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NEXT MEETING: 31st of JANUARY 1987 at 11:00 AM at LUIGI'S ITALIAN RESTURANT ON ROSECRANS BLVD. JUST AFTER THE TRW SWAP MEET AND CLOSE BY TOO! THIS MEETING IS ALWAYS THE BIGGEST OF THE YEAR SO BE THERE.. TALK IN ON 145.48.... SEE MAP BELOW.... SLIDES FROM XE KP2 !! DX-PEDITION RECAPS AND TALES...BEER.. WINE..SOFT DRINKS AND FOOD.....

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SEE CONTEST CALENDAR

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - JANUARY 1987

Boy, holidays. And the New Year. My schedule is so packed, the next contest I might be able to get on the air for is Field Day. If I get lucky, and have some jobs cancel (?) I might be able to make a show for ARRL Phone. Oh, and Visalia....

It is so hard sometimes to tell Amateur Radio, and Contesting in particular, that you need some time for your life instead. Really, that's where alot of our brethren screw up. When it comes down to it, most of us have never really admitted to ourselves just how important Ham Radio and Contest Operating are in our lives. This ultimately results (we all know hams like this) in a gap of understanding between one and one's pals, and sometimes we (the gung ho ham) are the last to see it coming, resulting in anything from alienation of our friends to loss of our jobs to loss of our spouses.

Look again. I am saying to us all that we've got to accept the fact the Contesting is extremely important to us before we can make any progress dealing with it's impact on the non-radio side of our lives. Alternately you can't deal with it until you acknowledge it's presence.

Heavy stuff? Yeah. The coming of the new year makes me think about things like this. When you realize that you could either drop everything you're doing and operate a contest, or else the next event you can fit into your calendar is in 5 months, you stop and think a little.

I hope you all do well in the contests you operate this spring. The CQWW 160 Meter contest at the end of this month, the NA Sprint in February, the ARRL DX in February and March, the NA QSO Party in April, and the COWPX in May are all contests you should delve into if being well-rounded is your goal. There's something for everyone in this line-up. Get on the air. Show the rest of the world that contesters are not only friendly and polite, but are also the finest operators on the air today. Put in good word for your hobby-within-a-hobby.

You remember last year I told you that anti-contest sentiment is running nine-to-one in League polls? One good way to make a difference is to show all those Sunday morning rag-chewers out there that we're nice guys. Get on the air and make a few contacts. Use correct proceedure. Check the frequency before you start calling CQ. Say "73" and "thanks for the contact, old boy" and "you-don't-have-to-be-in-the-contest to help me out", and all those other things that make us sound more human and personable than just an animated CQ machine. Be genuine. Make your fellow air-sharers know you're seriously grateful for their coming through and giving you a contact in the name of good clean keep-your-self-off-the-street-and-out-of-trouble fun. My gosh, if you're not seriously grateful, you're in the wrong business. You know it's not the other contesters that make you win, it's the non-contesters who can't stand listening to you plead any longer and give you a shout who win it for you. Give a little credit where it's due.

Just a few things to think about this New Year. We can't afford to sit around and not do anything about contester's problems. Until next time.

Mark WAGOTH

SCCC NOTES
NOVE HAS BUILT A SET OF TUNABLE FILTERS SIMILAR TO THOSE
RECENTLY USED AT XE2SI AND NEEDS HELP TUNING THEM. IS
THERE ANYONE IN THE CLUB WITH ACCESS TO THE NECESSARY
EQUIPMENT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK? IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION
ON THIS PROJECT PLEASE CALL RAY, NOVR @ (805) 649-9696

dx-CONVENTION RESERVATIONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AS OF THIS PRINTING. IT WILL FILL UP QUICK... CALL (209) 651-5000 to MAKE YOURS. ITS AT THE SAME PLACE IN VISALIA BUT THE NAME OF THE HOTEL HAS CHANGED. PROMISES TO BE A GOOD ONE III

