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de President, WM2C

Ken's Pen

About 2 months ago, AA6KX calls me up in the evening, just as I was falling asleep. He said something about being the president of something. I wasn't quite sure what he said. In my sleepy haze, I said sure, sure, whatever you say, just so I could go back to sleep. I hung up the phone, and only then did I realize that he asked me to run for president of the NCCC. And I had said yes!?



Well here we are today, and you, the best of the best, have elected me as your president. Many thanks for your vote of confidence. I promise you that I will do my best to lead the NCCC to another victorious year.

In my new capacities, I was off to Dayton the very next day. In many respects Dayton 1995 was much like the others, but the sunshine and warm weather on Friday and Saturday will surely go down in the history books. Of the many new friends I made, I had the pleasure of dining with Joe, W5ASP, a great supporter of the CQP. Joe has won the CQP from outside CA, and has a new dream to operate from within CA from a county that doesn't have much activity. I told him that I would do my best to help in his quest, and I now turn to you. If you have a station in Northern CA that would be available in the CQP for a guest operator and fine gentleman, please let me or N6TV know.

I'd like to take a minute to say hello and tell you a little about myself to those of you whom I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet. My first contest was back in 1975, just a few months after being licensed as WN2UUH in 1974. I made 289 QSOs in that contest, and I still remember having a great time. While writing this note I checked that old log, and wouldn't you know it, the last call in my log was WN4KKN! (Trey was 11 years old back then, and placed in the top 10!) Well, I was hooked on contesting right then and there. But I didn't have an contest elmer coaxing me along, so when I discovered girls as a teenager, my interest in ham radio fell off.

I rediscovered contesting only after becoming DX in 1984-5 while stationed in Seoul as HL9CW. Boy it was fun to be DX in a contest (everyone should be DX at least once in their life!). Upon returning to the US, I then started on my quest of being "real" DX, and started an adventure of island hopping that continues to this day. From those you who know me, I'm either planning a new contest-expedition, or just coming back from one.

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Contest Calendar

May

6-7

MARAC CW	QST, Apr. p.111
Conn QSO	QST, Apr. p.111
MA QSO	QST, Apr. p.111
Danish SSTV	QST, Apr. p.111

13-14

NV QSO	
GA QSO	
ARRL UHF Sprint	QST, Mar. p.123

20-21

MI QSO	
Armed Forces Day	
ARRL 50MHz Sprint	QST, Mar. p.123

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WPX CW	
ARCI QRP Sprint CW	

June

10-12

ARRL VHF QSO Party	QST, May, p. 134
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17-18

All Asian DX, CW	
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24-25

Field Day	QST, May, p.133
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Next Meeting

Friday, May 19

Pizza 6:30 pm; Meeting 7:30 pm

Program:

Discussion of VHF Contesting for
Novices and Extras

VP/CC urges, "Everyone be there--help the club pick next year's targets. There's considerable momentum behind SS, especially after our runaway SS victory over SCCC. WPX has also been a long-time favorite, but the ARRL 10-meter test now has club competition, another possibility.

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Directions to May 19th Meeting

The meeting will be held in Building 50 of Hewlett-Packard, at 5301 Stevens Creek Blvd, Santa Clara. This is on the northeast corner of the intersection of Lawrence Expressway and Stevens Creek Blvd.

There will be pizza and soft drinks served at 6:30 pm and the meeting will start at 7:30., with new Pres. Ken, WM2C presiding. It will be a discussion meeting of contest issues which are foremost to the continued great records of this club. Everybody's in-put needed, so you gotta be there.

(Ken's Pen, con't from page 1)

The latest one you might have heard me on was in 1994 as C6AHX. We were a M/S group in the CQ WW CW, which is my favorite contest. You also might have worked me under the following calls: KP2A/KP5, 4M5I, 4M5X, ON9CXX, VS6WO, OT4T, PA6WPX, VP5P, VP5VKS, VP5VDC, YW5LT, VU2RAK, 4U1ITU, WM2C/C6A/YV5/VP5/ON/PA/CT/DL, or WA2UUH/KH2/KH6.

To this day, I continue to learn about contesting, hoping one day to be a "big gun". I've learned a lot from the gang at the NCCC, and this year I hope to say a big thank you with some interesting presentations that push your knowledge of our hobby. With this I ask you to give to the club as you have given to me.

In the May meeting, we'll spend some time getting ideas from the group on what topics you would like to see presented at the upcoming meetings. If you cannot attend the May session,

please let me know of topics you would like to see presented. May's meeting will feature a discussion on VHF contesting for Novices through Extras in the June ARRL VHF QSO Party (contest is June 3-4, see QST for details).

