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SCCCORE

Southern California Contest Club Organization, Results, and Enlightenments

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SCCC Plans All-Out Attempt at Sprint

If it's September it must be North American Sprint Month. Welcome to the Sprint issue of SCCCORE. The Southern California Contest Club has a lot planned for the Sprint and this is your official invitation to jump in and join the chaos.

The next meeting will focus on the Sprint, how to do it well, and how our Club is going to try to blow the doors off all comers in the Team Competition. The meeting will feature a Sprint Clinic put on by Dick, N6AA, at his home QTH on Saturday, August 31, at 11:00am. For details see the back page of this issue of SCCCORE.

You may have heard the Sprint referred to as "the Contester's Contest." There is a good reason for this. It is very difficult to operate, and tests all the skills of a good contest operator all at once. Whereas some ops are good at running guys, others at searching and pouncing, and still others are extremely accurate, the top Sprint competitors must be really good at all three.

The Sprint, now in its 14th year, is sponsored by the National Contest Journal. You can find the rules on page 31 of the November/December 1990 issue. Unique to the Sprint are its short time period - only 4 hours with no OFF times, its hotly contested Team Competition, and the QSY rule. Basically you have to change frequency at least every other QSO, so the whole contest is spent with one hand on the big knob.

The contest is CW only and will be held Saturday, September 7 (local) from 5pm to

9pm. There is a copy of the log sheet and summary sheet enclosed in the bulletin for your convenience. Even if you cannot make it to N6AA's Sprint Clinic, it is really important that you get on the air and work at least your fellow club members who will be out for all the marbles.

If you would like to compete on a team but are unable to attend the Clinic, drop a line to Club VP Bob, W9NQ, who will be coordinating the effort and will assign you a position. Hope to see you on the air for this one! We're counting on YOU.

August NAQP Results

Hot off the press are the results of the SCCC teamwork in the North American QSO Parties, CW and Phone, from August 3 and 17, respectively.

Both modes were plagued by rotten conditions. In spite of that the activity was quite high for a contest in August.

CW - SCCC Team

K6LL	507/163
W6UE	425/140
NC6U	433/137
KI6ZH	357/125
K6XO	329/120

Total Score: 285,567

SSB - SCCC Team

K6KK	1048/168
NC6U	683/141
KI6ZH	525/133
W6UQF	470/110
K6XO	156/75

Total Score: 405,592

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Notice how I have gone to extreme measures to avoid use of the word "Editorial" at any cost. God forbid I should perform my responsibilities as "Editor."

This is the Sprint issue of SCCCORE. As Kevin, Ray and I were looking down the road through December and setting dates for Club meetings, it occurred to me that each issue from here on out will have a contest attached to it, sort of like a major emphasis for the Club and the Bulletin. In the October issue, naturally the emphasis will be on the CQWW, and in the December issue, the emphasis will be on the NAQPs in January.

Speaking of NAQP, boy did we trounce any other clubs that may have dared to take us on in the team competition (unless there're any teams I don't know about). What a great time that was. The NAQP is short and sweet. There's not enough time for it to get dull and slow, since you have to cover 6 bands in only 10 hours of operating, and you can count the states as multipliers on EACH band. That keeps you hopping.

Also, get this, this contest is "exciters only" - everyone's amp has to take the day off (Sure makes for easier band changes when you move those rare states). Our club put a team on for both modes this August. I expect there will be enough enthusiasm to mount two teams in January, and conditions will be so much better to boot.

I took the liberty of including QSL cards for anyone I owed them to in their SCCCOREs, with the condition that if those cards put the weight over an ounce I have paid the additional postage myself lest anyone think I am doing something improper. If you think the act itself is improper please let me know and I will not ever do it again, I promise. It just seemed convenient.

On to the business of the moment - I would like all you members to consider the following this month. You know how I have been harping lately about what the SCCC can do to help get more ops enthusiastic about contest operating? Well one really practical thing we can do is to make some of our stations available to young ops who show potential.