SCCCORE'S SCORES

CQMW PHONE W6TMD M/S 160 13x10x11 80 41x15x28 40 410x22x44 20 328x30x90 15 661x32x93 10 110x21x47 1563x130x313=1.9M	JY72 M/M 81x8x30 722x20x74 1068x28x88 2205x39x132 2435x39x117 1095x29x102 7606x163x543=14.4M	W8AKS/6 390x85x165=262,750 KG6AR 173x38x72=51,920 NE6I S/AB 288x82x151=182K	N6IC 332x69x123=172K N6LL 150x46x70=46,168
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N6IC S/AB 113x54=18,306

CQP WAGUFY S/AB 777x52=40,404 W8AKS/6 S/AB 122x38=9,272 N6LL S/AB 96x26=4,992

W6UQF S/AB 860x57

SS CW W6HAL 318x65 NI6W 753x74 W6UQF 726x74

SS PHONE S/AB	ALL STATIONS CLASS	B HIGH POWER UNL	ESS NOTED OTHERWISE
WUPSY 1072x74	KE5CV (A)1400x74		WA3PWL/0 1350x74
WB9HAD 1436x74	W5EHM 898x72	K5RX 1544x74	N6BT 1856x74 by WA6VEF
N6BV 1803x74	AI6V 1600x74	WC6H 1603x74	W7WA 1656x74
W7EJ 1883x74	N2IC/0 1773x74	W6HAL 320x?	NE6I 205x66
K5RVK 1332x74	W6UQF 583x73	NI6W 43x?	W8LT 1230x74
N6IC 100x68			

M/M SS PHONE KOUK 1632x74

WOAIH 1258x74 WB9JBM 1652x74 WOCEM 1548x74

XE2SI M/M (SCCC) MEXI-DITION	KP2N M/M (SCCC) CARIB-DITION
160 -326 x 10 x 11	160 - 522 x 16 x 48
80 -911 x 20 x 44	80 - 1248 x 25 x 87
40 -1094x 33 x 73	40 - 2671 x 33 x 105
20 -1540x 35 x 79	20 - 3221 x 38 x 120
15 -964 x 28 x 56	15 - 2500 x 29 x 91
10 -414 x 17 x 34	10 - 906 x 21 x 60
TOTAL 5249 x 143 x 297 = 5M	TOTAL 11,104 x 162 x 511 = 18M est.

101AL 3243 A 143 A 237 = 3	M 101AL 11,104 X 162 X 511 = 16M esc.
N6ND M/S	
160 -27 x 11 x 18	N2AA M/M 7.5M W3LPL M/M 7.2M NR5M M/M 5.5M
80 -157x 25 x 56	NM2L M/M 4.5M NSAU M/M 4.15M
40 -671x 36 x 97	Klar M/S 1.67M K4VX/O M/S 2.54M
20 -528x 37 x 98	KlEA (S) 2.6M NIAU (S) 1.44M KlDG (S) 1.3M
15 -285x 29 x 66	K6NA (S) 1.6M KI3V (S) 15Mtr 220x23x49
10 - 49x 13 x 30	KORF (S) 40Mtr 670x36x101 N6QR (S) 40Mtr 916x37x104
1760 x151 x365 = 2.4M	N6VR (S) 40Mtr 157x33x57 NE6I (S)AB 586x97x182=475K
	W6MKB (S) 853x133x267=953K (by N6ZZ)

NEW MEMBERS

IN THE SPIRIT OF CONTESTING FELLOWSHIP MEDX HAS SPONSORED THE FOLLOWING MEW MEMBERS. DARRELL WAS SPONSORED BY MARTY, NOVI. ON BEHALF OF ALL THE SCCCers, A HEARTY WELCOME TO ALL THE NEW MEMBERS ! THE SCCC IS CONTINUING TO GROW !!