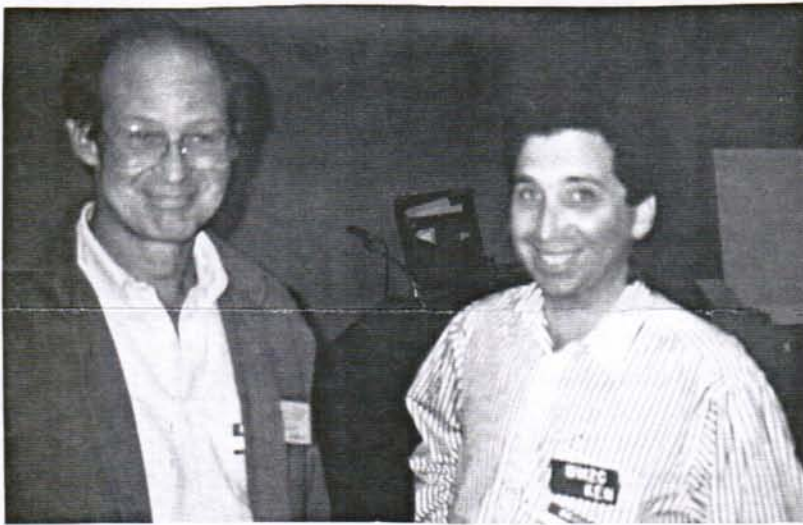
I'm active on the internet (kensilverman@airtouch.com) and hope to be up on packet soon with the TNC I purchased at Dayton. Also at the May meeting, I would like to start talking about which contests we would like to pursue in earnest this year. Don't forget that the ARRL just announced a club entry in the ARRL 10m contest. This is a fun contest, even in low sunspot times.

Enough about me. We also have the pleasure of welcoming John, K2MM, as the new VP/CC, George, AB6YL, as the new

secretary/treasurer, and Jim, WA6SDM as Director. Please welcome these fine contesters to their new positions. I would also like to say farewell to Bruce, AA6KX after a very successful year of leading the NCCC to many a victory. You did a fine job Bruce!

Great clubs are made of great people who love to participate. And you guys and gals of the NCCC have proved that to me they are a great club. To keep the club going, we need to continue in Bruce's steps, and bring lots of new and young contesters to the club, and teach them the tricks you have learned over the years. A good way to start teaching them is to volunteer some time to write a small article for the JUG on a contest trick or technique, or maybe even present a topic at a group meeting! You would be surprised, but I bet ALL of you have some interesting things to teach to the group. Please don't be shy in stepping up to serve your club! (I didn't realize I was such a politician!) Anyway, let's go have some fun contesting, and Kick some Butt! Best Regards, Ken WM2C

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PAST AND PRESENT PRESIDENTS, AA6KX, BRUCE AND KEN, WM2C
BOTH SMILING, READY FOR ANOTHER GREAT CONTEST YEAR FOR NCCC

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de K2MM

John's Jottings

It's with no small measure of trepidation that I take on the duties of your VP/CC. IP-Bob's performance in this office has been truly superb; it'll surely be a tough act to follow. I'm grateful he's still on the Board of Directors to help steer us straight. Congratulations and sincere thanks from all of us, Bob!



It's been a lot of fun getting to know many of you NCCC'ers in the 2-1/2 years I've been a member. But there are, I'm sure, many more of you with whom I haven't yet had the pleasure. So a few words of introduction seem in order.

My start in contesting came through traffic-handling friends in 1968. CD Parties and Field Day were too much fun to resist. I became irretrievably hooked later that year when I went to college and joined the RPI Radio Club, W2SZ. Sweepstakes and VHF Tests were found to be definitely way cool!

I was in the right place at the right time to help found the WA1MUG-W2SZ/1 dynasty that still operates and wins VHF Tests every June and September from Mt. Greylock. As the licensee of WA1MUG, I wondered when I got my JUG last month why Jack had put MUG on the masthead. Was someone calling my name? Hmm.

I was an early member of the original Murphy's Marauders — the one that became YCCC just after I traded in WB2DRW for K2MM. (Guess I'd better not apply for N6CCC this time around!) But I dropped out of ham radio for about 10 years after moving to California in 1982 to finish college at UC Berkeley. It was a packet posting by TV-Bob around SS time in 1992 that got me hooked up with NCCC and interested once again in contesting.

Dayton News

I just got back from my first Dayton in 15 years. It was a real blast meeting so many old friends — all those Right Coasters who so adroitly make us Left Coasters look so sinister!

Contest suites were hosted by the Sultans of Shwing, the Society of Midwest Contesters, the North Coast Contesters, and, of course, FRC. Congratulations to Bob/N6TV and Rusty/W6OAT who finished 1st and 3rd in the CQWW Rate Contest. This test was run on the TR-Log simulator in the Sultans' suite. TV-Bob's 5-minute rate was 384/hr, and he wins a copy of TR-Log.

