

SCCCORE

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FROM THE EDITOR... PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This heat has got to stop. It makes it impossible to spend any time on the tower....Man, summer is the worst in my opinion - noisy bands, no contests (although that is changing more and more) and all this heat, heat, heat!

I suffered mild heat exhaustion last week and it served to remind me that I was human and mortal (which I need to remember from time to time). Among the things I learned were: 1) Nobody is immune from heat exhaustion, regardless of how fit you are or how much water you drink (heat exhaustion should not be confused with dehydration), and 2) the effect can sneak up on you slowly as a result, over several days. Boy, did it take me to the mat. I spent a couple of days being just plain miserable, all the while my work schedule insisted I should be outside doing heavy work in the heat.

I think I want to live in Montana. Kathy says the winters there are miserable. I just can't win.

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What do I have to say this month? Not much of any substance. It's summer, you know, and there's not much going on. Instead, I'm going to jump to the aid of a colleague, Vice President Bob, W9NQ, and comment on the quo of status. Now anybody who has been paying attention knows by this time that the SCCC is trying to make a concerted effort to capture the Medium Club category in Sweepstakes. Bob has been talking about this for months, and it has been bantered about in this Newsletter more than once. We also talked up the North American QSO Party

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As we move into the 92-93 contest season in earnest, a few observations are in order:

1) If you're still around to read this issue of SCCCORE, congratulations, you're still alive and still maybe a contester. At least your dues are paid up.

2) Conditions are definitely not what they were at this time last year and your MARGINAL TEN METERS STRATEGY needs to be dusted off.

3) The root, hard-core SCCC membership is still around, and most with plans for the CQWW (at least) (at least CW - ed.), September Sprint, and maybe even a modest SS effort. A lot of SCCCers of the past are mere memories. Some might show up at a meeting every other year, but never find their way into any contests. Most active members would prefer to know that they have at least a chance to work ALL SCCCers in the major contests, but I believe that many would also feel that it is better to have a (hopefully) temporarily inactive member, than no member. For those on the outside looking in, please pick up your key/mic and show some SCCC spirit. Rah.

I spent the past couple weeks on Ascension, and am now getting ready for the next trip back to The Rock. Usual radio-activities while there, including attempts to drum-up some Delaware/VY2/VE4/Maine action for the upcoming SPRINT. Will you be on? Dabbled in the NAQP from ZD8, but was disgusted by the lack of activity. Some nice openings to the U.S. on 160. Not bad for mid-summer.

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Things are starting to jell for SCCC expeditions in October and November. We should have at least one team in the CQWW Phone and two teams in the CW test. If you're inclined to do a contest expedition for the CQWW, please let me know and we'll get you on a team. Single ops staying at home could also comprise a team, if there is sufficient interest.

SCCC member K6NA has been heard recently signing /VE8. Now if we could just keep Glenn up there for the SPRINT. . . . On that subject, last February's CW SPRINT once again found SCCC#1 blowing away the competition with an impressive 132K score. That's an average of 13.2K per op. WOW. SCCC#2 (minus 4 ops) came in 8th in the competition, beating the likes of the once great Murphy's Mauraders, and other noteworthy teams such as "Dead Lizards Can't Send CW," "Inorganic Nines and Zeros," and "Corn, Cows, and a Big Black Hole." And the rest of the country thinks that SoCal is weird! Our one-person team (KY7M on SCCC#3) brought up 19th place, but hey, his score was still 12K. Why wasn't he at least on SCCC#2, you ask. . . . On Phone, SCCC#1 came in 3rd with 7 ops and SCCC#2 got lucky number 13. And let's not forget the #1 and #8 (CW) and #2 and #8 (Phone) showings of the SCCC in January's NAQP. **BOTTOM LINE:** your SCCC Ks B on a regular basis, and has certainly earned its reputation as the **NUMBER ONE** contest club in the country.

I was pleased to QSO Marty, N6VI/KH6 two weeks ago, operating from his new QTH on Oahu - formerly the formidable QTH of KH6XX. Must be nice to move-in with six big towers (and beams) already in place. If Marty's big 100W signal into Ascension was any indicator, look for some impressive scores from the Pacific Section.

