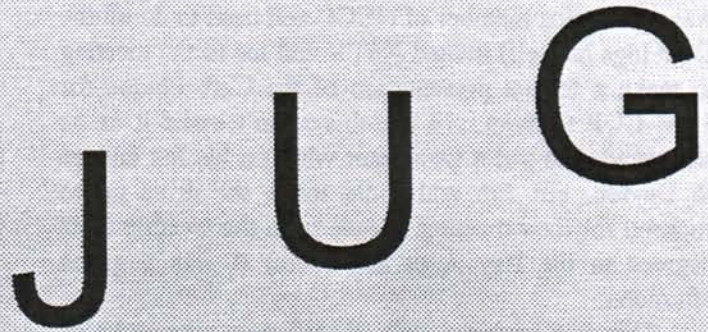


Club Repeaters W6RGG/R 147.24+, 442.200 (107.2PL)



**NEXT NCCC MEETING!
JUNE 9
AT HP SANTA CLARA**

Note that it's Monday Night!!! Great Pizza and soft drinks will be served at 6:30, and the meeting will begin at 7:30. The meeting agenda is a discussion of Field Day Activities, "debriefing" discussion of the WPX-CW weekend, and the budget for the next year.

The name of this program is:

"Field Day '97: Big rates, BBQ, and Budget."

The July NCCC meeting will be the 14th, on the Peninsula, and the program will be a comparison of recent "high ticket" radios from the major manufacturers.

JUGHEAD'S MESSAGE

Remember, I really want to make the JUG "relevant" to the interests of the NCCC membership. The way to make it relevant to your personal interests is for YOU to help me by making JUG contributions: technical articles; antennas; amplifiers; software articles; operating hints; contest station arrangement; single-op, multi-single; multi-multi; pictures of your station; biographical notes about great contesters you have known; funny anecdotes about your experiences; notes about really bad operating practices you have heard. Now, don't anybody say you don't have something to share from at least one heading in that list! Spend a couple of minutes and write it up.

Submit it to me by e-mail to:

gdaught6@leland.stanford.edu

by telephone 408 732-2676 or by snail-mail to:

1560 Klamath Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94087,

with that order preferred ...

tnx es 73, K6GT

**FIELD DAY
EVENT**

The traditional Field Day event will be held at Peggy's place on Field Day weekend from 10AM Saturday, June 28th until 2PM Sunday. This meeting is a great place to meet members and significant others, and to get (or to GIVE!) some low-pressure contesting training, both CW and SSB, using a famous callsign! Then there's the BBQ and refreshments supervised by Al, NH7A, for those who feel they need a break from the contesting effort. If you'd like to attend, let it be known at the meeting on the 9th, so we can give Al a headcount (mouthcount?). See Al's writeup inside on page 3.

ANDY'S DANDIES

May Meeting Minutes

The May meeting was a huge success. The only "off" note was that with attendance so good, we ran out of Rusty's (W6OAT's) excellent Pizza. Unfortunately, this meant that latecomers couldn't "give pizza chance." There are photos and a write up elsewhere in this issue - - this was the first club tryout of N6BT's new Epson digital camera, so let's hope they came out ok. The new meeting date of the second Monday of the month seemed to be an improvement for many attendees. Let's just hope we don't run into competition from Monday night football later in the year (though Tom assures me that the monitor in his digital camera can be rigged up to receive the game!)

Visit to the Mother Lode

Jim Hollenbeck, WA6SDM, and I had a delightful experience on May 17 - no, not in Dayton, but at the monthly meeting of the Mother Lode DX/Contest Club.

Their newsletter editor Ken, K6PU, (who, by the way, was a founding member of NCCC and used to do all the CQP logs himself) invited N6TV and me to the meeting to make a formal presentation of the Club Plaque for 1996 CQP to them. TV-Bob couldn't make it as he had decided to put a two-meter whip on his hat and go to Dayton, but Jim and I did make the drive up to Jackson for their meeting. Aside from the weather (102 degrees in the Bay Area and there) it was a grand afternoon.

This is a heckuva club (BTW: does anyone know the plural form of that word? Is it two heckuva clubs?). Out of approximately 27 members, they had about 20 there for the meeting, including K6KM who had come down from Butte County and driven further than we. They meet in a private room at an elegant local restaurant—well, ok, it's a Round Table Pizza joint, but it is a quiet room except for the large ice-making machine that periodically drops another load of ice and disrupts the speaker.

They won the club category in the 1996 CQP with over a million points from 18 entrants, led by K6PU at 203k (good enough for fifth in the state), and Linda, AC6DQ at 119k (just missing getting a bottle of wine). Linda was credited with cracking the whip to get 2/3 of their membership to submit logs. This is a terrific showing, and is a model for any club.