Congratulations go also to W6BIP. Bip was honored at the Contest Dinner for providing all us 'testers with a lifetime supply of SF-section multipliers. Thanks, Bip!

CQP Rules

Most of the April meeting was really an open Board meeting on the subject of CQP rules changes. After much lively discussion, only two changes were adopted. Seems most of the rules do too good a job just the way they are!

The first change was to add a 10-minute rule to the multi-single category. It requires a minimum of 10 minutes between band AND MODE changes. Its purpose is to encourage multi-radio stations to enter multi-multi, thus giving the one-radio ops-take-turns stations a chance to compete. Since it applies only to M/S, its effect should be fairly narrow.

The other change was to add NCDXC and SCDXC to the list of clubs not eligible for CA club competition. Previously only NCCC and SCCC were ineligible.

May Meeting

Also on the agenda will be WorldRadio's proposal for a perpetual NCCC-vs-SCCC trophy for the All-Asia test. This was mentioned in IP-Bob's JUG column last June. After so much time to ferment, it should be ripe for action by now!

Send in Your Scores

I will take your scores for publication in the JUG and pass them along to AI/AD6E for 5-Meg credit. Send them to K2MM by packet, telephone, e-mail, or even snail-mail. Here are the addresses:

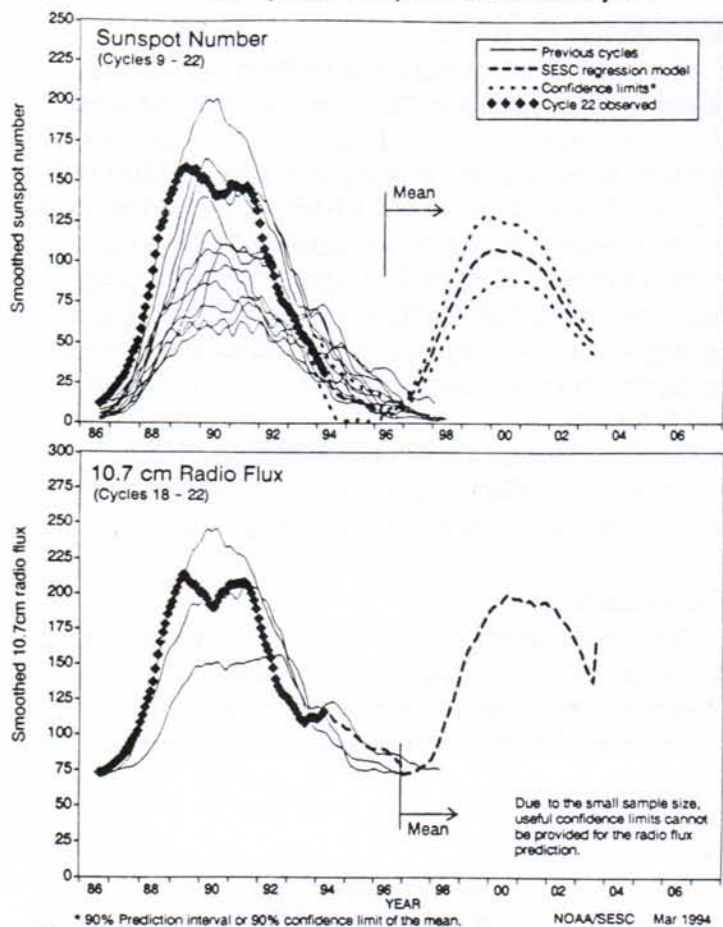
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AA6KX AWARDS GAVEL TO K13V AT VISALIA. K13V WAS HIGHEST SS SCORER THIS YEAR WHICH SURELY ADDED TO OUR BIG WIN.

Solar Cycle 22 Compared to Previous Cycles



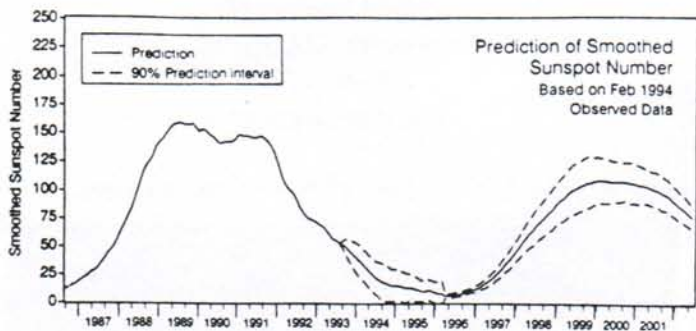
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SESC Regression Model Prediction of Smoothed Sunspot Number



