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THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA XC CLUB, INC.
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CLUB REPEATER WR6ACZ

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OUTPUT FREQUENCY 147.36 MHz
SUGGESTED SIMPLEX FREQUENCY 147.54

The NCDX CLUB NET meets on the re-
peater at 8:00 P.M. on Thursday to
pass DX and other information of in-
terest to its members. W6TTS is net
control station.
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W6TI BULLETINS are sent Sundays at
1800 GMT or on Monday at 0200 GMT on
a frequency of 14.002 MHz. The W6TI
Trustee is Bob Vallio, W6RGG.
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Please send all contributions to the
DX'ER so that they will be received
no later than the 1st of the Month.

Bob Thompson - K6SSJ
14703 Eastview Drive
Los Gatos, CA 95030

The meeting was held on Friday, Dec.
13, 1974, at the Sun-Hung-Heung
Restaurant in San Francisco's China-
town. 108 members, wives and guests
were in attendance. Guests present
were WA6OEY, WA6GSS, DJ6RX/W6, W6HLD,
W6SIJ, K6KRR, K6OFT, K6GRL, K6GOW &
JH1XQL.

Prior to dinner President Troster
opened the meeting. He requested a
show of hands from members interest-
ed in obtaining a Club "Blazer Patch"
Approximately 30 members present in-
dicated interest. He also asked for
a show of hands from licensed amat-
eurs present in regard to their feel-
ings about the two-tier licensing
structure being proposed by the FCC.
Indications were about 50/50.

Second readings of membership app-
lications were given for John W.
Browning, W6ASA; David H. Brodie,
W6PGQ and Bill Nielsen, W7UR. W6ASA,
and W6PGQ were accepted into full
membership and W7UR as an associate.
W6RGG requested that his no vote on
the Associate membership of W7UR be
duly recorded.

Following a sumptuous, multi-course,
Chinese dinner arranged by our mem-
ber Vince Chin, K6KQN, President
Troster introduced the program. Mike
Smithwick, WA6TUF and his dad, Smitty
W6JZU, presented a series of slides
of their recent DX-pedition/vacation
to Tahiti. Mike narrated and gave
statistics of their operation.

The President gave out AA awards
(Amateurs Anonymous) to members who
volunteered services during NCDXC's
five year operation of the ARRL W6
QSL Bureau.

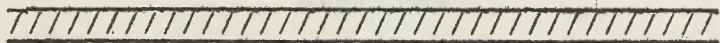
Gene Darlington, W6TTS, gave an ex-
cellent presentation of his early
experiences with General Electric.
He gave a progressive history of ear-
ly vacuum tubes. Told how RCA got
started. Some of the things he saw
developed were WLW's 500 KW BC sta-
tion. RF used to cook ham & chicken
in 1926. He was the 1st MC for GE's
"Magic Theater".

December Minutes (continued)

Lloyd Colvin, W6KG, Club Awards Chairman showed and explained many of the club's cop and plaque awards.

To conclude the meeting a raffle was held and gift prizes were awarded to a few of our lovely, lucky, lady guests.

Respectfully submitted
E. Howard Hale, W6SC
Secretary



- LETTERS -

3 January 75

Just a note to let you know that K6WR is active from PA land.

After my effort at K6WR/ON4 from Edegem, Belgium, in the CQ WW Phone Test, I have settled down to mundane QSOs from my little rig in Amsterdam. The K6WR/ON4 operation was from ON4QJ. As you know he had a great signal from Belgium. Many thanks for all the contacts on that weekend although the conditions were really bad.

Most of my activities since at PA9WRR have been on 80 meters with the TS520 and the 4BTV. The biggest DX has been to W6 with a QSO 30 Dec 74 at 0607Z with W6NLZ 2XCW on 80 meters. I hear various stations on 20 from W6 but I don't have the signal on 20 to make it from here. With the beam up in a few months, maybe things will change.

In the last few weeks I have heard but couldn't raise W6GRV, W6JZU, W6TJF at the 1630 time slot. I did have a good QSO with W6ZM from my neighbor PA0/SMK who lives just 600 meters from me. He has the beam I lack, but otherwise his gear is very similar. I hope to have the beam up soon.