There are a number of NCCC'ers in their club, including Ken K6PU, Linda, AC6DQ, Lou, K6BPB, Bill, K6KM, Rich, N6GG, and Shirley and Dick, N6TNW and N6TNX respectively. In fact, in the best "Pacifcon" style, we held a special NCCC meeting solely for the purpose of accepting new members, and enrolled Dennis, N6KD. Jim and I also joined the Mother Lode club (It's a bargain—Dennis paid \$26 in dues to NCCC for 13 months, while Jim and I got away cheap—their dues are only \$5 a year!).

We talked contesting and antennas and dxpeditions, and made a formal presentation to their former pres, Linda, and their new one, Dick, recorded by no fewer than three wandering paparazzi.

Here's a pome about The Mother Lode DX/Contest Club.

Ode to the Mother Lode

In Jackson, the Mother Lode crowd
Prepares how to be extra loud.

Well, their CQP slate

Was the best in the state,

"A club that should be mighty proud!"

Sweepstakes Results—Now that we're number 2, we have to try harder!

Well, June QST just arrived, and in it the 1996 SS Phone results and club competition final tallies. After four years with the victor's laurels on our heads, this year we got our heads handed to us by the Potomac Valley Radio Club. They turned in logs with 8,875,578 points, handily beating our 7,409,132 points.

As I said at the May meeting in explaining one reason why we will concentrate on SS again this year, it is the ideal club activity. Unlike WPX, where a win can be fashioned from a relatively small number of super operators on dxpeditions, in SS the only way to win is through participation. And participation the PVRC had this year in spades—can you believe 117 logs? They averaged only 76k points per log, but that was enough to outpoint our 77 logs, each of which averaged 96k points (i.e., they lost a bit on each sale, but made it up on volume!) Interestingly, the number three club was the Yankee Clippers at 6.1M total, from 83 logs (averaging 74k points per log). So we were "out-participated" by both PVRC and YCCC.

This may be the wake-up call we need. It's sort of like when the S.F. 49er's were on their way to an unbeaten season a few years ago, then lost a game towards the end of the season that fired them up for the playoffs and the Super Bowl. THE KEY IS PARTICIPATION!!! Contest Chairman N6TV has his work cut out to get us back into the win column by getting club members to 1.) operate and 2.) send in their logs.

And we *can* do it. Looked at one way, with about 200 members, the club has the potential to turn in some 400 logs. Instead, we turned in only 77, or a measly 19% participation. Hey, we can do much better than that!

I should mention some outstanding phone scores from club members like Rich, N7TR (ex-KI3V), who once again won the whole darn thing, narrowly outpointing N2IC/0. Other excellent scores (arbitrarily defined for this list as over 150k) in the phone contest came from WC6H, N6VV, W6BSY, KG6LF, AI6V, KT6RA (and KD6KKP), N6NT, N6TV, K6HNZ, NI6T, W6OAT, and I'm sure I've missed some.

I hope to see you all at the next meeting. Note the new date: second Monday of the month, June 9 (incidentally, my wife's and my 30th anniversary.) Be there or be square!

73, AE6Y

"FIELD DAY" AT K6ZM

Plan to join the NCCC at the QTH of our beloved fellow member, now SK, Phil Frazier at 44 Toyon Terrace in Danville for the annual NCCC ARRL Field Day, June 28-29th. It starts at 1800 UTC till 2100 UTC Sunday. Plan to come and operate or just chew the fat. There will be 3 H.F. stations and one UHF/VHF station for all to fight over and operate. As usual, there will be a barbecue, \$10.00 for adults, kids free, at 1:00 PM to and plenty of food for those who stay the night or want to come and operate on Sunday morning. During the lull in operating, there is always plenty of beer and tall tales to tell and hear. If you get lost, call Peggy Frazier, (510) 837-6894. Give Al, NH7A, a call to reserve when you want to operate or if you're just planning to come by and eat so you will be taking care in style. He can be reached via DXSPN, (510) 632-5495, or via email at nh7a@gte.net.

Directions:

From 680 southbound;

take the El Pintado off ramp. Turn left at the Stop sign. Turn right at El Rio, then left at Toyon Terrace.

From 680 northbound;

take the El Cerro off ramp. Turn right at the Stop sign, and then left to El Pintado. Turn left again at El Rio, then turn right onto to Toyon Terrace.

