

Message from the Prez

by Bob Selbrede, W9NQ

Hello again everyone. Nice to see many of you at Visalia and Dayton again this year. I'll recap a few of the main highlights for those unable to attend. We had a good turnout at the Visalia meeting of the SCCC. Around 35 members and a few guests showed up for our Saturday lunch time meeting. Kurt Pauer, W1PH, of YCCC and W1-land Contest Advisory Committee (CAC) fame, attended our meeting. Turns out Kurt owns some property up in the Lone Pine area and may be moving to W6 at some point in the not too distant future.



Let's see how Kurt likes the DX contests from out here (hi). Speaking of the ARRL CAC, there has been a change in CAC representatives for the Southwestern Division. Since Mark, WA6OTU, is heading for Oklahoma, Fried, WA6WZO, has appointed Ned Stearns, AA7A, to be the new division representative. Ned is located in Arizona and is an avid VHF/UHF contester. Drop Ned a note if you have any questions or concerns about the ARRL contests.

This year the Contest Forum featured the *Visalia Group* again. This is a take-off on the *McLaughlin Group* with Bob Wilson, N6TV, moderating the debate. The panel consisted of N6TV, K3ZO, WA6OTU, N6AA and N6TJ. Numerous hot topics in contesting were debated among the panel — most of which have already been beat to death on the contest reflector (hi). The discussion was definitely thought provoking though. The highlight of the

Saturday evening banquet was the announcement by K3EST that N6AA and N6TJ would be inducted into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame. The SCCC (see enclosed letter from K6NA) nominated Dick, and the NCCC nominated Jim. Congratulations, Dick and Jim! Lastly, I discussed the proposed ARRL DX Contest competition with members of the NCCC and NCDXC. The NCCC and SCDXC are all for it. The hang-up appears to be the NCDXC. They need to think about it awhile longer before casting a vote. Within the SCCC, most of the feedback to the NCCC proposal

was positive. There was one interesting counter proposal put forth to make it a CQ and ARRL DX aggregate competition. Sounds like a good idea to me. More on this subject as it develops.

Dayton was a great time this year as well. The weather was decent for a change — tee-shirt weather both Friday and Saturday. By Sunday morning, it was back to rainy weather again. The Antenna, DX and Contest Forums were interesting and well attended as usual. The QRM level at Stouffer's was high as well. That place is crawling with DXers and contesters. The Sultans of Schwing and Kansas City DX Club both had cw copying competitions going on. What a mad house; it was great! At the annual Saturday evening Contest Dinner, the CQ Hall of Fame announcement was again made with the addition of K1EA. It was a good banquet attended by over 350 contesters

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From the Vice President

by Ken WidELITZ, AB6FO

Like everyone else, I have enough aggravation in my life. So, why is it that for my main hobby I chose ham radio, a hobby that by itself generates a life's worth of aggravation? I know I'm not the only one visited by Murphy on a regular basis. Perhaps it is that overcoming Murphy's visits works to increase the satisfaction and forget the aggravation.

To wit, my most recent bout with Murphy was the result of a February visit that caused the resonant frequency of my Mosley Pro-96 to drop 200 kHz on 20-meters and 80 kHz on 40. My thought was that it had to be a result of some of all that rain water getting into a trap. So out came Skip, KJ6Y. I'm a wimp. I don't climb towers. A preliminary tower inspection showed two bad pulleys. Easily fixed by Skip. The two driven elements, the only ones he could reach, had no trap problems. A few days later, a rented bucket lift made fast work of bringing down the other elements. However, a careful examination showed no problems with the traps.

So, we moved the coax from a sloper hanging off the tower to the Pro-96, and the problem went away. Ah ha, must be bad coax. Skip cut a piece of the Pro-96 coax off to examine, but it looked good. We added a male connector to that piece, so as to extend the sloper

coax so it would be long enough when the antenna was raised to the top of the mast. Low and behold, now the sloper coax had the same problem. It turns out that piece of coax had ferrite beads on it. And when Skip added that piece with the beads to his coax at home, he observed the same phenomena. Saturated ferrite beads? Or bad coax where we didn't chop?

Anyway, when a new coax extension was prepared, and I was checking things out, it appeared as though there was no antenna attached to the coax. We spent much time making sure the new coax connectors were on correctly and that we had the same coax attached on both ends. After much head shaking, we checked the lightning arrestor, which had gone bad while we were changing coax lines. Don't know how. We were testing with just a few watts. Skip goes home, I play with the antenna that night. The problem that had gone away hours before was back. Rotating the antenna and lowering the tower made no difference. So Skip comes back out, and we wind up adjusting the driven element tips to get the antenna back into resonance. I don't understand what happened. It is only know to — Murphy.