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1993	71 (***)	69 (***)	67 (***)	64 (***)	60 (***)	56 (***)	55 (***)	52 (***)	51 (3)	49 (7)	46 (9)	43 (11)
1994	40 (13)	37 (14)	34 (14)	31 (14)	28 (14)	25 (14)	22 (15)	20 (15)	18 (16)	17 (16)	16 (15)	15 (14)
1995	15 (14)	15 (14)	14 (13)	13 (13)	13 (12)	13 (11)	12 (11)	11 (10)	10 (9)	10 (10)	11 (9)	10 (9)
1996	9 (9)	8 (10)	8 (11)	6 (2)	6 (2)	6 (2)	7 (2)	7 (2)	8 (2)	9 (2)	10 (2)	11 (2)
1997	12 (3)	13 (3)	15 (3)	17 (4)	19 (4)	21 (5)	24 (5)	27 (6)	30 (7)	34 (7)	37 (8)	41 (9)
1998	45 (9)	49 (10)	53 (11)	57 (12)	61 (13)	64 (14)	68 (15)	71 (15)	74 (16)	77 (16)	80 (17)	83 (18)
1999	87 (18)	90 (19)	92 (20)	95 (21)	98 (21)	100 (22)	101 (22)	103 (22)	104 (23)	106 (23)	106 (22)	107 (21)
2000	108 (21)	108 (20)	108 (20)	108 (20)	107 (19)	107 (18)	107 (18)	107 (18)	107 (17)	107 (17)	106 (18)	106 (18)
2001	105 (17)	104 (17)	104 (16)	103 (15)	102 (15)	101 (15)	100 (16)	99 (15)	97 (15)	96 (14)	94 (14)	91 (13)
2002	89 (13)	86 (13)	84 (12)	82 (12)	79 (11)	76 (10)	74 (9)	71 (8)	69 (8)	67 (8)	64 (7)	62 (7)
2003	61 (7)	59 (7)	57 (7)	55 (6)	53 (6)	52 (7)	51 (7)	50 (8)	*** (***)	*** (***)	*** (***)	*** (***)

THIS MONTH'S SCORES

WPX/Phone

K6HNZ	1385	570	1,761,300
AE0M	780	379	855,782
KG6LF	999	483	772,317
AB6YL	519	348	409,944
W6BSY	585	316	286,296 15m
AA6MC	420	304	241,984 SOA
KD6UO	310	213	206,184 SOA
N6IP	354	178	175,686
AA6YX	315	230	143,980 LP
NP4IW/6	353	258	135,450 20m
W6PYX	224	166	85,822 LP
KD6KKP	564	262	84,102 20m
WA8LLY/6	177	147	48,216 LP
WV6U (+WA6TKV, KN6SO, W6REC)	1834	676	2,664,116 M/S
WM2C (+AD6E)	1271	522	1,574,352 M/S

Out-of-region WPX/Phone

P40V (AI6V & N7NG)	5705	1037	21,452,419 M/S
WR6R/WH6	3203	798	9,907,968

Internet Sprint

NV6O	103	-	103
K2MM	84	-	84
AE0M	57	-	57

NAQP/Phone

W6PYX	279	105	29,295
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GridLoc/Mixed-mode

WA8LLY/6	13	10	130
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TR-Log CQWW Simulator at Dayton

N6TV	32	-	384 #1
W6OAT	27	-	324 #3
N4TQO	24	-	288 #6
K2MM	22	-	264 #11
WM2C	16	-	192 #18

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Reviewing my notes here a bit on some events of the last month or so and find a few items which properly can be expanded.

Awards Banquet. About our wine prizes given out at the Awards Banquet and Visalia. Bruce, W6OSP, our worthy, and most generous wine impresario, informed the JUG that this year's wine was '87 - '88 Cabernet Sauvignon. The grapes were grown and bottled at Truchard Vinyard in the Carneros region of the Napa Valley. A NCCC mega-huzzah to you Bruce, for again this year donating fine vintage for CQP prizes. Winners can personally thank him via packet, or otherwise.

A touch of class for the glass Rahhhh! also, for Jim, WA6SDM, for creating the personalized labels for those bottles of wine.

Awards Banquet. Our awards chairman-person, AE0M, created some outstanding prizes: T-shirts, individual caps, certificates, etc etc. Things like this take much time but they make the difference and are greatly appreciated by the lads and lassies who won them Those who did not win an award this year are encouraged to hang in there for next year.

About CQP, ever vigilant TV-Bob once again to the rescue. Bob was in charge of getting all counties on the air for CQP. On Saturday he noted no one had shown up from Yolo County. So, he called Santa Claus aka Tom, N6BT. Together they packed up Tom's portable antenna plus a rig and they drove to Yolo to put it on the air mobile for your operating pleasure. Many tnx fellas.

Before Leaving Office, Bruce, AA6KX, reminds us that the Contest Year begins with CQP and ends when WPX is over—or maybe after some of the summer contest. Between those two dates, NCCC'rs are honor bound to erect new antennas, upgrade

their stations and logging devices (I am contemplating an upgrade from regular ball point ink pen to the new erassible ball point pen as recommended by N6TV), and generally consult the contest gurus how to make a better score. Lectures to be arranged for club meetings as the season approaches.

