

# SCCCORE

## Southern California Contest Club

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### CLUB BULLETIN GETS NEW EDITOR

Heh. When you're the editor, you can put a headline like that in the lead position of the front page of the bulletin and nobody can stop you.

It's true, though. The Southern California Contest Club has a new Bulletin Editor. With big plans and no time, as usual. It seemed like a great idea at the time.

Here is what to expect of the New Bulletin. The name will be changed to "Scoreboard" as it was the last time I produced an SCCC bulletin (1978). I figure the name's had a rest and I like it better anyway. There will be several very regular things in it: Minutes from the last meeting, and an announcement of the next meeting, for starters. I will ask Kevin, NC6U, our Club President, to provide a "message" for each issue. I hope Kurt, NI6W, will consider keeping us posted about CAC affairs on a regular basis. Also included will be a regular listing of new members - nothing worse than taking their money and running.

On the list of other possibilities are a regular running of intra-club competition standings in the North American Sprint Contest, the real test of who is a true contester and who is merely a great operator (what's the difference? I'll tell you sometime. -ed). Also included will be a section devoted to score rumors, maintained in a consistent and organized way. Ray, N6VR has expressed a firm commitment to submitting a regular Oblast Competition update.

Considering there are more guys in the group who do that than go DXpeditioning in the CQWW, it seems like a good use of a corner of our newsletter. We will include an advertisement section for members who have radio related stuff they want to sell.

Beyond the regular items, this Bulletin will attempt to include stimulating reading for mainstream contesters, both the Big Guns and the smaller caliber Sharp-Shooters abounding in the ranks of the SCCC. Included will be poignant excerpts from the newsletters of the other strong clubs in the country, plus an occasional item lifted from the National Contest Journal. Your new editor will attempt to wield the red pen across the board so you're not bored with pages of reprints. Instead he hopes to offer items for Power Reading by Power Contesters in this, your new Power Bulletin.

Naturally, there will remain room for anything (stress 'anything') submitted to the Bulletin for publication, provided it is well thought-out, concise, and of specific interest to the readership of the Scoreboard.

It will be absolute policy here at the corporate offices of the SCCC that the new editor will be open to any and all suggestions and criticism. What he does with it after that, however, will be up to him....

Shoot, anyone got a Power Tie I can borrow for my Power Breakfast in the morning?

# EDITORIAL

Boy, is this going to be fun. I have wanted to do this for a long time. The Southern California Contest Club has long been very close to my heart. Now I have an opportunity to have the biggest effect on it I ever have.

You may think that the President would be the one to hold that honor. Well, take it from me, I've been President of this club and I know otherwise. It's the Bulletin Editor who gets them where they sit. The Bulletin Editor gets into everyone's shack and sits on their desk all month and makes subtle comments on the state of their hobby. Like I said: boy, is this going to be fun.

I am looking forward to helping move the Southern California Contest Club into the next few years as a leader of trends, not a follower. I have a great concern for the state of our hobby and its future. I see big trouble all around us.

I like to think I know what amateur radio is about. Quite honestly, I understand full well I can't profess to know EVERYTHING about what it's ALL about. But I have an idea of what we used to have that's missing nowadays.

## THE PROBLEM

Ham Radio was created to facilitate people's experimenting with radio. Back when it wasn't illegal, many tinkers got on the air and caused a lot of confusion. The government realized they'd better join 'em since they couldn't beat 'em. Amateur Radio was born. Then something awful happened. All of us serious radio types sat around enjoying radio tinkering by operating DX, contests and traffic while the rest of the technological world caught up with us and passed us up.

Simply put, the appeal of ham radio has changed from the 'magic' of far-off signals and strange propagation, to the convenience of VHF and Digital Communications (nothing magic about that).

As an example: nowadays, when we're stuck on the freeway, the guy in the car next to us can call home and say he's going to be late as easily as we can, and he doesn't even have a license. If he's so inclined, he can go out, easily get a ticket, and save himself all that car-phone expense. Ham radio is becoming a means rather than an end. Getting a license is becoming so easy, and the basic limited privileges broad enough that our hobby now represents nothing more than a convenience item to a lot of new hams. I think many of them don't know the meanings of DX, contesting, or even HF. Traffic is limited to the freeway.

Ham radio is changing a whole lot, and many of us refuse to take notice. Well, boys, ignoring it won't make it go away. Whether or not contesters approve of the direction ham radio is going simply does not matter. We may be the best, but there aren't enough of us to make any difference.

## THE SOLUTION

In my opinion, the cure for "the waywardness of ham radio" is very obvious. Not easy, but obvious. I think that DXers, contesters, and traffic handlers make the best all around hams (this is an editorial, remember?). And if we want to make our lives better, we should do what we can to get more DXers, contesters, and traffic handlers. Obvious, no?

