

# SCCCORE

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WE NEED SOMEONE!

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The next meeting will be July 27th at 11AM, Shakey's Pizza Parlor, 2000 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Manhattan Beach (near TRW Swap Meet) and on the same day too! BE THERE !

PRESIDENTS REPORT

W6AM--THE END OF AN ERA

By now, most of you have probably heard, THE DX LEGEND, W6AM, passed away May 25th.

Don had been a member of our club for several years.

An enthusiastic operator, those who knew him will always remember him and the kind words he always had. Despite his advancing age, I was always impressed with his energy. He would get so excited when 20 meters opened to Europe after a short drought of not hearing them.

I never met Don, but had the pleasure of listening to him at a couple meetings and conventions. Early in my contesting years, I wrote him a note asking to operate his station in a contest. Don never returned the letter. Instead, he phoned long distance to sorrowfully explain that he no longer allowed guest operators for contests except for one lucky fellow who had done it for years. Don felt bad about having to turn me down, but explained that the station had become so complex that several times things had been damaged due to improper and hasty equipment switching during contests.

I remember hanging up the phone feeling quite priveleged to have received a reply at all, much less a phone call! After all, Don didn't know me from ADAM!

The W6AM legend will live on forever. W6AM and the word DX will remain synonomous for a long time to come. 73 Don, and Good DX Forever!

SCCC NOTES

The May 18 meeting was attended by N8BJQ, NE6I, N6JVM & XY1, WA6OTU, AB6RX, N6VI, and NI6W.

Marty N6VI gathered input for the NCJ on several items. One of those was the after contest gathering frequency for the West Coast. For years, it has been 3815, but this frequency is only viable during the winter for contests that end at 0000 UTC. After much discussion, it was decided to recommend 7171 KHz as the place to go after a contest. Conditions on this frequency should be such that we can hear each other and the NCJ score gatherer can also. Naturally, if 7171 is no good, everyone will probably default to 3815 anyway. At this point, this is a recommendation only, so 3815 is still the place to go until further notice.

Also discussed was the fact that the next DX convention in Fresno or Visalia (?) will be sponsored by the Southern California DX Club. It was suggested that we organize a contest forum.

Considerable discussion took place regarding coordination with the SCDXC and San Diego DX Club in contests. With **THREE** southern California clubs participating in contests, it may be difficult to recommend members submit a score to any one club! The SCCC prefers to concentrate on CQWW which pretty much leaves only the ARRL DX Contest. WPX is probably not yet popular enough with any of these three clubs. So with only two major DX contests, but three clubs, how do we be fair to all three?

One idea is for the SCCC to get out of DX contests and concentrate on something like Sweepstakes.

Another would be to rotate the contests. For example, the 1985 CQWW would be a SCCC contest, the 1986 ARRL DX Contest would be SDDXC, the 1986 CQWW would be SCDXC, the 1987 ARRL DX would be SCCC, and so on.

All mutual members would be instructed to submit their score to the designated club. The other two clubs would not turn in club scores AT ALL!

Perhaps you have some other ideas. A questionnaire/ballot has been included with this bulletin for your input. Please be sure to return it to NEADI.

Also on the ballot, is the issue of a dues increase. This dues increase is necessary to cover the cost of producing and mailing the bulletin. The bulletin is what keeps you informed of what the SCCC and the contest world is doing! An increase to \$3.00 or \$3.50 is proposed. We recommend you approve this increase.

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#### NORTH COUNTIES AREA REPORT

If you weren't with the North Counties Contest Group for the WPX CW test, you missed a super fun weekend and some outstanding openings to Europe on 20 meters! We used AK6A at N6VR's mini-gun station (under 2 KW). The operators included: AK6A, N6ADI, AD6C, WA6FGV, N6HK, KY6L, AC6T, N6VR and NS6X. AD6C and AC6T burned up 20 and 40 meters on Saturday night with the keyers smoking. Our point and QSO total on 40 was doubled from the last effort (that 4 element 40 mtr KLM really works) and if 15 had opened we might have beat last years score but MOTHER NATURE didn't allow that so we pushed last years score and ended up with 1.9 mil and right behind N7TT again. Ray is looking for an amp (California KILOWATT), his 3-1000 and SB220 just don't have enough poop to be competitive according to the rumor mill. 3-5 KW is QRP by average. Who knows? Maybe next year we can get some more operators off their paperweights to help with our annual WPX efforts.

I just returned from KH6 and operated N6ADI/NH6 for one night during the ALL ASIAN Phone test. I operated from KH6SP the sub-base station at Pearl Harbor and had a ball running JA's, Vu's, UA's and HL's until I burned up the radio at 4 AM Sunday morning. The station consisted of a TR-7 (bad radio, if someone gave me one, I'd sell it), TH6 at 70' and FL2100B. I ran JA's on 20 mtrs from 10PM local til the radio ate it at 4AM; then I went to the beach. I put on the V3DX/V30AA slide show for the Oahu DX Club and saw alot of the local gang including NOSE KH6IJ. I was there for 10 days and spent most of them on the beach body surfing. It was lovely and a good time to gather perspectives and rejuvenate the mind.