Special recognition at the Awards Banquet went to Rich, KI3V who won the JugHead Award for the Most QSO's with NCCC members during SS. (Incidentally he also had the best score on both fone and CW in SS)! For the JugHead, he received, appropriately, a major-size jug of the finest red available for \$6.00. However, he warn't at the Banquet to receive it, so I thoughtfully put it in my car and drove it around a month. To warm it up nicely you know. It was finally delivered to him at Visalia at some point during the festivities in the Contest Club Hospitality Room. I didn't see him after that so didn't have a chance to find out how the award went down, er... so to speak. Anyhow, Rich, the honors are first rate, as was the job you did on SS.

More, more congratulations. First to Contester of the Year, IP-Bob, N6IP. He also edited and published the outstanding SS Handbook which itself could have been responsible for NCCC's high scores in several contests. He also contributed a great Monthly Column and words of contest wisdom in the JUG. Further Congratulations to Linda, AC6DQ, and Garry, NI6T, voted as the Most Improved Contesters of 1994.

New Member. Amid the festivities at the Awards Banquet, we welcomed new member, AH6MM. You will remember him as one of the Cal Poly team which DXpeditioned to Wake Island a few years ago. Welcome aboard.

Visalia. TV-BOB again conducted his Walter Winchell sound-alike production of the Contest Forum. Stacato, incisive questions, four unrehearsed panelists keeping up smartly to make their points. Bruce, AA6KX, had a good speech at the main podium at the banquet. And how 'bout the discussion on what ought to constitute an Island!

Front and Center. Someone gave the

following to JugEd at a meeting, but the JugEd do not remember who, where, or when. If you recognize it as your own, please step forward and take the barrel off your light.

There once was a man named Jim
Maxwell

He sat on his key, they do tell,
He went for SS,
He was a success,

Now at PG & E, TV must yell.
P.S. All limericists receive Dubs, so
let us know who you are!

Apologetically Speaking

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Visalia A week or so before the convention, I had a phone call from Jack, W1FEA, who said he couldn't get to Visalia this year. He he had a room with 2 beds which he would like me to advertise on packet (which he does not have). "OK, I'll do it. What's your phone number?"

I copied his phone number, tuned on the DX packet and typed out the message with the phone number. Good., thinks I, this will get a lot of calls.

Yes, it did. Only not where expected! About 10 PM that night TV-Bob phones me. Seems my typing wasn't exactly accurate. The area code I so obligingly sent out on packet, wasn't quite correct. When Bob called the number it was answered by a very irate lady on Long Island. She complained bitterly that she had been besieged by phone calls from California asking about a room in the the Holiday Inn at Visalia, California, wherever that is, and she didn't know what it was all about, and she was really, really, mad about the whole thing. Hey, only one little number off. And besides, where was my editor? Just kidding.

TV-Bob suggested I call the woman in the morning. I thought about it, but then re-considered and let it alone. I do wonder who got the Holiday Inn room and hope they enjoyed the convention. I owe a DUB to all who called the Long Island lady. Solly, lady!

Bulletin Board

NCCC Worked All Counties Awards
#4 WA6QDR, Costello 16, Nov, 92
#5 G0MFO, Dievendorff 5 Mar 93
#6 WA6HYB, Pugh 1 Dec 93
#7 W2HG, Rossi 7 Mar 94
#8 4X4RE, Ron 7 Mar 94
#9N2CWG, Incho 24 Feb 95
#10 WK5K, Anderson 2 Mar 95
de Ken, K6PU

Important things

I was informed by W6OAT, noted Bay Area Chef du Pizza, that the next time he caters pizza for NCCC, he will, finally, produce one with anchovies pour moi—and himself. Turns out we are the only ones in NCCC who like anchovies on pizza. The rest of you can take pot luck or make your own culinary arrangements with the Chef.

