The Editor's Ramblings — Club News and Fall Contests

by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM

B efore I talk about the fall contest season, I need to announce the new club officers. Due to business and personal matters, Larry, N6NC, resigned as president of the SCCC in October. Will Angenent, K6NDV, is the new SCCC president. Will has been the vice president for the past couple of years. Our new SCCC vice president is Ray Benny, N6VR. As

VP, Ray has taken over the duties of assembling the club's teams for the NAQPs and NA Sprints. So, if you're interested in participating on an SCCC team during the January NAQPs or the February Sprints, contact Ray.

Wow! The fall 1998 contest season has been a winner. Everyone seems to be

setting personal records and having a great time. There's nothing like an improved ionosphere to get us out of our HF contest doldrums.

One of the outstanding scores of SCCCers during the CQWW SSB contest at the end of October was N6MU's amazing single op, all band, unassisted, QRP claimed score of 627,644 from N6NB's Tehachapi QTH. John's effort smashes AI6V's old W6 record of 194.040 from 1980 and is the number one score in the U.S. on the rumor list. Although not quite up to John's feat, I managed a claimed score of 1,125,180 in the low power SOAB category, breaking my old W6 record of 767,848 from 1995. KC6X piloted K6RO's station to a claimed score of 185,433 on low power single op 10-meters, breaking WB6MBF's old W6 record of 114,144 from 1992. W6YA and N6ND turned in

claimed scores of 438,210 (2nd in U.S. rumors) and 336,670 (6th in U.S. rumors), respectively, in the high power single op 10-meter category.

The ARRL Sweepstakes CW contest was kind to many contesters this year, resulting in many sweeps. N6MU used N6NB's QTH to produce a claimed score of 116,688 in the QRP category (4th on rumor list), and



K6LA completed the first leg of his quest to win the W6UQF Memorial Trophy with a claimed score of 178,152 in the low power category (also 4th on rumor list). The fun just never

stops! The ARRL Sweepstakes SSB contest had great participation. K6LL claimed 339,226 (6th

on rumor list), and K6LA claimed 209,192 (also 6th on rumor list).

By the time the CQWW CW contest rolled around in late November, everyone was eager to see how'd they would do with the improved conditions. N6MU's claimed score of 868,886 smashed WB6JMS's old W6 record of 248,196 from 1992 in the single ORP category and appears to be good for number one in the U.S. on the rumor list. W6YA claimed 393,807 in the high power, single op 10-meter category (5th in U.S. rumors), and N6ND claimed 453,280 in the high power, single op 15-meter category (8th in U.S. rumors).

The 10-Meter Contest is coming to a close as I write this, so this is going to be a short issue. Happy holidays everyone and have a great new year.



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SCCC Calendar

December

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12-13	ARRL 10-Meter Contest
26-27	Stew Perry Topband Challenge
27	RAC Canada Winter Contest

January

2-3	ARRL RTTY Roundup
8-10	Japan Int. DX Contest, 160-40m
9-10	NAQP, CW
16-17	NAQP, Phone
23-25	ARRL VHF Sweepstakes
29-31	CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW

February

7	NA Sprint, Phone	
13-14	HAL WW RTTY WPX Contest	
13	Asia Pacific Sprint, CW	
14	NA Sprint, CW	
20-21	ARRL Int. DX Contest, CW	
26-28	CQ 160-Meter Contest, Phone	

Next Meeting: Saturday, Dec 19 Time: 11:00A

QTH of K6LA 10519 Lauriston Avenue West Los Angeles

Directions:

From 405 Fwy, take Olympic Blvd. Exit
Proceed East on Olympic to Patricia (if you get to Beverly Glen, you've gone too far)
Turn right on Patricia
Turn right on Lauriston (1st right)
4th house on right



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