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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

By now you have probably read the letter authored by Jim Neiger, N6TJ, challenging the NCCC to a showdown with the SCCC in Field Day. The letter appeared in the latest issue of the National Contest Journal. If you missed it, it is being printed again elsewhere in this issue.

I am sorry to say the NCCC has once again chickened out! Yes, CHICKENED OUT!!

Obviously, as the last paragraph of the letter suggests, the NCCC knows that we have what it takes to bring them to their knees!

Once again they are hiding behind some lame excuses. I say HOGWASH. The NCCC is afraid of the SCCC!

They rely on sheer numbers to overwhelm their opponents. Any attempt to challenge them on an even par is swept aside out of fear of defeat!

SCCCers, I congratulate you. The NCCC has chickened out, therefore, we are the winners!

SCCC NOTES

The recent NCJ notes on page 29 that the NCCC is rejoicing (spelled "g-l-o-a-t-i-n-g") over their club victory in the Calif. QSO Party.

What?! There were no challengers. The contest is sponsored and the results tabulated by them. Does this not make them ineligible to compete in such a "club category" if one even existed? Check the rules - it says nothing about club participation. Granted, the summary sheet has a place to enter your club's name, but where do the rules say anything about it? It is standard procedure, too, that the sponsor is not eligible.

Just another example of .... pussywillows blowing in the wind!

The SCCC amassed 38,133,627 points in the 1984 CQWW. This represents a fantastic effort considering the markedly worse conditions this year. The score is a nearly 3½ million point increase over last year. Based on our average membership of 45, this represents an 847.4K points per person average. If the NCCC had a membership of only 150 (and believe they have MANY more) their 1984 score works out to 751.3K points per person. TAKE THAT CHICKENS!

In reply to the NCJ's moanings of no west coast contesters on 3815 Khz after the major contests end, we ask, have you ever listened to 75 meters at ØØØØZ? That is often an hour (or more) before sunset. The skip is short and the noise level high! It's not easy to hear anyone at that time!

North Counties Contest Group is looking for CW operators to help with WPX CW on May 24th-26th, call N6VR (805) 649-9696. Contest call will be AK6A!

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NCCC CHICKENS OUT!

NEW CHALLENGE ISSUED!

Despite cajoling, friendly and otherwise, the Northern California Contest Club has declined our field day challenge. They were awash in lame excuses, but it comes down to the fact that they knew they couldn't cut it in a fair competition and were afraid of getting their whistles waxed. Since our friendly challenge was the whole reason for planning a Field Day operation, and the reason is no more, plans for a big group effort have been suspended. If anyone still wants to participate, though, I will be glad to cross-feed the info you have all supplied me re. op and equipment availability.

Lest the denizens of San Francisco Bay think they're safe, SCCC has issued an alternate challenge for the contest they themselves brag so often about: CQ Worldwide DX '85. In order to equalize the disparate sizes of our respective clubs and encourage maximum member participation, the challenge is as follows: their club aggregate score for both modes divided by their total membership versus our aggregate divided by our total membership. If they turn this one down we'll know for sure they're just a has-been club! For our part, this means every SCCC member should start making plans for next fall NOW!

MARTY N6VI

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CONTEST ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

By Marty Woll N6VI

The CAC has a new chairman, Randy Thompson K5ZD. It looks as though CAC activity will pick up a bit, with periodic balloting by Committee members to establish consensus on various topics. As in the past, I will occasionally ask for your input, and I will need it on a timely basis so that the whole Committee has the benefit of knowing our positions.

We get many comments re. Field Day rules from around the country, and I have taken on the task of summarizing them for the Committee. This year's rules are at the printer's; the only change you'll see is an additional bonus for the use of packet radio (similar to the satellite bonus). For future consideration are such ideas/complaints as deleting all advance set-up, prohibiting any use of commercial mains - lights, rotors, etc., penalizing use of beams, deleting the power multiplier, longer exchanges, adding WAE-style QTC credits, deleting message relay credit, and prohibiting use of batteries in connection with "natural power" bonus. The basic struggle is between those who think the most effective stations (tower trailers, beams, power, etc.) should not be penalized because they are really best prepared for emergencies and can "get through", and those who want to make it easy for the greatest number of stations to get on and "compete". I strongly favor the former position, but I can sympathize with the other side ... after all, what fun would FD be if only a few hundred stations were on the air?

