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PLEASE SEND ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DX'ER EDITOR TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN THE SATURDAY PRECEDING THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING. (Normally this will be the 1st Saturday of the month) REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE NCDX CLUB ARE HELD ON THE 2nd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE COIT-RAMSEY HOTEL IN OAKLAND UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. PLEASE ADDRESS CONTRIBUTIONS AS FOLLOWS:

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EDITORS COMMENTS

Very little activity has been reported this month, in fact none. This is no doubt due to the poor conditions on the band and the lack of DX. Not a single report was received this time and everyone that I have talked to in person or via telephone report that DX has been at a very low ebb.

It seems to me that this would be a good time to have a little more activity on the 40 and 80 meter bands and to work on the antennas for those frequencies. From all reports 40 has been better than it has been in years (that is according to the last reports of activity from our members) and higher frequencies have been less and less active as the MUF has dropped. DX is DX no matter if it is on 2 meters or 160 and now that the 20 meter band seems doomed for a couple of years we might concentrate on going lower in frequency. My own plans are to put up a vertical 40 meter beam with  $\frac{1}{4}$  wave spacing and phased so that it can be in or out of phase to allow for maximum coverage. This is a month or so off, however, as business activities keep me pretty busy. I would still like to have someone take over the DXer as it would allow more time to do some work on these projects. Any volunteers? I am not publishing the Standings Column this month as there were no reports received therefore no use to repeat last month's column. Please do better next month in getting activity reports in.

73's and DX Bob K6SSJ



The following news is taken from the West Gulf DX Bulletin:

Barring any travel complications it now seems certain that the Malpelo operation will commence 13 May and last not more than five days. Look for them on 14110, 21220, 28380 AM Fone; 21420, 28620, SSB (14 mc. freq. not available); 14040, 21040 CW. Other bands on CW at least depending on conditions. Operators are W9EVI, W9DUB, W6HAW, W4CVI, HK3LX, HK5BZ, and HK5SG. Equipment will include at least three transmitters and four receivers. It is understood that the call HKTU will not be the one used as it was issued for the trip that folded. QSL's go to SWANI Radio Club station K9DVF and be sure to include SASE or QSL will go via the Bureau.

JZJDA has QRF for about 6 months leave, JZJHA will be leaving in July.

ZB7P active mostly on 14 mc. SSB using one of the "company" transmitters. W5JNL is procuring for him a DBS-100 and assisting with parts for a final. He has a tower and quad antenna in the making. In answer to the rumors that he was operating illegally, Jack sent along photostat of the license.

9N1TB has only 30 watts input to a poor dipole. He is the only station on AM fone in Nepal. QSL c/o American Embassy - Kathmandu, Nepal.

News via 9G1BQ and W8BKO that the trip planned by 9G1CX to FD8 and ZD2 will be in late May or early June using KWM-1 and CW as well as SSB. The FF4, 7G1, ZD1, and ZD3 stops are planned for late June or July.

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Bill Orr, W6SAI; Bill Eitel, W6UF; Hank Brown and several others of the Eimac Gang are attending the Dayton Hamvention.

Ed. Peck, W6LDD, is going mobile with the Gonset twins. (Things must really be rough). Ed. says that his 40 mtr. beam now working fb.

John Nelson, W6JEV, picked up a couple of new confirmations.

Following are some scores from the last contest:

Band	288 wkd. W6KG	186 W6HOC	261 W6TT	249 W6LDD	186 W6MFZ	157 W6ATO
80	10	10	10	11		4
40	23	22	27	16	12	5
20	55	48	55	50	42	41
15	42	26	38	44	28	20
10	<u>23</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>17</u>
	153	124	154	146	106	87

STATION OF THE MONTH

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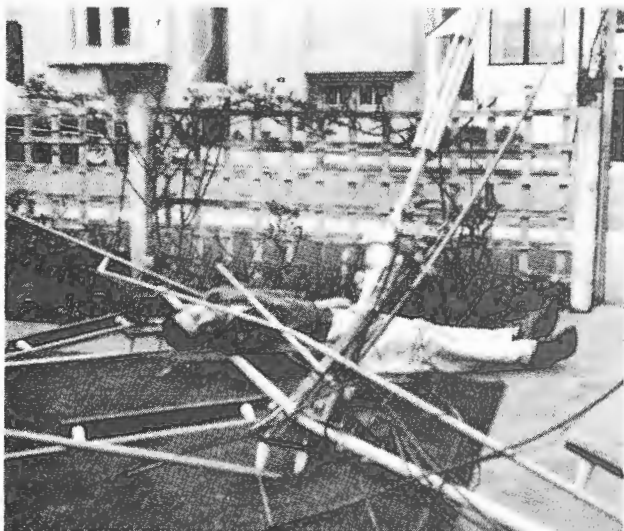
Shown here is one of the newest members of the NCDX Club and a very active amateur from the San Francisco area.

The station equipment consists of a Collins 310-B driver to a home built 4-400A final. The receiver is an NC-183-D and the antenna system consists of a Gonset 3 element beam on a 40 foot Alpar tower for 10-15-20 mtrs. Also 40 and 80 meter doublets. A Johnson Viking II is used as a standby rig.



Len Gerald received his novice license in March of 1953 and started out with a single 6AG7 and a regenerative receiver on 80 meters. Ninety days later he passed his General class license and got on 40 meter CW. The DX bug bit in 1956 and he now has 118 countries confirmed and 141 worked.