All members are invited to our Anaheim Hills home, 6pm on Friday night, September 4th. I realize that's the beginning of the long Labor Day weekend, but the occasion was primarily dictated by the imminent return to Milano by Paulo, I2UIY, and Ermino, I2FOW. Also, the next day is the CW SPRINT. Come and get some last minute SPRINT tips from N6AA and K6NA, and watch Paulo down a 2 kilo pizza. . .

73
Jim, N6TJ

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The June meeting of the Southern California Contest Club was held at Marty and Clara's house accompanying their going away Open House. Marty recently got transferred to Hawaii by the firm he works for, so they were taking an opportunity to say goodbye to all their pals. SCCC people present to say "aloha" were:

N6AA	DICK	WB6OKK	RICK
N6DLU	DAVID		+ KAREN
W6DN	ROB	WA6OTU	MARK
N6DX	DARRELL		+ KATHY
AE6E	NEAL	N6RA	TOM
	+ JUDIT	W6SX	HANK
	+ LUCY	N6TJ	JIM
W6HAL	LEON		+ MARILYN
N6IC	DON	N6VI	MARTY
K5KT	JOE		+ CLARA
N6LL	PAUL		+ ERIC
W6MDH	JERRY	K6VNX	ARLEN
W6MKB	TERRY	N6ZZ	PHIL
N6NB	WAYNE		+ KAREN

Topics for the day included where various ops were headed to for the CQ Worldwide in both modes, the Keyman's Club of Japan contest - the ultra-persnickety answer to the All Asian contest, and the rescheduling of the next meeting from August 29th to September 4th, a Friday night, at N6TJ's.

Marty and Clara threw a really first-class Going Away Open House with enough food for a full company of Opera singers (take it from me, I know), and plenty of surplus radio gear upstairs to be had at incredible bargains to keep everyone extremely satisfied. It was one great afternoon. Our thanks again to Mr. and Mrs. N6VI for a great Club meeting.

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and the Sprint, for months, and made it very clear that to participate, you should contact Bob and express your interest.

Our teams do well in these contests (like, we WIN them) and when we become prominent in something like that, our participation mandates a degree of responsibility on our parts.

So why is it that when these contests come and go, Bob has to single-handedly rattle the cage to get any response? Why is it that when he has personally telephoned SCCC "regulars" at his own expense to see if they are getting on, he is met with comments like "I was wondering when I was going to hear from you"?

Far be it for me to yell at you guys for being rude and irresponsible if you don't want to play 'teams' in our favorite game. But I think we better be darned sure that 'teams' is what we want to play before we mandate a member to set them up and another member to hype them in the bulletin, and yet a third to set about collecting the results. That's how you burn off your best assets...

Hope to see you all in the Sprint. Please let Bob know if you can be on a team, and please get on if you commit to a spot. Don't leave your buddies hanging....
Mark, WA6OTU

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Past Performance of the SCCC in ARRL SS

The following information was extracted from back issues of QST, dating back to 1976 when the Southern California Contest Club was formed.

YEAR	RANK	TOTAL PTS	# LOGS	CLUB HIGH CW	CLUB HIGH SSB
1976	08/92	2,863,224	40	W6RTT (WA6OTU) 134,828	WB6YBL 216,300
1977	11/98	1,556,166	16	W6AM (N6TJ) 182,646	N6UR 148,920
1978	11/26	1,397,000	14	W6HX (N6NT) 177,896	NONE LISTED
1979	NO LISTINGS				
1980	40/70	223,586	03	NONE LISTED	NONE LISTED
1981	02/75	1,089,798	10	N6TR 182,780	KB6I (N6TR) 280,608
1982	10/29	1,084,056	11	W6UE (AA6RX) 142,496	N6TR 268,768
1983	09/66	571,804	09	NONE LISTED	N6TR 2,640
1984	06/59	675,668	08	W6YA (N6TJ) 147,112	W8AKS 62,968
1985	12/20	794,042	10	W6AQ (WA6OTU) 167,388	N8BJQ 42,432
1986	09/18	1,107,750	14	N6TR 162,208	W6UQF 85,118
1987	09/18	1,498,682	16	K6NA 170,100	K6NA (N6TR) 286,050
1988	10/34	1,525,864	13	K6NA 166,744	W6UQF 116,888
1989	09/32	1,737,036	12	K6LL 166,944	K6LL 363,286
1990	07/35	2,660,658	20	K6LL 186,150	K6LL 362,516
1991	07/44	2,868,198	22	K6LL 199,430	K6LL 345,192