I have also the call ON8WR for 1975 so my operations from there will be under that call. I probably will operate some contests from there as I did earlier.

As I am writing this letter to the DXer at 1630Z 3 Jan. I can hear W6GRV at 14209 and WA6BMG at 14235 but too weak for me to raise without the beam. I can hear the I stations giving them 59 reports when they are running 54 here on the vertical. Boy, would a beam make a difference!

Have a good show at Fresno in April--I'll be thinking of you.

Be seeing you in the contests from PA9WRR or ON8WR and possibly on home leave in the fall of 1975.

73 from Brad
K6WR, PA9WRR, ON8WR

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Brad also had the following P.S.:

Thanks for the Dec. 74 issue of the DXer. It arrived in good style! My best to all hands and good luck to the officers.

PS-2: In the NCDXC Bulletin please show the following for PA9WRR

Business: IBM Nederland N.V.(SCIC)
Postbus 9999
Amsterdam, Holland
Phone: (020) 27.55.33

Home: R. Vinkeleskade 74 II
Amsterdam, Holland
Phone: (020) 76.52.92

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Howard Hale, SC received a note from Johnny Mayes, W6BYB/VE1 as follows:
Dated 30 Dec. 74

Hi Howard OB - It was a great pleasure to have QSO'd u after so long. Lenore and I are enjoying it vy much up hr in Prince Edward Island. I have an inverted "L" and the Drake Twins on 160 Mtrs. and am having a BALL!! Wrkd all W dists. in ARRL 160 test plus 10 VE-G-GD-EI-PA0-OK1-HH-KV4-ZF1-OH2-YV5. Since then have added PY-KZ5-DK and GM. I have a Yasue FL2000B linear ready to hook up. I am gg to be in the ARRL DX test with 40/80/160 operation. Think that

CONTEST TO DEVELOP DXPEDITION
OPERATING PRACTICES

In order to assist in the improvement of the calibre of future DXpedition operations, the LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION is sponsoring a contest to develop a set of precepts and/or suggestions for DXpedition operations.

Contest entries to include criteria to be followed by both the DX station and by those amateurs wishing to work the DXpedition.

The LONG ISLAND DX ASSOCIATION will award the following prizes for the best entries received in this contest to develop DXpedition operating practices as follows:

- 1st Prize - Three (3) year subscription to LIDXA Bulletin
- 2nd Prize - Two (2) year subscription to LIDXA Bulletin
- 3rd Prize - One (1) year subscription to LIDXA Bulletin.

Winners will be announced in the first June issue of the Long Island DX Bulletin and other selected amateur publications.

Entries should be received by the Long Island DX ASSN, no later than 0000 Gmt, 1 March 1975 to be considered. The LIDXA will be the final judge of winners.

Entries should be sent to:

LIDXA
P. O. Box 73
Westbury, N.Y. 11590

The above was sent to us by Dave, W2GKZ, VP - LIDXA. (Now why didn't we think about this, Ed.)

NOTE: To Gary Stilwell, W6NJU. Being presumptuous....I would like to say that the NCDXC will welcome any and all participation in Gary's activities on the DX Advisory Committee. Please keep us informed, Gary. (Ed.)

The following letter was received from Gary Stilwel, W6NJU.

As a member of the ARRL DX Advisory Committee I would like to set forth my objectives to provide, to the greatest extent possible, for your participation regarding the Committee.

For my participation on the Committee I would like to offer the following:

1. Encouragement of participation on a Club level and also on an individual Club member level. The Club and each member of the Club is invited to make proposals to the Committee & also to comment on any matters pending before the Committee. This can be done by writing to the Committee at 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111 or by writing to me.
2. To the greatest extent possible, provide two way communication with Club and Club members. As my schedule permits, I am available to appear at Club meetings and to discuss items of interest to your members. I am also available for conventions, hamfests, etc in the immediate area. As much advance notice, of course, would be appreciated.
3. Dissemination of information. I would also be happy to cooperate by providing input for your Club Bulletin if you so desire. This would include information on items under consideration by the Committee, outcome of Committee actions & recommendations made to Headquarters. Any request to participate should include the publishing deadline of your Bulletin.

