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Message from the President

by Jim Neiger, N6TJ

Glad to see so many members and guests at our June 13th get-together. Sorry I couldn't partake in more discussions, but keeping everyone fed seemed to be everyone's preference. Next time I'm just going to send out for pizza! Thanks to all of you who drove such great distances. Anyway, we seemed to log in approximately FORTY, all uniques. Conspicuous by his absence was the chief unique detective, our friend N6AA. Dick was spotted at a convention of those who have spoken with aliens (i.e., the type from other worlds) and other crazys in New York. Figures.

Especially noteworthy on the 13th were our visitors from the north, Dos, WN4KKN/6, and FAR north, Ville, OH2MM. Ville took the opportunity to present the Canary Islands Super Station slide show, probably a first ever in the USA. Now we know why Ville and Martti have been kicking our behinds in recent years. I observed Garlough taking copious notes whenever Ville spoke and says he's planning revenge come November. This just may be Trey's year. Actually, I've been stating the obvious to anyone who'll listen - north/south propagation will rule this year and equatorial is the place to be. Let's see, Ascension is 8 degrees south. Hmmmmm.

And I would be remiss if I didn't mention the passing of our long-time friend and member N6RJ the evening of June 13th. All of us will miss Jim's friendly help at HRO over the many years, and the annual contest plans and post mortems. Jim sure liked 40 meters. Don't know how he did it.

Since the 13th, I've been to, and back from, ZD8-land, and am there once again as you read this and hope to be back yet again in time for W6YA's on Sunday. I am disappointed in the abnormally high noise levels on the low bands - even 40. Ten meters is open selectively, but one can definitely notice that we're on the downside of the sunspot slope. Oh well, we still have three months to get our acts together for the WW.

It looks like we may have a serious club effort in the SS. 19K more per entry last year would have put us at the top of the Medium Category. If you're interested, let your feelings be known. N6AZS will be heading up the effort and WA6OTU will be listing interested ops at W6YA's bash.

Received phone calls recently from two out-of-area SCCCers: Oliver, W6NV/SU in Cairo, and Tom, N6NI/4 in Lynchburg. I had occasion to work Oli's host, Mohammed,

SU2MT, while on Ascension, and boy was he loud. Oliver must've shipped his pair of 4-1000s to Egypt, probably convincing his boss that it would be a perfect waster load for the power station they're building for the Egyptians. (Remind me to tell you the W6CLS (founder of HRO) story about that amp someday). Oliver's on course for a real contest station there in Alexandria. The 160/80 antennas are due to go up shortly. Don't wander too far away. Oli and Mohammed combined for a couple thousand Qs in the IARU. Tom, N6NI, is adjusting to resettling in the east and is busier than imagined with work, and not much time for radioactivity. Both Tom and Oliver asked to be remembered to the gang.

The September Sprint is just around the corner and our member N6AA is vowing to move-up from No. 2 this time. Think he's even threatening to put up some new aluminum (FOUL), but as Dick seems to be getting a little long-in-the-tooth (i.e., OLD) lately, I'm worried that he won't even make it through the entire four hours. Any volunteers willing to man the oxygen? Stay tuned, friends.
Jim, N6TJ

(The solution is obvious, Jim, we need a 2-hour category in the Sprint! -ed.)

FROM THE EDITOR

This summer has been a whirlwind. I had a month in the middle of it when I was absolutely free, and so was Kathy, so we went on a huge vacation and put 4500 miles on our car and visited people all over Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico and Colorado. I missed AA6TT because when I was driving literally right by his place on my trip, he was in Oklahoma at the Central States VHF conference. So close and yet so far . . .

Letters? I've been getting 'em, especially a really well thought out missive from SCCC'er Charles, W6UM, who provided some good food for thought about modifying the ARRL DX contest per my involvement on the CAC. I also received a couple pleasant notes from members keeping me posted on recruiting efforts, and as a result I would like to thank K6XT for recruiting Tom, KT6V, N6AZE for new members Dennis, N6KI and John, NS2E, and N6TJ for snaring Larry, K6JCV.

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The SCCC mourns the loss of our friend Jim, N6RJ. I had the pleasure of operating alongside Jim at K6RR for a couple of Worldwides CW in the 70s and he was one of the legends who influenced my style. 40 meters will never be the same. SK, OM.

I had a letter from SCCCer Paul, W8AEF, who joined last year when the Italian ops were visiting at N6AA's. He moved to Arizona and has plans for a tower and monobanders. He says the move went well, and assures us he'll see us in the contests.

Now there's a perfect example of the right way to move, sending your correspondents a note mentioning your new address. According to the front page, N6NI must have relocated and cut me out of the loop, instead going over my measly editor's head straight to the top, calling President N6TJ on the phone. I guess that means it's up to Jim to give me Tom's new address . . . just kidding, Tom. I hope all is well in, uh, Virginia?

W6XD very thoughtfully passed along what looks to me like a good solution for my question of how to break up the USA into some regions for ARRL DX competition on a more even footing. Wouldn't you know the Vice Director comes to the rescue. The ARRL is already divided up into 5 regions, which appears to be a little known fact. Not only that, they seem halfway equitable as far as the contest is concerned. Thanks, Art.