FOR SALE

Top of the line Triband Yagi

Formerly in use at N6VI's California QTH
This excellent Hy-Gain 1H7DXX was up scarcely a year
Contact N6ZZ for more information
phone (818) 360-4020

FOR SALE

Prop-pitch Rotator System

Engineered to be Weatherproof and Reliable
Now you can own the ultimate without all the hassle!
Contact K6NA for more information
phone (619) 749-3936

THE VICE PREZ SEZ

The November Sweepstakes is one of the oldest (if not the oldest) major contest running today. My interest in SS and general curiosity prompted me to dig through my old QSTs to find out 1) When the SCCC was formed and 2) How well has the SCCC fared compared to other clubs in the ARRL club competition portion of the SS. Included in this issue are the results of the investigation. It is interesting to note that last year the SCCC turned in an aggregate score higher than any year since the first year the club was eligible for competition. And to think that I thought the SCCC's performance in SS was dwindling! Dave, K6LL, was responsible for about 20% of our club score with the two logs he submitted (CW and Phone combined). As a matter of fact, Dave has pretty much dominated the top SCCC standings for the last 3 years. The calls listed as Club High CW and SSB were as listed in the pages of QST. I did note however that several instances existed where other SCCC members actually did better than those listed as "Club Highs." Either those people were not SCCC members at that time or they failed to put "SCCC" in the Club Affiliation block on their summary sheets! (Or they didn't attend the required number of meetings...cd)

League Club Competition is broken down into the following categories: Small Clubs - up to nine logs submitted; Medium Clubs (our typical category) 10 to 49 logs submitted; and Unlimited Clubs - 50 or more logs submitted). Our best finish seems to have been 2nd out of 75 entries in the Local Category in 1981. It looks as though we came on strong in the early years and kinda pooped out in 1979-80. What happened? (I can tell you what happened, but it is a long story...ed) Oh well, I believe interest is on the rise again and this year will be a banner year for the SCCC. Who will take this year's club high for Phone and CW? Are we going to see K6LL's call in those columns again or will it be yours?

Now, I must beat the drum one last time. This year the CW SS will fall 2 weeks after CQWW Phone, and Phone SS the week before CQWW CW. Check the SCCC Calendar on the back page for exact dates. If you're not planning a major effort in CQWW this year, take a crack at Sweepstakes. If you can swing them both, great! Whether you launch an all-out effort or casually operate, please remember to indicate "SCCC" on your summary sheets. If we can get half the members to turn in a score for CW and SSB, I believe the SCCC will have a good shot at winning the ARRL Club Competition Gavel. Can we count on your support? 73 es GL in the test...

Bob, W9NQ

Will Miracles Never Cease?

(LOS ANGELES, CA) The July-August issue of SCCCORE, the newsletter for the Southern California Contest Club, is actually hitting the stands over a week before the next Club meeting, a first in the term of Mark Beckwith, WA6OTU, as Editor of the SCCC rag. "I can't believe I got it out this far in advance" Mr. Beckwith said when asked about the timely publication. "It's never been finished this early before. It must have been all the time I had to spend indoors because of the Heat Exhaustion."

Beckwith refused to comment on speculation that the quality of the image had reached its peak and would be falling off, although off the record he was heard as commenting "if they want me to fix the busted pin in my print head I'm gonna have to raise the dues."

Send in your Scores

As Bill Hein comments in his new column on the penultimate page of this issue of SCCCORE, he feels pretty silly listing only his own scores. Get your scores to Bill for inclusion - after all, the 'R' in SCCCORE stands for "Results." How do you do it, you ask? Well, besides all the options Bill gives you in his write-up (Telephone, FAX, E-Mail), you can also mail them to him on a postcard or continue to send them to KA6SAR or myself on packet. But DO IT FAST. If you think about the time-frames involved, you see why there are no results listed for NAQP and IARU. We should probably think about setting up that on-the-air meeting idea so we can keep more up-to-date.