It never ceases to amaze me how many stations go unused in a given contest - you know what I mean: Let's say there's a guy who is a serious Phone contester with little or no interest in CW, so he goes full steam into every SSB contest, but the station sits unused during the CW weekend. The same is true for many

who operate the CQWW both modes but couldn't care less about the Sweepstakes.

Well, I don't know about you guys, but I run into a lot of younger hams who are discouraged from persuing contesting because they are hopelessly outclassed by the 'big' stations. We see it at W6UE, the Caltech Radio Club, all the time. You should see the look on some of those freshmen's faces when they realize they now have an opportunity to use some really major hardware.

It looks to me like the solution is obvious. Let's give some thought to finding a way for some of us to make some of our stations available to, say, that kid from Orange County who, can you believe it, has won the Novice Roundup two years in a row. . . .

I want to think about this more later, but for now, I know several promising prospects for 'real' contest operators, but they need a place to operate...can I get any help on this? Drop me a note if your station is open occasionally.

Notice the long-awaited Club Roster has been included as one of the single sheets inside this bulletin. Please check it immediately for correctness and let me know if you find any errors.

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Also take note, you can now leave packet messages for me at either N6DLU or W6UE wherever you find them, most likely on the DX packet network.

Thanks are in order to Neal, AE6E, for loaning me his Desktop Publishing facilities to publish this issue of SCCCragkw#@!. Also to Glen, K6NA, for the idea of including the Sprint log sheet (don't worry, Glen, the CQWW log sheets will go out in the next issue), and finally to Fred, W6TKV, Dennis, NE6I, Jerry, N6AV, Dave, N7NR, and Dick, W6MVW, for taking the time to jot me a note with their thoughts.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For some reason, I really enjoy the NAQP contests! I think it is a combination of the relatively high activity from band to band and the short time period (12 hours). The high rates keep me interested and the short period keeps my family happy (at least until November!). The best part, however, seems to be the low power rule which makes me think I can compete with the big boys. I believe a lot of other hams think this way too, which might explain the contest's popularity. Both the CW and the SSB club teams did well this year - maybe the SCCC will take home the T-shirts for both modes!

Little contests like this are a good way to limber up for the more serious events, which explains why you will find top ops in these contests, if even to only make a hundred QSOs or so. "Little pistols" who want to improve their skills can listen to a "big gun" in these contests and analyze their operating technique. Attention to details makes the difference.

On another note, W9NQ is the new club VP and is doing a great job of arranging teams for NAQP and Sprint. Bob suggests that club members get on 3815-3830 kHz Sunday evenings at 8 PM (local time) for an informal round-table, at least through the contest season. I think it is a great idea. Perhaps we could have 10 minute mini-Sprints to keep things lively, like the "old" days.

Bob also proposes the club provide a SCCC contest achievement award to worthy SCCCers at the end of the season. I think the award could be a colorful certificate, blank ZA cards, or even HRO stock shares. Come with your best ideas to the meeting at N6AAs on August 31 after TRW.

73 and keep the rate up!
Kevin, NC6U

LETTER FROM AA6RX

Hola Amigos, que tal?

I just wanted to catch you all up on the news. After a successful first year as a professional musician in Mexico, I am heading back to XE to take a new job as co-Principal of the Sinfonica Nacional.

I also hope to be more radio-active with a modest set-up from home or as a guest op. I look forward to working all of you in the upcoming contest season, e.g. Sprint and CQWW. Look for me as XE1/AA6RX, XE1X, XE1MD or possibly together with XE1/NV1P, Ken, another ex-patriot I've met down here.

I hope one of my visits coincides with an SCCC meeting.

Very 73 - David, AA6RX

CLUB SECRETARY REGRETS TO REPORT THERE WERE NO NEW MEMBERS OVER THE LAST TWO MONTHS

Sorry to say there were no new members joining our club this last two months. Renewals are doing pretty well, but not everyone who USED to be a member of the SCCC has elected to CONTINUE (whether consciously or unconsciously). Here is a list of the ops who have been dropped from the roster lately in hopes that any current, paid up or otherwise fine and upstanding member who happens to see these guys walking down the street might casually mention the fact and gently coerce them to consider bringing their membership, uh, up-to-date.

