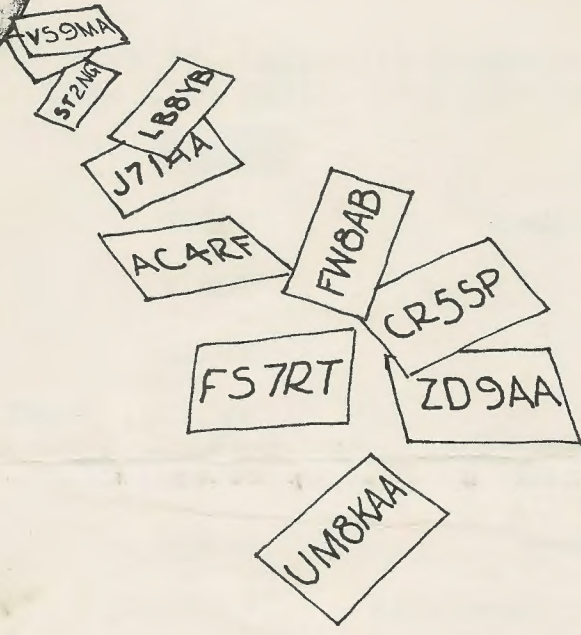
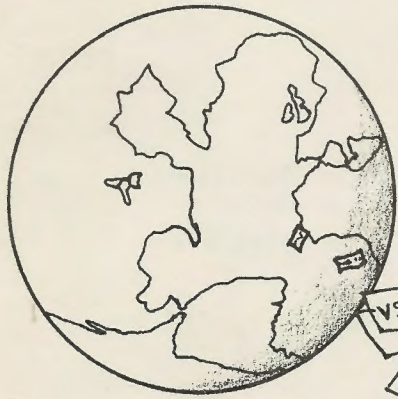
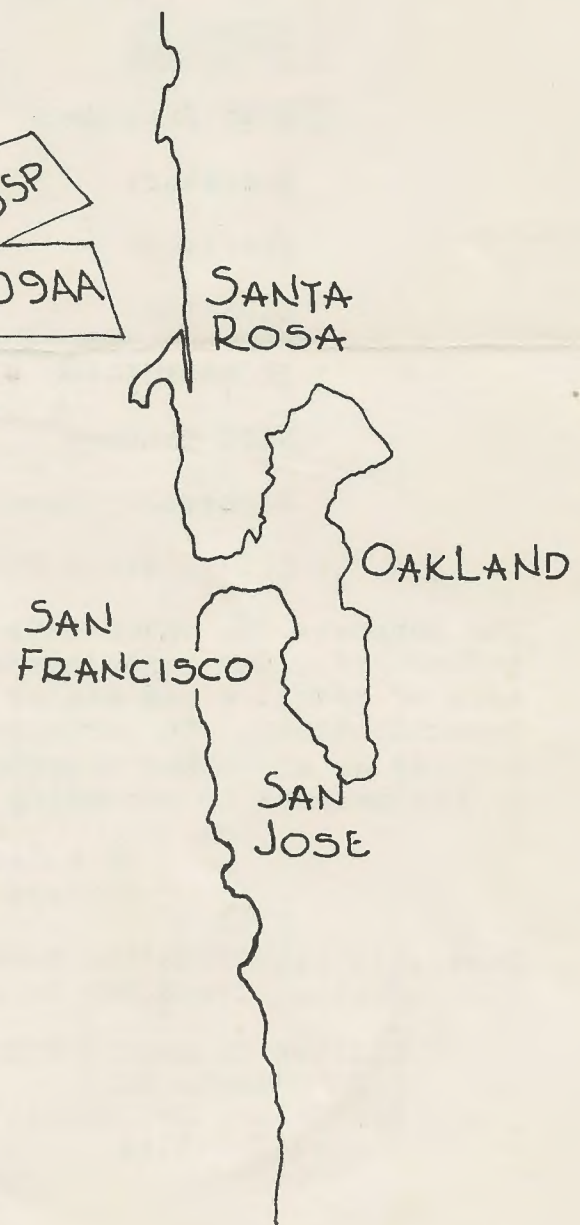


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The purposes for which this club is organized are to bring together radio amateurs interested in DX: To elevate the Standards of practice and ethics in the use of amateur radio communications: To participate in the exchange of knowledge Methods or any other expedient that would be mutually beneficial to the members in achieving DX Accomplishments.