While the WPX CW effort was going on the 25th of May we heard on the DX repeater about the passing of 6AM and were surprised and saddened! Ray N6VR and I attended the gathering at Don's place the following week to find in excess of 300++ hams from all over the Western States. Some were operating the rhombics with W6AM memorial and all were remembering Don and his deeds and I felt the most important thing that Don left us was the fact that NO ONE ever heard him speak negatively about anyone or thing. He always had something good to say and if the world could just follow that one example it couldn't help but be better. Don taught us all that by example! I had known Don for abt 5 years and had the pleasure to work him from Belize and have the QSO on tape and his famous story of how they named the country after him Wallize after one of his trips there.

Don was one of the pioneers of amateur radio becoming involved in the early 1900's, being the radio operator for a president and was soon involved nationally and inter-nationally in the advancement of amateur radio. His station became world famous with the installation of the rhombics and was an engineers nightmare when he consolidated it from its original size to its current size with the rhombics all overlapping. His shack measured abt 40' x 60' and was filled with switches and open feeders that would puzzle the most electronically inclined. Don's accomplishments are unmatched and his wit and positive attitude are an example to us all. God bless you Don...73's.....

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 WPX PHONE 85 HIGH CLAIMED  
 MULTI SINGLE

KN6M/5	4,427,304
N4WW	3,710,056
KW8N	3,646,552
ND4J	3,198,392
N7TT	2,945,792
NS6X	2,778,213
KI1G	2,423,160
NB6L	2,421,404
AA5B	1,766,709
NU6B	1,462,104
KM0L	1,132,404
WC6I	1,090,400
NI2T	1,025,960

UP COMING CONTESTS

July 1	Canada Day Contest
July 13-14	IARU Radiosport
July 19-21	CQ WW VHF Prefix
August 24-25	All Asian CW

NI6W Scores

WPX SSB	833 X 271	970K	40 mtr single
CW	835 X 326	1.04M	" " "

MULTI-MULTI

NM5L	4,590,402
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THE 1985 CALIFORNIA QSO PARTY  
 SPONSORED BY:  
 THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB

TIME/DATE: 1600Z OCT 5 TO 2359Z OCT 6.

EXCHANGE: QSO NUMBER AND QTH (COUNTY IF CALIFORNIA STATION; OTHERWISE STATE, PROVINCE OR COUNTRY).

SCORING: 2 POINTS PER PHONE QSO, 3 POINTS PER CW QSO. MOBILE STATIONS MAY BE REWORKED AS THEY CHANGE COUNTIES. STATIONS MAY BE WORKED ONCE PER BAND PER MODE. CALIFORNIA STATIONS MULTIPLY QSO POINTS TIMES THE NUMBER OF STATES PLUS CANADIAN CALL AREAS FOR A MAXIMUM OF 58. OTHERS MULTIPLY BY THE NUMBER OF CALIFORNIA COUNTIES WORKED (MAXIMUM OF 58).

MISC: SINGLE OPERATORS LIMITED TO 24 HOURS. TIME OFF PERIODS MUST BE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES AND NOTED IN LOG. CW QSOS MUST BE MADE IN CW SUBBANDS. NO REPEATER OR MCW QSOS. SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES: CW; 1805 AND 50 KHZ UP FROM LOW END. PHONE; 1815, 3850, 7230, 14250, 21300, 28500. TRY CW ON THE HALF HOUR, 160 AT 0500Z, AND 75 AT 0700Z. SUBMIT ENTRIES BY NOVEMBER 10, 1985 TO: ALAN A. BRUBAKER, K6XO, 3675 EL GRANDE DRIVE, SAN JOSE, CA 95132 U.S.A. PLEASE INCLUDE S.A.S.E. FOR RESULTS AND AWARDS.

LOS ANGELES AREA COORDINATOR'S REPORT FOR JULY 1985

I had a chance to visit Tree in Oregon while I was on a performing tour to the Pacific Northwest in April. We spent an afternoon together, and he showed me the new home he and Cindy just bought. This could get serious. We're talking five (5) flat acres with no bad shots, no radio noise, and only 3 neighbors within a half a mile, and their TV antennas are all pointed 90 degrees from his place. Gee, but life is rough. I talked to him on the phone last week, and he has already poured his two tower bases, and plans his initial shakedown run in the IARU Radiosport.

I think radio propagation has started its year long vacation which happens every eleven years or so around this time. It's times like this that the op with a beam on 20 but nothing on 10 and 15 sneaks in and surprises the heck out of us. Keep your eyes open for it. Gad, even the Sporadic E is slim pickins on 10 and 15 this spring....

