,960	BUTTE
K2MM/6	89	42	131	30	10,530	SCLA
N6TPT	0	63	63	20	2,250	SCLA, 4.5 hours
WA6GFY			50	18	1,800	SCLA, low power, 3 hrs, N2ALE opr.
NG0X/6	0	10	10	9	180	Mobile

Outside California:

Call	CW	Phone	Total	Mul	Points	Comments
VE7SZ			1151		57	BC
K7QQ			800+			(rumor)
N6CQ/3	229	518	747		56 96,488	PA, 21 hrs, missed SBEN,STAN
KE9I	217	507	724		58 96,338	IN
N9HZQ	201	497	698		58 92,626	GA, at W4AQL
K0PP/&	236	343	579		55 76,670	MT
K6XO/7	206	362	568		57 76,494	UT, missed Colusa
WA6KUI			533		56 75,600	TN, 22+ hrs, missed TRIN,SBEN
KF0IA	58	574	632		55 72,710	CO, 18.8 hours
VE7NKI	0	617	617		51 62,934	BC
W5ASP	227	134	361		55 51,810	
K7GM/4	197	145	342		52 45,812	NC, low power, 7 hours
KM0L	214	97	311		51 42,636	
K0GU	98	245	343		54 42,336	CO
VE4GV	92	237	329		39,750	MB, low power, 7.5 hours
K2UVG	91	242	333		52 39,364	FL, low power
AA4NC			300		54	NC, low power
W3FG	137	128	265		55 36,685	MD, low pwr no ant.
N4OGW/9			235		51 35,955	
K6LL/7	110	156	266		51 32,742	AZ, also entering from CA!
W6XR/2			264		50 31,050	NY
KC0EI	145	77			45 26,505	
K7SV	100	106	206		50 25,600	VA, low power, 4 hrs
KO9Y	112	116	228		45 25,560	IN, low power
WQ5L	113	103	216		46 25,070	AL, 8.5 hours, low power
K8JLF	120	65	185		49 24,010	MA, low power, 5 hours
WA2SRQ	150	13	163		48 22,848	NJ, low power
WD0T	83	93	176		45 19,575	SD, 4.5 hours
AA7FL	48	139	187		46 19,412	OR
N6KL/0	80	104	184		43 19,264	CO, low power part time
N1PBT	1	192	193		50 19,350	VT, low power, 16.75 hrs
XE1/AA6RX	8862	150			50 19,400	Mexico
K0EJ	30	131	161		49 18,718	TN, low power
K1TN	99	45	144		43 16,641	CT
N4ZR			152		39 15,708	
WB5CRG	1	136	137		46 12,650	TX
KZ4H/7	73	41	301		35 10,535	NV
KI7WX	96	4	100		37 7,548	UT, Low power, 5 hours
KK7A	50	10	60		32 5,440	ID, Low power, < 3 hrs
KD0AV	62	11	73		24 4,992	IL, low power
N6TR	79	26	105		41 4,305	OR
KB1GW			105		38	low power, 4.75 hours
K7SS			101			

These CQP Scores were compiled by Bob Wilson, N6TV. All updates, corrections, additions should be sent to him at address and format given at the beginning of the listings.

## Yolo To Go

Saturday night, after making exactly 1,000 QSOs from my home QTH in the CQP, I took my trusty TS-930S and IBM laptop, drove to Force 12 Antennas in Santa Clara, loaded up N6BT's big truck full of gear, and off Tom and I went on a County Expedition to rare Yolo County. We had an Alpha 87A on the front seat, Tom's beefy generator in the back, an un-assembled Force 12 C-3 tribander on the roof, and a U.S. Tower tower-trailer in tow. We arrived in tiny Winters, CA around 2:30 a.m. Saturday night (Sunday morning), exhausted. We parked at a quiet spot in front of a church for a few hours' rest.

At dawn, after some strong coffee at the friendly Putah Creek Cafe, we began our search for a CQP site. A hunt in the hills west of Winters was unsuccessful. Either the mountains were in the way, or roadside power lines made it impossible for us to safely raise the tower.

We finally found an overcrossing above I-505 that gave us plenty of height without any nearby power lines. We parked at the side of the road about two-thirds of the way up the overcrossing, on the Eastern side. It took us only an hour to assemble the Force 12 C-3 tribander, install it on the tower, raise the tower about 35 feet tower, and set up all the gear (TS-930S, Alpha 87A, and IBM laptop running CT 9.05).

As soon as I fired up the rig on 20 SSB there was Gary, WA6VEF/VE7NTT, calling "CQ California from VE7SZ," loud as could be. I couldn't wait to call. This was going to be his first Yolo, right? Wrong. "I just worked a guy in Yolo a little while ago, but he only gave me number 20. Niki still needs you guys though!" Sure enough, 10 kHz down the band was Gary's wife Niki, VE7NKL, also calling "CQ California." She was QSO number 2 from N6BT in Yolo County was sure happy to work us.

