



# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB

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## SCCC MAY MEETING NOTES

Our May meeting was a barbeque held on Saturday, May 16 at noon, hosted by Don and Sandra Bostrom (N6IC and N6DZG, respectively). It was immediately noted that there must be more active club-going members with suffixes beginning with Q-Z, because for the first 45 minutes or so, there was nothing but soft drinks, beer, and wine to consume until WA6OTU showed up with some chips. Don operated the Barbeque and we all ate well and settled down to the business of the day at about 1:45pm.

We introduced ourselves to each other. Those present were (in order of introduction) Mark, WA6OTU; Ski, N6ADI; Lisa, no call ; Leon, W6HAL; Marty, N6VI; Sandy, N6DZG; Ray, N6VR; Mike, WB6FUE; Phil, N6ZZ; Joe, K5KT; Gary, NY6Y; Don, N6IC; Tree, N6TR; and David, AA6RX.

The agenda began with announcements about our Field Day plans, Ray invited anyone to join his CQ WPX CW operation, and Ski talked about how our All Asian plans are shaping up.

We then moved on to some important discussions. Marty, W8AKS/6, has offered to make a few awards if our club is so inclined to set up an award program. Discussion among the members present voiced no real interest in awards for contest achievement, saying the operating was reward enough. Those present felt any awards were better spent recognizing outstanding efforts in organizing club activities, service to the club, and in recognizing improvement. We should definitely take advantage of Marty's offer, but not for "Club high score in the ARRL DX Contest" types of awards.

We discussed the possibility of going to Mexico to operate the CQWW again this year. On behalf of club member Jim, N6TJ, who couldn't make it to the meeting, Mark, WA6OTU announced that the club was offered a NEW site possibility. There is a friend of Jim's, KA6OSV, who is part owner of a 735 acre Ranch about 15 miles north of Ensenada in the hills with reportedly good quiet spots to the North, Northeast, and Asia. Our club has been offered use of the site for the Fall contest, either or both modes. Bruce, K6JYO expressed interest at Visalia in scoping out some potential Mexico sites, so this will probably be his first and hopefully only assignment. Marty, N6VI, agreed to contact Jim to make arrangements with KA6OSV, and Ray, N6VR, has already accepted a position as Band Captain should the expedition pan out.

Nominations were opened for President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and 2 Board Members. No nominations were received, but the year is young, and Nominations will remain open until September 15th. Elections will be held in January and the terms are two years. Volunteers are accepted the same as nominations. Send them to: PO Box 62, Oakview, CA 93022.

At the prompting of Joe, K5KT, who had shown us a letter from the FCC to a congressman outlining the FCC's stance on the 220MHz issue, we pointed out the importance of sitting down and writing a letter to the FCC commenting on the subject.

Mark, WA6OTU, brought up for discussion the recent CAC solicitation for comments about changing the Sweepstakes rules so that you could work stations once per band instead of the present once per contest. Comments unanimously ran in favor of writing the CAC a letter from the club stating our distaste for the notion. Mark, WA6OTU agreed to write the letter on behalf of the club.

Tree, N6TR, then took the floor and presented awards for the 1986 California QSO Party which he had picked up from the Northern California Contest Club awards meeting in April. As you may recall, the NCCC promised bottles of wine to the top 20. Club winners were as follows: W6HAL, 18th place; W6UQF, 17th place; NE6I, 12th place; N6ADI, 11th place; W7CB/6, 7th place; AA6RX, 5th place; N16W, 4th place; and WA6OTU, 1st place. Congratulations to everyone who won a bottle of select 1986 Northern California Contest Club private stock. The members present also gave a great show of enthusiastic thanks and support to the Northern California club for hosting truly the best CQP ever, and one that should rank internationally as a first rate Radio Contest.

At about 3:00pm the meeting became informal again, all business behind us. We cracked open a few more beers and took the grand tour of N6IC, worked a few Italians, logged 'em in the Mac, and went on home. Thanks to Don and Sandra for hosting a first-rate club meeting.