73, NH7A

The TV Guide

Dateline Dayton:

Airline delays caused this reporter to miss a connection in Dallas. A 40-minute scheduled layover turned into a 5-hour layover. I found N6EK at Dallas airport, who also missed a connection. Misery loves company, so we had a good chat about many topics of mutual interest. Bob's brother Bob (really!) met us in Dayton, and the three ham-Bobs were off to the Crowne Plaza Hotel (formerly Stouffer's) downtown, THE place to be if you are a DXer or Contester. The party at the Crowne Plaza was in full swing when we arrived around midnight. Lots of WRTC polo shirts were in sight: competitors, referees, judges, committee members. Even a few CQP T-shirts were spotted.

The Dayton Hamvention is to hams what Mecca is to Moslems. It is a place to which you must travel at least once in your lifetime. It is a crowd of 30,000+ hams. An outdoor flea market covers 2,600 parking spaces. Just about every manufacturer and distributor has a booth inside. Exciting new products are announced, including the "Kachina" which puts a DSP radio in box and uses a Windows system for all display

functions. It's not quite ready for prime time contesting, but it would be great for remote bases. More interesting, though, is a new 1 KW solid-state amplifier from Yaesu. It looks great for DXpeditioning. The new FT-920 radio also looks quite nice as well, with the world's best DSP knob.

The best bargain of the flea market was a genuine, never used, IBM "space-saver" keyboard, new in the original box, for \$10. The seller had sold over 200 by Saturday afternoon.

Inside, the Contest Forum lasted for over 4 hours. It featured: (1) the WRTC video, which is still available for purchase from N6NT for only \$10, (2) an outstanding presentation by KC7V on the hugely successful 5V7A multi-multi CQ WW DXpedition, with W6RGG prominently featured as one of the operators, and (3), winner for best presentation, Tree, N7TR, on "Two-radio operating techniques." An interesting two-radio tip from Tree is: set up one radio's sidetone to about 500 Hz, and the other to about 800 Hz - that's a big help in keeping them straight.

After the contest dinner, the ARRL Contest Advisory Committee (CAC) met to discuss some agenda items, with yours truly serving as Pacific Division CAC representative. The hot topic, adding 6m to existing ARRL HF contests, did not receive hardly any support. One possibility, though, is to add a new "6m" category and call it the "ARRL 6 and 10m contest." The new Novice/Tech. contest, designed to replace the old Novice Roundup, will most certainly include 6m. Rules of that contest are still being finalized.

More fun things to do at Dayton include: the RUFZ CW copying program, where people line up to give it a try. The Kansas City DX Club did a fantastic job with a completely new "CW pileup" tape, where you try to pick out as many calls as you can in 5 minutes. K3ZO won with 56!

On the way home I met KI6WF and W6CF at the Dayton airport. More plane troubles resulted in W6CF and I switching to a standby flight on United, and we barely got on a very full flight.

All in all, I had a wonderful time! I got to see our old buddy Dick, K6KR (ex-AA6MC), and even meet VY1JA in person. I presented Jay with his official NCCC badge (he's an honorary NCCC member, you know,) and a plaque as 1996's "Most Improved Operator." Jay had never been to Dayton before - I think he was overwhelmed! Bruce, N6NT, is headed back up to VY1JA's QTH to sign VY1RAC in the RAC contest on July 1st. Good luck, Bruce!

WPX CW:

Conditions in the evening to Europe were outstanding, with European runs over 100 an hour quite doable with high power. Many NCCC members participated (see below). Send me your scores, and send a copy AD6E for the 5M award.

Back to business:

Field Day

NH7A will be the honcho for the annual NCCC fun Field Day / BBQ at the QTH of K6ZM in Danville. Come on out and have some good fun without any of the typical hassles such as generators and tents.

NCCC Team #2 will feature Lew, N6VV and his usual gang (K6XV and W7DR (ex-K6PJY), I think), as Lew checks out his gear in preparation for a major IOTA Island hopping DXpedition this summer. Good luck Lew. Field Day is an excellent way to "shake out the equipment."

Thoughts About the Future:

As AE6Y mentioned, our focus this year will be in CQP, Sweepstakes, and the ARRL DX contest. Yeah, it's a bummer about 1996 SS. "NCCC No. 2 in SS" just doesn't look good! All I can say is, WATCH OUT PVRC/YCCC/SCCC! NCCC is growing and moving and we're gonna really KB in SS 97. Plan for it NOW! (See the contest calendar.)

And finally, I now own my first hand-held (Dayton got the best of me). You'll find me on the NCCC repeater 147.24 most every weekday morning and evening. Give me a call and let's talk contest.