This is your chance to participate in matters relating to DX and as a focal point and leader in the world of DX in your area, your participation is encouraged. 73, Gary Stilwell, W6NJU

A note from Karl Rudkosky, WA6YXP advises that former resident member George Drake, K6MHD, is now W0PLG in Bettendorf, IA.

Karl has George's SB-200 Linear Amplifier for sale at \$175.00 in good condition with manual, or make offer. Contact Karl - WA6YXP Phone 415 278-3166 or 357-3004 Evenings, 357-0010 D.

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NCDX CLUB SCORES FOR THE ARRL 10 MTR. CONTEST 1974.

K6WD - 15,244 (412 QSO pts. x 37 Mult)
W6CLM- 19,448
W6EYY- 71,572 (1234 QSO pts. x 58 Mult)
W6SC - 20,982 (538 QSO pts. x 39 Mult)

127,246 Total points received by NCDXC Secretary for accumulative Club Score.

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NOTEWORTHY AMATEURS - See K6AQ's Big Grin on Page 92 of January QST. Jim is happy because his 00 chores have been lightened by Bill, W6HQH. DXers can probably expect lots of help from these two 00's. Jettie, W6RFF, received October Public Service Honor Roll from ARRL as well as BPL for past many months.

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NOMINATIONS FOR DX'ER OF THE YEAR AWARD ARE NOW BEING SOLICITED. PLEASE SEND THEM TO THE PRESIDENT IN WRITING. THEY SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, WHICH WILL THEN BE TURNED OVER TO THE SELECTION COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL BE APPOINTED BY JACK, W6ISQ. THE AWARD IS KEPT SECRET UNTIL AWARDED AT THE FRENZO MEETING IN APRIL. LATER IN THIS ISSUE WILL BE PUBLISHED THE CRITERIA FOR NOMINATIONS.

I am indebted to Bob Vallio, W6RGG, for the burning of some midnight oil on his part in researching some of the history of this award. At the recent BOARD OF DIRECTORS meeting Bob and I

disagreed as to the criteria for this award and the history of its inception....we continued with such things as "Your grandmother wears Army Shoes" and "Your father's moustache" and such other pleasantries....ending in some research by both of us. Interestingly we were both right and the research turned up several interesting items, which I will refer to in some of this text.

My records indicate that I joined the NCDX Club in 1956. I was voted into membership at the March 8th, 1956 meeting. Initiation and dues at that time were \$10.00 (\$5.00 Initiation & \$5.00 Dues). Joe Horvath, W6GPB, was President; W6IDY, V.P.; W6BUY Sec-Trea. and the DX'ER Editor, W6CTL, who was Bill Hurd. The earliest DX'er I can find so far is the June 1956 issue which cost 5¢ to mail and consisted of 21 pages. It's quite an issue! Bill did a super job of cranking it out. It was really "a labor of love" and was probably the best DX publication of any in the world at that time. In those days the election night meetings were closed to visitors (as customarily) as it says. A big plug was made in that issue for the Club Picnic which was to be held at the home of Reg Tibbets, W6ITH.

Here's another interesting note: "W6LDD was appointed as DX Secretary. Ed will make skeds with hard-to-get countries so that we can all work the elusive ones." (Where r u now, Ed.)

"W6CTL, W6TT and W6TI were appointed as a finance committee to check into ways and means of putting the club on a solid basis. Inflation is catching up with us very rapidly!" (from June 56 DX'er.)

In researching the Minutes of the Club Meetings, the 1st reference to DXer of the Year Award is in the minutes of the 11 Sept. 59 meeting.

"A Interclub award for the DX man of the year Award. W6TI requested that the sec. write the So. Cal. DX Club for details of their Award. K6SSJ said that the type of award would

DX'ER OF THE YEAR AWARD (cont.)

improve the club in general. W6TI moved and it was seconded by W6LDD that the Inter-club award be set up and that the Board of Directors set up Rules for the Award".