N6MI W6GC W6KUT WA6HXM
AA6AA KV0I WT6T WA6PZL AD00
NN6U N6HK N6MA

Remember, once a member, always a member, but at some point we gotta take them off the roster to keep the dues cheap.

On a similar note, the SCCC, thanks to a gift from Dave, N7NR, mails complimentary copies to prospective members every issue, in hopes of getting them to join and become "real contesters." If you know of anyone who should get a comp copy of SCCCORE with a cover letter about the SCCC, please drop a card or message to WA6OTU and it will be done.

SCCC Treasury Report

While we're at it, for anyone who cares, here is where we stand money-wise:

OPENING	BALANCE	00.00*
IN	Dues:	232.00
	Gifts:	22.00
	In for Badges	15.00

	Total IN	269.00
OUT	Issue 191	41.26
	Issue 291	36.56
	Issue 391	50.12
	Out for Badges	15.00

	Total OUT	142.94

BALANCE as of 8/20/91 +126.06

*I know it's hard to believe, but it is TRUE, the club was flat broke, nay busted, in January of 1991.

1991 California QSO Party Results

Maybe you've already seen the results, but here's how the SCCC fared in the 1990 CQP. A quick scan of the listings shows we had 20 members turn in their scores; 16 inside California, 3 in other states, and 1 in Europe. Congratulations to the following:

TOP TWENTY (Bottle of Wine)

- #3 - KA6SAR at N6VR
- #4 - KI6ZH at K6XT
- #5 - NC6U
- #11 - W6UQF
- #18 - W6TKV
- #19 - N6HC

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD (CW QSOs)

KA6SAR

TOP DX STATION AWARD

N6TR at 4U1ITU

Capturing second place in the Multi-op County Expedition category were NI6W, K9VV and N7CW, who put Imperial County on the air for over 2000 QSOs.

Interestingly enough, there was a rumor for some years that the two contest clubs (NCCC and SCCC) were ineligible to compete for the club award, and yet we were listed in the competition for the Top Club Activity award with the highest score, but presumably we

didn't win it because we didn't have the minimum number of entries. If they're going to let us compete for it, then by all means, make sure you put "SCCC" on your summary sheet this year!

On an unfortunate note, one of our members who took issue with his score reduction has repeatedly solicited WA6AUE for an explanation, and has so far received no response. Running a contest is a big responsibility which doesn't end when the results are published.

Don't miss the 1991 running of the biggest QSO Party in the country! It starts Saturday October 5, at 1800Z and runs for 30 hours. If you can't get on for the whole thing, then at least get on and hand out some QSOs. Work your SCCC buddies on each band, each mode!

the OBLAST corner...

by Ray, N6VR

CALL	WKD	CFMD	
N6VR	ALL	179	
✓NG6W	ALL	172	
W6KUT	ALL	168	
✓N6ND	ALL	158	
✓AA6AA	175	---	
W6YA	172	---	
K6YRA	---	143	
✓K6ZH	167	129	
✓K6JYO	149	117	
AA6TT	125	---	
✓K6XT	101	---	
KG6AR	85	---	ALL = 182

The following Oblasts are formerly deleted, but recently reinstated:

- 32 = UM#A
- 33 = UM#Q
- 46 = UH#Y

The following Oblasts have been redesignated:

- 42 = UJ#R
- 48 = UI#L,Q

The following Oblasts are new:

- 173 = UI#V
- 177 = UM#P
- 179 = UL#A
- 183 = UJ#X
- 184 = UM#T

Call Ray, N6VR, for additions and corrections to this listing.

SCCC Intra-club Average Ranking for NA Sprint CW

Listed is the average score of SCCC members over the last 7 CW NA Sprints (Zeros and operations from outside the USA are not included). Use this information to see how you stack up against your competitors and to see how high to set your sights in September. The average tracks the operator, not the station for guest ops who have moved around.