In my neck of the woods, there is talk of an SCCC Field Day next year whether or not the North wants a fight. It seems some of us don't just operate FD to beat the North, so some of us were sad when the SCCC killer operation was aborted. Next year let's do it. Timeworn, yes, but "it's never too early to start planning for Field Day".

Speaking of planning, mark your calendars to be at the Club meeting on July 27th, and note it starts at 11am, right smack after things wind down at the TRW Swapmeet. There's bound to be some excellent discussion about a number of important issues, namely, the proposed dues increase (It's time to do something when you've only got eleven dollars in the bank), the NEW challenge to the North (Los Pollos Locos) for CQWW (we should create an award for the club member who comes closest to guessing what excuse they're going to use this time), and last but not least, we all need to hammer out the pros and cons of putting up a club repeater.

A club repeater would be a very good thing. I think our club needs something like that. I feel that the comraderie it would instill in all the ops who used it would give us some much needed glue to keep the ranks together, not to mention having a machine which we could do with what we please (in the way of links, autopatches, etc.) The reason this is coming to a head is that we have been offered the equipment and may have an excellent site (covering Southern California), all we have to do is pay the operating costs, which would raise the membership dues a bit. How much is a function of numerous factors, all of which will be discussed at the meeting, so, BE THERE.

Mark Beckwith, WA6OTU

## ORANGE COUNTY REPORT

Greetings from the SOUTH. I can't remember the last time I set pen to paper.

The latest news (or lack of it) from Orange Co. is that our group of the last two years didn't make Field Day this year. I happened to spot a small group from the Orange Co. Amateur Club (W6ZE) at a park near my home and stopped by to check it out. All the guys were friendly and invited me back to operate. I returned Sat. night and had a great time.

I still think that a S.C.C.C. field day effort is a good idea, regardless of the situation with the Great Northern Lightweights. Since we are a contest club it seems to me that we would or should welcome the opportunity that Field Day presents to get together and do what we claim to do best. No plaques, no certificates, No "Field Day Hall of Fame", so What? Whatever happened to getting together for a GOOD TIME?

I wonder where tomorrow's contesters are going to come from? I got my first contest experience at Field Day. I couldn't wait a whole year to have that much fun so I started entering real contests. This kind of event is a great place to expose the next generation of hams to contesting. If contesters don't welcome new blood and try to show them the right way, then contesting is likely to follow other factions of the hobby, degrading into lids, lists and social societies!

I enjoyed operating 40 meter singleband for both modes of WPX. It sure is frustrating to listen to multipliers who won't tune up on phone. (A good reason for the U.S. 40mtr sub-band) The condx to Europe were better for CW. The JA openings on both modes were good but the shorter opening for CW definitely wasn't good enough to offset the east's European run.

SEE YOU IN THE RADIOSPORT! 73 Kurt NI6W

## SAN DIEGO REPORT

Rick, N6ND is now on the air from his new home in Ramona. The last report was that he's got at least one antenna up for each band and plans to be active in the Radiosport.

Jim, W6YA has set the day for his annual OPEN HOUSE! Plan to be there sometime after noon on Sunday Aug. 18th. Take I-5 South to Leucadia Blvd. (south of Carlsbad) go east on Leucadia about 1/2 mile to Passiflora Pl. and turn right. You can see the tower from Leucadia Blvd.

Terry, N6CW had planned to operate from VP2V for WPX but the United strike changed all that.

Glen, K6NA must have bought some stock in a South American Coppermine. He says that by fall he hopes to have the radials in for his 160mtr shunt fed tower. Also for those who haven't heard. W6YA had a confirmed report from a reliable source in 4X that Marty OH2BH was on the air for a short time from ZA working Europeans on 20 CW. I'm sure there's more to be said about this in the future.

Note: San Diego Area members: Please forward any scores, reports, comments to myself or my Dad (W6KUT) for the newsletter.

73 Kurt NI6W

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SCCC Questionnaire/Ballot

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Dues increase: APPROVE( ) DISAPPROVE( )

Recommended new dues amount( )

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IDEA(S) ON CONTEST COORDINATION:

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS:

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB "REPEATER" ?

The possibility of obtaining a repeater on 450 MHz and locating it on an excellent mountain Top has presented itself. The repeater would be provided by its owner but the maintenance costs including mountain Top fees would be the clubs responsibility.

Would you be willing to have the club dues increased \$3---\$5----\$10-- or more to support a repeater? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you rather that only the users of the repeater and other donors pay for its support? \_\_\_\_\_

It will be covered at the next MEETING! TRY TO BE THERE!!

COMMENTS- \_\_\_\_\_  
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Your CALL \_\_\_\_\_

Return this to N6ADI promptly!!!!!!! At above address!!!!!!