From the 8 Oct. 59 meeting: "The Inter-Club Award would be set up by 2 members of the Club - W6ATO and W6SR."

From the Minutes of the meeting of 12 Oct. 1959...."Inter-club Award: W6ATO said that he would look at the Southern California Club award and bring to the next meeting proposals for the Award".

From Minutes of 11 Dec. 59...."Inter-club Award...W6SR described the rules of the So. Cal DX Club award. W6SR felt that the award should be limited to Club members only and not necessarily make the award annually."

"A discussion followed: K6SSJ said that the award should be open to all in the Northern California area. W6LTX said that the award should stimulate interest in the club and should apply only to club members. W6TT said that if the award were limited to club members it need not be awarded yearly but if it were open to all Northern California then it should be made yearly. W6LDD said that contest results should be a factor in making the award. W6TI made a motion that the award be limited to club members only and to have the committee carry on with their work. W6KG seconded the motion and it was passed by those present."

From the Minutes of 14 Jan. 1960..... "W6SR presented a list of rules for the Inter-club Award. Some of the requirements were read such as the award would be earned on ability and limited to Club members, and not be required to be given yearly. W6SR said that some of the rules had been obtained from the So. Cal. DX Clubs Inter-club Award, and that the description of the award would be published in the DX'er"

From Minutes of 11 Feb 60...."W6SR had no report on the Inter-club award."

From Minutes of 10 Mar. 1960..... "W6ATO reporting on the Inter-club Award called attention to the prospective rules printed in the March issue of the DX'ER and requested that all members study the proposed rules so that we could act on them at a future date."

From Minutes of 13 Oct. 1960...."W6ATO and W6SR were asked to revive the Intra-club Award. Details will be printed in the DX'er shortly."

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At present I have none of the minutes after 11 Jan 62 and therefore no info as to what happened subsequent to this time. Since I was President from mid 1960 to 1961, I seem to be the one who dropped the ball for not bringing up this matter as "Old Business" and having instituted or dropped it. Apparently this was not taken up until some time in 1965 and at that time the original work of W6ATO and W6SR had been forgotten.....

W6RGG's research turned up the following: His first knowledge came from the December 1965 issue of the DX'er which printed a letter from K6SSJ regarding the DX'er of the Year Award. A committee consisting of the following people was set up to determine the advisability of an annual award, which would be presented to the outstanding DX'er of the Year within the NCDX Club.

The committee met in S.F. just prior to the March 1966 meeting and consisted of Dave Baker, W6WX, Doug Murray, W6HVN and Bob Thompson, K6SSJ. Rich Wilde, K6OHJ was also on the committee but was unable to attend. He was consulted by telephone and given the results of the committee's decision, with which he concurred.

The suggested ground rules to be used in selection of those nominated will follow on the next page, however, it appears that these were accepted by the membership without further ado!!

DX'ER OF THE YEAR AWARD (report cont.)

A list of suggested criteria recommended by the DX'er Award Committee appeared in the May 66 DX Bulletin. The report is dated 30 April 66 was written by K6SSJ and the list of suggestions follows:

1. Must be a member in good standing.
2. Should be as active as practical in the affairs of the club, such as: attendance at meetings, participation in contests in behalf of the club, etc.
3. Contributions to the club bulletin
4. Operating ethics and tactics on the air.
5. Maintain a clean signal and operate within the rules and regulations set forth by the FCC.
6. Encourage qualified DX'ers to join NCDXC.
7. Maintain good QSLing habits. Assist foreign DXers in obtaining the California Award.
8. Alert others of new countries & dxpeditions.
9. Contributions to the assistance of DX stations, such as acting as a QSL manager for them etc.
10. Serving on committees of the club.
11. Two meter net activity.

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A similar set of rules was published in the January 1972 DX Bulletin and consisted of 14 rules or suggestions. Many of them were similar to those above.

I believe that enough space in this issue has been devoted to DX'ER OF THE YEAR AWARD. Space permitting I may print the criteria established by W6SR and W6ATO back in 1959. It seems to me to have been better presented.

