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The purpose 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.

DX Buletins are sent Sundays at 1800 GMT or Monday at 0200 GMT on 14002 mhz by W6TI.

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

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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE NCDXC

The September meeting of the NCDXC was held at the Black Angus Restaurant in San Mateo on 15 September 1973 and was called to order at 9:30 by Bob, K6SSJ. The following guests were introduced: W6NJU, Gary Stillwell, XE1KS, Agustin Monasterio, WB6DSV, George Varvitsiotes, and W5NOP, Lowell Otto.

W6RGG, Bob, who is serving on the ARRL DX Advisory committee reported that the committee will study Phone LDXCC and activity endorsements for mode and is considering revising the countries list. East and West Germany will be separate countries soon. The committee has been asked to recommend and advise on authenticating the Mellish Reef activity. Also hq has asked the committee to recommend whether the ARRL contest should be one week end or two, etc. Bob strongly urged those having any firm views on any of these items to write the committee care of arrl.

W6MUR, Bill, announced that HR bill no7667 is coming up which will amend the communications act to have one electrical engineer on the FCC. He requested members write their representative about this one.

A first reading was given for John Mullen, K6CBL, of San Francisco. Second readings were given for the following applications. W6MZ, Jack Quinn, Menlo Park. W6TTS, Eugene S Darlington, Albany, and both were voted into membership.

Wynn Wagner brought maps showing his four month trip around the world.

Jim Maxwell, W6CUF, showed a brochure he prepared which featured a computer readout on the geographical distribution of club members which indicates that the geographical center of club membership is in the Hayward-San Lorenzo area. However the population concentration center is in the Palo Alto area. This was in an effort to show where club meetings should be centered.

K6BR, John Naylor, prepared and gave a report with slides summarizing the results of the questionnaires which were sent to all club members by K6SSJ, Bob. Bob indicated that club activities will reflect the majority opinion as indicated by this report, a copy of which is attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Josephine S Clarke, WB6ZUC
Secretary

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

July, 1973

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

1 MEETINGS

A significant number of respondents (60%) indicated a preference for having eight meetings per year at a single, centrally located place. Only 18% objected and 22% did not care. Over three quarters preferred to have the program precede the business meeting and 68% would like to see more technical programs presented.

The idea of referring controversial subjects to the Board, in order to reduce the amount of bickering at meetings, was favored by 84% and 92% indicated they would be willing to abide by the Board's decision.

The suggestion that everyone introduce himself at the start of each meeting was favored by only 39% while 54% were opposed. A small majority, 57% believed that attendance might be improved by holding the cost of meetings under \$6.00.

11 DX CONTESTS

In responding to the questions concerning operating in DX contests, there was a substantial number of members who were not interested enough to have any opinion, one way or the other. From 25% to 36% replied with, "don't care" to most of the specific questions. Of those expressing an opinion, however, some clear preferences were reported.

A substantial majority (69%) of the respondents indicated that they liked to engage in contesting. Only 7% objected while 24% had no opinion. Nearly all (81%) of those who objected to contesting themselves had no objection to other members engaging in such contests.

With regard to the intra-club Marathon contest, 52% of all respondents favored making it an annual event and 46% of those desiring to continue it were agreeable to the suggestion to having three winners in each of the counties within the club's area. Again, over 30% of the total respondents reported no opinion to both these questions. Of those expressing an opinion, over 80% favored repeating the event and 68% preferred separate winners for each county.

Only 36% offered the use of their station for contest activity, but 57% indicated they were willing to operate contest at someone else's station.

The "no" votes slightly outnumbered those who preferred the ARRL contest (40% to 32%) and over half (53%) reported they preferred the CQ WW test. Again, over a quarter of respondents indicated they had no preference. Of those with an opinion, however, three quarters preferred the CQ WW.

Forty five percent favored establishing a perpetual cup for the CQ WW contest with the award to be made at the Fresno convention each year. Only 18% disagreed and 32% had no opinion.