The sure-fire way to keep things the way they're going is to keep ignoring it. Clearly, the only way we can make a difference is to do it ourselves. I believe the Southern California Contest Club has the potential to make a difference - and if there is ANY group I would

trust to do all the right things, it would be us. Here are some of the things we could do:

We can support new blood in our hobby, ensuring new operators continue pursuing their operations to the betterment of us all. A program of tracking the progress of never-before-heard competitors through contest results will indicate which new operators make good prospects.

We can actively advocate striving for the highest standards we can in accuracy and ethical operation.

We can make a victory in these competitions more meaningful than it presently is.

We can lend our support to the newly formed World Radio Sport Federation. Their goal is not so much to encourage radio contesting as is it to get youngsters interested in ham radio by organizing a World Championship from the ground up, and publicizing it nationally and internationally via mass media. Very ambitious, and in my humble opinion, a very good idea.

Here's our only snag: all these great ideas listed above are at present inconsistent with our Club's Bylaw. (We only have one Bylaw). In my opinion (those words again) the SCCC are the right guys for the job, but we need to decide as a whole that we want to get more ambitious.

These things also will cost a fair bit of money. At our last meeting we realized that our club has the potential to raise as much if not more than the YCCC does with K1EA. This could be a very good thing, if we choose to pursue it.

If, on the other hand, we sit around eating pizza and drinking beer for the rest of our useful lives, we may be doing nothing short of spelling our own demise.

## BUT SERIOUSLY, FOLKS...

I guess maybe this editorial is a bit strong. Well, don't worry, we've got some time yet. What I really wanted to say was the following:

Ever since we announced I would be taking over the duties as Bulletin editor and publisher, I have been swamped by a ton of support from club members who have ideas to contribute, and I want to take a few inches to publicly thank everyone to date - forgive me if I forgot you, I am typing this off the top of my head as I struggle to get this first issue out.

Ski, N6ADI, who as the editor before me for 6 years, sometimes singlehandedly carried the club torch from meeting to meeting and contest to contest, and under whom the club roster grew from 40 to over 90. Good job, old boy.

Dennis, NE6I, for sending me the SDDXC bulletin with his comments and the article about W6YA among others, as well as the score and summary sheet of every contest he's been in this season - if everyone did this it would make my life simpler, but I guess I'll have to get on packet anyway.

Ray, N6VR, who forwarded the most comprehensive data base of SCCC members past, present, and prospective. Who also manages our Oblast List and the intra-club standings in the Sprint.

Glenn, K6NA, who has a wealth of ideas we have yet to go into, and who has already supplied me with materials for future bulletins so we can supply custom SCCC forms for use in all the big aggregate competitions - a GREAT idea.

Dick, NN6U, and Rick, WB6OKK, who have made sure I know their desk-top publishing facilities are available for my use - I will definitely get around to that soon, just not right at the moment.

Kevin, NC6U, who performed exemplarily by providing the copy for his President's Message even during all the goings on which he describes in it.

Kurt, NI6W, who has agreed to provide a CAC report from time to time.

That makes a team of 8 of us so far working to put together a great club bulletin - who knows, maybe we can pull it off after all!

See you on the air.

Mark, WA6OTU

## MINUTES OF MEETING - DECEMBER 29, 1990

Our final meeting of last year was a barbeque affair hosted by Rick, WB6OKK, at his home station in Placentia, Saturday afternoon, December 29th after the TRW swapmeet.

Those Ops present were:

N6AA	-DICK	AA6RX	-DAVID
W6HAL	-LEON	AA6TT	-BILL
K6JYO	-BRUCE	NC6U	-KEVIN
K5KT	-JOE	NN6U	-DICK
W6KUT	-ED	KI6VC	-VIC
K6NA	-GLENN	N6VI	-MARTY
W9NQ	-BOB	W6XD	-ART
N6NFA	-RON	WATZTN	-MIKE
KP6OG	-JOE	N6ZZ	-PHIL
WB6OKK	-RICK	W6ZZ	-GEORGE
WA6OTU	-MARK		

We ate and talked and talked and ate, then we went inside and held a meeting sort of. We discussed possible ways for our club to generate some income and realized we had several options. Then the question came up "why do we need any income?" for which we were all at a loss to reply.

Then we talked about possibly helping the NCCC with the contest hospitality suite in Visalia this year, but decided to pass the hat at Visalia rather than commit club money that doesn't exist.

Then we talked about doing a fancy hands-on rig comparison set-up at Visalia, but there didn't seem to be any interest so we decided not to.

On the whole it was good fun to get together and talk about contests and other things with our friends.

Our warmest heart-felt thanks to Rick and company for putting on a splendid party. Maybe we can do it again some time. Thanks, Rick.