1:1 SWR in the CW portion of the band on 40 through 10. Feels so good. What aggravation?

lunch meeting. As you all know by now, Bruce is the new editor, and knowing Bruce he will do a great job. I hope to see everyone at Rick's, WB6OKK, house, where I'm sure we'll have a good time.

From the Prez (from page 1)

from around the world. K3WW talked about the role of contest clubs in contesting, and tons of prizes were given away. I was fortunate enough to win a \$100 gift certificate from Cushcraft. Time to go shopping!

The next SCCC meeting will be a barbecue at the QTH of Rick, WB6OKK, as mentioned before. We had fun trying to pick a weekend that wouldn't interfere with the multitude of different things that are happening this time of year. I hope you'll be able to fit it into your schedule to attend. We may possibly have a program to present, as well as a small raffle. In any case, it should be fun. It's also time to start thinking about new officers for the SCCC. This fall will make five years of continuous "officership" for me, and I'll be ready to take on other challenges. It really is a lot of fun. It takes new blood and new ideas now and then if the SCCC is to continue to be a successful contest club. If you think you might be interested in helping out in some way, let me know. Also, don't forget the NAQP contests are just around the corner in August. We may not have another SCCCORE out before then. The SCCC usually registers a team or two for each contest and will do so this August as well. Team competition is a lot of fun. If you are willing to be on one of our teams, drop a not to Ken, AB6FO, who will be putting teams together again for the August NAQPs and September Sprints.

From the Publisher

by Will AngENENT, KN6DV

Time again for a new issue of SCCCORE, but there is not much new from this end. Visalia was a big success again, and it was nice to meet everybody. We had a good turn out at our

N6AA Nomination Letter

Bob Cox, K3EST
CQWW Contest Director

Ref: CQ Contest Hall of Fame

Dear Bob,

As a long time member of the Southern California Contest Club (SCCC), I would like nominate Richard J. Norton, N6AA, for selection to the CQ Contest Hall of Fame. This letter will summarize the reasons for our choice.

As a young teenager on Long Island, Dick was first licensed as K2PHF. He liked CW traffic nets for their discipline, speed and accuracy requirements, so it is not surprising that he was first attracted to contesting by the old CD Parties. In those days the parties were low-key contests of short duration, where you worked mostly traffic handlers and other ARRL volunteers.

After college at Worcester Poly Tech (W1YK), Dick moved to Los Angeles, becoming W6DGH in the earlier sixties. He was consistently active in DX contests, both from home and as a key member of the W6RW multi-multi team. About 1970, Dick traveled to KH6RS for a taste of the competition and challenge from the DX side, and thus began his quest for excellence in radiosport.

From the mid seventies to the mid eighties, N6AA was active in the CQWW tests as a DX entrant, amassing a dozen or more world-high, all-band championships as a single operator on both CW and SSB. From several locations, mainly Trinidad (9Y4VT), Dick's winning success rate and consistency have never been equaled by any operator.

For the last 10 years or so, Dick's personal challenge as a single operator has been to crack

the top 10 box on CW from a different location each November. These trips, often to exotic spots, are a part of his personal effort to operate the CQWW contest from each of the 40 Zones of the world. In October, N6AA leads a "suitcase multi-multi" group of operators to a different location each year, providing intense band activity and enjoyment for all participants in the WW contest.

Dick is a generous competitor who is eager to share his techniques for success and enjoyment. He is a charter member of the SCCC who has encouraged many newer operators to enjoy the contesting game. Significantly, Dick holds himself to a high ethical standard and encourages others to do the same. The term "unique QSO" was coined by N6AA in early 1970, during a rigorous manual log analysis session with friends in California. The modern era of log checking methods was born and evolved further with arrival of computers a few years later. Both as a CQ Contest Committee member and "private citizen," Dick's contributions to radio contest log analysis are legendary, helping to make the contests better for all of us. Dick presently volunteers several hundred hours each year to the analysis and presentation of more meaningful results for all players.

In summary, N6AA is a highly skilled contest operator who has maintained intense enthusiasm for 40 years; has won numerous world championships; has encouraged newer operators by his example; and has advanced significantly the state of the art of radio contesting. For these reasons we in the SCCC believe that Richard J. Norton, N6AA, should be honored as the next inductee to the CQ Contest Hall of Fame, and

thus be recognized for his many achievements and contributions.