73, Bob, N6TV

CONTEST CALENDAR

June 14-15	ARRL June VHF QSO Party
June 28-29	Field Day
July 5-6	RAC Contest (work N6NT at VY1RAC)
July 12-13	IARU HF World Championship
Oct 4-5	California QSO Party
Nov 1-2	Sweepstakes, CW
Nov 15-16	Sweepstakes, Phone

SCORES SINCE THE LAST JUG

(Send claimed scores to N6TV via packet, mail, or to n6tv@vnet.ibm.com)

CQ WW WPX CW

K3EST(@ N6RO)	3136 x 848	7,540,000
M/M with an all NCCC crew (see below)		
WR6AAA(N6IG @ W6GO)	2245 x 751	4,717,782
S/O HP -- wow!		

N6TV	S/O HP 10.4hrs	839 x 392	1,035,664
K6UM (ex. WA8LLY)		126 x 117	30,303
S/O LP Tribander, 5 hrs			

CQ WW WPX SSB

W6RJ	S/B 80m	908 x 390	1,028,040
K6BZ	S/O HP		752,184
N6CCL	S/O HP	792 x 382	396,134
AE6Y		608 x 311	254,709
S/O LP Tribander/DP 22 hrs			
K6GT	S/O HP Tribander/Vert	395 x 241	228,227
K6UM (ex. WA8LLY)		250 x 173	92,901
S/O LP Tribander, 8 hrs			

Details of K3EST, WPX CW M/M (@ N6RO)

Band	160	80	40	20	15	10	Total
QSO's	10	262	768	1311	688	96	3136
Ops:	K3EST, K2KW, W6RGG, KX7M, K6AW, AE0M, K6XX That's a nice score for the club, gang!						

Thanks. N6TV

NEWS FROM THE NORTH

Thanks to the NCCC gang for the plaque! "Most Improved" was probably an obvious choice, considering where I started from.

Dayton was great, but Saturday was the only day I had there. It was great to meet so many of the contesters with whom I have become acquainted over the past few years. I only spent a few hours in the commercial and flea market isles. I left without finding any 70 ohm balanced line, or a 100 foot piece of rotator cable.

Does any one have a couple of chunks which they want to sell? I bought an MFJ 259 SWR tool and will be using it to set the station up for the RAC contest in July.

The Jug needz more Pomes and uther littararey stuff. It adds fun, and after all that's what the hobby is all about. By the way, I appreciate NCCC sending the Jug this way.

In your upcoming events, be sure to add the RAC contest on July 1. It is a great little contest, and this year Bruce, N6NT, will be operating from my QTH using the VY1RAC official club callsign.

Today, YEC, the owner of the power assets in the Yukon announced that it is not renewing its contract with YECL, the company with whom I am employed. The change will be completed by January 1, 1998. While my future in YT is uncertain, I am hoping that I will be transferred to YEC and continue the work I have been doing.

73, Jay, VY1JA

CQP MAILING PARTY, '97

The CQP mailing party brings to mind a Christmas scene at the north pole, with all of Santa's helpers packing up the gifts and checking them twice! What's a CQP Mailing Party? It's where a swarm of NCCers get together to pack and send out hundreds of awards, plaques, T-shirts, and bottles of wine. The popularity of our contest combined with our generous awards structure makes the log checking and awards distribution a major task.

CQP Mailing '97 was another victory, due to the organizational excellence of Jim, WA6SDM. Jim staged the mailing party at his home, with helping hands from N6NT, K6XX, AD6E, AE6Y, N6TV, and K2KW (sorry if I missed anyone).

Jim did most awards organization and label/award printing before the mailing crew got there, and even then, it took the team about 5 hours to get the job done! (I can't begin to imagine the number of hours that Jim put into this even before the crew arrived!) The mailing party had many things in common to a contest: you need to keep the rate up! The gang broke down into functional groups and specialized in certain areas: for example, AE6Y boxed the wine and anything that went with a wine winner. K2KW specialized in people who only had certificates, AD6E specialized in T-shirt mailing, and K6XX and N6NT were dedicated to only handing out labels!

K6XX and N6NT responded to calls for labels much as they would run a pileup - K2KW would yell ?WA6TKV? and N6NT would find the label and pass it. All in all we had a fun time socializing and assembling all the awards to the deserving winners. Thanks again to Jim, WA6SDM for putting this all together.

CQP Mailing 97 Rate Breakdown:

- 135 T-shirts
- 32 bottles of wine
- 19 plaques
- ~320 certificates
- 60 results only
- 47 boxes (wine/T-shirts)

73, Kenny, K2KW.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ACTION!