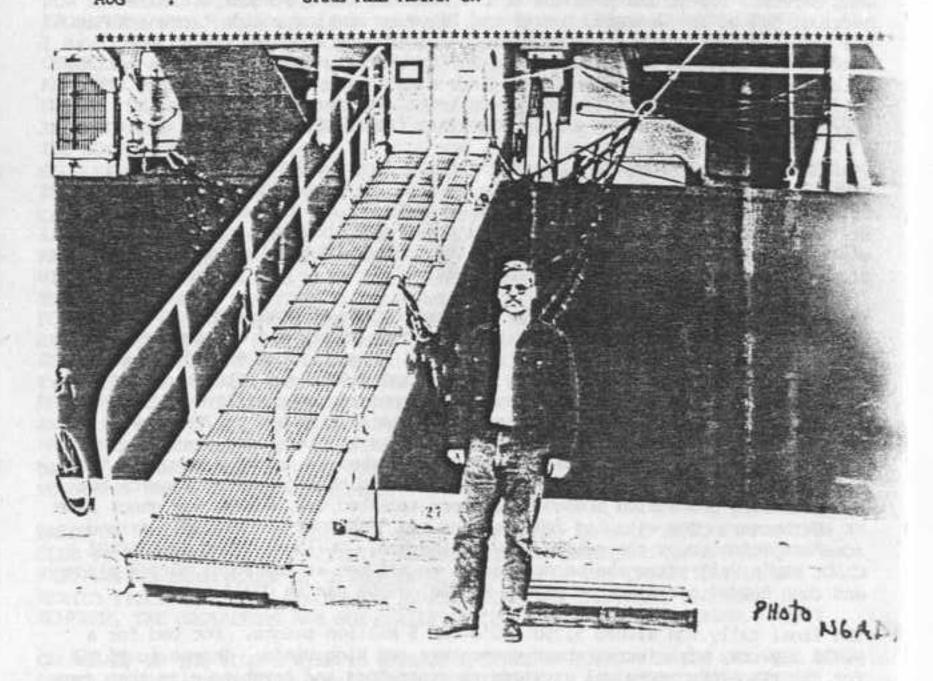
WT6T JOHN BURROUGHS AD6C FRED MORRIS K5VT VINCE THOMPSON W6OUL JIM ROBB ALSO WELCOME TO TONY N7BG (Tony joined on the 16th of December)! (see updated roster on last page, ed.)

DX CONVENTION

JUST AROUND THE CORNER IS THE GREAT DX CONVENTION

OPERATING EVENIS FUR 1987

JAN.	17-18 17-18	*73* 160M SSB Championship Hungarian DX Contest
		COWW 160M CW Contest
	23-25	
	24-25	"73" 40M & 75M SSB Championship
	24-25	French CW Contest
FEB.	7-8	RSGB 7MHZ Phone Contest
	20-22	COWW 160M SSB Contest
	21-22	ARRL DX CW Contest
	21-22	RSGB 7MHZ CW Contest
		ADDI DV Dhone Contest
MAR.	7-8	ARRL DX Phone Contest
	28-29	COWW WPX SSB Contest
APR	3-5	THE GREAT DX CONVENTION
	24-25	THE GREAT DAYTON HAMVENTION
MAY	30-31	CQWW WPX CW Contest
JUN	13-14	JARL ALL ASIAN PHONE
2000	27-28	ARRL FIELD DAY
JUL	11-12	IARU HF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
AUG	?	JARL ALL ASIAN CW
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ONE OF OUR HOBBIES PROMISING FIGURES IN THE DX AND CONTESTING WORLD BOB, KD7P AFTER A NIGHTS REST AT N6ADI'S AND SOME GOOD BBQ TRI-TI BOB, ON HIS WAY TO THE ICE ABOARD THE "POLAR SEA" WAS TO ACTIVATE 3Y FOR THE FIRST TIME BUT IT DIDN'T HAPPEN DUE TO FOG AND ICE. BOB IS A SUPER GOOD OP AS EVIDENCED BY PAST RECORDS FROM KH4 AND OTHER PACIFIC EFFORTS. LOOK FOR MORE FROM BOB IN THE FUTURE I