Very truly yours,

Glenn Rattmann, K6NA
Member, SCCC
Member, CQ Contest Committee

Contest Operator Wanted

Beach Cities Wireless Society (BCWS), a small but open club meeting monthly in San Clemente, has operated Field Day annually for many years. This year the BCWS is in serious need of an experienced CW operator for Field Day. If a SCCC member is interested, contact John Anderson at 76651.2417@compuserve.com.

Letter — CAC

My name is Ned Stearns, AA7A, and I am the newly appointed Contest Advisory Committee member representing the Southwest ARRL Division. I have been tasked with obtaining opinions of some of the constituents of the Division regarding some of the issues currently being reviewed by the committee. I would appreciate honest responses as soon as possible since the next vote on these topics is scheduled for the end of May, 1995. I am interested in all sides on these issues. I have been a contester in the SW Division for over 20 years and have many opinions on contesting from the SW. I will attempt to be as representative as I can. If you have e-mail capability, please provide your e-mail address in your response. My e-mail address is stearns@getnet.com; FAX

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number is (602) 441-4056. Feel free to send me e-mail or a FAX at any time related to issues on any time related to issues on any of the ARRL contests.

Item 1

A recommendation is on the table to change the "10 minute rule" applied to the Single and Two Transmitter class stations in the ARRL DX Contest (see QST Dec 94, page 122). The recommendation is to change it from requiring the operator to remain on any band for a minimum of 10 minutes after a band change to allowing no more than six band changes per hour. My interpretation of this is that it will still allow multiplier hunting with reasonable constraints and reduce the need for "rubber clocking." Your thoughts?

Item 2

A recommendation is on the table to add in the reporting form and in the listing of results in QST the "hours on" in the contest. I see no problem with this, personally. It might encourage more scores being sent in since lower scores can be defended by lower "hours on." Should encourage more scores to be sent in and enhanced club competitions.

Item 3

A recommendation is on the table to change the scoring in the ARRL 160-meter Contest. Currently, DX contacts count 5 points each and non-DX are 2 points. The suggested change to the rule is to reduce the points from a DX contact from 5 points each to 2 points each. It seems to me that if you reduce the points for DX contacts, then maybe fewer DX stations would be on the air and maybe even fewer DXpeditions for the contest would occur given less interest in a DX station in this contest. This potential rule

change would not make this contest any more fun for me out here in AZ. Your thoughts?

Item 4

A recommendation is on the table to add DXpedition scores to club scores in the ARRL DX contests. The rules would provide the means of partitioning scores to multiple clubs if the team on the DXpedition had representation from different clubs. (They have thought of everything.) I think this would encourage DXpeditions in the ARRL DX Contest and would enliven club competition. Again, your thoughts.

Item 5

A Contest Free Zone is suggested on 20-meters for all ARRL phone contests. It is recommended that no contesting is to be done between 14325 and 14350 kHz. This may be unpopular with many of the contesting community. However, this should be considered as a peace offering for the non-contest interest group on the bands. Consider this proposal as an interim solution to spectrum crowding that can only be fully resolved by expansion of the 20-meter band. Your opinions, please.

If you elect to respond, please reply before the end of May so that I can best represent you all on this committee.

— Ned, AA7A
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W6YA Summer Bash

All DXers/contesters are invited to W6YA's summer bash at 1PM, August 20, hosted by the San Diego DX Club. Take I-5 south past Oceanside to the Leucadia Blvd. exit (after La Costa exit). Go

WW WPX RTTY Contest Final Results

Single Band Plaque Winners

15 meters	TY1PS	41,410
20 meters	LZ1MC	140,760
40 meters	W2UP	81,508
80 meters	S57DX	127,746
Special	JR5JAQ	118,312

Single Operator, High Power Plaque Winners

World	AB5KD	606,369
N.America	KF3P	552,336
Canada	VE7IN	302,075
USA	KN6DV	250,755
Oceania	AH6JF	83,657
Europe	UTØI	302,100
Asia	A45ZX	157,648
Japan	JA3DLE/1	65,640

Single Operator, Low Power Plaque Winners

World	AA5AU	305,136
N.America	AA7UN	192,024
Canada	CJ6V	140,608
USA	KA4RRU	186,000
Oceania	ZL2AMI	106,726
Europe	IV3FSG	172,128
Asia	4X6UO	109,482

Multi-Operator, Single Transmitter Plaque Winners

World	RK9CWA	570,222
N.America	KP2N	421,875
Canada	VA3LM	149,264
USA	WU3V/5	364,420
Europe	PA6WPX	264,610
Oceania	VK6GOM	134,316

Multi-Operator, Multi-Transmitter Plaque Winners

World	WS7I	648,130
Europe	SP5KIM	16,185
Asia	JH4UYB	43,990

(Editor's Note: Congrats to Will, KN6DV, for winning the USA plaque for his single op, high power score.)