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# SPRINT CW INTRA-CLUB PERPETUAL AVERAGE RANKING

NCJ #1 Team Score: : 111526 : 107226  
 SCCC Placement/Score: : #2 107142 #1 107226 #1 #2 #3 #2 #2  
 Team 1 High Scorer: : 107142 K6NA 107226 N6AA 133275 N6TR/7 96835 N6TR/7 103273 N6TR/7 113140 N6ND 108600 N6TR  
 Team 2 High Scorer: : 46030 ZDBZ 48118 NE6I 8651 W6SX 37786 N6VR 71009 N6ND 25971 K9VV/6 71308 N6ND  
 Team 3 High Scorer: : ----- 11876 K6VNX 7400 N6CQ/3 5495 WE7G 16210 W6AQ 12839 NC6U 21890 W6DLJ

Call	Claimed Feb 91	Qso's	Mults	Team	Operator /Station	Average (Last 4)	Score Sep 90	Operator /Station	Score Feb 90	Operator /Station	Score Sep 89	Operator /Station	Score Feb 89	Operator /Station	Score Sep 88	Operator /Station	Score Feb 88	Operator /Station	Score Sep 87	Operator /Station
K6LL/7	11895	305	39	1		13930	13536		13482		15680		13020							
K6NA	13524	322	42	1		13421	14310		12464		14651		12259		13254		12520		11760	
N6ND		291		1	K6STI	12434	12120	N6CW	11400	K6STI	14406	K6STI	11808	K6STI	11352	K6STI			7676	
N6TR						12353	7448	F/N6TR	12480		15933		13552		13728		12978	N6ND	13120	
N6ZZ				1		12042	11676		11718		13207		11567		12558		11316		9694	
N6CW						11782			11782						11340					
W6YA		275		1		11692	11308		11275		12593		11592		10406				11193	
N6AA	13846	322	43	1		11602	14214		14168		14161		3864	N2AA/2	10569	N6AA/7	11726		11840	
N6TJ						11314	9804	ZDBZ	11349		12788				10680	W7EJ	12390		10608	
W6AQ	8540	244	35	1	WA60TU	10504			10101	WA60TU			10906	WA60TU	12232	WA60TU	12306	WA60TU	11060	WA60TU
W6SX						10241	9430				11051								9462	
N16W						10101							10101	W6KUT	10922	W6KUT	9361	W6KUT	9126	W6KUT
N6VR	9918	261	38	1		10085	10668		7035		11205		11430		10062		7585		10707	
NC6U	6912	216	32	1		9077	9400		8853		8979				7236		8288		8584	
W6UDF						9019	8938				9152		8968		9675		2072		7910	
W6SX						8771			8890	OH2BH	8651	W6QHS								
AC6T	8244	229	36	2		8042	10472		5611						7800				7378	
N6CQ/3						7690			8170		7400		7980		7942		1078		5474	
W7CB/6						7654					7654				7480		7527		8600	
NE6I						7537	9881		10701				2030		11094		11398		9472	
K6VNX				2		6454			6265		6642						6688		5810	
WE7G	4587	139	33	2		5268	5040		3255				5495		5402					
KK6BB				2		5214	5400		4698				5544	KB6RFX	3978	KB6RFX				
KV0I	6868	202	34	2		7551			8502				6600		4900				4060	
K6VI						2340			2340											
W6HAL				2		448							448							
K6XO	8540	244	35	2		N/A											2970		2200	
WE7B				2		N/A														
N7BG				1		10218														
W6UE						9910														
WE7B				2		N/A											11560	AA6RX		
KA6SAR				2		N/A														

NA SPRINT CW	OTHERS	NA QSO PARTY CW	SCCC OBLAST TOTALS by Ray, N6VR
SCCC #1	XE1ITJ(RX) 201 X 35	SCCC #1	=====
K6LL/7 ?	N6TIB 227 X 36	K6LL/7 782 X 245	=====
K6NA 322 X ?	WN4KKN 323 X 40	W6UE(SAR) ?	SCCC OBLAST TOTALS
N6AA 322 X 43	N7NG 290 X 39	W9NQ 590 X 190	by Ray, N6VR
W6YA 275 X ?	N6IG 306 X 40	K6XO 555 X 192	
N6ZZ 261 X 38	N6RO 274 X 39	KI6VC 166 X 99	
W6AQ(OTU) 257 X 37	WA6AUE 273 X 39		
N6VR ?	W7WA 295 X 42	SCCC #2	CALL WKD CFMD
N6ND(STI) ?	AD6E 211 X ?	KV0I 689 X 194	NG6W ALL 172
KY7M 293 X 40		WE7B 570 X 213	W6KUT ALL 165
NC6U 216 X 33	NA SPRINT SSB	WE7G 487 X 179	N6VR ALL 160
	K6LL 277 X 45	NC6U 200 X 85	N6ND ALL 154
SCCC #2	N6VR 260 X 47	K6NA 100 X ?	AA6AA 175 ---
K6XO 244 X 35	KV0I 235 X 41		W6YA 172 ---
KI6ZH 197 X 34	K6XO 237 X 40	NA QSO PARTY SSB	K6YRA --- 143
WE7G 139 X 33		SCCC #1	K6ZH 164 127
KV0I ?	CQWW 160 CW	W9NQ 890 X 241	K6JYO 149 117
WE7B ?	N6LL(CDR) 475 X 72	WK7V 560 X 163	AA6TT 106 ---
AC6T 228 X 37	N6ND 336 X 72	SCCC #2	K6XT 101 ---
K6VNX ?	N6DX(MS) 575 X 81	KI6VC 33 X ?	KG6AR 85 ---
KK6BB ?			