All of this publicity concerning the DX'er of the Year will hopefully cause you all to put on your thinking caps and make a nomination. There is a little time before the Fresno affair so please give it your concerned consideration and let Jack know who you feel is best qualified to receive this most coveted award.

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Bob Vallio, W6RGG, uncovered this note which appeared in the July 1967 issue of the DX Bulletin as follows:

KINGMAN REEF - KP6 (?)

WA6ZZD is reported to be planning an operation here during the last week in July - if he can find it out of the water long enough to land. It's less than 100 miles from Palmyra Is., so it's hard to see how it can count for anything but the WAHN Award (Worked All Hazards to Navigation). He's also planning to operate from something called Starbuck about the same time.

NOW HOW ABOUT THAT - Nothing's new or sacred anymore. (Ed.)

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Here's another reprint from the June 1956 issue of the DX'er.....

"While we are on the subject of money, in case you are not aware of it, the DX'er is the source of the greatest expense to NCDXC. Due to several factors (rising costs of postage, paper, etc; and increased associate memberships) the expense of the publication has become the target of concern to those entrusted to administer the affairs of the club, I will not go into great detail at this time because a committee appointed by President GPB will meet prior to the next regular club meeting and discuss the matter at some length. This committee will doubtless bring some sort of recommendation to the club, and you are urged to give due consideration to the same. It should be of interest to every member to take note of the following:

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1. A detailed analysis of DX'er costs per member per year reveals that the DX'er costs approximately \$5.05 a year per member (estimated at average cost of 29-1/2¢ per copy)
2. The dues are only \$5.00/yr.
3. Not all members pay at the \$5.00 rate.
4. It doesn't take a slide rule to see that some adjustment must be made.

Every member apparently enjoys the DX'er and the more stuff we have in it, the better you seem to like it. But the bigger it gets the more it costs too. Every effort short of degrading the DX'er will be made to reduce costs. Bear with us and feel free to make constructive suggestions. It's your DX'er and you should be interested. (If you're not, we would like to know that, too.)" From the June 56 issue.

The present DX'er costs roughly the same give or take a few pennies. I have estimated it about 30¢/copy at this time, although some issues can run more depending on the postage etc. Pictures cause the price to go up and paper prices have risen in the past month or two. I fortunately bought a couple cases of paper about 9 mos. ago but ran out of it with the last issue. It has gone up about 20¢ or more per ream even when buying by the case.

In one of the issues I can run the exact figures for you. The June 56 issue had 21 pages and was mailed for .05¢ in postage. Those days are gone forever.

Here's another excerpt from the June 56 issue of the DX'er, if you think we've progressed all that much.....

"Those of you who indicated a desire for one of the 2 meter rigs and have not taken delivery, are urged to do so. Those people who have money invested in these things are doubtless anxious to see an early conclusion to the projet. As you know, it's been

going on now for a couple of years. It is not fair to those who have done all this work (and invested their money) to keep the project hanging in mid-air."

To clarify this for you some, the club had made a club project out of building some small 2 meter AM transceivers, which were all identical & put out a couple of watts. They were entirely home made and a group of the fellows assembled most of them. Those who were unable to take the time to build the rigs paid for them and could pick them up at Elmar Electronics. A number of members had them until the Gonset Communicators became more popular. We didn't have repeaters back in 1956 but a lot of the members communicated on two mtrs. directly and had a kind of club intercom net. It wasn't anywhere as good as the present coverage of our repeater but we didn't have any down time either! (Ed.)

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Due to the poor economic situation & the worsening trend, I must of necessity spend more time in my own business, something which I should have been doing all the time, however, it is more necessary now than ever before. I have asked Jack Troster, our Pres. to relieve me of all responsibilities connected with the NCDXC. This includes the DX'er, Sister Cities, the Board of Directors and any other activities. I have been greatly concerned about the club and its changing direction etc. I am not in agreement with some of these changes and it is time for me to stand aside. I will continue to attend meetings but prefer to take a passive roll in the activities of the club. We need to encourage the younger generation to take a more active lead in the club and to give it a more modern direction. By so doing I can spend the necessary time in my own business as well as with my wife and family. I might even find time to mow the grass, and even get in a little DXing which I have had little time for of late.

