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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB-----

Gentlemen:

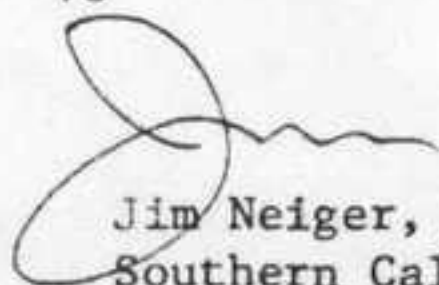
When I first conceived of the notion of a contest-oriented club in the San Francisco Bay Area during the summer of 1970, never did I imagine that the NCCC would grow into the monster that it apparently has. As your founder and first president, I am truly astonished and ashamed that you would resort to gloating over your club victories in six consecutive ARRL Sweepstakes, and the 1981 and 1983 CQ WW contests (NCJ, Jan-Feb 1985). C'mon guys, everyone knows that your competition has been nothing but a few "has-been" clubs residing in the eastern reaches of our fair land. Big Deal. And then, still not content and obviously giddy with your past achievements, you decide to beat-up on the Mad River Radio Club in the 1984 SS.

O.K. Enough is enough. It is time for the NCCC to be brought, forcefully and painfully, back to earth. By REAL men. The Southern California Contest Club hereby challenges the NCCC to a gloves-off, no-holds-barred, winner-take-all competition in the 1985 ARRL Field Day. Category 7-A. The spoils: a case of Southern California's finest champagne against a case of Northern California's finest. (We're no fools - everyone knows that Northern California has the best grapes!).

Thanks to your contesting achievements (and bragging), everyone realizes that the NCCC is steeped in tradition, and is blessed with great camaraderie, the world's finest operators, big stations, and an enviable life-style. On the other-hand, the SCCC is relatively unknown and is comprised of a rag-tag bunch of upstarts with few accomplishments, and not much else going for it. Like David vs. Goliath, we realize that we will have to call upon every ounce of enthusiasm and ingenuity to bring the NCCC monster to its knees.

Obviously, the SCCC believes that it has what it takes. If the NCCC knows this too, and is reluctant to accept this challenge, we will understand.

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