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News--All contributions must be received by the 25th of the Month. Items may be sent to:

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MINUTES-MARCH MEETING OF NCDXC

The March meeting of the NCDXC met at the Hillsdale Inn in San Mateo on March 9, 1973.

Preceding the business meeting, the program consisted of a talk by Dr. Tin Maung on "Amateur Radio and other stories of Burma."

A second reading was given for the application of Ken Day, W6FOZ, and approved by a majority vote of the membership.

There was no old nor new business. The round table was followed by adjournment at 11 P.M.

There was no Board Meeting in the month of March.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burnham, K6RIM  
Secretary

CONTEST PAGE

Well, the ARRL DX Contests (phone & CW) are all over and the bands are some what back to normal for another year are at least until the fall. I've cranked my tower down one section to be on the safe side (from 71' to 54'), and for me it is like, Gee, now i have to wait another hole year. I think it is probably this way for most of us who like to work the DX Contests. I look forward and can hardly wait each year for toth the CQ and ARRL, phone and CW DX contests. Each year when its all over, I always feel like I could have done better. If I hadn't missed that Country on 20, or where was I when everbody "BUT ME" worked so and so on 15? I should have only taken 3 hour naps instead of 5. How come I missed the European opening on 10? Etc. Each year I try to beat my last years score and so far I have been able to do so. Now all I have to do is, try and figger how to do better next year.

de K6HIH Cliff

The following are the xcore sent to Ken for both sections of the ARRL DX Contests. There were alot more of you members in the calling, so lets get your scores into Ken WA6IQM before April 20 so they can be counted for the NCDXC.

PHONE

More Phone

CW

K6HIH-----394,212	WA6IQM----65,367-20 only.	WA6CXK---519,279
W6AFI-----374,808	W6EJ-----46,848	K6HIH----403,689
W6BIP-----331,554--Multi.	W6ISQ-----19,431	W6BH-----150,630-40
WA6CXK-----313,908	WB6UOM----17,250	only
W6EYY-----220,110	K6DYQ-----16,000	WA6IQM---140,490-20
W6BJB-----120,684	W6BH----- 3,074-40 only.	only
WA6AHF-----118,449	W6EJA----- 1,125	W6ISQ-----77,418
K6UJS-----105,309		W6EYY-----59,202
W6ZBS----- 88,506		WB6BGQ----51,120
W6YVK----- 80,588		W6EJ-----38,307
		K6UJS-----30,360
		W6MUR-----27,090-80
		only
		W6EJA-----4,032

As you can see from these scores, I don't see how we can beat SCDXC unless they forget to send in their score again Ha Ha. But how about Lee W6BH, 503 contacts and 70 countries on 40 mtrs. Lets see someone beat that, GREAT going Lee. And look at Bill, W6MUR with 45 countries on 80 mtrs for 27,090 points, I'd settle for 20 countrys on 80 anytime. Ken WA6IQM, with 140,490 points on 20 mtrs only, Ken had close to 85 countries alone. Well now, WALPID Contest Chairmen for ARRL says, your logs have to be post dated localy by April 23, 1973 or they can not be counted. Ken WA6IQM has to have them no later April 20, 1973 to send in the score for NCDXC to count. Send Ken your score not your logs.

Send score to Ken WA6IQM

Ken Spalteholz  
2612 Silvercrest Court  
Pinle, Ca. 94564  
or Phone it to him. Phone 758-6039

SPRATLY:

Spratly QSL's will be issued at Fresno to anyone turning in their QSL's for their ISIA contacts. Please have your QSL cards made out and turn them in at the registration desk at the time of your arrival. The ISIA Logs will be on hand and if you turn in your QSL and you are in the log confirmation cards will be made out and issued to you at the breakfast the following morning. The ISIA team members.

SPRATLY: The following is from a letter from Phil, VS6DR.