ARRL National Convention

The ARRL National Convention was held in Los Angeles this year at the LAX Marriott on August 21, 22, and 23. Of interest to me were 1) the Contester's Lunch with Billy Lunt, KR1R, set up by Kurt, NI6W, and publicised in his column in the last issue, 2) The Contest Forum, and 3) Kurt's talk on Yagi Stress.

The Lunch was nice, and I got in another request for the All-Time Field Day records to get straightened out (in case you don't know it, SCCC holds the record for the highest score EVER achieved in FD), and I made a strong statement about keeping fluff out of the NCJ.

The Contest Forum was no more than KR1R giving a talk on how the ARRL scores logs. Don't worry, they're fair. They basically got the right idea.

Kurt's talk on stress was built on the search for the perfect 20 Meter Beam and was very well presented except that he offered more data than could be absorbed by anyone who had not sat beside him as he figured it out over the last few months. Nevertheless, Glenn and I learned a valuable lesson - based on Kurt's computer analyses, we have been doing it right all along. Good for us. --Mark, WA6OTU

NCCC Announces 1992 CQP

The Northern California Contest Club has announced their running of the 1992 California QSO Party. It will be held as usual the first weekend of October, from 1600Z October 3rd to 2200Z October 4th. This is unquestionably the biggest State contest boasting by far the most activity for any contest of this type. There are National and Worldwide contests which don't get half the turnout the NCCC gets every year for the CQP.

SCCC members, being mostly from California, can take this contest really seriously and do very well. Certainly every year SCCC members take home a fair share of the awards, and there are no shortage of awards available. If you place in the top 20 (very doable) you get a bottle of California Wine - beats the heck out of any certificate. The really big-time winners get some of the best looking trophies around - custom engraved plaques.

So why not make this the year you really do the CQP? It is the perfect preamble and warmup for the really big contests of the fall, and can make for a great weekend! A thousand QSOs is a reasonable goal for anyone who just gets on from California - and there is never a dull moment. Check the magazines for detailed rules.

W6YA Annual Open House

Jim McCook, W6YA, has extended an open invitation to all members of the Southern California Contest Club to attend his annual Open House. This is a legendary annual occasion, not to be missed:

W6YA OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, August 30, 1992

1:00 to 5:00pm

Refreshments and some munchies provided

DIRECTIONS:

Take I-5 to Leucadia Boulevard (first exit south of La Costa), go East one-half mile to Woodley Place. Go south to the end (1 block) which goes straight into W6YA's driveway. Park on the street or...?

Telephone (619) 753-8900

Other Clubs & Scores

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This is my first Other Clubs & Scores column. I would like to hear your comments, pro or con, on its presentation and contents. Also, I need operators for multi-op efforts in the upcoming contest season. Contact me if interested.

Western Washington DX Club The Totem Tabloid

Bob Brown, NM7M, a retired physics professor, has just completed a year-long study of long path 20m propagation. A book, detailing Brown's studies, is available for \$10 ppd direct from NM7M.

MileHiDx Association News

There is a continual carrier during the day on 10.102.6 MHz....Late one night I heard the station testing on RTTY and it turned out to be 3XA, the commercial station in Conakry, Guinea. I have heard a few hams trying to "jam" this station probably thinking it is an AM carrier...

Western Washington DX Club The Totem Tabloid

The Western Washington guys sure had fun in the 1991 Phone Sweepstakes: Most everyone lost power for at least some of the time. K7LXC went out and rented a generator. K7SS lost his low band antennas. K7QQ and K7RI had a good race going in the low power category, until the power outage cost Rex more time than Tom. Dan, W7WA, had a potential top score go down the drain when the power failed at W7XR. WY7I reported a lightning strike on his packet node, and K7DZ had his tower buckle about 8 feet below his antennas.