Together now

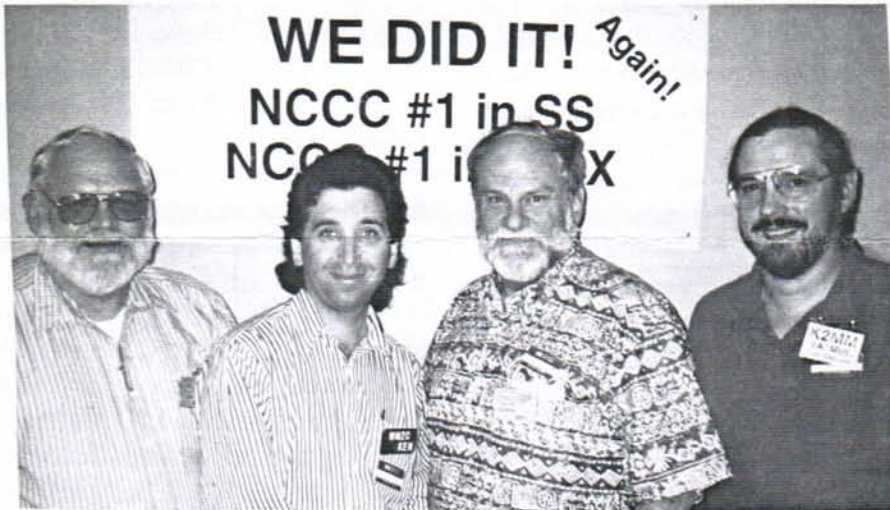
A round of thanks for our outgoing officers, Pres Bruce, AA6KX; VP/CC, Bob, N6IP; and Treas, AA6MC. Also board members: Al AD6E; Dave, W6QHS; Bob, N6TV, and Steve, N6ST. An outstanding year of participation and accomplishment, credited to the enthusiastic in-put they generated. We're a lucky club to have such an outstanding roster of officers year after year.

Ed and Publisher

Thanks to an offer we couldn't refuse from the BOD, we are now in the loop, surfing the e-mail hi-way under via jmtroster@aol.com. We're even on the BOD reflector, thanks to k2mm@maspar. Now you know where to find us--keep the copy coming! Waaaa, wait. Cancel that. Seems Online and we are having connections differences, and while we receive, we cannot send. AOL promises within two days. Sure. But keep the faith. June JUG?



OUTGOING BOARD ABOVE, AND INCOMING BOARD BELOW, IN FRONT OF OUR WINNER'S BANNER FOR #1 IN SS AND WPX



B.O.S.S. CONTEST ALERT

Now Read This:

You'll find in this issue, several solar graphs of cycle 22 and other sunspot phenomena, courtesy of Starwise Al, W6RQ, who is our BOSS judge. Al insisted on our printing these to give you guys all the help available, as with any fiercely contested event, in submitting respectable entries to what could be the most unique contest any club has ever run. If you read 'em right, these charts will help you extrapolate and arrive at the very minimum of the SSC.

Get your entries in asap, the judge is eager to mount the bench. We are still accepting entries and if the 32 cents is a problem, remember there is now e-mail: [add, jmtroster@aol.com](mailto:jmtroster@aol.com), plus phone, packet, or a n entry (on page 9) slipped in one of the official's pockets at a meeting will qualify. Indiana Tom, aka, N6BT, is lining up prizes you wouldn't believe. They will be awarded at a meeting to be announced in proper time. Contestants, this is game you've been looking for. Pure Skill and Science. Still time for 100% club participation.

AA6KX, Bruce Abroad

WPX from DU2AAU

The morning after the NCCC Awards Banquet, I took off on a totally unplanned island-hopping adventure through the Philippine Islands. I had only the vaguest idea when I left of where I wanted to go or even how to get there. Nevertheless, it turned out to be an exciting month of SCUBA diving on exotic reefs in the Sulu Sea and of many long-range QRP contacts all the way back to California (and beyond). The starting point in the Philippines, though, turned out to be a chance to operate WPX as part of a Philippine M/M group. This is the story of that operation.

It all began when I went to the Philippine Amateur Radio Association (PARA) offices to find why my request for a reciprocal license from the DU authorities had never even merited a response. The people at the PARA office were extremely helpful, and after a week I did manage to get the coveted ticket in my hands. But it can only be described as a bureaucratic nightmare that I had to endure. (The missing link turned out to be a "Certificate of Good Moral Character" from the American Embassy in Manila.) During one of my many visits to the PARA office, I was fortunate to meet Gil Lappay, 4F2KWT. Gil is the editor of the PARA newsletter, president of the Cayagan ARC, and all-around nice guy. He also holds the U.S. call of AB5DD and expects to immigrate to the Houston area this summer. Gil is also an avid contester and a great organizer. Though he spends most of his time in Manila, his family has a very nice home in Tuguegarao, Cagayan Province. He had organized a local club up there and has been prodding some of the local hams into entering major contests as a group.

After some short introductory discussions, Gil invited me to join his group for a M/M entry in WPX. That turned out to be a treat that was totally beyond expectations.

First, of course, we had to get to Tuguegarao. That meant an overnight bus ride of 11 hours from Manila all the way to the northern end of Luzon. The roads were under construction for a good portion of the distance, so it was anything but a smooth ride. At least the bus was air conditioned and we stopped for a break every few hours. When we finally reached our destination, I got my first introduction to "taxis" in outlying areas of the Philippines. A 100cc Yamaha motorcycle with a small sidecar that should carry no more than 2 small children turns out to be the vehicle of choice. There are thousands of them there, that and not much else. To my surprise, one of these taxis was able to accommodate all six contesters traveling as a group, plus my 70 lb. backpack containing SCUBA gear, radio equipment, and incidental items like clothes. Over the next 5 weeks I learned not to be surprised at the packing density that seems to be the norm in DU.