111 GENERAL CLUB ACTIVITIES

Fifty three percent indicated they would favor having more social events sponsored by the club. Only half this number objected and 19% had no opinion. Over three quarters believed steps should be taken to encourage younger hams to join the NCDX Club and a bare majority (51%) would have no objection to establishing an "associate" membership to encourage this. However, 57% objected to establishing a special "student" membership for younger operators who did not yet fully meet membership requirements.

Reaction to a proposal that branches or categories be established for those members who have worked specified numbers of countries was generally negative. Fifty eight percent were opposed versus 29% in favor of the plan as presented in the questionnaire.

With regard to the Monthly Bulletin, 59% indicated that they would not object to restricting the publication to every other month if this would result in an improved publication. Only 31% believed the bulletin should continue "AS IS" while 45% believed it would not. Almost a fourth reported they did not care.

Sixty two percent of respondents agreed that the Club by-laws should be revised in order to up-date them. Only 13% disagreed. And 80% favored the idea of seeking ways to achieve greater publicity for the Club and Amateur Radio.

IV FIELD DAY ACTIVITIES

As with contesting, a substantial number of respondents indicated they had no opinion on questions concerning field day activities. A high percentage of those who expressed an opinion, however, favored club participation in Field Day. Sixty one percent favored club participation with only 9% opposed and with 30% don't care. Two thirds of those who expressed an opinion felt that NCDX Club should compete with SCDX Club and 72% of those who felt the Club should compete believed there should be a serious effort to win. The idea of participation in Field Day "just for fun" received virtually the same number of yes, no, and don't care. Similarly, reaction to two groups, one for fun and one to win, was equally divided between yes, no, and don't care.

V DX-PEDITION

Approximately two thirds of those replying favored a DX-Pedition sponsored by the NCDX Club. A bare majority (51%) surprisingly indicated they would like to participate personally. Fifty four percent were willing to pay their own expenses up to \$500 and 60% were willing to help finance such an effort with either money or equipment.

VI REPEATER

Fifty five percent reported satisfaction with the present operation of the repeater. There were only 18% not satisfied and another 24% not caring.

VII FINANCES

Over 80% of the respondents indicated they favored occasional fund raising activities to help the club through financial difficulties and 55% reported they would not object to an assessment against all members if this was necessary.

VIII ARRL ATTITUDES

Ninety four percent of those who returned questionnaires indicated they were arrl members. Seventy two percent felt that the club should participate more in League activities. Only 13% disagreed. Only one third believed the League was doing all it could to represent Amateur Radio and 57% reported they were satisfied with the present ARRL Director

IX GENERAL INFORMATION

On the average, respondents said that their operating time on phone was nearly two to one over CW. In reporting on the percentage of time spent on phone versus CW, the average of all respondents was 61% for phone and 39% for CW.

only 21% of the respondents were also members of the Contest Club, 79% were not.

Ninety two percent of the respondents hold Advanced or Extra Class licenses and on both phone and CW approximately three quarters of those replying have worked over 200 countries. Over a third report they have worked over 300 on CW/phone.

License class:	General	7.6%
	Advanced	45.3%
	Extra	47.1%

Number of countries worked:

Phone:	74% over 200	-	28% over 300
CW	75% over 200	-	36% over 300

X OBSERVATIONS

A 65% return on 175 questionnaires is about average for surveys of club members or for similar situations where those surveyed have more than a casual interest in the subject matter. This level of response would make the results quite representative of the membership as a whole.

By and large, the opinions expressed by the respondents are, statistically, quite definitive. On most issues there is a substantial majority response and only a very few questions produced nearly equal numbers of yes versus no replies. On subjects requiring special interest, such as contesting and Field Day, about one fourth of the respondents had no opinion (don't care), but even here those who expressed an opinion divided, generally into a substantial majority and a relatively small minority.

These data should provide valuable information for the officers and directors of the club in establishing policies which will be acceptable to the majority of the membership. It is suggested that additional questionnaires dealing more specifically with certain phases of the Club's activities might be planned for the near future.