Len also sends along a picture titled "The Hazards of the DX Contest". "It shows what my beam looked like half way through the 1957 DX contest."



Len works for the microwave department of the Telephone Co. and is prominent on the San Francisco TVI committee. He is also an SCM.

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The following letter was received by the Secretary from VK3CX

Dear OH,

Boy, am I mortified! I read in April QST of your Award for 200 W6's plus 20 club members. I thought, "this is easy" knowing I'd worked about 500 W6s. I called in on Max Hull, Federal President, WIA & made arrangements to have my cards certified - then I went home & hooked out my W6 QSL's.

I find I've worked 51 of your Club members and that I have QSLs from 26 of them. I also find I am 20 cards short of the required 220. I HAVE SENT A QSL TO EACH W6 IVE WORKED - VIA ARRL. If you have a Club Magazine, would you please ask the following to send me their QSL so that I can qualify:

Want QSL's from:	W6AHZ	W6MHB	W6BIP	W6MFZ	W6BYH
	MLY	CTL	NRZ	GIZ	ONZ
	JK	PB	KEK	PHF	KEV
	QDE	LMZ	SZ	LTX	TT
	LW	WB	K6AUC	ZUI	

Twenty of these will fix it!

I already have cards from the following Club Members: W6ALQ, W6AM, W6ATO, BAX, BVM, BYB, DUE, EFR, EFV, EJA, GPB, IPH, JHV, KG, LDD, MEK, NEQ, NHA, NZ, PQJ, PYH, RRG, SIA, SR, UT, & ZZa

On the other hand if you'll accept pre-war cards I can produce about 100 of those!

Hoping for results & hoping you'll hear from me again soon with the 220.

73, Allan Brown - VK3CX  
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Victoria, Australia

De, Don, W6BVM

Condx have been poor - Have been quite inactive. Present count Wkd. 278 , Conf. 277.

VP1SS	4-7-60	14088	A <sub>1</sub>	Wkd.	0713
ET2VB	4-12-60	140--	A <sub>1</sub>	Wkd.	1930
ZS7R	4-25-60	14070	A <sub>1</sub>	Wkd.	1624
ZS3AZ	5-7-60	14080	A <sub>1</sub>	Hrd.	0600
CR4AX	"	14017	A <sub>1</sub>	Cld.	0605

News picked up over the air:

EIØAA to be on 21 May 1960

W3ZA/Cambodia due on using this call or Cambodia call.

Balearic Islands due on 15 or 16 May 5-600 GMT or 1600 GMT.

9N1GW, Glenn Ward in Katmandu, Nepal is anxious to spend 6 weeks or a month on an expedition to AC3, AC5 or E. Pakistan. He is trying to negotiate for Ted Henry's KWM-1 or a new KWM-2. He is only 3 hours from Sikkim using transportation available to him.

W2AYN/EP supposed to be legit now and you can work him.

hangs out on AM Phone at 21235. Hopes to be on 14300 soon on SSB.

4W1 to be on soon.

ZL4JF operating from a new country will be on in late May

De Lloyd, W6KG

This has been one of the worst DX months here in many years. My inclosed best of DX list is sure small and the ones I did hear & work were in most cases weak.

DX Notes:

QSL's for LU4ZL are desired via RCA (he located Argentine Antarctica)

Operator Bill at KG6AAY is leaving in a couple of months for Hawaii where he will operate from KH6UL.

14 MC CW

DM2BCO	14035	1550 GMT	14 April
SP9ACK	14044	0520	19
OE6KZ	14060	0556	22
UQ2DO	14088	0418	23
KG6AAY	14035	0635	29
TI2CMF	14021	0040	8 May
HC5CR	14027	0201	8
YO3KAA	14055	0540	8
LU4ZL	14035	0345	9
9M2FS	14028	1537	10 - Operator "Soon"

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At the last meeting of the club "Buck" W6LTX read a letter from Jack Clements, W6NTR, who is now DX Editor of Western Radio Amateur. Jack was taking a private poll of DXers to establish what the thinking is of reducing the time of present contests. i.e. The present contests ARRL and CQ DX are 48 hour week end affairs for CW and Fone. Some DXers are in favor of runing them for 24 hours or less etc.

My personal feeling on this matter is that they should stay as is. The reason is that two week ends separated by a month permits more fellows to participate because all of us cannot necessarily be on both week ends but can make one of them. Also some fellows may have to work Saturdays and could get on on Sunday and vice versa. There is always the possibility that one of the contest week ends is stinko from a propogation standpoint. It could be good for Europe, for example, from the East Coast but no opening at all in W6 hence two week ends gives a better chance of making it on at least one of them.

Two week ends gives more people an opportunity to participate and also gives the club an opportunity to run its score up by adding in some of the smaller scores from fellows that can only participate for a few hours in one of the week ends. I'm for leaving it alone.

I have not been too active in contests, however, inasmuch as I do not have a P.A. (GSB-100 only) and therefore do not feel that I have much to offer in the way of competition. Nevertheless it would be nice to hear from the rest of you and to put your opinions into the next Bulletin. Please drop me a note giving me your ideas on this. It would be interesting to learn the majority opinion.



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WKD. \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE CONF. \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE  
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