By the time we reached Gil's house, I learned that the Cagayan ARC had been using a different member's call for each contest. For WPX, it was the turn of Rey, DU2AAU. The only hitch to this arrangement was that Rey only had the equivalent of a U.S. Novice license. We were to do this contest using only 10, 15, and 40 meters. Not having 20m sounded to me like it would be a fatal handicap, but we managed to have a good time of it anyway.

The first thing we did when we arrived was go to work on the station. Gil had a sloping dipole on 40 which turned out to have a 3:1 SWR over the whole band. We quickly replaced it with the 40m dipole I had in my backpack that I had pre-cut and tuned

to use with my QRP rig. We took down the 20m monobander Gil had on his tower (groan!) so that it wouldn't interfere with the tribander on the mast above it. Furthermore, we had some rotor problems we had to solve, and by the end of the day all was in good working order. Inside the shack, we had a Icom 765 we used on 15, a Icom 751A we put on 40, plus a PacComm transceiver we connected to a 10m antenna. Computers? Forget it. This was strictly a pencil and paper operation, something I hadn't done in many years. At least we had a good world map centered on Luzon to use in finding beam headings. It took me a while to recognize different countries on that map, though, because this was a "great circle" projection. Viewed from Luzon, Brazil is at the antipode and so occupies the entire perimeter of the chart. Columbia looks to be about the same size as Canada!

The next day was Friday, the day before the contest. All day I kept checking propagation to various parts of the world, paying particular attention to the US. Finally the other ops got the message through to me that the U.S. really wasn't that important to them. What mattered was Japan. Understand, the Philippines are considered Oceania, not Asia. So contacts with Japan were contacts with a different continent and so every bit as valuable as a contact with the U.S.

The contest finally kicked off at 8 a.m. Saturday morning. I started as the 15m operator, and even the baby tribander up on the roof yielded all the excitement I could handle. JA was on exactly the same beam heading as W6, so I just pointed the beam and shot. It was just like shooting fish in a barrel. The stream of JA's was never-ending. Every now and then a U.S. station would come through and there was a sprinkling of HL's, BV's, and UA9/0

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stations in the mix. The run rate was absolutely as fast as I could write those first couple of hours; I could think only of what a difference a computer could have made for us.

While I was having all this fun running on 15, a couple of the other ops who didn't have a seat were eagerly watching everything I was doing. Little did I know that they had never before entered a contest. Finally I yielded the mic to one of them, Armand, and he took off on his own. He turned out to be an absolutely super op and may have even had a better rate than I did. Later I learned that not only had Armand never entered a contest before, but he didn't even have a license! He had failed to pass the written exam at the last test session and was just itching for a retest.

Over the weekend, the six of us alternated frequently among the 3 radios. The PacComm on 10 yielded very little, of course, but we kept on trying. The most frustrating band, though, turned out to be 40m. Late at night it was filled with loud European stations, but they just could not hear our little 100w signal. We finally concluded HG73DX was either deaf or located next to the local power distribution substation. (Either that or it was the same op who was HG1S during ARRL-DX.) However, the JA's were surely able to hear us. I spent a lot of time announcing both a split in the U.S. portion of the band as well as "listening this frequency", but finally realized that was fundamentally a waste of time. I got one U.S. caller for every 20 JA's and at that rate it actually hurt the rate to announce a split. Only after the JA's thinned out did I go back to announcing a split.

Sunday night was slow—real slow. That corresponds to the Sunday afternoon blahs back here in California, and I think it was even worse over there. But we picked up steam when the sun came up Monday morning and