Should the dx "window" on 160 meters be enforced or ignored in the ARRL 160 Meter Contest? I have circularized a few of the SoCal big guns on 160 but would like to here from anyone else with a thought on this. As for the Contest Code of Ethics, the opinion I got from most of you was that it's "motherhood", nice but unenforceable. I have expressed this to the rest of the Committee. The issue of whether to allow single-ops to use repeaters is being debated. Your opinions, like mine, are that a well structured spotting repeater can help - rather than distract - even the best single-op's. I have expressed our opposition to allowing such use to the Committee.

I'm working on proposed VHF/UHF rules based on distance scoring, but have input from only one person so far (N6NB). How about the rest of you? Finally, Everyone complains about the affiliated-club-competition rules. Some of you suggested -- and I agree -- that the three tiers should be scrapped, with total club membership shown parenthetically next to the club name and score so that clubs can draw their own comparisons. This would discourage "cherry-picking" and encourage broad participation.

Send any CAC input to me at: 15532 Tupper St. Sepulveda, Ca 91343  
73, Marty N6VI

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P.O. Box 1909  
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January 27, 1985

THE BATTLE GOES ON.....

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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Jim Neiger, N6TJ  
Southern California Contest Club

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Re: SCCC Field Day Challenge

Dear Jim:

You always did like things that were stacked.

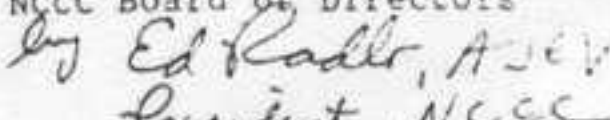
Your proposed Field Day challenge would force the NCCC to relegate all but 12 or so of its operators to a non-participatory role. Given the "coincidental" choice by SCCC of a single 7A station (how many Southern Cal VHF stations do you have lined up, anyway?), 90% of the NCCC would be forced to sit on the sidelines.

The numerous victories of the NCCC (6 Sweepstakes club victories, 1981 and 1983 CQWW club victories, to name a few) were the result of an all-out club effort-- we all participated and we all K'd some B. In other words, James of Africa, we won because each member of our club got excited about a particular contest and made the personal sacrifices to both get on the air and bust his/her derriere to make a maximum score. Thus it is that a club wins a contest, over rag-tag groups and all others.

Accepting your "challenge" would necessarily disenfranchise most of our club from participating in what would plainly be yet another NCCC victory (albeit a relatively insignificant one) over a small, modestly talented group of Southern California operators who really wish they could find a way to eke out a living in Northern California.

Perhaps your rag-tag bunch can come up with a North/South challenge that accomodates the obvious fact that we are a club of contest operators. Accepting the purported challenge as described in your letter, however, would be completely counter to the NCCC's highly participative philosophy, one that has met with not inconsiderable success since your departure for Smogsville.

We look forward to hearing from you, OT.

Very truly yours,  
NCCC Board of Directors  
  
Ed Radlo, AJ6V  
President, NCCC

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Dear Ed:


Thank you for yours of March 14.

Naturally the members of the SCCC are extremely disappointed, but not surprised, that the NCCC would resort to such a wishy-washy way out of accepting our sincere Field Day challenge. And to suggest that you would have won anyway brings to mind numerous responses, the most appropriate probably being: "Money talks, Bravo Swanee walks".

O.K. - so the NCCC would like an alternative suggestion that would allow your entire membership to participate??? How about the CQ WW this fall? Winner to be determined by dividing the aggregate score by the number of roster members (as of October 1). This way you'll have every incentive to get your entire club involved.

It's time to put-up or shut-up, Ed.