The C-3 tribander worked great on both 20 and 15 (we didn't have time to check 10). Less than five hours later we

finished the contest with 542 QSOs (including 103 on CW) and 57 multipliers (missed Delaware). Lots of people said we were a new multiplier, so the trip was definitely worth the effort. After all these years of begging people to go places for CQP, I finally went on an expedition myself. What a blast! Many thanks to N6BT for providing transportation, the amplifier, antenna, and tower.



LOGGING PROGRAMS PROVED TO BE REAL CROWD PLEASERS. FIVE DIFFERENT ONES WERE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING. AT TOP, ANDY AE6Y, RUNS THROUGH THE LOGGING PROGRAM HE CREATED FOR APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE. AL, AD6E DISCUSSES THE FINE POINTS OF THE PROGRAM HE CREATED. BOTH OF THESE OPS GAVE OUT FREE DISC COPIES OF THEIR PROGRAMS. EACH OF BROUGHT IN AND SET UP HIS OWN COMPUTER AND EQUIPMENT. IT GENERATED A LOT OF INTEREST, MAKING COMPUTER LOGGING LOOK EASY AND THE ONLY WAY TO GO!

# Pet Peeves

## Volume XXIII

Almost all NCCers know, from constant drilling by our in-house experts, that we must never repeat QSO information unless it is requested. We often hear others do this, primarily on phone, resulting in longer QSOs and lower rates. More disturbing to me is the use of "QSL" on CW, for even an occasional NCCer will pound out these three loong letters acknowledging exchange reception. I know the PED simulator does it, but PLEASE don't you send "QSL!" N6TV and other top ops claim that no specific acknowledgment is necessary when answering a station, as reception is confirmed by the lack of a request for a repeat (except in the Sprint, but that's another story). *If you must send something, please use "R"!*



K2MM FIRST IN THE LINE-UP OF COMPUTER LOGGING DEMONSTRATORS

# TROSTEROSTER

## TV Winning Technique Revealed

Some kind of award's got to go to Bob, N6TV. Speaking at our Livermore meeting, and only because the SS trophy is so high a goal, he revealed the magic bullet behind those Big Scores he runs up in contests.

In the interests of space and non-space rocket scientists among the readership, I have extrapolated from his thesis, the key word, ok, two words, of his secret technique. You won't believe it unless you were there, but here it is:

### HE BEGS!

Did you think it was state of the art equipment, antennas, multi-towers, mike technique, stamina, computers, all of the above? Naw, he wheedles, panhandles, begs. He even disclosed some of the best routines, he uses. He actually wants us to know how to do it. So the JUG tells all.

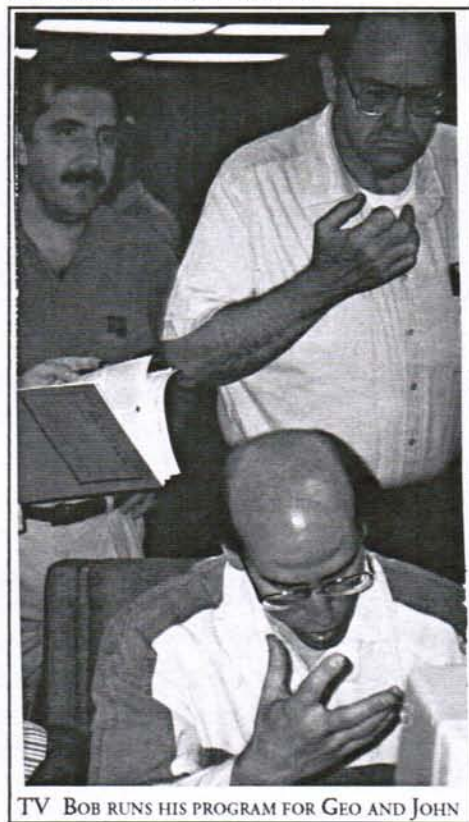
The fine art of begging as practised by N6TV was not mastered in a day. Rather, he demonstrated, it was honed in lo many a CQP contest. It goes this-a-way. Start on Saturday and do one's very best in conventional ways. Very important. One does not begin this begging stuff until Sunday, and then slowly. If one does not get an answer to one's "CQ contest", early on Sunday, one may add after one's CQ, "Isn't there anyone out there who wants to talk to me?" Voice just a little hurt, no wavering, no emotion. Then if no reply add, "...in the whole wide world?" In proportion to the contest time left, one gradually turns up the emotion. "Please someone, I really need a QSO. I'm in a bad struggle with a QRP station down the street who's running a DOTR antenna who has 137 more Qs than I have". As it gets later and later, one must add appropriate urgency to the pleading and begging.