The Northern California DX Club is recognized throughout the World and is well respected, a position it should endeavor to maintain. This publication - THE DX'ER - is read in many countries, quoted in some and is a reflection of our image to the elite of the DX World. It is a publication which should maintain a high image to those outside as well as inside the Club. I would urge you all to do your best to keep up the image by contributing your best to the Editor of the DX'ER and assisting him in making it the best Club (DX Club) organ in Amateur Radio. We have one of the finest collection of DX operators anywhere in the World and a considerable amount of talent within our membership. This is an organization of do'ers and that is what it takes to make and keep a successful group together, still some of you are reluctant to step forward and make a good contribution to this world renowned organization. Everyones talent and abilities are needed to keep the NCDXC in its proper position as leader and number one DX Club in the World.

The older members of NCDXC have a great deal of experience and know-how which can be imparted to the youngsters of the group to give it the leadership and direction it requires and I urge you all to volunteer your best abilities in continuing to keep a position in DX that has followed this club since its beginning in 1946. I will do my best to assist the club in a limited way but encourage others to give of their time. The By-Laws need to be changed to allow implementation of much needed improvements. This is a difficult task but it can be done. If you have suggestions you should make them known to the Pres. and his committee for By-Laws revisions. If there are things you dont like make them known, and if there are things you do like he'd like to know that too. Do your part to keep it number one. Best DX & 73

K6SSJ

NOTICE - SPARK AUCTION -

The annual SPARK Club auction (largest attendance in the bay area) will be held in the Philco-Ford Western Development Lab cafeteria 3825 Fabian Way Palo Alto (close to San Antonio and the Bayshore Freeway) Friday evening February 21st, 1975. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Auction will start promptly at 7:00 PM. Flea Market Tables.

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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE NCDX CLUB WILL BE HELD IN MARIN COUNTY AT SABELLA'S RESTAURANT AND WILL FEATURE CARTER B. SMITH OF KNBC IN SAN FRANCISCO. HE IS THE AFTERNOON DISC JOCK PERSON WHO PHONE PATCHED OUR KINGMAN REEF BOY'S OUT ON THE BC BAND GIVING US PLENTY GOOD PUBLICITY. I HAD THE PLEASURE OF MAKING THOSE ARRANGEMENTS WITH CARTER AND AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A PERSONAL MEETING. THE MEETING PLACE WILL BE THE SAME AS BEFORE - SABELLA'S - AN EXCELLENT WATERING HOLE IN MARIN. THE MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED UP TO THE FIRST FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7TH....Due to the DX CONTEST. THIS IS A MEETING YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS. SHOULD BE A REAL WINNER. CIRCLE YOUR CALENDAR NOW

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THE DX'ER IS A LITTLE LATE THIS MONTH DUE TO THE SAROC MEETING IN LAS VEGAS WHICH I WAS FORTUNATE TO ATTEND WITH Gordon Norris, W7SFA. Several of our members were in attendance, however, about the only thing new was Jack Curtis's Instructo Keyer, which sends random code letters, numbers and punctuation as well as random groups. It can be used as a keyer or the aforementioned random code generator. (Jack demonstrated it at our last club meeting - in case you weren't there.) There seems to be some new gear on the way for AM, SSB & FM on the VHF and UHF Bands which may be just the thing for getting into the new Oscar 7. Keep the faith it's all on the way.

- LOST AND FOUND -

Some time ago we had a contest for names for "WR6ACZ". I couldn't remember where I put them or what they were but ran across them tonight. The winner was Rich, K6QZ! and the prize was a free dinner at the Club Meeting. Here are his winning suggestions.

1. We Report to "6"s the Active Countries & Zones.
2. Which Rummy "6" is Adjusting his Carrier to Zerobeat??
3. We Report that "6"s All Call Zerobeat.
4. We Regret that 6 Active Countries were Zapped.
5. We R 6 Announcing Countries & Zones.
6. Active Calling Zerobeaters

And that's how you win a free meal!