Included with this issue is a current roster of the 120 SCCC members. I have worked hard to make sure the information is accurate, but I am sure the obligatory errors have crept in. Please take a moment to check your entry in the Roster and make sure it is all correct, and let me know if it isn't.

Now to the fall: CQ Worldwide is shaping up for me, how about you? I was sitting around thinking about "being DX" again from some fairly nearby country where maybe I could spend an American Airlines travel certificate I earned, but I was seriously torn because of the terrific fun I had last year right here in the USA operating from AA6TT. Well, one thing led to another and Mike (SAR) and David (DLU) were playing at W6UE one afternoon when we decided we ought to travel for SSB and do a Multi-Single for once. That would leave me clear to op CW from the AA6TT Multi-Multi, SAR would be putting in another CW Single-Op at W6EEN, and DLU is a Phone op anyway. Perfect, thought we, so we set about figuring out where we should try to operate. We found a place and will probably spill the beans at W6YA's.

Now, all you guys sitting around thinking to yourself "that Mark is so, well, well connected, I could never find a cool station in an exotic DX location to operate from" knock it off and listen for a moment: all it takes is a little outgoing friendliness and the nerve to pick up the phone and make some calls. Heck, you think I'm well connected, you ought to sit down with Neiger sometime. The first year I wanted to play DX I talked to Jim and came away with a list of 7 options. After going to HCB, I had solidified relationships with guys in 5 countries on my own with open invitations to operate. Make some friends. You will never know unless you ask . . .

Of course, there are those who haven't even thought about "being DX" instead hoping to round out their experience domestically with an opportunity to operate from a bigger station than they could ever hope to have at home. I remember those days, too, and lucky for me, there were some great Elmers with some great hardware around who were really committed to passing the baton to the next generation. I've gotta tell you, even in this day and age of major RFI and TVI and CC&Rs, there are more, bigger stations around than ever, and it is making the possibility of becoming a "hired gun" even better.

To put some weight behind this assertion, AA6TT is offering a spot on the crew to any SCCC member who will make the drive to Colorado for the CQ Worldwide contest, either mode. See the announcement elsewhere in this bulletin. (Between you and me, Bill has told me that anyone who has the commitment to FLY to Durango gets an automatic pick-up-at-the-airport.)

Big stations? If you read N6AZE's piece about Sweepstakes and the SCCC, you will agree that there is NO reason for the following BIG stations on our own turf NOT to be manned for the SS on both modes: W6AQ, N6DX, W6UE, W6MKB, N6ND, K6NA, N6AA, K6JYO, W6OUL, W6HX, and W6EEN. Forgive me if you think your station is BIG but it didn't make my list - I probably just don't know about it, that's all. I urge any owners of the above stations to seriously consider allowing an operator with perhaps less experience to fill your chair if you won't be on the air for one or both modes of the SS. Any of the stations on this list could make the Top Ten. Any of you guys who have dreamed of opping a really big station, keep your eyes out for these

hardware magnates at the party at Jim McCook's. Oh, yeah, and W6YA should be on that list, too!

To close I would be remiss in not encouraging everyone in the SCCC to consider giving this next contest season a certain degree of commitment. If 50 of us got on in the Sweepstakes Phone and made a thousand QSOs each we could walk off with Medium Club honors. If everyone who wanted to get a chance to go off and operate the Worldwide, the SCCC score could be very respectable. (I'm not sure where we stand nationally on that but it would really make some laurel-sitters take notice). Finally, as you see from W9NQ's comments, the SCCC owned 3 out of 4 team competitions in the North American QSO Party and North American Sprints last Winter. It would be good if the SCCC owned all 4 instead of just 3. Looks Cleaner. So what do you say? How about operating one for the club this season? I think our time may have come . . .

You guys on that list with the big stations: If you want to help out a whole bunch you ought to either find a young gun to hire or give me a call. I've got a bunch of live-wires just waiting to see what it's like to actually be LOUD.

Congratulations to anyone who has read this editorial this far. That makes you a very long-winded reader! Thanks for your attention. See you at W6YA's Open House. 73,

Mark, WA6OTU

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THE VICE PRES SAYS:

We annihilated 'em! Or so it would seem. Congrats to all those SCCC members who helped us win last winters' NAQP CW, NAQP SSB and Sprint CW contests. We also took second in the Sprint SSB contest. The overall team scores were some of the highest ever recorded. By the time you read this column the August NAQP will be history. We didn't have any teams this last time since only two people expressed any interest in being on a team. This is usually the case in the summer months anyway. Plans are forging ahead for two killer teams for the September CW Sprint and one for the SSB Sprint. Since we have never won the SSB Sprint that I know of, I would like to form a top-notch team to do so. The Western Washington guys seem to have a choke hold on the number 1 spot. Anyone feel up to the challenge? Perhaps we can sweep all four contests in the Winter. If you see me at W6YA's place let me know what your plans are.