The BOD met on May 10, 1997 at AE6Y's house. Present were officers AE6Y, N6TV, and W0YK, directors WA6SDM and K2KW, JUG editor K6GT and concerned citizens AK6L and NH7A. Here is the "Action minutes" outline:

Meeting locations

[NB THESE ARE ALL TENTATIVE]

(Perhaps you've been following the "cut numerals" thread on the Contest Reflector. NB does not mean '96'... it means "Nota Bene" ... "mark well," used to call attention to something important. It's mostly lawyer speak... *ed*)

June 9 HP Santa Clara

July 14 TBA [probably on the peninsula]

August 11 San Francisco

(Al, NH7A to find a suitable site)

September 8 Upper East Bay, e.g., Walnut Creek

(Ken, K2KW, to find a site)

October 13 HP Santa Clara

November 10 HP Santa Clara

December (date TBA) Pleasanton

March 1998 Awards Banquet (date TBA) Pleasanton

Notice of meetings to be made by:

AE6Y to packet

JUG notice

W0YK to e-mail distribution list (no club reflector)

Programs [TENTATIVE]

June

Field Day at K6ZM (Al to organize)

Budget (Ed to circulate draft on e-mail first)

July Rig Comparison or Yaesu demo

August Sprint N6TV

September CQP organization and strategies

October Sweepstakes

November Sweepstakes

December Christmas Dinner (Ed to reserve)

March 1998 Awards Banquet (Ed to reserve)

BOD meetings

July 12, AE6Y's house

Sept 6, AE6Y's house

Contest Priorities

We support all contests and urge participants to submit scores for the Club.

We will make special efforts for CQP, SS, ARRL DX (Because these last two are *winnable* by NCCC, although we have never won ARRL DX)

JUG:

George to do Internet reflector news pickup
Ed to do meeting write-ups
Pictures of meetings -either N6BT's digital camera or film by George.

JUG to go on web site when available.

CQP: No new categories, but we will have a listing for top 10 CW and top 10 SSB QSO totals, regardless of whether the log shows QSO's on both modes or only one mode.

Definition of mobile class

Must be capable of legal operation in motion

Mobiles must start a separate log in each county.

Mobile trophy awarded for total qso's, not score.

Any other operation at a temporary location using temporary antennas erected for CQP is a county expedition.

Next Meeting: Saturday, July 12, 1997, from 9 am to noon at AE6Y's house. Breakfast will be supplied. These meetings are open to any member; if you want to attend, please let me know, since I'm supplying food!

73, AE6Y

NCCC MEMBERS RECEIVE TOP HONORS AT DAYTON

NCCC led in the honors sweeps at Dayton this year as CQ Magazine announced its selections for induction into the prestigious CQ Magazine Hall of Fame. Not one, not two, but three members of our club were chosen for this top honor. Only a few people are selected for induction in any given year, so we think it an extraordinary event to have three of our members so honored. Selection for the CQ Hall of Fame is a lifetime achievement award for significant contributions to the hobby over a period of many years.

Bob Vallio, W6RGG, just back from being chased off a very small rock (BS7H) in the middle of the South China Sea by the Philippine Navy, was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame. Bob is and has been ARRL SM of the East Bay section for longer than any of us can remember, has been sending the W6TI DX bulletins every Sunday night for many years, was the first W6 member of the DXAC, has been president of both NCCC and NCDXC, has twice been selected as the CDXC "DXer of the Year", is on the BOD of NCDXF, and has fought the crabs on two expeditions to Clipperton Island and one to XF4. After coming in #2 in CQWW M/M competition (CW, of course) more times than he wants to admit, Bob finally found the winning formula this year with the 5V7A group. Bob's reaction to this honor: "I just LOVE pile-ups!"

Bob Ferrero, W6RJ, also was tapped for induction into the DX Hall of Fame by MC Steve Bolia, N8BJQ. Just in the past few years, Bob has been busy handing out QSO's from this exotic string of locales: 3D2, 5H3, C9, TJ, and Z2. (Can anybody spot a pattern here?) Bob has also operated from Clipperton Island and Macao as well as from the now-deleted countries Bajo Nuevo (HK0) and Serrana Bank (KS4). Through his business, HRO, Bob has been a steady supporter of ham radio in general and NCCC in particular; just look on the outside of this JUG for proof!

Over at the contest banquet, top honors went to Carl Cook, AI6V. Introducing Carl to the audience was our own Rich Smith, N6KT, who read off the list of P40V victories and still-standing contest records faster than this writer could jot them down. I think it nets out to 1st place in whatever category he enters in about every other contest that comes down the road, or something like that. If you aren't aware of all the plaques on the wall at P40V, you probably aren't a contender anyway! NCCC member Bob Cox, K3EST, presided over the ceremonies as Carl received what he said was now his #1 plaque.