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FOR SALE: 54' Triastao Model CZ-454, Free Standing Crank-Up Tower and Ham "M" Rotator, \$400.00. Contact Ron, K6OZL. Hanford, CA - See Roster.

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NCDX CLUB HOSTS THE INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION AT THE FRESNO HILTON HOTEL APRIL 19th & 20th, 1975. THE CHAIRPERSON, DON SCHLIESSER, W6MAV, HAS ADVISED THAT REGISTRATION THIS YEAR WILL BE \$19.00 for PRE-REGISTRATION (TO PRE-REGISTER, YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER SHOULD BE SENT TO DON SCHLIESSER AND IT MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN THE 10th OF APRIL) THE PRE-REGISTRANTS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE BIG PRIZE WHICH WILL BE A NEW LOW FREQUENCY TRANSCEIVER SUCH AS THE FT-101B, OR A TS-520 (To be announced.) If YOU REGISTER AFTER THAT DATE IT WILL COST YOU \$21.00 the SAME AS AT THE DOOR. THE FEATURED SPEAKER WILL BE FRED LAUN, LU5HFI, ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS DX CONTESTERS IN THE WORLD.

FRESNO INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION

SOME OF THE OTHER VISITORS WILL BE VS6DR, CR9AK, AND YV4AGP & XYL. A NUMBER OF OTHERS WILL ALSO BE PRESENT AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS THEIR PLANS BECOME FIRM. DON PLANS SEVERAL TECHNICAL SESSIONS IN THE AFTERNOON, SUCH AS A SESSION ON THE LATEST IN KEYERS by JACK CURTIS, W6JNJ. A SECOND TECHNICAL PRESENTATION WILL BE MADE BY JIM MAXWELL, K6AQ, ON A NEW SYSTEM DESIGNED TO USE LESS SPECTRUM SPACE ON SSB. YOU'LL HAVE TO COME & HEAR THE PRESENTATION TO GET MORE INFO. THERE WILL ALSO BE A DX FORUM WHICH IS TO BE HOSTED BY GARY STILWEL AND W2IWC OF CQ. AS YOU KNOW GARY, W6NJU IS THE NEW WEST COAST REPRESENTATIVE ON THE DX ADVISORY COMMITTEE. IT SHOULD BE A LIVELY SESSION.

NEW AND NEVER BEFORE DONE AT THIS CONVENTION WILL BE A BIG BEER BUST FOLLOWING THE BANQUET SATURDAY NIGHT.

AN INVITATION BROCHURE WILL BE GOING OUT SOMETIME SOON ANNOUNCING THE LATEST HAPPENINGS. BE SURE TO RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...AND HELP DON MAKE THIS THE BEST YET OF THESE AFFAIRS.

ARMOND NOBLE OF WORLD RADIO NEWS WILL BE FEATURED SPEAKER AT THE BREAKFAST AND IF YOU HAVEN'T HEARD ARMOND YOU HAVE MISSED ONE OF THE BEST. THERE IS ALSO A WRAP-UP OF THE KINGMAN REEF DX-PEDITION PLANNED. MAKE YOU'RE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THIS BEST OF ALL DX CONVENTIONS. REMEMBER NCDXC IS THE HOST THIS YEAR.....

K6QX, ORM, IS THE BUS HOST THIS YEAR AND WE'LL HAVE MORE ON THIS TOO. A VERY DELIGHTFUL TRIP IS PLANNED AND THERE WILL BE ENOUGH PERSONALITY IMPROVEMENT FLUID ABOARD TO GET YOU IN JUST THE RIGHT "SPIRIT" UPON ARRIVAL IN THE CONVENTION CITY. THE PRICE IS \$15.00 FOR THE ROUND TRIP AND COVERS ALL OF THE EXPENSES DOWN & BACK. IF YOU'VE NEVER TAKEN THIS TRIP YOU HAVE MISSED ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WHOLE WEEK-END...."GO WITH ORM AND LEAVE THE DRIVING TO GREYHOUND". IT MAY BE ONE OF THE RAREST EXPERIENCES OF THE WHOLE SHOW. C U ON BOARD"