Texas DX Society The Bullsheet

...Another approach is to encourage 160m activity in those "nearby" countries. This means we ought to encourage DXpeditions to spend some quality time on 160m. We could donate/loan equipment for this purpose. The 6m and RTTY fellows do this all the time.

The Frankfort Radio Club Newsletter

Micro Circuits Lab in Brooklyn, NY, a well known manufacturer of RF components, sells a miniature 9:1 transformer ideal for matching a Beverage antenna to a 50Ω coaxial line. The loss is less than 1 dB and it is the size of an integrated circuit. Part number is T9-1. Price is \$3.70. Local distributor is MLC Distributors, telephone 215/825-3177.

Scores

Mark 'OTU just told me that I am collecting SCCC contest scores. Unfortunately, the only scores I have at press-time are for my own station! Please forward your contest scores to me at the above telephone, fax, or via America On Line E-mail. Thanks.

ARRL DX SSB

AA6TT 5,256 Qs 489 ctys 7,710,552 points
(multi-two + AA5B, AI9X, N5FA, K5TA, K7UP, N7KA, N0XX, BUT NO PACKET!, beats old USA record by 500k)

CQ WPX SSB

AA6TT 3,153 Qs 874 pfxs 6,663,376 points
(multi-single + AA5B, OH6DO, #1 USA???)

CQ WPX CW

AA6TT 2,873 Qs 879 pfxs 5,463,864 points
(multi-multi + AA5B, AI9X, F1JTL, K7UP, N5FA)

ARRL June VHF

AA6TT 453 Qs 200 grids 90,600 points
(6m single band, beats Colorado single op all-band record)

AA6TT's comment

Is anyone besides me puzzled over the DXAC's tardiness in clarifying the DXCC (and therefore contest multiplier) status of the former Yugoslavian republics? These countries have been admitted to the United Nations, diplomatically recognized by the United States and the European Community, competed under their own flags in the Barcelona Olympics, yet the DXAC is still "studying" the issue! What's to study?

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Anyone applying for New Membership should fill out the following:

Name: _____ Call: _____

Address: _____

Everyone: Check here if you would like a club badge - include an additional \$6.
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.

Dues are: \$5 per year Domestic, \$8 Canada/Mexico, and \$10 anywhere else.

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

SCCC CALENDAR

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

AUGUST

30 - W6YA's Open House - SCCC members can count as meeting attendance

SEPTEMBER

4 - SCCC Meeting at N6TJ's for dinner. See announcement to right ---->

5 - North American Sprint, CW

12 - North American Sprint, Phone

OCTOBER

3, 4 - California QSO Party

12 - Deadline for October issue of SCCCORE

24 - Club Meeting, location TBA

30, 31 - CQWW, Phone

NOVEMBER

7, 8 - ARRL Sweepstakes, CW

21, 22 - ARRL Sweepstakes, Phone

27, 28, 29 - CQWW, CW

DECEMBER

4, 5, 6, - ARRL 160 Meter Contest

7 - Deadline for December issue of SCCCORE

12, 13 - ARRL 10 Meter Contest

26 - Club Meeting after TRW

JANUARY

9 - North American QSO Party, CW

16 - North American QSO Party, Phone

29, 30, 31 - CQWW 160 Meter CW Contest - *is this right?*

NEXT MEETING

The next SCCC Club meeting will be held:
September 4, 1992

6:00 pm

CANCELLED - Jim Gone - RESCHEDULED - Italians to be at N6AA's QTH so gathering will be there (9/4 at 6) Showing up late because of traffic is okay. Bring drinks, we'll all send out for pizza. ***For info check Packet or call N6AA or W6OTU***
... we go out into the fray. Our guests will include I2UTY and I2EOW who will be heading back to Italy after the meeting.

DIRECTIONS:

Take the 91 Freeway to Imperial Highway exit, then turn east to the first light, Santa Ana Canyon Road. Turn Left (N) and go to the 4th light, approximately 2.2 miles - this is Mohler Road. Turn Right and go a short distance to the stop sign. Mohler turns off to the left. Don't go left, go straight through the first block on the left, Mill Stream Circle. Jim and Marilyn's is the third house on the left, at 7451 East Mill Stream Circle.

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