**\*\*NEXT MEETING\*\* AUGUST 1st\*\*SEE DETAILS pg. 3\*\***

## SALE/WANTS

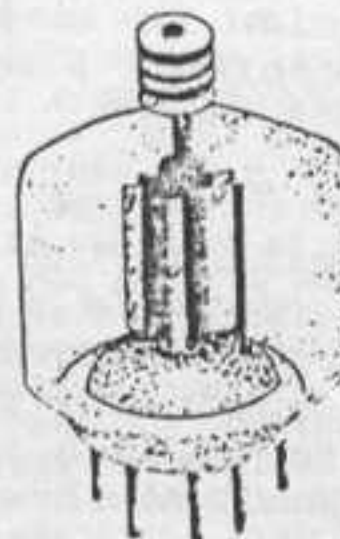
WANT: ELECTRONIC KEYSER PADDLE. BENCHER, VIBROPLEX etc.  
SELL: KLM 12 EL. 2m BEAM w/SWITCHABLE POLARIZATION \$50.  
or TRADE FOR ABOVE PADDLE...RAY N6VR 805-649-9696

## XE2SI 1986 PERFORMANCE

Although we thought we did poorly, the XE2SI 1986 effort was no slouch, placing 5th in the world in the latest issue of CQ with high claimed scores in it from phone and cw CQWW. NOW, if we get it together this year and iron out the bugs we can do even better. Our major problems last year were: GENERATORS and STATION SET UP.

Generators can be fixed easily by pre-testing to the hilt and in-suring that we will not have any repeat problems of 1986. As for set up of stations, we need to go on Thursday morning instead of Friday unless we get one more tower trailer. The free-standing aluminum tower for 15 mtrs was a project that required more than just the 15 mtr crew to install, due to the height of the tower and size of the antennae. It is nice to have 5 elem on every band and worth the install hurdles but this one project slowed the rest of the Multi/Multi installation. If a Thursday set-up is undertaken then these problems can be handled with the same hardware but more time. The operators will have less wear and tear on them when the contest starts too!

I hope that MEXICO 87 happens and that some of our FAMOUS CONTESTERS will get involved with the persistent crew of 86! We had a good time and did pretty well considering the obstacles that were faced. GET EXCITED AND INVOLVED with this potential operation and I guarantee you will have FUN!



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FROM THE PRESIDENT - JUNE 1987

Joe, K5KT, brought up a very important fact at the last meeting. The FCC has proposed to take away the bottom two megahertz of one of our ham bands. Joe felt it was important enough to deserve attention by the club, even though it wasn't primarily a contest matter. Well by golly, I feel it's important enough that I'm going to spend some of my space talking about it, too. Besides, I can show you five contests that use this band, this band is crucial to a winning effort, and I operate those contests to win. The band? Our old friend 220.

The FCC believed that the Amateurs would just not feel any loss when they snagged the bottom 2 MHz of this band, because their research showed Amateur operations can be successfully condensed into 3 MHz, down from the present 5 MHz. The fundamental error in this is that there is no comprehensive list anywhere of how much "remote" activity there is going on on the band which cannot be successfully relocated anywhere else in the Amateur spectrum. They rather foolishly used the ARRL Repeater Directory as a guide to how much activity was on 220, but the "remote" stuff is fairly high security stuff which the "remote" users have never felt a need to advertise by publishing their information ANYWHERE. You understand the problem. (We haven't even mentioned the REAL VHFers, the weak signal guys on SSB and CW.) Everyone should have written a letter about this.

Contesters make me ill sometimes because of their lack of willingness to do anything to help out the overall hobby. Sometimes we don't see the forest for the trees.

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Well, once again, I'll be operating Field Day from KT5X, the group I operate with when I'm working in New Mexico over the summer. I'll hit the Los Alamos salvage sale every other week and bring home some more goodies. (I'll try to find some more 8877s, promise). Any problems? See the VICE president....just kidding. I'll be on the air from time to time, and in touch with some of the guys back home, so I'll be at least reachable.