MEXICO 1986 XE2SI

Largely due to the maximum efforts of WAGOTU and NIGW, Mexico 1986 has come and gone. It was a successful event that will be looked on by those that were fortunate enough to participate as a fun learning experience. Of the members that went the talk of the trip was how to make it easier next time. Thats right, NEXT TIME! The trip went like this; N6ADI, WA6OTU, AA6RW, N6DLU, AE6E and NIGW met Friday morning at 5am in Costa Mesa (an Hour behind schedule due to a late night of preparation) and took off down the San Diego Freeway, destination Mexico. The caravan picked up K6JYO just north of San Diego and hit the border at 7:50am (5-10 minutes before the Mexico border commandant was to get off work, so we made it just under the wire). We were met by XE2SI, XEZEFR, WZKVA, N6GTG, W6HAL and members of the XEZBC ARC. We all got our insurance and headed out for the site of our operation. The site was spectacular with a splendid ocean view and a pretty good drop off in all directions. Set up got underway about 9:00am and most of the stations were on the air by 00:15% (a little late) Conditions were poor to average. The biggest problem encountered was not putting up antennaes but dependable power generation. We had six generators with us and that didn't make any difference Murphy was sitting on top of the ones we needed most. The 40 meter station went barefoot for at least 60-70% of the weekend, the 160 meter staion was barefoot 50% of the weekend, the 80 and 20 meter station couldn't run a KW at the same time without bogging down their 5.5 KW generator and the 15 meter station was barefoot Saturday morning during the only good EU opening. All of this was caused by generators that either didn't want to work or didn't like a full load. All the generators had been tested but Murphy had to hit the operation somewhere and why not in the heart (POWER GENERATING)?

PLANNING for the operation had been extensive compared to past operations. The stations consisted of Vee's on 80 and 160, 2 elem on 40 at 65', 5 elem on 20 at 65', 5 elem on 15 at 40' and 5 elem on 10 at 30' with a KW amp for every station and a few in reserve. We all learned alot about generators, electrical power distribution plug configurations and the lack of standardization amoung manufacturers. HIHI

The second shift showed up Saturday nite consisting of NC6U, AB6R, KV6O and N6CCE. They cooked hamburgers for Saturday nite dinner and did some relief operating. Sunday W6HAL cooked up a batch of spagettii and 80 and 160 and 40 were torn down and packed up during the day and WA6OTU and N6DLU took off for LA around noon. At the close of the contest members of the XE2BC ARC helped us tear down and pack up. Contest ended 4PM local time and by 7PM we were headed for the border. Set up and tear down was at times complicated by 40-60MPH winds but someone was looking over us when we needed a respit. N6ADI hit the border first and got some hassel but went through without search but the following procession headed by eastern accented Tom, W2KVA, was shook down at the border. Tom with his JERSY accent and "PASSPORT" undoubtedly raised some suspicion about the motley crew behind him. Obviously DRUG SMUGGLERS! CANDY MEN! Well after the border hassel we all met at the local burger place and then headed our seperate ways. By 3AM, N6ADI was in Ojai!

The final tally was around 5,250 QSO's and 5 Million points. Not bad for a Field Day crew with inconsistant generators and High Winds. Thanks to K6JYO for his rigourous technical services on generators and anything else that came along, He was the operations BROADCAST ENGINEER EXTRORDINAIRE!!!! ALSO SPECIAL THANKS TO N6GTG (who made our border crossing easy) and the XE's who hosted us!!! Mark and Kurt worked hard with lots of time invested in the operation prior to its culmination. Thanks agn WA6OTU and NI6W! It was FUN in spite of the hard work and we're all looking forward to the next time!!! QSL VIA N6ADI or KG6AR.....Look elsewhere for the KP2N story and how they might have destroyed the North American Record and maybe took Top Multi-Multi in CQWW CW. The club's score should be very respectful with all the participation by club members and of course those expedition scores add up fast. CU at the January meeting. Don't miss it! SLIDES FROM KP2, XE and MAYBE JY.....ALL ARE WELCOME !!!!!

