

A message from Will, K6NDV:



Congratulations to K6LA and his teammate K5ZD on their upcoming participation in the

WRTC 2000. Also a big thank you goes out to the Committee (WA7BNM, W6EEN and N6ED) for making the selection.

I am glad that we had already voted this committee in. At the time we did not know if we would be privileged to choose a member to represent the SCCC at the WRTC. It was good fortune that we were so well prepared. Bruce, Don and Craig, thanks for a job well done! Thank you also goes to Craig, N6ED for an excellent job of forming the NAQP and Sprint teams. I know after many years of doing this how difficult it can be.

Our next meeting will be at the QTH of Don, W6EEN and this promises to be a good one. Don and his wife have always been great hosts for our meeting events. As special guest we have Bob, K3EST, the CQWW manager, etc. Also we have Ray Novak coming to show us the new Icom 756PRO so we will give him a chance to show us what this radio can do.

I will bring my latest new toy -- the ACOM2000A automatic amplifier with the automatic antenna switch. We will open the amplifier so everyone can take a peak inside.

For those of you who are interested in going to Friedrichshafen, I will be going and maybe we can have a get together there so please let me know who all is going. Also, Dayton is on the program again this year, so I will see a few of you out there as well.

Hope to see many of you at the next meeting.

Welcome to Leigh Jones, KR6X, the new SCCCORE editor. And to Bruce, WA7BNM, thank you very much for being editor for many years. Please let Bruce know how much we all appreciate his accomplishments!

73 Will, K6NDV



In Which I Choose a Teammate.  
By Ken Wideltz, K6LA

One of the questions on the SCCC

WRTC-2000 Selection Committee Application was "Who would you choose as a teammate and why?"

My candidates for a teammate would have to meet the following criteria:

1. Proven successful contesting track record.
2. Ability to get along with me.
3. Some technical expertise should Murphy strike during the contest...

I would have John, K4BAI, high on my list. I have QSO'd John

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since I was fifteen, and, although we have never met, we have corresponded. John enjoys a great reputation as a gentleman and was also very successful at WRTC-96, placing 2nd. John's partner in 1996, Bill, W4AN would be seriously considered. Jim, N6IG, if not the NCCC nominee, would also be high on my list. Jim also enjoys a good reputation and has many 6 land contest records."

Not being able to select an SCCC member left me in a quandary. Having never attended Dayton, Visalia, etc., I didn't personally know anyone outside of SCCC to choose as a partner. N6IG was selected by the NCCC and Bill, W4AN, indicated he was not interested in going to WRTC-2000.

Bruce, WA7BNM and Don, W6EEN, members of the SCCC WRTC-2000 Selection Committee thought it would be a good idea for me to meet with more than just one person before making a selection of a teammate. After considerable deliberation, I decided to consider Randy, K5ZD. Apart from his success in contests, Randy also was the author of my all-time favorite contest story, "North Texas Shootout: The 1991 Sweepstakes Contest" which appeared in the November/December 1992 issue of NCJ.

By the way, having this question was a great idea as it gave me an excuse to cordially turn down many offers to be my teammate. I

just responded that I felt obligated to first choose a teammate from the list I had submitted. While it didn't turn out 100% that way, it was an easy way to say no to some very impassioned pleas.

More by way of an excuse to meet my potential teammates than test their contesting skills, I arranged to work the January, 2000 CW NAQP with Randy, K5ZD at his home in Massachusetts and the Phone NAQP with John, K4BAI at the W4AN superstation in Georgia. That was the first time I believe I ever was on an airplane on consecutive weekends.

Randy picked me up at the airport late Friday evening. He is in the habit of walking his dog early each morning, so Saturday morning I was up early in the freezing but dry weather for a brisk walk and talk. Randy is a principal in a company that does process control software and is currently working on things like calling the refrigerator repairman via the internet before the fridge goes down (like in the ads on TV recently.) The end of the route featured a great view of Randy's antenna farm up on a hill behind his house. After taking his son to swim class, we tore apart his station to set up for a multi-two for NAQP. NAQP is a different contest from the east coast. We both had to search and pounce on 10 and 15 meters most of the first few hours. But come darkness, the time I tend to dislike on the west coast, the rate picked up on the east coast as the low

bands got busy. The west coast and Texas were the places to be in this contest.

When the contest ended, Randy switched contests to work the RTTY DX contest that ran concurrently earlier with NAQP. Talk about a die-hard contesteer.

Once again the next morning we were up and out fairly early walking the dog and talking. Then it was back to the airport and home.

The next weekend I got into Atlanta late in the evening, crashed at a motel near the airport and was picked up early the next morning by John, K4BAI. John lives an hour south of Atlanta, where he is a bankruptcy judge, and W4AN's antenna farm is 90 minutes north of Atlanta. The W4AN superstation is truly isolated, a few miles up a partially paved road on a hilltop in the woods. Seven towers, lots of aluminum, lots of wires and a small dedicated shack with no running water or water closet. Bill, W4AN had left the station set up for a multi-two, so John and I had time to inspect the antenna farm, relax and talk before the contest.

John has an incredible memory for names and calls and an endless supply of great stories. But he tells me he can't remember legal case citations. I had brought a copy of the Georgia QSO party results from 1966 and 1967 when I won for New Jersey as WB2TFK and John was the



log checker and wrote me a note with a handwritten UBN report. One story, about how he caught a cheater in the GA QSO Party was particularly interesting and I wish he would write it up for NCJ.

Once again, it was clear NAQP is a different contest on the east coast. Even from a superstation we were doing a lot of S & P in the first few hours. Given our numbers on the low bands, I thought we did great, but we were even beat out by another multi-two in Georgia.