The third person, besides W6RGG and W6RJ, inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame was W8OK. In addition to AI6V, others inducted into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame were John Dorr, K1AR; John Devoldere, ON4UN; Gordon Marshall, W6RR; and Jorge "Arturo" Bozzo, LU8DQ (SK). Please join me in congratulating these NCCC members on the honor just bestowed on them. These gentlemen should be an inspiration to the rest of us as we try to follow the trails they have blazed.

73, N6NT

MORE MAY MEETING MINUTES!!!

At our May meeting, an illustrious panel discussed the various details of staging a contest expedition and operating with modest stations. With the new club rule for ARRL DX, the NCCC is encouraging more members to try the excitement of operating from "the other side". The Caribbean was used in most of the examples presented by Tom, N6BT, Kenny, K2KW, and Andy, AE6Y, because of its practicality and potential for having an outstanding trip. TV-Bob moderated and kept things moving right along throughout the discussion, such that a lot of topics were covered--"keep the rate up", as they say!

We were advised to start planning our dpxpedition a year in advance, especially for the details of making operating location and licensing reservations. Lead times can be surprisingly long, and good locations can be snatched up by other aspiring groups. Sources for

finding locations are "Islands Magazine" and the WWW. Often it is quite economical to rent a villa for a week compared to the cost and operating accommodations of a hotel. Airfare is often the largest expense at \$500-600 round trip to the Caribbean. Advance planning and checking for airfare wholesalers in the SF Chronicle can net tremendous savings in this area. A really simple approach is to find an existing station that you can guest op at--either a local or a second home of a state-side ham. If you are willing and able to use their callsign, another part of the preparation is eliminated. Be clear about your objectives. If tops on your list are having fun and making lots of Q's with a minimum of effort, then build on these suggestions to design your trip.

Different approaches can really optimize the fun/effort ratio in these outings. Securing a country with no other large contest operations, sticking an all-band vertical on the beach, and utilizing a 150 watt transceiver can capture 3,500 QSOs in a productive weekend! More elaborate setups can be achieved with creative planning. Again, saltwater provides an excellent ground for your antenna system, but only 2 radials are really needed in any case according to N6BT's modeling and field experience. Elevated radials, e.g. 16' for 160 meters, eliminate the worry of ground conditions in cases where salt water is not available. Horizontally polarized antennas are far superior, and usually pose more extravagant physical challenges. However, a couple of cordoba golf bags can hold all the 4' aluminum pieces needed to construct a 160-10 meter station including the tower! And, if customs even inspects the golf bags and realizes they don't contain clubs, being appropriately dressed as a windsurfer will often explain the discrepancy. RG8X is the preferred coax due to its power/size attribute. Simple coax stubs (open-ended or shorted) help eliminate interference in multi-transmitter situations along with LC receive filters that are commercially available.

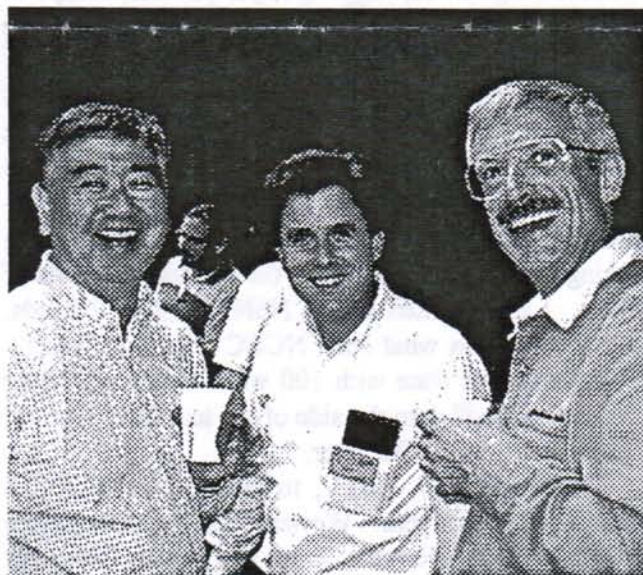
For the modest station, there are many alternatives for having both a competitive and fun time. Enter a single - band category. Operate low power. Focus on domestic contests like CQP and ARRL SS. Learn the operating technique of "luring" in non-contesters into your log during lulls the contest period. You not only increase your QSO count, you spread good will and increase the possibility for future contest activity.

Consider doing the Sprint contest, a fun-packed 4 hours twice a year on phone or CW.

Lots of great tips in addition to those mentioned here were savored by those of us who attended the gathering.

The NCCC board has ideas for similarly valuable future meetings. But we are always looking for new ideas, too, so let us know yours! Our first Monday night meeting resulted in a big turn-out of 32 hams and one guest. That and the informal polling of those in attendance seemed to indicate that this is a better time for our monthly club meeting. Friday nights often have contest conflicts in the winter, and the summer months bring other activities.