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Remember to start thinking about who you'd like to elect as your next President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer, as well as two new board members. Nominations are open, and they close in September. Send your nominations to the bulletin editor, Ski, N6ADI.

\* \* \* (these are fun to make)

Get on the air for the club efforts in the All Asian Contest, both modes. Information is listed elsewhere. The club is trying to capture every category in the contest: Single op single band 160-10, Single op all band, Multi-single, and Multi-multi.

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In my opinion, the Mexico offer by Jim, N6TJ, could be the stuff dreams are made of (details elsewhere). The members who enjoy those dreams, though, are the members who get going and do something about it NOW. The door is wide open, and the opportunity to put together a great Multi-multi in Mexico is being handed to us on a silver platter. The things to take care of (take it from me, I've organized three of these things) are 1) check out the site, 2) find out about licensing now that we gringos can get XE callsigns, 3) line up 6 interested band captains, and 4) make sure Bruce can go along. I'll gladly lend my copious notes to someone who wants to pick up the ball and run with it.

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A very dilligent long-time member of our club called me recently seeking club sanction of an all-new radio contest he had invented and wanted to put on. He promised it was a no-risk venture for the club to achieve some national press and favorable notoriety, and that he would take care of all press-releases, PR, and follow-up including checking and scoring all the incoming contest logs. Because I think this is a great thing, I gave him full permission to do the whole thing, which you'll be hearing about soon enough. For now, though, 73.

Mark, WA6OTU

## INTER-RELATIONSHIPS

CQ CONTEST AND CQ DX ARE RELATED DRAMATICALLY IN THAT THE SUCCESSFUL CONTESTER HAS IN MOST CASES LEARNED MUCH OF HIS PROWNESS FROM WORKING DX. HE HAS LEARNED THE BANDS BY WORKING DX. HE HAS LEARNED PILE-UP CRACKING TECHNIQUES FROM WORKING DX. THE RELATIONSHIP IS VERY DEEP AND MOST CONTESTERS HAVE EVOLVED FROM BEING DXER'S TO BEING CONTESTERS. WHY HAS THIS EVOLUTION TAKEN PLACE? LARGELY, DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE DXER HAS REACHED HIS GOALS AND SEEKS NEW CHALLENGES. MOVING FROM BEING A DXER TO CONTESTING SEEMS TO BE PART OF THE EVOLUTION THAT TAKES PLACE WITH THE MOTIVATED OPERATORS THAT HAVE ATTAINED PERSONAL GOALS IN DXING. THEY BECOME BORED IN THEIR PURSUIT OF NEW COUNTRIES DUE TO THE LACK OF THEM AND LOOK FOR NEW CHALLENGES INSTEAD. IT SEEMS TO BE A NATURAL EVOLUTION. DXING HAS TAUGHT THEM BAND CONDITIONS, PROPAGATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS AND MUCH MORE. THIS EVOLUTION HAS MADE A SELF RELIANT OPERATOR, WHO IN MOST CASES HAS LEARNED TO BE VERY INDEPENDANT, BOASTING AN ENORMOUS EGO FROM REACHING SELF-IMPOSED GOALS. THIS IS ALL GOOD STUFF IN MOLDING A SUCCESSFUL CONTESTER BUT DOES POSE PROBLEMS IN GROUP EFFORTS AND CLUB FUNCTIONS. THE SUCCESSFUL CONTESTER HAS RELIED ON HIMSELF FOR SO LONG AND KNOWS HIS CAPABILITIES BUT PUTS LITTLE CONFIDENCE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OTHERS IN THE SKILLED COMBAT OF CONTESTING. HE FEELS THAT HE CAN MAKE BETTER RATE, KNOWS THE BANDS BETTER, IS A BETTER OPERATOR AND THE LIST GOES ON. THESE QUALITIES THAT AFFECT HIS ABILITY TO PERFORM WELL IN GROUP EFFORTS DUE TO FRUSTRATION WITH OTHER OPERATORS INSPIRE HIM TO DO MOST CONTESTING AS A SINGLE OPERATOR BECAUSE HE KNOWS THAT HE CAN RELY ON HIMSELF. IT TAKES EXTREME DISCIPLINE TO STANDBY AND WATCH ANOTHER OPERATOR APPLY HIS SKILLS IN A MANNER THAT YOU FEEL COULD BE IMPROVED UPON. IT TAKES AWAY FROM THE WINNING URGE WHEN YOU FEEL THAT THE RATE COULD BE BETTER. SOME WAYS TO OVERCOME THESE WINNING URGES ARE : IF YOU'RE A GOOD POLITICIAN YOU CAN MAKE BENEFICIAL SUGGESTIONS WITHOUT AFFECTING RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUR FELLOW CONTESTERS, STAY OUT OF THE SHACK WHEN YOU AREN'T OPERATING OR DON'T PARTICIPATE. THE LATER IS OBVIOUSLY NOT THE WAY TO BECOME A GROUP PARTICIPANT OR TO BE A WELL ROUNDED CONTESTER. IN TALKING TO MOST SUCCESSFUL CONTESTERS, WHETHER SINGLE OPS OR MULTI-OP PARTICIPANTS, THE MAJORITY HAVE BEGUN