N6TR	13,734
K6LL	13,523
K6NA	13,433
N6AA	13,099
K6STI	12,195
N6TJ	11,801
N6CW	11,747
N6ZZ	11,617
AA6RX	11,560
W6YA	11,264
WA6OTU	11,010
W6SX	10,240
NI6W	10,128
N6VR	9,737
NC6U	8,314
AC6T	8,070
N6CQ	7,873
W7CB	7,815
W6UQF	7,346
K6VNX	6,275
W6MVW	5,545
KK6BB	4,905

SCCC CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

WANTED: Your old retired packet TNC, MS-DOS or C64 compatible, in working condition. Contact Dennis, NE6I.

WANTED: 2 Meter synthesized HT, IC2A(T) or equivalent. Contact Neal, AE6E.

WANTED: 2 Meter radio, TNC, 15-20A 12VDC power supply. Will consider swap for Tempo MMP-1 below. Contact Ray, N6VR.

FOR SALE: AEA PK-232 serial no. 26165 (no Mailbox). \$150. Contact Neal, AE6E.

FOR SALE: Tempo MMP-1 mobile packet printer. \$150 or trade. IBM compatible monochrome card and amber monitor. \$50. Packet dumb terminal. \$25. Contact Ray, N6VR.

FOR SALE: Large antenna boneyard, many miscellaneous pieces of aluminum tubing, brackets and mounting plates from antennas made by Hy-Gain, KLM, Wilson and homebrew. Your choice, \$1.25 per pound or \$1 per piece if under a pound. Contact Mark, WA6OTU.

Only the serious need apply. . . .

Rainbow Ridge (N6DX) is looking for serious operators for an all-out assault on Multi-Multi in the CQWW CW. (Some assembly required). Contact N6VR, N6DX or AE6E for more information.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Dues are \$4 per year. Gifts are appreciated. New Members fill out the following:

Name: _____ Call: _____

Address: _____

Everyone: Check here if you would like a club badge - include an additional \$5.
 Current Members: Check your mailing label on the back of this form. If everything is current, fine. Just send this in with a check. If there are changes, note them.

Mail to: SCCC c/o Mark, WA6OTU - Box 4 - Sierra Madre, CA 91025-0004

CALENDAR

Following is a list of dates close to the hearts of SCCC members:

August

31 - Club Meeting

September

7 - NA Sprint CW

14 - NA Sprint Phone

October

5 - California QSO Party

12 - Club Meeting - in SAN DIEGO!

25,26,27 - CQWW Phone

November

2,3 - SS CW

16,17 - SS Phone

22,23,24 - CQWW CW

December

6,7,8 - ARRL 160

14,15 - ARRL 10

28 - Club Meeting after TRW

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11 - NAQP CW

19 - NAQP Phone

Why Not Have it at YOUR Place?

The October SCCC meeting will be on October 12th. We were kicking it around the other day and thought it was probably long overdue to have a meeting down south in the San Diego area. If any members want to host a barbeque-style club meeting at their QTH, or if anyone has any other ideas, they should contact the President, Kevin, NC6U.

NEXT MEETING

The next SCCC Club Meeting will be held:

**Saturday
August 31, 1991
11:00am**

at the home of:
Dick Norton, N6AA

As mentioned elsewhere in this bulletin, the meeting will be a "Sprint Clinic" in order to get all able-bodied SCCC members ready to kick some butt in the upcoming North American Sprint CW Contest. It will be a barbeque-type affair where everybody brings their own stuff to cook and eat.

DIRECTIONS:

From the Ventura Freeway go south on Topanga Canyon Blvd. until you get to page 109 of your LA Thomas Guide. He lives in Grid D-2 at 21290 W. Hillside Drive. From Pacific Coast Highway go north on Topanga Canyon Blvd until you get to page 109. Then follow the directions above.

**IN TROUBLE? CALL
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We're contesters and we know how to read maps.

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