I would like, at this time, to say a few words about Scott, (WB4VBY) without him, the DXpedition would never been made. Scott spent months scrounging all the equipment and supplies to carry us and the supplies to the island but just as we were ready to go the entire helicopter detachment was transferred to Thailand. This did not stop him, and he proceeded to obtain a 64 foot boat for our use. Scott is a Green Beret, and army major, and has had a distinguished career in this area. He has spent most of the last fifteen years in and around Vietnam. He has just been transferred to a base in Louisiana where he is supposed to head a Green Beret school but, in typical Scott fashion he arranged for transfer 60 days later back to Vietnam. For the two months preceding with the DXpedition, Scott spent virtually full time on the procurement of the necessary supplies. If it was not for the understanding of his commanding officer and a couple of generals, this would never have been allowed. To top matters off, about 5 days before we planned to get underway, Scott jumped over a fence at night and landed several feet below where he expected the ground level to be and broke both feet! At this point, most people would have given up, but Scott put one foot in a cast and would not permit a cast to be placed on his other foot, which would have restricted walking a bit, but instead strapped the foot into a combat boot and carried on. He did nore work throuhgout the DXpedition than any three of the other participants. After our first two tries, and being forced back both times by weather, most members were ready to throw in the towell and give it up but Scott held the group together by his quiet determination to go on, not matter what, even alone if necessary. Only I was forced to return to Hong Kong due to the money crisis and the problems that it was giving my company. A week later, they tried for a third time and were forced back because of damage to the vessel, which the fellows spent all night repairing. On their forth try they were successful, and the rest is now history. Under such pressure, the real strength of a man becomes apparent and words cannot express the admiration we all hold for Scott. His is not a well known Ham in DX circles and when you meet him you will find that he is an extremely modest individual; but, without his pursuverance and ability there is no doubt that this DXpedition would have remained just a dream of a few of us.

I have written the above information in order to give you some background on Scott, whom you will meet in a few weeks, and from whom you would never get the full facts as I have given them.

You can confirm the above by contacting any of the group who went along. In fact, I will be sending them copies of this letter for their reference. I believe we are all in agreement that any credit for the success of this operation goes entirely to Scott, and I am sure that he would make a much better speaker at the Convention than would I or any of the other members.

I understand that Don Riebhoff, who was invited to go along as one of the operators, may be able to come to Fresno as well.

If I am able to get away, I will certainly be there but at this point I do not know if it is possible. I have had many disappointments lately concerning my travel plans and if the money markets will settle down a bit, possibly I can join you. Fern has asked me to express his deep regret at not being able to make his first visit to the U.S.A. but he hopes that he can go later in the year, and it might be that I will join him at that time. Meanwhile, we all hope that you will welcome Scott and his wife and accord him the VIP treatment which he richly deserves. We have remarked many times that if we had more men of his calibre, we might have won that damned war.

Best 73's,  
Phil, VS6DR

Lee Shaklee, W6BH

As everybody in NCDXC knows, the club FM repeater spent it's infancy at the home of one Lee Shaklee, W6BH (ex-W6PQW), DXCC 301/295, also as everybody knows, when you set up an FM repeater, you head for the hills-- the highest hill you can find. And it is not just by chance that Mr. Shaklee happened to live on one of the highest available hills in the area. It just so happens that he is one of those radio nuts the neighbors used to talk about who spends their time fiddling with radios all night. It is characteristic of Lee that he would head for the hills--and the highest un-occupied spot at that, because he goes for broke in all that he does. It is also characteristic of Lee that he would offer his domicile to house the new FM unit for the club. He has always given unstintingly of his time and properties where the club had need.

Lee got started in ham radio in 1936 through chance acquaintance with a ham. In 1937, he received the call W6PQW which he was to make famous until 1967 at which time he traded it in for W6BH. His radio life began with a 6L6-6L6-809 affair, feeding an off center fed hertz antenna on 40 meters. Plus the old stand by SW-3. (Wouldn't you like to have that SW-3 today...worth it's weight in green stamps.)

Lee went through his growing pains by picking up a pink slip for key klix (so who knew that you had to cross over neutralizing leads on 809s?). Experimentation has always been Lees's hobby within a hobby (it's almost a lost art now). And it didn't take this sharp young man long to figure out that if you were going to get out, you had to have a good antenna. So he concentrated on antenna experimentation with emphasis on beams. Way back in 1939 before most of us even knew anybody who owned a beam--Lee erected a 2 element rotary on 10 meters exactly one half wavelength over his flat tar and gravel roof which was covered with chicken wire. Lee had very understanding parents as you can sense! His results were phenominal on short haul to middle and east coast USA. This was his first big success and the first of many as we shall see.

Lee had to interrupt his experimentations to head off to do his duty in WWII. Actually, Lee had been to a certain school in Berkeley you should excuse the expression --U.C. Berkeley--and majored in Public Speaking. All you have to do is listen to Lee in a club meeting or on the air to know he learned his elocution lequence well!