## DIRECTIONS

SOME EXCITING THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING ON SINCE THE LAST ISSUE. THE SCCCORE BULLETIN WILL HAVE A NEW PUBLISHER EFFECTIVE IN SEPTEMBER, NC6U KEVIN HAS VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE ON THE PUBLISHING/PRINTING AND MAILING. SKI, NGADI WILL CONTINUE AS EDITOR. ADDITIONALLY, SKI IS NOW THE WEST COAST REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE NCJ AND WILL BE CONTRIBUTING REGULARLY TO IT. IF YOU HAVE ARTICLES, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, SCORES OR ANYTHING OF INTEREST SEND THEM TO HIM. SKI NEEDS YOUR HELP WITH SCORE COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEST COAST AND WILL REIMBURSE YOUR POSTAGE COSTS IF YOU CAN HELP WITH ANY SCORES YOU GATHER. THE NCJ WILL BE PUBLISHED BY THE ARRL, QST STAFF, EFFECTIVE BY THE NEXT ISSUE AND DAVE AND RANDY WILL CONTINUE TO EDIT IT FOR THE ARRL. SOME CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED BY MANY THAT THE NCJ WOULD LOSE ITS IDENTITY IF THIS HAPPENED BUT THE EDITORS HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY ARRL THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE THE CASE. TIME WILL TELL, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE MOVE WILL BE GOOD FOR THE PUBLICATION AND FOR CONTESTING IN GENERAL. WE WILL BE EXPERIMENTING WITH THE SCCCORE FORMAT OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS TRYING TO FIND A FORMAT THAT GIVES US LOTS OF SPACE, YET THE PRINT ISN'T SO SMALL THAT YOU CAN'T READ IT.