9/14/73
JN/K6BR

OCTOBER NCDXC MEETING

The October meeting of the NCDXC will be held at Dinah's Shack, 4269 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, on 12 October 1973. From Route 101 take the San Antonio exit west to El Camino. Go North on El Camino to Dinah's Shack on the right. Cocktails at 6:30 and dinner at 7 pm. Cost will be about \$6.00. The program will be Don De Zarn, WB6BGQ with Slides on 9M8.

"Wear Your Badge"

Josephine S Clarke WB6ZUC
Secretary

New Addresses.

Please add to your mailing list the following:

W6TTS Eugene S. Darlington 1016 Masonic Ave, Albany, Ca 94706
W6MZ Jack Quinn 1210 San Mateo Drive, Menlo Park, Ca 94025

Please Note the following change of address;

W6OAT Charles K Epps 35 Belcher Street, San Francisco, Ca 94114
W6HQN William Snider 20239 Saratoga Vista Court Saratoga, Ca 95070
K6NH Nevelle C Luhman 1642 Del Dayo Dr. Carmichael, Ca 95608

WHILE WE ARE ON THE SUBJECT OF ADDRESS OR I SHOULD SAY CHANGE OF ADDRESSES. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO ME. SEND THEM TO THE SECRETARY OF THE CLUB WB6ZUC JOSEPHINE S CLARKE, SHE TAKES CARE OF ALL ADDRESSING. I HAVE NO CONTACT WITH THE PRINTERS WHO MAKE THE CHANGES. SO IF YOU WANT YOUR ADDRESS TO BE RIGHT SO YOU CAN RECEIVE YOUR DX'ER AND MEETING NOTICES, SEND YOUR NEW ADDRESS TO THE SECRETARY. de ED K6HIH

THANKS to the following Hams and Friends for their help in the W6-ARRL-
QSL Bureau. September 1973.

W6KG, K6OSO, "Marcie" Landry, W6CUF, W6LQC, W6JZU, W6KJG, W6ITD, K6YGS,
K6ZM, W6OKK, W6UZX, W6OL es "Clarice", K6DC, W6ISI es "Liz", W6NTQ,
K6RXZ es "Carolyn", WA6DJI, WA6AHF es "Fern", WB6COB, WA6JVD, WB6DOQ,
WA6LFN, WA6TOK, W6BSY, WB6BGQ es "Cathy", WA6CXK, K6TWT, and WA6IEB.
de W6DOD, W6 QSL Manager.

W6MAV & K6KQN

Don and Vincent, will be on the air from XV5AC during the CQ WW SSB
contest. They will be operating on all bands 160mtr thru 10mtrs.
QSL to NCDX Foundation PO Box 717 Oakland Ca. 94623.
Hopely they will operate from CR9AK the first or second week in Nov.