During the Big one, Lee was in the New Guinea area as radioman aboard PT boats (his Skipper being the well-known (nowAdmiral) Buckley who took Gen. MacArthur out of the Philippines. Also Lee served in the Silent Service----no, that is not the Chaplin's Corps.

Home from the wars Lee put W6PQW back on the air. Still, Lee was not yet entranced by DXing, and really didn't get too excited about it until the 15 meter band came into ham being in 1956. Then he was smitten, and he began experimenting in earnest. Lee had one I recall --I think it was 3 phased verticals on 40 meters all in his 50' back yard. As you might expect, he tore the rest of us apart with his 100 watts. Then came the driven beams on 15 meters for which he is now famous, and more tearing up the ether with his

100 watts. Then Lee bought a Collins 30L1 final, and he really shredded us with half the power most of us were running.

As the DX bug dug Lee a bit deeper, so did the contesting bug. And Lee pecked up many single band contest awards, particularly on 10 and 15 meters. He still has to win his first as W6BH though. He thinks he may have a chance with the CQ phone contest of 1972 when he made 298,750 points. If he didn't win that one-- just wait a while for another one.

The gear now is a CX7A--Alpha 70 and 5 element beams on 20 and 15. But just you wail. Guess what is in store for all you Kings-of-the-Hill. Lee is planning an invasion of the airwaves with 5 element driven arrays on 20-15-10. Those not owning attenuator pads for their receivers take heed and prepare.

Professionally, Lee is the Vice Chariman of the Board of the Shaklee Corporation. Lee allows this company to share his time with ham radion and if he isn't on the roof working on new secret antennas, he is probably down in his office basement mixing up another batch of "Preparation H" ---ahhh--or is that "Basic H"? Oh well, shake well, take 4 tablespoons and go to bed until the feeling leaves you.

Most everybody has met Lee's XYL Claire who attends most meetings and conventions with Lee. Actually it is the only time she gets to visit with him.....it is hard to carry on a coherent conversation on a slant roof overlooking a precipice. The Shaklee's have 4 children..Richard (25), Laura (15), Sandie (13) and Karen (12). None are licensed yet, but we wonderstand all are adept at holding wires, screwdrivers, wrenches and reading meters for the OM.

Obviously Lee is a good competitor who enjoys a challenge. Be it a new antenna, DX, a contest, or whatever. He feels that DXCC has pretty well run out of challenges for anyone who has been around and about for any length of time and feels that the whole thing should be scrapped along about 1975 and started anew to give old and new a chance to start afresh on the same level. Among Lee's greatest ambitions is to have the cleanest signal on the air and raise everyone on one call. Seems to me he has already reached that goal !!

Lee's latest challenge takes the form of the Northern California DX Foundation of which he is President. The NCDXC has already heard much of this new venture and Lee is determined that the Foundation will further the prestige of Northern California DXers (although, as you all know, the Foundation will cover all facets of ham radio--not just DXing alone). When Lee stands up to talk about something, you may be sure that he has something worthwhile to say. And you may be sure that Lee will have a lot to say about his newest challenge---the NCDXF. So keep a listenin'



NCDXC MEMBERS STANDINGS FOR MAR. 1973

<u>CFD/WKD</u>				<u>CFD/WKD</u>			
<u>CALL</u>	<u>CW/PHONE</u>	<u>WAZ</u>		<u>CALL</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>WAZ</u>	
1	W6MUR	320/323	?	1	W6ZM	318/328	X
2	K6AN	318/346	X	2	K6WR	314/326	X
3	W6ZM	318/333	X	3	W6RGG	310/315	X
4	W6KG	317/336	X	4	W6ZBS	309/311	X
5	W6ISQ	317/330	X	5	W6GRV	307/312	X
6	W6WR	315/327	X	6	W6ISQ	301/309	X
7	W6RGG	315/322	X	7	W6KOE	301/304	X
8	W6AFI	314/327	X	8	W6WXP	293/299	X
9	W6DOD	312/316	X	9	W6BH	284/297	X
10	W6JKJ	311/321	X	10	WB6UJO	286/290	X
11	W6TSQ	311/317	X	11	W6JKJ	280/290	X
12	K6CQF	309/320	X	12	WB6UOM	276/283	X
13	W6PM	296/306	X	13	W6AOI	267/282	X
14	W6BH	292/303	X	14	W6PM	254/279	X
15	WB6UJO	286/290	X	15	W6BJB	250/258	X
16	K6LQA	284/287	X	16	W6LQC	248/268	38/39
17	WB6CQY	282/288	39/40	17	W6ZYC	245/264	38/40
18	K6DYQ	280/285	X	18	W6HRB	231/246	38/40
19	WB6UOM	278/285	X	19	K6WD	197/213	?
20	K6QZ	274/289	X	20	W6ZTJ	196/208	36/37
21	W6EYY	264/276	X	21	W6YVK	190/204	38/39
22	W6HRB	256/274	39/40	22	W6DOD	176/185	X
23	K6QX	254/268	39/39	23	K6QZ	153/217	37/40
24	W6ZYC	247/266	38/40	24	K6DQF	152/160	39/39
25	K6WD	243/252	X	25	W6KG	150/180	X
26	W6SCXK	240/270	?	26	K6QX	137/208	38/39
27	K6UJS	236/268	39/40				
28	K6HH	214/243	39/40				