## CONTESTING AFTER SUCCESSFULLY COMPETED IN THE DXING PART OF THE HOBBY.

JUST TAKING A LOOK AT W6 LAND, THE INTER-RELATIONSHIP SEEMS TO BREAK THE RULES. IN THE NORTH, WHERE PEOPLE ARE SPREAD OUT, LIVING SLOW PACED LIVES THE AVERAGE CONTESTER STARTED AS A DXER. IN THE SOUTH WHERE PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS IN THE FAST LANE, LIVING CLOSE TOGETHER THE SAME IS TRUE BUT OBVIOUS DIFFERENCES EXIST IN THEIR CONTESTING AND CLUB PARTICIPATION HABITS. THE NORTHERN W6'S SEEM TO WORK TOGETHER, ARE MORE CLUB ORIENTED AND SEEM TO HELP EACH OTHER OUT. IN THE SOUTH THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE, INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS PREVAIL, CLUB PARTICIPATION IS LACKING AND IF YOU'RE NOT MOVING YOU WILL BE PASSED UP RATHER THAN HELPED. WHAT IS NEEDED TO MODIFY THIS BEHAVIOR PATTERN? IF I WAS GOING TO WAR OR PLAYING A SPORT I WOULD PICK THE NORTHERN CHARACTERISTICS FOR TEAM MEMBERS BECAUSE I KNOW THAT A TEAM CONCEPT EXISTED AND THAT EXPERIENCED TEAM PLAY WOULD PREVAIL! THE RULES JUST DON'T SEEM TO APPLY IN SOUTHERN W6 LAND. IN TRYING TO MOTIVATE AND CONTINUE EVER ONWARD THIS DEVIATION FROM THE RULES MAKES FOR A CHALLENGE THAT EVENTUALLY BRINGS THE BEST PLAYERS TO THEIR KNEES IN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WAYS TO MOTIVATE INDIVIDUALISTS TO BECOME TEAM PLAYERS AND ACTIVE CLUB MEMBERS. IT IS OF COURSE A REGIONAL CHALLENGE THAT SEEMS TO APPLY TO GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS AND LIFESTYLES. CONSIDERING THAT THE ROOTS OF CONTESTERS ARE GENERALLY THE SAME, AT LEAST IN THE START, AND THAT THE SAME INTER-RELATIONSHIPS DO EXIST, WHERE DO THE PATHS DIFFER? WHY ARE SOME CLUBS LOADED WITH TEAM PLAYERS AND SOME CLUBS LOADED WITH INDIVIDUALISTS? WHY DO THESE DIFFERENCES SEEM TO RELATE TO GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS? ARE WE PRISONERS OF OUR LIFESTYLES AND DOOMED TO END UP AS DIFFERENT PRODUCTS WHO'S BEGININGS WERE THE SAME? YOUR COMMENTS AND IDEAS ARE WELCOME.....

## \*\*\*\*\*NEXT MEETING\*\*\*\*\*

SINCE OUR PRESIDENT IS OUT OF TOWN, THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE CHAIRED BY NGVR AND WILL BE HELD IN OJAI, ON AUGUST 1ST, 1987. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT NGADI'S PLACE, 1147 FOREST AVE, OJAI AT 12 NOON. THE MEETING WILL BE ANOTHER BBQ WITH HOT FIRE AND DRINKS PROVIDED. YOU BRING YOUR OWN MEAT, BUNS AND CHIPS. WE WILL PROVIDE BEANS, BEER, SOFT DRINKS AND A HOT FIRE. TAKE THE VENTURA FREEWAY NORTH TO HWY 33, TAKE HWY 33 EAST THROUGH OAKVIEW TO WOODLAND AVE AND TURN LEFT (IF YOU PASS MC DONALDS YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR), STAY ON WOODLAND TILL YOU COME TO FOREST AND TURN LEFT AND LOOK FOR THE ANTENNAES! PHONE # (805) 649-3339 AND TALK IN ON 145.48 SIMPLEX.... TOPICS FOR THE MEETING WILL BE ALL ASIAN CW, MEXICO 87, CAL QSO PARTY AND ELECTIONS 88. A TOUR OF NGADI AND NGVR SHACKS. IF YOU WANT, CAMP OUT FOR THE WEEKEND AT LAKE CASITAS WITH THE FAMILY AND ATTEND THE MEETING. THE LAKE IS ONLY 2 MILES FROM NGADI'S PLACE. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEE OJAI AND ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING. RSVP BY 30 JULY IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING. (805) 649-3339 (NGADI) OR 649-9696 (NGVR)....



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INTERESTED IN WORKING SOME OUTRAGEOUS PILE-UPS?  
INTERESTED IN A FUN WEEKEND OUTING WITH FELLOW CONTESTERS?  
LIKE FIELD DAY STYLE OPERATIONS? LIKE CAMPING OUT?

NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR MEXICO 1987 SO WE WILL KNOW HOW MANY OF YOU ACTIVE CONTESTERS WANT TO PARTICIPATE. THIS IS SURVEY TIME TO SEE HOW MUCH INTEREST THERE IS IN THE CLUB FOR THIS OPERATION. WE NEED BAND CAPTAINS, OPERATORS AND SUPPORT CREW. WE HAVE TWO BAND CAPTAINS ALREADY. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES WILL BE APPRAISED OF THE OPERATION, PLANS, AND EQUIPMENT NEEDS AS THEY DEVELOP. JOIN UP AND INSURE YOURSELF OF A PILE-UP TO WORK FOR CQWW 1987!

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW! (805) 649-3339 Ski

LOGO CONTEST

PICTURED ABOVE IS THE YAGI DESIGN CLUB LOGO SUBMITTED BY N6VI. THIS IS THE FIRST SUBMITTAL AND THE CONTEST PERIOD HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO COINCIDE WITH THE CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR THIS YEARS ELECTIONS. 15 SEPTEMBER WILL BE THE CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS AND FOR THE LOGO CONTEST. THE LOGO PICKED WILL BECOME THE OFFICIAL CLUB LOGO AND THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A YEAR OF THE LONG ISLAND DX BULLETIN FOR FREE! NOW IS THE TIME TO PUT THOSE ARTISTIC TALENTS TO WORK FOR YOU AND THE CLUB!

\*\*\*\*\*ALL ASIAN CW CONTEST\*\*\*\*\*

THE CLUB IS TRYING TO DOMINATE THE AA CONTEST AGAIN THIS YEAR AND NEGI IS COORDINATING THE CW EFFORT. WE NEED ENTRIES FOR SINGLE OPERATOR FOR EACH BAND, A SINGLE OPERATOR ALL BAND AND A MULTI-MULTI ENTRANT. N6ADI WILL BE MULTI-MULTI AGAIN THIS YEAR AND IS LOOKING FOR OPERATORS (805) 649-3339. IF YOU PLAN TO SUPPORT THE CLUB, CALL DENNIS NEGI (805) 942-0329 or CALL SKI TO LET THEM KNOW WHAT BAND OR BANDS YOU PLAN TO DOMINATE. THIS CONTEST IS FUN FUN FUN SO GET THOSE KEYERS DUSTED OFF AND FIRE UP YOUR STATION IN SUPPORT OF THE CLUBS GOALS.....

Calendar of Events

- July 10-11 Kansas VHF/UHF Sprint
- July 11-12 IARU World Championship
- July 11-12 Colombian DX Contest
- July 18-19 CQ WPX VHF Contest
- July 18-19 SEANET CW Contest
- July 18-19 AGCW-DL QRP CW Contest
- July 25-26 Venezuelan CW Contest
- July 25-27 MARAC County Hunters CW
- Aug. 1 YLRL YL-OM SSB Sprint
- Aug. 1-2 New York State QSO Party
- Aug. 1-3 Two Meter QSO Party
- Aug. 8-9 European CW Contest
- Aug. 15-16 SEANET SSB Contest
- Aug. 15-17 New Jersey QSO Party
- Aug. 22-23 All Asian CW Contest
- Sept. 5-6 Nat'l CW & SB Champion
- Sept. 9-11 YLRL "Howdy" Days
- Sept. 12-13 European SSB Contest
- Sept. 19-20 Fernand Raoult F9AA Cup
- Sept. 19-20 Scandinavian CW Contest
- Sept. 26-27 Scandinavian SSB Contest
- Sept. 26-27 CQ WW RTTY DX Contest
- Sept. 27-28 Homebrew Radio Exchange
- Oct. 10-11 Pennsylvania QSO Party
- Oct. 24-25 CQ WW DX Phone Contest
- Nov. 14-15 European RTTY Contest
- Nov. 28-29 CQ WW DX CW Contest

Say You Saw It In CQ