1/2 mile to Woodley Place, a small beat-up street just past Passiflora Ave. Go right on Woodley to the end. This will be the 14th year for this event hosted by the SDDXC.

The Editor Says...

by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM

Greetings! As you know from Bob's, W9NQ, recent column in *SCCCORE*, I'm the new editor. I'm not sure whether it was an honor to be asked to take over the editorship when Mark, WA6OTU, departed to Oklahoma to farm antennas, or no other SCCC member was foolish enough to volunteer. Regardless, I've accepted the challenge. On the other hand, my wife thinks I've become completely nutso. But after explaining to her the many perks (no increase in taxable income, save \$5 per year in club dues, first to receive each new issue of *SCCCORE*), she's agreed not to have me immediately packed off to a mental institution.

Seriously, the first item of business is that we all owe Mark a very big thank you for the great job he did as the editor of *SCCCORE* and for his representation on the Contest Advisory Committee. Thanks, Mark. You invested a lot of time and energy to provide members with an interesting newsletter. We appreciate it.

As those of you who are also members of the Southern California DX Club know, I also edit the *SCDXC BULLETIN*. However, my intent is that there will be very little content overlap in the two newsletters. DX-oriented material will be published in the *BULLETIN*, and contest-oriented material in *SCCCORE*. Basically, I believe that a club newsletter should look like something that a member would want to read and should have content that a member finds interesting and valuable. Those are my goals. If you think these goals aren't being met at any time, please let me know. Constructive criticism is always useful, and I will try to remember that I asked for it.

Since I've been a member of the SCCC for a relatively short

time (since January, 1994), I don't have much of a historical perspective of this newsletter. If you have a back issue that you think particularly represents the kind of content you'd like to see in *SCCCORE*, send me a copy. Or, if you have some suggestions, let me know. Or better yet, if you would like to author some contest-oriented articles, you can be my new best friend. If you send me a copy of material that was published in another source, please be sure that the copy includes the author's name and the name and date of the publication so that appropriate credit can be given.

Finally, for the purposes of introduction, I suppose I should provide a little of my background as a contester. Although I've been licensed since 1963, I only really became active in ham radio in the fall of 1990. My first 27 years of little activity were the result of no money, no space for antennas or lack of interest. So, I'm sort of simultaneously an old-timer and a newcomer. The 1990 CQWW phone contest was the first contest I had ever entered, and I did so mainly to increase my DXCC country total. Using a vertical antenna and a barefoot transceiver, I worked some new countries and had a great time. I found that contesting meant more to me than picking up some new ones. I liked the excitement of it — the thrill of the hunt. In the spring of 1993, I installed a tower and decent antennas and managed to stay even with the declining sunspot cycle. To date, I've only operated in HF contests, as a low power or QRP entry. I consider myself to be a medium-level contester at this point. I'm better than some, but certainly no where near the top operators in this club. I've never operated multi-op, never high power and never in a

VHF/UHF contest. I'm interested in station design and engineering and want to improve my CW abilities.

Good luck to all in the upcoming contests. I hope contesting continues to score high on your thrill-o-meter.

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SCCC Calendar

Truly all the dates that fit! by W6EEN

May

27-28 CQWW CW WPX Contest, 0000Z (48)

June

3 Barbecue and meeting (see notice)

10-12 ARRL VHF QSO Party 1800Z (33)

17-18 All Asian DX CW Contest w/e

24-25 Field Day CW and SSB 1800Z (24)

July

1 RAC Canada Day Contest

8-9 IARU HF Championship 1200Z (24)

8-9 CQWW VHF Contest

August

6-7 North American QSO Party, CW w/e

20-21 North American QSO Party, SSB w/e

Next Meeting: Saturday, June 3rd

Time: 11AM (sharp), out by 1PM
Program: Two Radio Contesting

Gourmet Barbecue at WB6OKK's QTH

5302 Cedarlawn Dr., Placentia

No need to bring anything. Food and drinks provided by WB6OKK and SCCC.

How to get there:

57 Freeway to Yorba Linda Blvd.

Exit and go East about 2 miles to Rose

Right on Rose 1/2 mile to Palm

Right on Palm 3 blocks to Cedarlawn

Right on Cedarlawn, 4th house from corner

Questions? Lost?

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