SCCC WINS IN MEXICO

THATS RIGHT THE SCCC WINS IN MEXICO! NOT NECESSARILY, NORTH AMERICA OR EVEN MEXICO, BUT THE CLUB WINS IN THE FACT THAT FINALLY AFTER 3 YEARS THE SCCC PUT TOGETHER AN OPERATION, MEMBERS ACTUALLY GOT TOGETHER, PLANNED, ORGANIZED AND PULLED OFF A CONTESTING OPERATION THAT WAS TOTALLY A CLUB EFFORT AND OPEN TO ANY AND ALL CLUB MEMBERS THAT HAD THE FORTITUDE TO PARTICIPATE. OH, SURE THERE HAS BEEN ACTIVITY FROM THE MEMBERS, THOSE LITTLE NORTH COUNTIES OFFERS TO COME MULTI/SINGLE AND LOTS OF INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS FROM HOME AND ABROAD BUT NOT ANY MASSIVE CLUB EFFORTS. THE XE2SI EFFORT IS A MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR THE CLUB! NO, THIS IS NOT A SARCASTIC ARTICLE BUT A BANNER WAVER FOR THE CLUB AND THOSE OF YOU THAT PARTICIPATED. 3 CHEERS!!!

ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE SEASONED VETERANS WERE AND ARE DISAPOINTED IN THE XE2SI OPERATION, IT WAS THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1983 THAT THE CLUB HAD DONE ANYTHING AS A CLUB. THERE WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM NORTH COUNTIES, LA, RIVERSIDE, SAN BERNADINO, CRANGE AND SAN DIEGO, ALL TEAMING TOGETHER TO MOUNT AN EFFORT. IN READING THE BY LAWS OF THE CLUB AND ITS PURPOSE; IT SEEMS THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE WITH EFFORTS SUCH AS THIS. A YEARLY BIG TIME EFFORT WOULD BE GOOD FOR THE CLUB. OTHER EFFORTS THAT SHOULD BE MOUNTED ARE M/M AND M/S EFFORTS FROM FORMIDABLE LOCAL STATIONS THAT ARE CLUB EFFORTS OPEN TO CLUB MEMBERS. AS I HAVE SAID IN THE PAST IT IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE TO WORK WITH HOT OPERATORS AND TO LEARN FROM THEM. THE CLUB NEEDS TO BRING IN NEW CONTESTERS AND GIVE THEM EXPOSURE TO EFFORTS SUCH AS THESE IN ORDER TO PROPAGATE OUR RANKS! THE GROUP EFFORT CRIMPS THE HOT OPS STYLE BUT THE INEXPERIENCED GAIN IMMEASURABLY FROM THE EXPOSURE TO THE HOT OPERATORS. I'M NOT SUGGESTING THAT THE HOT OPERATORS BOG THEMSELVES DOWN FOR EVERY CONTEST BUT THAT THEY JOIN A CLUB EFFORT ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR TO RUB ELBOWS WITH THE NOT-SO-HOT-OPERATORS. THIS HAS A MULTI-FOLD PURPOSE; IT HELPS POTENTIAL OPERATORS GROW AND HELPS THE CLUB GROW AND FLOURISH. IT DOES NOTHING FOR THE HOT OPERATORS OTHER THAN ALLOW THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WHAT THEY TAKE FOR GRANTED AND LETS THEM MEET PEOPLE WITH COMMON GOALS AND INTERESTS. THE MEXICO OPERATION WAS PLAGUED WITH MURPHY'S ATTEMPT TO KEEP IT FROM HAPPENING BUT THE CLUB OVERCAME MURPHY THROUGH INOVATIVE REACTION TO THE PROBLEMS AT HAND AND XEZSI WAS ON THE AIR FOR MOST OF THE WEEKEND (ALTHOUGH MORE OFTEN THAN NOT BAREFOOT!) THE EFFORT RESULTED IN ROUGHLY 5 MILLION POINTS THAT WOULD HAVE REQUIRED PROBABLY TWO M/S EFFORTS FROM HOME TO MATCH THE POINTS GENERATED AND LOTS WAS LEARNED BY EVERYONE. I LEARNED ALOT FROM KURT, NIGW, I CONSIDER MYSELF A PRETTY HOT PHONE OF BUT MY CW CONTESTING IS IN NEED OF FINE TUNING AND I GAINED IMENSELY AND I AM SURE IF ALL THE OPERATORS WERE POLLED THAT EVERYONE GAINED SOMETHING FROM THE MEXICO OPERATION (I know for sure Kurt and Mark gained a few grey hairs, increased their knowledge about different generators and gained countless hours of lack-of-sleep.)