Little by little wily enticements such as "I'll send you my QSL— free, if you answer," are added. Or, in true

desperation, "I'll dig the hole for your new tower if you'll just give me a call." Down to the last couple of hours, one must launch into a desperate mode: "I'm going into the hospital for major surgery right after the contest. Won't someone please give me a final QSO?"

Jim, WA6SDM, with a quick pick-up on sure-fire bets, suggests we listen to, and record for future reference, the professional mendicants on KQED pledge nights. Somebody revealed K7JA, Chip Margelli's pleas when he was a kid (they start young with this kind of thing) operating at multi-contest station W7RM: "I'm working my way through college. W7RM is paying me a dollar per QSO. I'm a senior and I need the money. Won't someone out there help?"

Thanks, Bob for the mighty inside know-how. The airwaves now may resound with heartwringing appeals from NCCC'rs for two November week-ends, but hey!, if it makes a Milli-yun, we're there. But that's on SSB. How can one squeeze emotion into Morris Code? Guess we'll just have to listen and find out.



TV BOB RUNS HIS PROGRAM FOR GEO AND JOHN



## ISQ Bulletin Board

Give Pizza Chance . Anytime! The hugely, and I do mean huge, delish, pizzas delivered in person by W6OAT for our September meeting, were the best. Just proves, hams don't always do it with dots and dash.

Congrats in order for Andy AE6Y, who received his 5 Meg award. This was NCCC's 5 Megger number 40, and was accomplished mostly with a vertical, an interesting fact to consider.

Great to see George, WB6DSV. Seems about a dozen years since he's been at a meeting. But we're not counting. He does come over and help at Field Day at K6ZM's. GL George, with the remote in SS!

Unique program idea, Bruce, Real success. In spite of Prexy's limited speech and eatingability due to dental surgery that day.

## Treasury Notes

De AA6MC



Welcome new members.! AA6YX (Dave), KD6KKP (Jenny), N6TNW (Shirley), N6TNX (Dick), N6UUG (Bill), W6PYX (Jim), W6SUN (George), WA6TKV (Ray), and WB6YRN (Les) joined us at our August meeting in Auburn. N6IFW (Jerry), KE6GSQ (Patricia), W6GPM (Jim), KN6QT (Bob), and N6OJ (Chuck) joined us at the September meeting in Livermore.

Our total membership is now 184. An additional 11 have not renewed for 1994-1995. I have attempted to contact each of the 11 individually in an effort to retain them. Only one has said he does not intend to renew.

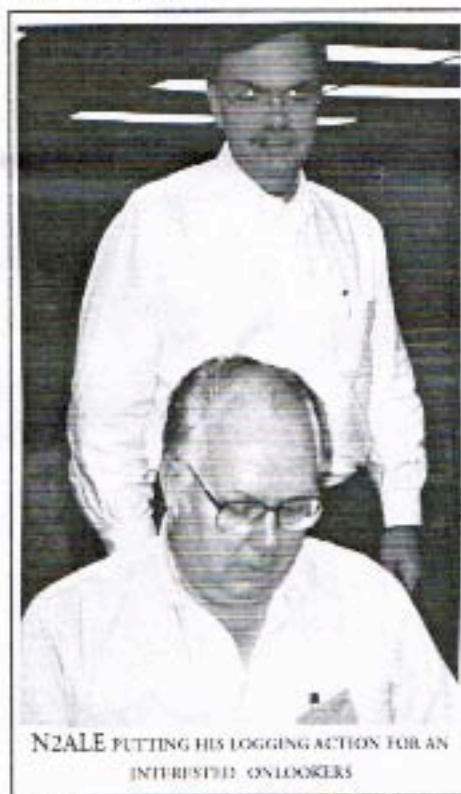
Reserve December 10 on your calendar for the NCCC Christmas Banquet, which will again be held at the Stanford Park Hotel. Details will appear in next month's JUG.

We have reached our income goal and our expenses are as planned.

	1994-95 Plan	YTD Actual
Membership dues	\$3780	\$4056
Advertisements	\$ 300	\$ 300
General fund contributions	\$ 100	\$ 403
CQP contributions	\$ 0	\$ 30
Non-member JUG subscriptions	\$ 0	\$ 16.50
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$4180</b>	<b>\$4805.50</b>
JUG publishing & special mailings	(\$2600)	(\$ 604.77)
NCCC share of CQP expenses	(\$ 500)	(\$ 292.73)
Awards	(\$ 650)	(\$ 61.16)
Visalia Hospitality	(\$ 200)	
Contingency	(\$ 230)	
Self-funding events (Banquets, badges)	(\$ 0)	(\$ 223.51)
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>(\$4180)</b>	<b>(\$1182.17)</b>

Balance at start of Fiscal Year 94-95	\$2501.02
Activity credited to Fiscal Year 94-95	\$3623.33
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