73

  
Jim Neiger, N6TJ  
Southern California Contest Club  
(The world's greatest contest club)

P.O. Box 1909  
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March 21, 1985

## NORTH COUNTIES REPORT

We're still recovering from our WPX effort up here in the far reaches. We used the call NS6X and totaled out at 554 mults/5,400+ pts/2054 QSO's for a score of 2.95mil, it looks like we ran neck and neck with N7TT who beat us out last year by a nose. I guess we'll know for sure in 9 months. NE6I came over to boost our number and he was a welcome addition to the North Counties Contest Group. That's NCCG not NCCC! Out of 22 operators contacted we had a 50% turn out for 11 died in the wool contesters.

We are looking for help with CW effort on Memorial Day Weekend! Its always hard to find people for the CW portion cause alot of the Dick BASH grads can't copy CW or go camping with the crowds on that weekend. So its always a challenge to come up with a crew. I think everyone ought to practice for the CQWW effort so we can back our challenge to the formidable group up NORTH. I talked to Carl AI6V a couple times in the past two months and the NCCC has a good reason to turn us down for Field Day. As you know we all learn from our own experiences, well, so have they! The following was gathered from Carl. Thanks Carl! ::

A number of years back the NCCC decided to flex their muscles in the ARRL annual Field Day Event. They went to great lengths to put together a SUPER STATION comprised of the following incomplete list of equipment: 3-monoband beams on every band from 10-80 meters, towers for all the antennae, campers, tents, 3-4 transceivers for each band, a 15KW generator (brand new borrowed from emerg. services), other generators and lots more equipment. This was all amassed and assembled on a hilltop somewhere in NCCC country which by the way gets rather warm in the summer. We've all had encounters with Murphy, Well, he not only reared his head but his whole body on this effort! The solar activity took an upward turn (good for UHF,VHF but bad for the low bands), two to three of the NCCC hot ops got a case of sun stroke, the 15 KW generator (borrowed) sucked a valve and gave up the ghost, between the sun and the temperatures on this hilltop most of the NCCC'ers either suffered from heat prostration or a mild case of sun-stroke (not to mention the 2-3 that needed immediate medical attention)and the whole effort was DOOMED.

Carl gave me names and calls but rather than give these guys further nightmares I'm leaving them un-said. You've heard of Post Viet Nam syndrome, well, I want to spare any of the NCCC'ers that read this publication from further hospitalization due to Post Field Day hypertention.

The boys (not MEN) up north couldn't take the heat and Murphy scared the pants off them so being only human they learned that Field Day was not their cup of tea (be it hot or cold), this is why Carl AI6V felt that they were not up to the challenge but would be up for an alternative.

I think that a little competition within the state is good for everyone. Its fun to rib each other and being contesters we all have that competitive spirit. I hope that we can work out a fair challenge that both competitors can live with.

N6TR, Tree finally made a deal on that 5 acre farm and should be planning his planting (antennae) soon. We'll look for some word from him by the next issue!

For Sale:

Henry 2K-3, R-4C with all filters, NB and relay-switched Sherwood 600 Hz 1st IF Filter, T-4XB. Marty N6VI

2-operating desks, VHF 126 (6mtr, 2mtr, 220 converter), G50 6mtr trans, 75A3, 32V2, Gem Quad, TA36 tribander, HR20, HW32, 100' RG11, signal generator, audio generator, DX20, DX35, DX40, DX60, HR10, SW107, 2 mtr motorola base station, Adventurer and a bunch of complete novice stations (working). All for sale or trade WA6FGV Ron at (805) 962-6666.

12V 3A pwr supply, 15mtr 4 elem. yagi, 10mtr 5 elem. yagi, IC2AT, Vic 20, Commodore Dataset, Commodore 1525E printer, Commodore 64, 2 mtr 1/4 wave mag. mount, Autech MK-1 Keyer. N6ADI # on cover.

Looking for 4-1000 amp or equal. N6VR (805) 649-9696

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING FOR SALE OR TRADE SEND IT TO N6ADI.....