BASED ON THE PEOPLE I TALKED TO I THINK THAT THERE IS MORE TO COME FROM THE CLUB IN OPEN CONTEST ACTIVITIES! MULTI/MULTI AND MULTI/SINGLE EFFORTS FROM EXISTING STATIONS WOULD OF COURSE BE ALOT EASIER ON THE ORGANIZERS AS THE MEXICO FIELD DAY STYLE EFFORT WAS AN ASS KICKER ON THE MAJOR PLAYERS. HOWEVER, THE ORGANIZERS ARE NOW QUALIFIED TO PLAN COVERT OPERATIONS. HIHI!

ON BEHALF OF THE CLUB I WISH TO EXPRESS A SINCERE THANKS FOR THE JOB WELL DONE UNDER ADVERSE CONDITIONS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE MEXICO 1986 EFFORT!!! WE ALL SURVIVED MEXICO 86 FROM TIJUANA REGIONAL PARK !!! BARELY !!!!

SALE....WANTS

NGADI NEEDS XSTALS FOR 75S3 COLLINS RECEIVER...HELP...(805) 649-3339....

NOVE HAS A 49' SMALL CRANK-UP FOR SALE (REASONABLY PRICED) (805) 649-9696.....

YOUR SALE ITEMS OR WANTS COULD BE HERE AND REACHING IN EXCESS OF 70+ CONTESTERS FOR FREE! SEND LISTS TO NEADI AT THE CLUB BOX AND THEY'LL BE IN THE NEXT ISSUE

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB 1987 EVENTS

MEETINGS

JAN/FEB - 31 JAN @ LUIGI's Italian Resturant slides from XE2SI & KP2N CQWW

MAR/APR - 3 APR @ DX CONVENTION @ 8PM in N6ADI'S ROOM

MAY/JUN - 14 MAY BARBEQUE & MEETING @ 11 AM PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER....

JUL/AUG - OPEN

SEP/OCT - OPEN

NOV/DEC - OPEN

NGADI is looking for HOSTS for MAR/APR Meeting to BUY BEER and WINE in exchange for advertising.....

FOR the MAY/JUN meeting the club is looking for a place to have a BBQ that is convienantly located for all members. It can be a park or your place and the meeting will be a Potluck affair with the host providing a BBQ and Ice.... If no one volunteers prior to 30 APRIL it will be held in Ojai at Lake Casitas.

FOR the balance of the meetings we are accepting volunteers to host them or they will be held in conjuction with TRW if not conflicting with CONTESTS... One volunteer from San Diego would be nice to try and increase the interest in the SCCC in that area. San Diego has the least representation in the club in number of members.....

SCCC OPERATING EVENTS

EFFORTS

NGADI is looking for interested contesters to go to Mexico for a Multi-Single WPX Phone effort call him prior to 15 FEB if you are interested. (805) 649-3339. N6VR will be hosting efforts for WPX Phone and CW and CQWW Phone and CW. NGADI will be hosting efforts for ALL ASIAN Phone and CW.....

*****THE CLUB NEEDS YOU TO OPEN YOUR SHACK TO MEMBERS**********

NOTIFY NEADI IF YOU PLAN ANY "OPEN TO CLUB MEMBERS" OPERATIONS SO THE WORD CAN BE SPREAD THROUGH THE SCCCORE BULLETIN. WE NEED SOME ACTIVE CLUB STATIONS FROM LA, SAN DIEGO, GRANGE AND THE DESERT. FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS RUNNING THE NORTH COUNTIES GUY'S HAVE BEEN OPENING THEIR STATIONS FOR CLUB OPERATIONS AND THE CLUB NEEDS OTHERS TO FOLLOW SUIT IN AREAS OF THE CLUB MORE LOCAL TO THOSE MEMBERS THAT WOULD PARTICIPATE... EXAMPLE.. SAN DIEGO, ORANGE AND LA..... THE MAJOR CONTESTS OF INTEREST TO OUR MEMBERS ARE: WPX, COWN, SS, ALL ASIAN, CQP & SPRINTS.