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Contesting is a love-hate relationship. I'm sure you know what I mean. The anticipation generated by scheming and dreaming for months about the beginning of the contest is surpassed only by fatigue and disappointment as the clock rolls over to signal the end of the competition. At the start of the contest you are confident, knowing that, in the beginning, all scores are created equal (sorry about the mixed metaphor). At the end of the contest, you realize that all operators/stations/QTHs are not created equal. This paradox was never more true for me than during the last CW Sprint:

Friday, 2300 - Things are looking good. Just called K6JYO and confirmed the availability of his FB station for the Sprint. CW roster has been faxed to Trey. Due to last minute drop outs, I fill in on SCCC #1. "Don't screw up."

Friday, 2330 - Wife calls and says Grandpa passed away last night. Funeral is Monday in Las Vegas. Boss "suggests" working the weekend to get ready for business trip next week. A compromise is struck - work Saturday, drive to Vegas on Sunday, drive home Monday, work Tuesday, and fly Wednesday.

Friday, 2335 - realize Sprint plans at 'JYOs are in the dumper. Call Bruce and apologize. Next time, etc.

Saturday, 2200 - Got more done than I thought, but too late to drive to San Diego. Flash - use the venerable Hughes club station! Drag company PC up to shack and install NA software. Fire up the TS-830S and get the feel of the band.

Sunday, 0000 - Twenty is jumpin' and the rate is good. Other SCCC #1 members are only a few Qs ahead after 45 minutes. I hope I don't screw up.

Sunday, 0135 - Switch to 40 after a productive hour and a half. Should

do well with the club's big 13-element log periodic at 115' on this band.

Sunday, 0136 - I screw up at this point. The Henry 2K fan bearing starts to squeal so loudly that my fillings ache. This is one hetrodyne the notch filter won't take out. I crank the AF gain to 3 o'clock and keep operating. Suddenly, the rate goes in the toilet. The SWR on the LP is off the meter and the resultant RF in the 3rd story shack is doing bizarre things to the computer. Every time I transmit, NA thinks I worked "as#jhfs1387...\*", which is definitely not a legal callsign. I plod along.

Sunday, 0315 - Switch to 80 after nearly 2 hours of agony. The rate picks up and the contest is accelerating. I should have QSY'd earlier.

Sunday, 0401 - My head hurts. This is probably the worst score in Sprint history. I'll never contest again.

Sunday, 0410 - Tune up on 3830 and listen to scores. Seems like everybody was down a little in Qs and mults (except for N6AA and K6NA - who are these guys?). I don't feel so bad anymore. Wait until September....

Sunday, 0445 - Arrive home. Wife asks "How was it?" "Had a blast." I reply. "Can't wait until the next one!"

And so it goes....

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WPX and ARRL are coming up. Be sure to indicate "SCCC" for your club affiliation when you turn your logs in. 73, and keep your rate up.

Kevin, NC6U

## NEXT MEETING

The next SCCC Club Meeting will be:

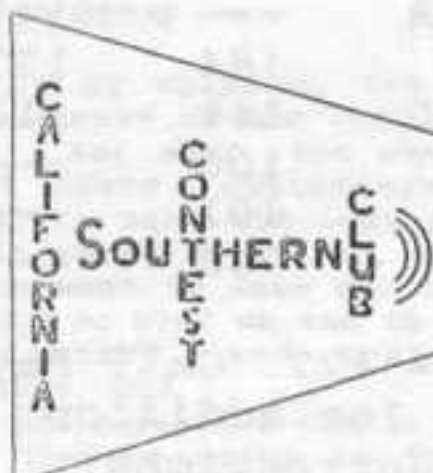
Saturday  
February 23, 1991  
11:00am  
after the  
TRW Swapmeet

at

LUIGI'S  
RESTAURANT  
5267 W. Rosecrans  
Hawthorne  
(213) 643-6509

This is the same ol' place just west of the 405 overpass where we used to do it before they closed and rebuilt. Now they've got a patio where they'll be setting up room for 25 of us, so SEE YOU THERE!

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