As far as CQWW is concerned, it looks like there will be yet another SCCC operation contributing to the DXpedition team score this year. SCCCers W9NQ, KJ6HO, KG6AR, K6GXO, and K4UVT will be joining K4IIF and others for a CQWW SSB Multi-multi operation at ZF2JI. (Hate to be the one to break it to you, Bob, but K4UVT and KJ6HO aren't paid up. -ed.) This station is typically "in it for fun," however us SCCC guys plan to go for the gusto! There is a possibility that more operators will be needed. If you are interested let me know. The final head count is still somewhat up in the air. 73,

Bob, W9NQ

AA6TT Calls for Operators

Southern California Contest Club member William Hein, AA6TT, has announced that his station in Southwestern Colorado will be entering the CQ Worldwide DX Contest in the Multi-Multi category on both modes in fall of 1993.

Have you ever dreamed of operating from the best station possible in the Western United States? Well, now's your chance. AA6TT is the most competitive station to be assembled in the western US in many years with absolutely the best designed antenna systems of them all, and probably the best reliability and maintenance record of any amateur station in the World.

Only the serious need apply as the crew at AA6TT intends to take no prisoners this year. There will be positions for several experienced DX contest operators on each band and mode. If you get yourself to AA6TT, you can expect sleeping quarters and meals to be provided. The drive to AA6TT from Southern California is about 800 miles, and takes 14 to 16 hours, and is easily split up into comfortable segments if you drive with a like-minded fellow operator or two. It is well worth the trip.

Some operators will be asked to bring equipment - Bill is just one guy, and although he needs antennas for every band himself, he sure doesn't need 9 rigs and amps, so participants need to supply some of the major station equipment. First-rate operating positions are provided on each band, with accommodations for two separate positions on several bands. Power and computer network interfaces are provided along with antenna inputs for each band - everything is truly ready to go, tested and working.

If you are interested, contact WA6OTU to get in the loop. This is the opportunity of a lifetime for anyone interested in taking the big step up to National-level competition. This is a great chance to mix it up with some really great ops and get some of the magic to rub off!

For those inclined to fly, if you decide RIGHT AWAY and order your tickets by 8/31, LAX to Durango can be had on America West, United, or Continental for \$260 Round Trip, flying in on Friday 11/26 and out on Monday 11/29. This is a GREAT price for this ticket, and there is no Thanksgiving blackout.

SCCC To Make SS Attempt

The SCCC announces it will again be pursuing a top score in Club Aggregate Competition in the November Sweepstakes. Larry Serra, N6AZE, has taken the reins this year and his enthusiasm is nothing short of contagious. Larry maintains that if 50 entries make 127K each, then the SCCC can beat the best score of last year. The way 127K relates to QSOs and Sections can be derived from the chart below.

Mults	69	71	73	75	77
QSOs					
1100	152	156	161	165	169K
1000	138	142	146	150	154K
900	124	128	131	135	139K
800	110	114	117	120	123K
700	97	99	102	105	108K

So you can see that making 127K is not as hard as all that, in fact, just about anyone can make 900 QSOs in 71 Sections in the Phone Sweepstakes just by getting on for about 10 hours. Imagine what you could do if you operated the whole 24!

Well, the SCCC figures it can put in a better score than last year if we can just make darned sure we get 50 entries on the air. N6AZE will be the coordinator of this effort, so expressions of interest should go to him. Larry says he won't be able to make the W6YA meeting, so WA6OTU is going to field discussion on the idea and turn the results over to Larry who will follow up with a questionnaire and phone calls. Stay tuned.

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Name: _____ Call: _____

Address: _____

Telephones: _____

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

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SCCC CALENDAR

Truly all the dates that fit! by W6EEN

AUGUST

21-22 North American QSO Party, SSB w/e
29th CLUB MEETING, SUNDAY, 1pm-5pm
Jim McCook's, W6YA, QTH, Leucadia

SEPTEMBER

4-5 All Asian DX Contest, SSB w/e
12th North American Sprint, CW w/e
19th North American Sprint, SSB w/e
25-26 CQ WW RTTY Contest

OCTOBER

2-3 California QSO Party
4th Deadline for October Issue
16th CLUB MEETING, Location TBA
30-31 CQ WW DX Contest, SSB w/e

NOVEMBER

6-7 ARRL Sweepstakes, CW w/e
20-21 ARRL Sweepstakes, SSB w/e
27-28 CQ WW DX Contest, CW w/e

NEXT MEETING

The next SCCC Club
meeting will be held:
Sunday, August 29, 1993
from 1:00 - 5:00 pm

at the QTH of:

Jim McCook, W6YA

Our SCCC meeting will be held in conjunction with the widely renowned W6YA annual Open House sponsored by the San Diego DX Club. This year privateers will operate a barbeque so bring something you want to heat over the coals. W6YA will provide drinks and munchies.

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Go South on Interstate 5 from Northern Counties, or North on Interstate 5 from Southern Counties. Exit at Leucadia Boulevard in Leucadia. Go East 1/2 mile to Woodley Place, turn Right and go to end of Block. Park where you can, being careful not to block traffic. It will be obvious where to go.

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