THIS HAS TO START HAPPENING NATIONALLY, OTHERWISE, CONTESTING WILL BECOME A FORGOTTEN ART....OPEN YOUR SHACK !!!

FIELD DAY? A NUMBER OF THE MEMBERS WANT TO DO IT. HOWEVER, WITHOUT SOMEONE TO HEAD IT UP AND ORGANIZE IT, IT WILL NOT BE A CLUB FUNCTION. SO IF YOU LIKE IT AND WANT I'T TO HAPPEN STEP FORWARD TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!!!!!

CLUB EXPEDITIONS IF YOU ARE PLANNING ONE AND WANT ADDITIONAL HELP LET US KNOW. DOES THE CLUB WANT TO DO MEXICO AGAIN?????? A GOOD TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING..... IF YOU HAVE IDEAS OR ARE INTERESTED IN CERTAIN CLUB FUNCTIONS AND THEY AREN'T HAPPENING LET US KNOW SO WE CAN BRING THEM UP TO THE MEMBERSHIP FOR THEIR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS... IF YOU ARE SILENT AND DIS-SATISFIED NO-ONE WILL KNOW ... SPEAK OUT ABOUT YOUR INTERESTS AND CONCERNS. ******************* NGVI QTH FOR SALE.... A PROVEN PERFORMING QTH..... MARTY FOUND A MIN TOP... For Sale: Spacious 2-bed, 2-bath home with ONE HUNDRED FOOT TOWER! 14 x 18 den / radio room, walk-in pantry, formal dining room, refrig. a/c. Fenced 5/8 acre w/ easy truck/trailer access, extradeep garage ,10 x 40 shed, zoned for horses. Big beams (e.g 3-el 40m) included. Marty Woll N6VI (W) 213-482-6070 (H) 818-893-2451

I SLEPT ON A VIRGIN (island).. the KP2N story by Marty Woll N6VI

I was all charged up to join the SCCC team going to Mexico for CQ Worldwide DX CW when I received an invitation to join Darrell N6DX's operation from Water Island in the U.S Virgin Islands. Now, the choice was made a lot easier by the fact that I had just returned from two weeks in Jordan for CQ 'Phone without my wife, Clara. My choice boiled down to taking her to the Caribbean, with stops in New Orleans and Miami, or having her sit on a dusty hilltop in Tijuana for a long weekend. Being a rational sort of guy I reserved our flights for the former jaunt right away.

The trip was very enjoyable, even lugging over 100 pounds of radio gear in our suitcases through numerous check-in lines and hotel corridors. Darrell and others had arrived several days ahead of us on Water Island and had brought equipment, monobanders generously provided by the International DX Foundation, over 1000' of coax, rotor cable, etc. Now you must understand that Darrell doesn't do these things halfway, and exotic antennas are definitely on his must-have list. Our arsenal consisted of a vertical dipole on 160, phased verticals on 80, a 2-element yagi at 110'agl (about 200'msl/haat) on 40, four over four independent yagis on 20, a 5-element yagi on 15 and a five (nee 6)-element yagi on 10. Two-meter spotting was coordinated by Steve KA6S from a local ham's shack outside the allowable station radius. I must mention the great help we got from the Limestone Reef Hotel's owner, WA2UZA, and from many members of the local radio club. This help included the loan of antennas, tower sections and equipment and letting us monopolize the main interisland repeater. The club members also invited us to a scrumptious home-cooked Thanksgiving day dinner at the beach!

Still, there was a lot of work done. Even Clara, who came for a real vacation, was hauling beams back and forth, painting old tower braces and holding tag lines. Did all this effort pay off? Judge for yourself from these tentative (pre-duping) results:

	160	80	40	20	15	10	Total
Q's	522	1284	2671	3221	2500	906	11,104
Z's	16	25	33	38	29	21	162
C's	48	87	105	120	91	60	511

Rough score: near 18 Million points! That just may win the world this year and could conceivably break the existing North American multi-multi record set by NP4A in 1980 when sunspots were plenty. Operators included Howard WB6NRO on 10; Jim W60UL, Larry W7CB and Bob W6MSG on 15; Don N6ZV and Vince K5VT on 20; Tony N7BG and I on 40; Steve N6AA and Mike KC7V on 80; and Darrell N6DX and Carl K5HK/KP2 on 160; Ron KP2N and John KP2A filled in as needed. John WT6T assisted with set-up and take-down, as did KA6S. Many of these have joined SCCC ... go..o..o club aggregate!