"Give Pizza Chance" catered our gourmet dinner at \$2.50 a slice and two new members were unanimously received into the club. We inducted Ron, W6RN, as our newest member. Ron, gracious beer donor to WRTC and NCCC's hospitality suite at Visalia, is a long-time friend of NCCC. He operates 90% CW and has been licensed for 5 years (really??). Previous calls were KD6FDW and KN6VO, so he's moving along fast!



Ron, W6RN, our new member, shares some laughs with Bob, K6XX, and Rusty, W6OAT, at the May meeting! (That's John, K2MM, in the background.)

TV-Bob confirmed our club contest priorities for coming year as: CQP, Sweepstakes and ARRL DX. We want maximum club participation in ALL contests, but these three provide the best chance for NCCC to win the club category.

TOOL BOX RADIAL SYSTEM TESTED

Hello Jim and NCCC!

We are presently "camped" near Cottonwood, AZ. We have been living/rv-ing in our trailer(s) for the past 5 1/2 months... trailer(s) because we bought a 30' with a slide-out in S. Texas. We had started out with a 23' where I had trouble finding a place to set a handy-talkie. This one is larger and maybe able to set up a ham station of sorts.

I operated a little in CW sprint in February - 47 Q's x 27 mults, for 1269 points. We were returning from Mardi Gras parade and pulled into Wal - Mart parking lot in Galveston. I thought I would make a couple of contacts - just to give out a few points - before shopping. Made a couple of easy contacts and went into a store figuring the action would shift to 80 soon. When I came out, if anything, conditions were better! I made a few more Q's and was told 'let's go! The ice cream is melting.' We got back to the RV park, stowed the ice cream and I came back out - still there - made some more Q's. Operation was an ergonomic nightmare, juggling keyer paddles, scraps of paper for logs, trying to tune rapidly, all in the front seat of a pickup truck.

The next week I tried the ARRL DX test (CW) - and managed to find a way to work my keyer without breaking my arm. I made 86 Q's x 71 mults for 18,318 (claimed score). Highlights - working Carl - P49V - while stopped at a stop light in Jamaica Beach, TX; working S92SS and 9G5BG in the waning moments of contest. I also worked Bruce, N6NT/HP2 on 2 bands. I sure wish I knew what other NCCC calls to look for!

All this was done with 100 watts to a screwdriver antenna "cobbed" onto the side of the tool box. The rig is an FT 890 with a CW filter.

Please tell Bob, N6TV, to put us down for San Benito County this year. We were staying there before we went up to Coulterville. If we had known then what we know now... oh, well - 20-20 hindsight.

73, Dick Wilson, K6LRN

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 31, 1996

	1996-97 Plan	YTD Actual
Membership dues	\$4188	\$4106
Advertisements	\$ 300	
General fund contributions	\$ 200	\$1764.81
CQP contributions	\$ 0	\$ 740
Non-member JUG subscriptions	\$ 0	

Total income	\$4688	\$6610.81
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JUG publishing & special mailings	(\$3233)	(2356.95)
NCCC share of CQP expenses	(\$ 400)	(1228.93)
Awards	(\$ 650)	(488.85)
Xmas Banquet	0	79.49
Awards Banquet	0	(135.62)
Visalia Hospitality	(\$ 150)	(157.08)
Vanity callsign for club call	(\$ 30)	
CQWW, WPX awards	(\$ 125)	(\$ 50.00)
Contingency	(\$ 100)	
Self-funding events (meetings, badges)	(\$ 0)	90.04

Total expenses	(\$4688)	(4247.90)
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Activity credited to FY 95-96 (CQP expenses)	(576.50)
Activity credited to FY 97-98 (advance dues payment)	468.00
Activity credited to FY 98-99 (advance dues payments)	24.00

General fund at May 31, 1996	4563.11
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Notes: 25 members have not renewed as of 5/31/97.