It was very dark, cold and rainy as we left W4AN at 2:00 AM. I was glad John was driving. We stayed at a motel in the nearest town. The next morning we met Bill, W4AN, on the way to the airport so John could give him a radio for an upcoming 160 meter contest multi. I was freezing and Bill was in shorts and a t-shirt. It could have been worse, NAQP could have been the weekend of the super bowl. John and I had lunch and then it was time for the flight home, which gave me time to make a difficult decision, as the WRTC-2000 Organizing Committee had emailed me that they wanted to know who was going to be my teammate by January 17, the next day.

Either of these two fine gentlemen and testers would have been a choice I would have been happy to live with in Slovenia. Both have a proven contesting track record. (I got to see the silver medal that John and Bill

won at WRTC-1996 in the W4AN shack. Sure would like to have something like that at home.) I got along well with both of them. My sense was that Randy has more technical expertise than either John or I, although I can't say that was the reason I ultimately choose Randy. Actually I can't point to any one factor. One concern that John had was that if either of his aging parents had a setback, he might be unable to go. Knowing how busy work has been for Randy I had some concern it might prevent him from going, but Randy assured me his priorities were in the right place. As I said, it was a tough decision.

#### February Meeting Announcement

W6EEN: East on US 10, thru Beaumont, Banning and Palm Springs, to the Bermuda Dunes area. About 15 miles East of Palm Springs take the Washington St. offramp and turn South (right). For reference, the off ramp before Washington is Cook St. Go 1.4 miles South to Hidden River which Tees in from the left side, just past the Albertson shopping Center (used to be Lucky) and turn right. You will go thru 3 electric signals from the freeway to Hidden River. Go a couple of hundred yards Easterly on Hidden River to Byron Place and turn left. We are behind the White gates at the end of Byron Place. By now, and probably well before, you will have seen the towers, beams etc. Park up by the house at the flagpole and we will congregate

in that area.

Arrival time of about 11 am will give a little time to kick the towers, play with the radios, etc and lunch will be ready about 1 pm.

#### SCCC NAQP, Sprint Results

Congratulations are in order to the NAQP and Sprint teams. The SCCC again asserted itself in both of these winter events. New California, Arizona, and New Mexico Sprint CW records were set by SCCC members. Our thanks go out to N6ED for a great job organizing the SCCC teams!

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## Contest Calendar:

### February, 2000

ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Feb 19 - 2400Z, Feb 20; CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB 2200Z, Feb 25 - 1600Z, Feb 27; REF Contest, SSB 0600Z, Feb 26 - 1800Z, Feb 27; North Carolina QSO Party, 1200Z - 2359Z, Feb 26 and 1200Z - 2359Z, Feb 27; UBA Contest, CW 1300Z, Feb 26 - 1300Z, Feb 27; RSGB 7 MHz DX Contest, CW 1500Z, Feb 26 - 0900Z, Feb 27; High Speed Club CW Contest 0900Z - 1100Z, Feb 27 and 1500Z - 1700Z, Feb 27

### March, 2000

ARRL Inter. DX Contest, Phone 0000Z, Mar 4 - 2400Z, Mar 5; World Wide Locator Contest 0000Z, Mar 11 - 2400Z, Mar 12; Southern African HF Field Day 1000Z, Mar 11 - 1000Z, Mar 12; RSGB Commonwealth Contest, CW 1200Z, Mar 11 - 1200Z, Mar 12; QCWA QSO Party 1900Z, Mar 11 - 1900Z, Mar 12; North American Sprint, RTTY 0000Z - 0400Z, Mar 12; UBA Spring Contest, CW 0700Z - 1100Z, Mar 12; Wisconsin QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 12 - 0100Z, Mar 13; High Speed Sprint, RTTY 1800Z - 2200Z, Mar 12; Bermuda Contest 0001Z, Mar 18 - 2400Z, Mar 19; BARTG WW RTTY Contest 0200Z, Mar 18 - 0200Z, Mar 20; Russian DX Contest 1200Z, Mar 18 - 1200Z, Mar 19; Virginia QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 18 - 0200Z, Mar 20; CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Mar 25 - 2400Z, Mar 26

### April, 2000

SP DX Contest 1500Z, Apr 1 - 1500Z, Apr 2; EA RTTY Contest 1600Z, Apr 1 - 1600Z, Apr 2; Japan Int. DX Contest, 20-10m 2300Z, Apr 7 - 2300Z, Apr 9; QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party 1200Z, Apr 8 - 2400Z, Apr 9; His Maj. King of Spain Contest 1800Z, Apr 8 - 1800Z, Apr 9; UBA Spring Contest, SSB 0700Z - 1100Z, Apr 9; Australian Postcode Contest 0000Z - 2359Z, Apr 15; YU DX Contest 1200Z, Apr 15 - 1200Z, Apr 16; EU Spring Sprint, SSB 1500Z - 1859Z, Apr 15; Michigan QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 15 - 0400Z, Apr 16; Holyland DX Contest 1800Z, Apr 15 - 1800Z, Apr 16; SP DX RTTY Contest 1200Z, Apr 22 - 1200Z, Apr 23; Helvetia Contest 1300Z, Apr 22 - 1300Z, Apr 23; Six Club Sprint 2300Z, Apr 22 - 0400Z, Apr 23; Florida QSO Party 1600Z, April 29 - 0159Z, April 30 and 1200Z - 2159Z, April 30; Ontario QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 29 - 1800Z, Apr 30

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