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DXCC WANT LIST DISTRIBUTION POINT

AFTER TALKING TO A NUMBER OF THE MEMBERS I HAVE DECIDED TO BE A FORWARDING POINT FOR YOUR DXCC WANT LISTS. HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: YOU SEND YOUR WANT LISTS TO ME AND I DISTRIBUTE THEM TO THE OTHERS THAT ARE PARTICIPATING. WHEN THEY HEAR A COUNTRY YOU NEED THEY CALL YOU AND VISA VERSA. WE ALL CAN'T BE ON THE RADIO ALL THE TIME AND BY PARTICIPATING WE ALL HELP EACH OTHER LOCATE THOSE NEEDED COUNTRIES. IF YOU OWN A COMMODORE 64 I CAN SUPPLY YOU WITH A DXCC PROGRAM TO HELP YOU KEEP TRACK OF THE ONES YOU NEED BY BAND AND MODE. N6ADI...

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FOR THOSE OF YOU DYING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE NCCC FIELD DAY DISASTER THE YEAR WAS 1975, THE CALL W6PAA, THE PLACE SAN CARLOS OVER LOOKING KING BAY AND THE TEMPERATURE 108 F. AND LASTLY THE MUF 9000.

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ANNUAL DX CONVENTION

WHEN AND WHERE WAS THE FIRST DX CONVENTION? My sources say 1958 at the Madonna Inn near San Luis Obispo. Any comments welcome.

After careful prodding of this years attendees it seems that they all agreed that this years convention location was terrible, but, the program and convention itself were good. There was the usual programs that could have been cut down in length, but for the most part, most attendees gave good reviews. The primary complaints were about the terrible food, lack of parking and Fresno in general. I thought that these reasons were the contributing factors to changing the location to Visalia. Maybe this years convention planners have short memories!

California is a beautiful state (along the coast line) and it seems to me that we could find a halfway point somewhere along the coast that could support the convention and eliminate us with having to put up with the inland valley's humidity and hot weather. Let's have the convention in the coastal region. Your comments should go to the SCDXC and NCDXC.

LA & ORANGE COUNTY REPORTS

No reports were received. The following are the cut-off dates for the balance of this years issues:

<u>cut-off date</u>	<u>issue</u>
24JUN	JUL-AUG
26AUG	SEP-OCT
31OCT	NOV-DEC

IF YOU HAVE ANY INPUTS PLEASE GET THEM OUT PRIOR TO THESE DATES!  
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TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING (MEETING DATE AND TIME ON COVER)

These are suggested TOPICS for the next meeting.

- Joint SCDXC/SCCC Contest efforts (What's Happening)
- Plans for CQWW DX Phone & CW (DX-peditions, Mexico?, etc.)
- CAC inputs (comments from report in this issue, CQWW see below)
- Dues (see below)
- Open discussion

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SHOULD THERE BE A SMALL DUES INCREASE? OPEN FOR DISCUSSION!

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CQWW CONTEST COMMENTARY

I think it is high time that CQ got their stuff together and did something about CQWW. I was going through my copies of NCJ and ran across Volume 12 No.1, Jan-Feb 1984 pg. 4 An Open Letter to W1WY from non-other than Jim, N6TJ. The reason it sparked my interest is that I'm still waiting on 1983 certificates for the V3ØAA crew and have written to everyone concerned with absolutely no replies!

Jim's open letter suggests the following: new blood in the contest committee, re-doing the antiquated scoring system, alternate Phone and CW weekends due to condx and generally for CQ and the CQWW administration to get their act together and catch up to the rest of the world.

Nothing has been done and based on my experience his letter probably went un-answered! Is what they need is someone like N8BJQ to get involved and get the job done. He manages WPX excellently! I would like to see a letter writting campaign during the rest of this year (affording them time to respond) and then if nothing is done a BOYCOTT of CQWW contest in 1986! It is HIGH TIME that CQ and the committee respnded to the contests participants! If the existing committee can't do the job CQ should find some highly motivated committee members who get the job done rather than pretend that the participants don't exist! Lets get fired up!



1980 A GOOD YEAR ON THE BANDS!