MEMBERS ACTIVITY REPORTS

CALL	DATE	TIME	FREQ	MODE	REMARKS
<u>W6BH, Lee</u>					
GM3JDR	8/10	0425	7010	CW	Don
YU1EXY	8/18	0348	7010	CW	Mike
HI8LPN	9/12	0352	7022	CW	Nelson
OK1AEH	9/13	0433	7006	CW	Emit
HK0BKK	9/21	0242	7008	CW	
<u>L6DQF, Walt</u>					
5X5NK	9/2	0459	14.2	SSB	QSL via DJ3JV
GM2BMJ	9/2	2020	21.3	SSB	
5U7BA	9/2	2106	21.3	SSB	
DM8THI	9/3	1721	21.2	SSB	
WP2MAP	9/3	1807	21.3	SSB	(WPX)
EA5JO	9/3	2016	21.3	SSB	
9X5VA	9/3	2021	21.3	SSB	
<u>W6EYY, Hal</u>					
TDTW3	9/12	0120	21	SSB	Gualtemalan air Force
WW4RDC	9/15	1816	21	SSB	WPX QSL W4UPJ
EA9EJ	9/15	1940	21	SSB	
EA8HA	9/15	1950	21	SSB	
5U7BA	9/15	2010	21	SSB	
CR7AJ	9/17	2000	21	SSB	
A2CCY	9/18	1845	21	SSB	
A2CAY	9/18	1848	21	SSB	
9J2GJ	9/18	1851	21	SSB	
9J2WR	9/18	1855	21	SSB	
9J2SB	9/18	1905	21	SSB	
9X5VA	9/18	1910	21	SSB	
9V1RA	9/19	1700	14	SSTV	
9J2FD	1/19	1820	21	SSB	
EL9C	9/20	1750	21	SSB	
5Y4XNY	9/20	1845	21	SSB	Kenya
<u>W6KG, LLOYD</u>					
ZE1CU	9/1	1509	7	CW	
GM4BVD	9/2	1957	21	CW	
OH8SP	9/2	2007	21	CW	
YO2ARV	9/4	0441	14	CW	
UP2BAO	9/4	0445	14	CW	
UL7XE	9/5	0409	14	CW	
UG6AW	9/5	0417	14	CW	
PY8AHS	9/9	0514	7	CW	
PZ1CQ	9/9	0538	7	CW	
3D6AX	9/23	1551	7	CW	
<u>W6LQC, Phil</u>					
HK0BKK	8/26	0208	14	SSB	
WB4BUQ/8R1	8/27	0119	14	SSB	
UH8BX	9/1	0302	14	SSB	Alex
DM8THI	9/1	1615	21	SSB	LAR Via DM2DUK
TR8SS	9/1	2013	21	SSB	Ziggy via DJ5IO
OZ5GT	9/1	2155	14	SSB	
CT3AF	9/2	0156	14	SSB	Paul Via CBA
5X5NK	9/2	0454	14	SSB	UDO via DJ3JV
VQ9M	9/2	1706	21	SSB	Ron Box 191 Mahe
EP2SP	9/6	0318	14	SSB	STAN via Bureau
VK0WW	9/7	0420	14	SSB	Ron Via VK5EF
9M2AA	9/8	1446	14	SSB	Lon

ACTIVITY REPORTS CONT.

CALL	DATE	TIME	FREQ	MODE	REMARKS
<u>W6KPC, AJ</u>					
TR8SS	9/1	2017	21.3	SSB	Garbon
VK9FH	9/1	2300	21.3	SSB	New Britain
TR8VE	9/1	2015	21.3	SSB	Gabon
OK2NN	9/1	1553	21.3	SSB	Finland
VK9EH	9/1	2300	21.3	SSB	New Britain
SM6EXW	9/2	1455	21.3	SSB	Sweden
CN8HD	9/16	1744	21.3	SSB	Morocco
9J2MD	1/17	1950	21.3	SSB	Zambia
SV1GP	9/18	1717	21.3	SSB	Central Greece
OD5CS	9/19	1622	21.3	SSB	Beirut
5H3JL	9/2	1847	21.3	SSB	Tanzania
IT9KZW	9/3	2158	21.3	SSB	Marsala
A2ccy	9/9	1822	21.3	SSB	Botswana
5U7BA	9/9	2038	21.3	SSB	Niger
ZD8AB	9/11	2105	21.3	SSB	Ascension Island
VQ9MC	9/14	1844	21.3	SSB	Seychelles Islands
9H4G	9/19	1743	21.3	SSB	Gozo (Malta) Island
TJ1BG	9/19	2008	21.3	SSB	Cameroons
TR8DG	9/19	2044	21.3	SSB	Gabon
CR5AJ	9/19	2118	21.3	SSB	SAO Thome
CR6RJ	9/20	2010	21.3	SSB	Angola
OX3LW	9/20	2032	21.3	SSB	Greenland
7Q7DW	9/21	1928	21.3	SSB	Malaivi
<u>K6VX, Ray</u>					
JT0AE	8/13	0847	14265	SSB	
DT3QO	8/18	0902	14261	SSB	
TR8VE	9/3	2141	21315	SSB	
CR5AJ	9/7	2033	21270	SSB	
PY2ZBA	9/7	2320	21315	SSB	Bob sent regards to NCDXC
ZL1AQ	9/10	1951	21290	SSB	<u>NOTE TIME!</u>
5H3JL	9/11	1742	21290	SSB	
<u>K6WR, Brad</u>					
ZD9GC	8/27	0538	3797	SSB	#104 on 80mtrs
UA0FGM	8/27	1201	3618	SSB	#105 on 80mtrs
<u>W6YVK, Everett</u>					
EA6CE	9/2	1717	21	SSB	Pedro PO Box 34, Mallorca
VK6MO	9/11	0340	21	SSB	Alan
CX7AL	9/12	2331	21	SSB	Grover
WB5JJK/KC4	0426	14	SSB	SSB	Dón
TU2DV	9/21	0050	14	SSB	Chuck via WA6NFC