CLUB MEETING

The next Club meeting will be held on April 13 at ANTONINO'S Resturant, 23700 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward. Across from the Airport.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS STANDINGS

1	W6AM	319/353	X	1	W6AM	319/351	X
2	W7NCO	250/260	X				

Late note

Anytime any of you are out of the USA and work any W6, Please have the W6 phone W6AM Collect. W6AM will be delighted to QSO you. This system has worked fine, as W6AM, has worked his son Don Jr. from all over the world (from such as China) in this manner. If you miss please try another day.

de W6AM

### CLUB ACTIVITY REPORTS

<u>CALL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>FREQ</u>	<u>MODE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
A2CEW	2/28	0427	3793	SSB	
DM2AWO/A	2/16	1520	14007	CW	
FK8KAA	3/15	1515	2010	CW	
IS1A	2/23	0022	21	SSB	
JD1AHC	2/22	2329	21014	CW	QSL via JA8AWH
JD1AHC	2/23	0902	7004	CW	
W6OAT/KV4	2/19	0548	7	SSB	
KH6EDY	3/11	2345	21400	SSB	Kure
MP4TBM	2/14	1517	14225	SSB	Sam says he's on 40 alot.
PSØWH	3/12	0245	14	SSB	
SVØWK	2/13	1457	14240	SSB	
TU2DO	2/27	0637	3777	SSB	
UI8MF	3/9	0233	14	SSB	
UJ8AE	3/7	0200	7008	CW	LP
UL7JL	3/12	1434	14	SSB	
VK9AM	2/16	1538	14222	SSB	
VS2SAB	2/23	0915	3506	SSB	St. Vincent
KF4IX	3/23	0328	7077	SSB	
XT2AA	2/8	2227	14201	SSB	Ron said W6AM loudest on Band
YJ8GH	2/23	0946	3802	SSB	
YK1AA	2/15	1524	14204	SSB	
ZD9DC	2/21	1556	14243	SSB	Qsl to ZS6X0 and Bureau.
ZK2BD	3/4	2301	28559	SSB	Qsl box 37 Nuie Is.
ZVØWH	3/13	2024	21354	SSB	
6W8DY	3/3	0530	7082	SSB	
7Z5AB	3/9	1511	14	SSB	
9L1GC	3/8	0231	14026	CW	

Thanks to the following Club members for the above reports.

WB6UOM, K6WR, W6ZBS, W6ZTJ, W6BH, W6AM, W6GRV, W6RGG.

### CLUB MEMBERS REMARKS.

W6RGG----RCVD UK1ZFI QSL.

W6GRV----(WANTED) 204BA in good condition,

W6AM----Worked IS1A on the four bands they were on, and also on both modes.

K6AN----On the air on 20 & 15 from Condominium in Walnut Creek, restriction on ants to doublets just above roof and about 15' off ground. Wat a difference particularly on receive. will have a few points for club in test. Can copy W6WX all ok - but can't break it at present.

FOR SALE-----54' Tristal Crank-up Tower with guy wire \$160.00  
See K6LQA

Thanks to the following Club members and friends for helping in the W6 QSL Bureau for month of March. W6KG, W6DOD, K6OSO, W6OL, W6CUF, W6AFI, W6BSY, K6TWT, W6LQC, W6JZU, W6KJG, W6ITD, W6OKK, WB6BGQ, W6GIEB, W6UZX, W6DPK, K6DC, W6NTQ, K6RXZ, K6YGS, K6UJS, WA6AHF, WB6COB, W6RGG, WB6DOQ, K6CCY, WA6TOK, WA6CXK.