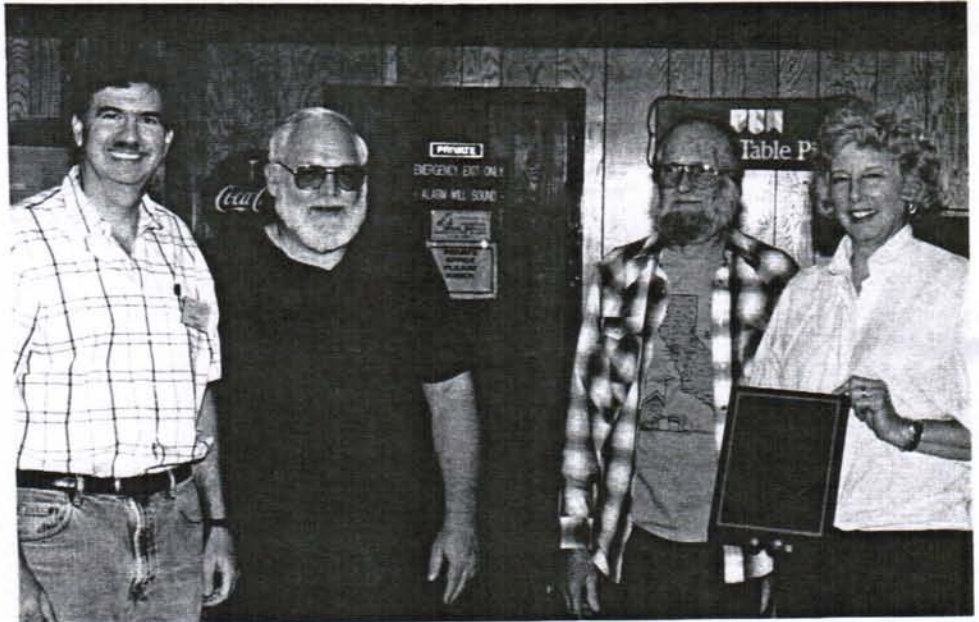
Respectfully submitted,
Ed Muns, W0YK

PLEASE NOTE: IT'S DUES TIME AGAIN!! LOOK AT YOUR MAILING LABEL, AND YOU WILL SEE WHEN YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES. IF IT SAYS JUNE, 1997, TAKE A MINUTE RIGHT NOW TO FILL OUT THE FORM ON PAGE 9, WRITE OUT YOUR CHECK, AND MAIL IT ALL TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN! WHAT COULD BE EASIER? DO IT NOW!

(Right):

NCCC meets MLDX/CC

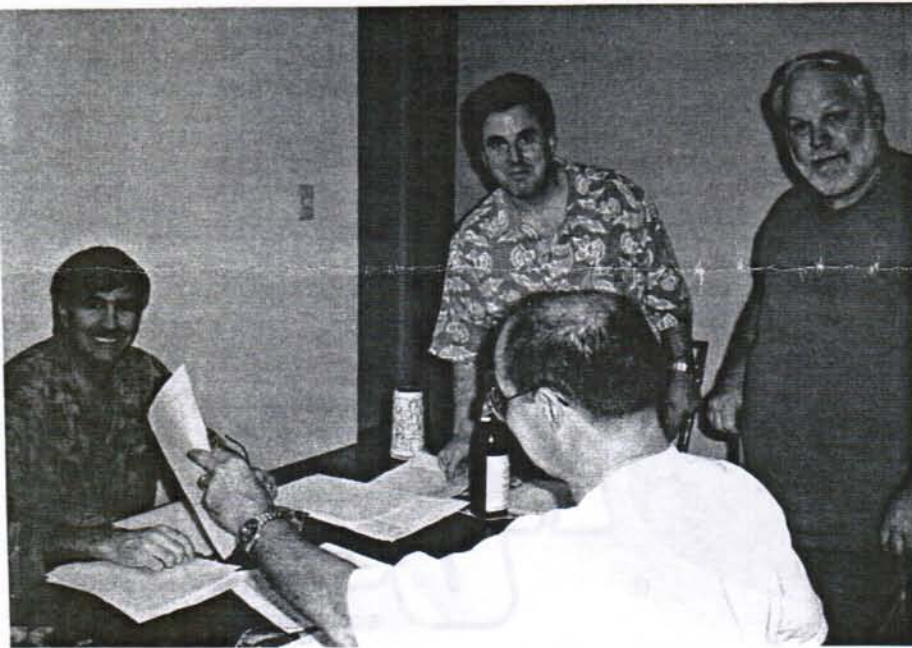
Andy, AE6Y, NCCC president, and Jim, WA6SDM, NCCC board member, meet with Dick, N6TNX, MLDX/CC president, and Linda, AC6DQ, MLCC outgoing president. Linda and Dick are also NCCC members, and now Andy and Jim are MLCC members, too! How's that for collegiality? Linda is holding the plaque that MLDX/CC won in the club competition of CQP '96.



(Left):

CQP MAILING PARTY

Andy, AE6Y, Bruce, N6NT, Bob, K6XX, and Jim, WA6SDM, "keep the rate up" as they mail CQP awards to those who earned them. The JUG editor has been assured that the bottle on the table is an award! (Not shown, but working hard: Kenny, K2KW, and Al, AD6E, who checked all of the logs and did the results this year!)



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