CLUB MEMBERS REMARKS

W6EYY----W6EYY wonders! If one third of the club has worked over 300 countries, How come only 16 are listed in the LNCDXC members standings??? SUCH MODESTY!! If one out of every two club members favor a DX-Pedition why have 'nt they gone? What's holding 'em back?

End of sarcasm. Bob's (K6SSJ) questionnaire was terrific and thanks to K6BR for his excellent analysis.

NCDXC MEMBERS STANDINGS FOR SEPT. 1973

	CALL	CFD/WKD CW/PHONE	WAZ		CALL	CFD/WKD PHONE	WAZ
1	W6MUR	320/323	?	1	W6ZM	318/328	X
2	W6FOZ	319/???	X	2	K6WR	314/326	X
3	K6AN	318/346	X	3	K6VX	311/316	X
4	W6ZM	318/333	X	4	W6RGG	310/315	X
5	W6KG	317/335	X	5	W6ZBS	310/313	X
6	W6ISQ	317/330	X	6	W6GRV	307/312	X
7	K6WR	315/327	X	7	W6KOE	304/304	X
8	K6AHV	315/326	X	8	W6ISQ	301/309	X
9	W6RGG	315/322	X	9	WA5WXP	293/299	X
10	W6TSQ	315/320	X	10	W6BH	286/297	X
11	K6ZM	314/327	X	11	WB6UJO	286/290	X
12	W6DOD	312/316	X	12	W6JKJ	280/290	X
13	W6JKJ	311/321	X	13	W6LQC	278/284	X
14	K6CQF	309/320	X	14	WB6UOM	276/283	X
15	W6PM	296/306	X	15	W6AOI	274/282	X
16	W6BH	294/303	X	16	W6BJB	255/263	X
17	WB6UJO	286/290	X	17	W6PM	254/279	X
18	K6LQA	284/287	X	18	W6ZYC	251/269	X
19	WB6CQY	282/288	39/40	19	W6HRB	248/251	39/40
20	K6DYQ	280/285	X	20	WB6YLG	237/251	39/39
21	K6QZ	278/291	X	21	W6ZTJ	204/210	37/37
22	WB6UOM	278/285	X	22	K6WD	203/215	?
23	W6HRB	267/279	X	23	WA6INK	200/220	X
24	W6EYY	266/277	X	24	W6YVK	199/208	38/39
25	WA6CXX	261/273	X	25	W6DOD	177/185	X
26	K6QX	260/270	39/39	26	K6DQF	166/174	39/39
27	W6ZYC	259/271	38/40	27	K6QX	152/209	38/39
28	K6WD	248/255	X	28	W6KG	151/180	X
29	K6UJS	246/270	39/40				
30	WB6YLG	237/251	39/39				
31	WA6INK	225/250	X				
32	K6SHH	216/243	39/40				
33	W6QDE	216/219	X				

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

1	WSAM	320/352	X	1	W6AM	320/350	X
2	W7NCO	253/260	X				