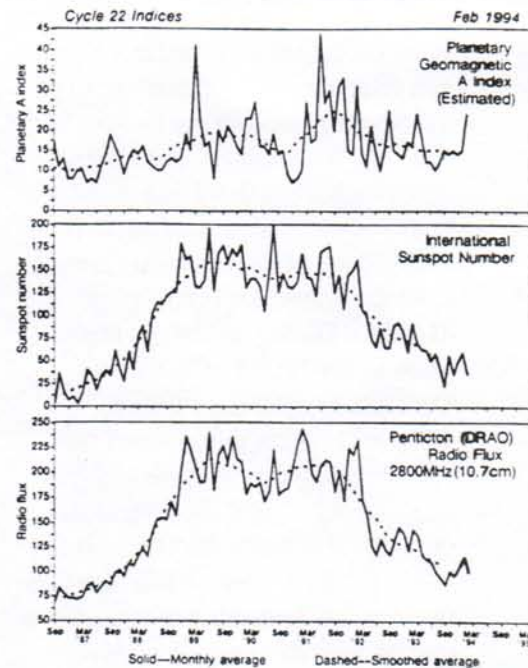
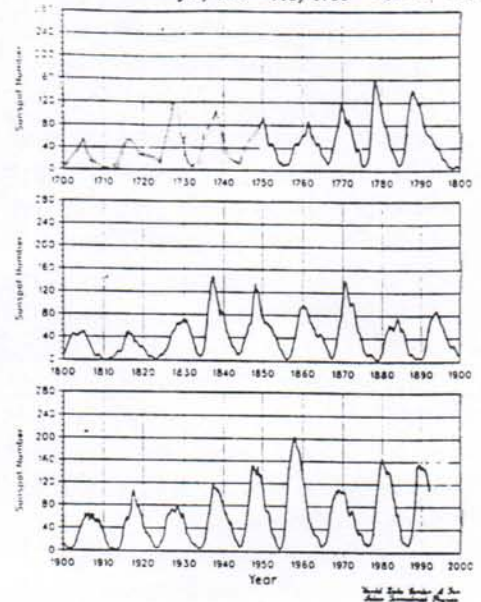
went all the way up to 8 a.m. in high spirits. The final score? I have no idea—it's up to Gil, 4F2KWT, to enter the log into his computer in Manila and figure the final tally. We did put 1422 contacts in the log, though I suspect there are more than a few dupes in there. For 3 of the guys in the group of 6 this was their first contest, and they were absolutely elated at the results. When you realize that we were running low power, only on the novice bands, and with small and low antennas, it was a pretty decent showing. What counted most, though, was that we had fun doing it. In the process, we got 3 new hams excited about contesting.

If anybody who worked us wants a card, write to Reynaldo de Vera, DU2AAU, at the callbook address listed for 4F2KWT. Besides Gil (4F2KWT), Rey (DU2AAU), and Armand, the other operators were Hogi (DU1MHX) and Nicky (DU1JXP). For almost a week these guys took me in as one of their own and gave me an introduction to Philippine culture I could never have seen on my own. It just proved to me something I had seen over and over—if you go to a strange country and want to meet some friendly people, look around for the local hams. You'll never be on your own again!

Re-Cap of the Doin's Last Meeting

The Presidential Gavel passed from AA6KX to WM2C and seats for VP, Treas., and Board were exchanged also. The new Board and officers, with comments and votes from the floor, discussed goals and rules for contests. Discussion lively, conclusions to be announced later. Because of the off-night date of the meeting,, pizza was a non-item, but DUBS were passed out all around., including special guest, JE1CKA, Tack, one of the world's top CW ops, who dropped in on his way to Dayton. de W6ISQ

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Treasury Notes de AA6MC

	1994-95 Plan	YTD Actual
Membership dues	\$3780	\$4312
Advertisements	\$ 300	\$ 300
General fund contributions	\$ 100	\$ 406
CQP contributions	\$ 0	\$ 30
Non-member JUG subscriptions	\$ 0	\$ 16.50
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Total income	\$4180	\$5064.50
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JUG publishing & special mailings	(\$2600)	(\$2658.99)
NCCC share of CQP expenses	(\$ 500)	\$ 44.05
Awards	(\$ 650)	(\$ 712.09)
Visalia Hospitality	(\$ 200)	(\$ 172.40)
Contingency	(\$ 230)	(\$ 0)
Self-funding events (Banquets, badges)	(\$ 0)	(\$ 38.51)
Special Xmas banquet appropriation	(\$ 150)	(\$ 129.27)
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Total expenses	(\$4330)	(\$3667.21)

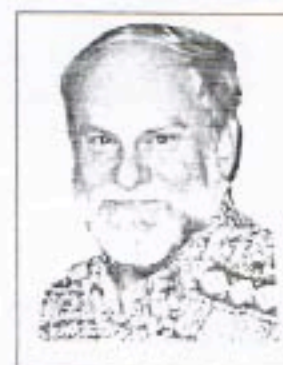
Balance at start of Fiscal Year 94-95 \$2501.02
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 (\$250 deposit for 1995 Xmas banquet, 2 memberships)

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Final Submission de Dick Dievendorff, AA6MC



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Members of NCCC are always at the ready for a contest. So, here you are, ta da.... The B.O.S.S., announced a mere month ago in, of course, the JUG! It's gotta be your kind of thing,, cleverly devised to bring into play your sense of levity, competition, and astute reasoning (guessing?) for a once-in-an-11 year roll. Get off your B.O.S.S. and submit your entry. NCCC Members have the inside track for submitting early predictions, always a judge pleaser. N6BT will be distributing B.O.S.S. entries to all comers at Visalia, Dayton, Dallas, New Ahlins, Southern Cal and all across the land,. Extravagant prizes, honor and immodest fame await the judgment of W6RQ, Chief Judge, N6BT, Prize Chairman, and anxious Jug Ed ISQ.

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