I've been on a contest expedition once before with Darrell and Don, that being the FYOGA CQ CW world-beater a few years back ... it seems Darrell always leads me to big scores and bigger mosquitos. (scratch scratch) It sure was fun.

Things have changed drastically and for the worse in the City of Los Angeles! Recently I learned from a member of the SCDXC that his application for a building permit for a tower was denied because it exceeded 45 feet in height. Height restrictions in L.A. have been virtually unknown in the past; consider the ease with which I obtained a permit for my 115 foot installation. What happened?

I visited the City Clerk and scrounged through the Municipal Code and learned that it had been amended effective May 1986 as a result of an ordinance (No. 160657) passed in January, 1986 by the City Council. The old Code (Ch. 1 Art.II Sec.12.21.1B3) said that "...towers,...wireless masts...and similar structures may be erected above the height limit specified in the [height] district in which the property is located". That exception to the 45 foot limit in Height District No. 1 (in which most residential areas are located) has given L.A. amateurs virtually free reign to put up big systems so long as they were structurally safe and didn't violate any private deed restrictions.

The new ordinance amended that protective Code section to read:
"...towers,...wireless masts...or similar structures may be erected above the height limit specified in the height district in which the property is located if, for each foot such structure exceeds the height limit, an equal setback from the roof perimeter is provided, except that...no portion of any roof structure as provided for above shall exceed the specified height limit by more than five feet... "This means, in essence, that towers and antennas cannot exceed 45 feet if ground-mounted or 50 feet if roof-mounted. Say goodbye to unloaded 80-meter verticals!

How did this happen without our knowing it? Simply, we had no one monitoring the proceedings of the City Council to alert the amateur community, to start us contacting the city planning department (who drafted the ordinance) or our council members to present our case. The volume of proposed legislation in the myriad of local jurisdictions makes central monitoring prohibitively time consuming and / or expensive. Large, well funded interest groups have lobbyists for this purpose, and then usually only on the federal and state level. We must rely on individual initiative and personal contacts with those in government to protect our interests. Prevention having failed, we could now attempt litigation using the federal preemption statute (PRB-1), but this route requires planning, time and lots o money and carries no guarantee of success. We can also try to cure the problem by seeking an amendment to the new Code. This will require a coordinated, widespread effort but may be our best bet.

What can an individual wanting to put up a new tower do for now? You can apply for a zoning variance for a fee of around \$1,000 (with no refund if denied). This involves a public hearing to which adjoining property owners are invited; it is suggested you contact your City Council representative first to get them in your corner. You can put something up anyway and hope no one complains; if you choose this route, be warned that it is illegal and could kill your chances if you are later forced to go through the variance procedure. You can move out of L.A. City (but even L.A. County is proposing severe restrictions -- we ARE watching that one). Or you can keep it under 45 feet.

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THE 1986 CONTEST SEASON SMOKE HAS CLEARED AND DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF OUR MOTIVATED CLUB CONTESTERS IT LOOKS LIKE THE SCCC WILL HAVE MADE A RESPECTFUL SHOWING FOR 1986.

this good showing is due to you who blew off the cob webs and participated in the major contests and due to those who got off their wallets and went out hunting for some good rates (expeditions)...

1986 WAS A BANNER YEAR FOR THE SCCC Its 10t.

TWO MAJOR EFFORTS WERE UNDERTAKEN BY SCCC MEMBERS

- (1) THE JY DX-PEDITION
- (2) THE KP2 CQWW CW EFFORT

ONE MAJOR CLUB EFFORT WAS TAKEN ON XE2SI

LOTS OF CLUB MEMBERS WERE ACTIVE IN COWW

KEEP UP THE ACTIVITY AND THE SCORES WILL GROW AS THE CLUB GROWS TOO!!!!

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