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PLACE: HOLIDAY INN in Belmont
DATE: FRIDAY 11 April 1980
TIME: Cocktails --- 6:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M. --- DIG IN!!!
MENU: Tender beef tips in Burgundy \$9.50 including tax and tip
PROGRAM: Two programs are possible --- A review of commercial receiver design by Watkins-Johnson, or a slide show by one of our members of hams in Russia. Check WR6ACZ for final word.

WHATCHA MISSED

The March meeting was held on Friday, March 14, 1980 at Dinah's Shack in Palo Alto.

K6OP gave a report on the selection of a new club QSL card. The committee, composed of K6OP, K6SSJ, N6ST, W6TER, and WA6AHF, narrowed the selections down to eight different cards. Prices varied from 2.3 cents each for 30K cards all the way to 1.5 cents each for 90K cards. In addition the members will have to pay an additional \$25 for setup charges and printing of call signs, etc. A motion that the club purchase 90K cards was made by K6SSJ and it passed on a voice vote. The cards were voted on as well, with one winning by a wide margin. The committee is to be congratulated for doing a great job in finding so many excellent choices.

W6GO distributed copies of the first issue of his new QSL managers directory to all present. The directory contains about 4500 entries and is due to be updated and published on a monthly basis. Contact Jay for more information.

Our contest chairman, W6FQF, announced that he had received only 11 logs from club members for the ARRL DX Contest. There is some question whether the club should enter in future contests with so little participation apparent. (How about more publicity and awards for those that participate? --- Ed.)

There were three second readings, for Warren Kocher, WB6RFI, Jim Spiva, KD6T, and Leo Nepote, K6AYL. Congratulations!

There were also two first readings. Those applying are Richard Hudgins, KB6JK, and George Besley, WD6DQP.

W6QWT and WB6WKM have qualified for full member status. K6HHD and WB6ZUC have upgraded their licenses to Advanced class. Congratulations to all!

Again there was some discussion of having prospective members be sponsored by club members. This isn't currently required by the club by-laws. The issue was moved to committee with K6SSJ as chairman.

MINUTES (continued)

A petition to the FCC to take action on the jamming problem was circulated by W6BIP. Three hundred signatures are needed. The FCC has indicated it will take action if petitioned.

Byrd Brunemeier, KG6RT, who has been a missionary on Saipan for the past several years gave a very interesting slide presentation on the life and history of the Mariana Islands, particularly on the problems involved in getting permission to put up a decent antenna for the missionary radio station. And you thought only people in the big city had antenna problems!

FRESNO BUS

The Fresno Clipper is just about ready to roll again. There are still some openings left. The price is still \$24 and must be in W6BIP's hands by April 9. For more information, see last month's DXer.

The departure times have been changed. The bus will leave S.F. at 6 A.M. with the next stops at H.R.O. at 6:15, Rickey's in Palo Alto at 6:30 and San Jose Hyatt House at 7 A.M., arriving in Fresno at 11 A.M. The return trip will be on Sunday at noon and will arrive back in S.F. at 6 P.M.

Oliver, W6NV will be manning the HT on WR6ACZ to help coordinate pickups. And for those seeking advice on their RFI problems, Bip advises that he will be a captive audience on the long trip there and back, so come prepared with your questions, and he'll supply some answers. Can't beat a deal like that!!!

I spent several days with my old friend, Hermann Atzlinger, OE5AHL, in Traun, near Austria's third largest city, Linz, on the Danube. Hermann needed only 12 more QSL cards from California to make formal application for our California Award.

Upon my return to California, I sent out requests, with SASEs, plus a QSL card from OE5AHL, to 12 NCDXC members, from whom he had not yet received a QSL card, at least as of mid-October, 1979. All QSOs were made on CW.

To date I have received only 7 of the requested QSLs!

Hermann and I will be very grateful to those NCDXC members, to whom I sent his QSL, with SASE, if they will please send me their QSL cards, before very long. I realize this is an oversight on the part of those who have not yet responded, because we are all busy with DX and other things these days.

For those of you in the Club, that may not have given it much thought, I would like to repeat the fact that it behooves us to reply to requests for our QSL cards, because many DX stations, especially in Europe, are working for our NCDXC Award, the much desired CALIFORNIA AWARD. However, fellows, I have seen many QSO lists in Europe, and I was almost ashamed at the low percentage of NCDXC members who QSL!

I fully realize that many of you work these DX stations by the bucketfull, during contests in particular, and that the idea of sending each one of them a QSL card does not seem too necessary. In talking to many members of the Club about this, I find that you have not had the time to even sort out the large stacks of cards that have arrived for you from the W6 Bureau. Some of you have even suggested that it becomes expensive to send out that many QSLs. I agree, it is not inexpensive anymore, like it used to be. But if we as a Club do not intend to significantly respond to their QSL cards, then I am afraid that our California Award will gradually lose its appeal overseas. During 4 trips to Europe, during the last 11 years, and visits to many amateur stations there, I can give you the following QSL statistics:

W6 stations in general QSL about 68%, while NCDXC members QSL only about 52%! Please give it some thought fellows! If I sent you an SASE with QSL from OE5AHL, please send me a card for him at your earliest opportunity. Thank you very much.

ROSTER

Yes, yes, the new roster is here at last! Copies will be distributed to all who attend the April meeting. Those not able to pick their's up at the meeting will be mailed a copy.

UPCOMING SALES

April 11 NPEC Auction May 17 EMARC flea market
Sept. 13 EARS flea market

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St. Kitts, W.I.
3 March 1980

Dear Radio Amateurs and Friends,

We have just concluded a successful operation as VP2KAH in the country of St. Kitts. We visited here three years ago but were not able to operate our station at that time because only natives of St. Kitts were issued radio amateur licenses. The rules have been changed now, however, and a visiting radio amateur would normally be assigned his home call followed by /VP2K. Since we had been here before and can be expected to return again, we are considered "almost a native" and were assigned the call VP2KAH.

We made 12,000 QSOs with amateurs in 137 countries, operating SSB and CW on 10 through 160 meters. This is the largest number of QSOs of our last half-dozen, one-month stops; but the number of countries worked did not reach the 152 countries contacted from J3ABV. The large number of QSOs was made possible, in part, by our participation in both the CW and Phone portions of the ARRL International DX Competition. We made over a million points in each half of the contest.

While here, we visited VP2KC, owned by Kit Carson. VP2KC established many all-time contest records last year when 27 operators worked multi-multi in the world wide CQ DX Contest. The location, amount of equipment and number and type of antennas make VP2KC possibly the largest and most expensive amateur radio station in the world. On all of our trips, we have never seen a more elaborate station anywhere. However, while making our 12,000 QSOs during our month here, almost no QSOs were made at VP2KC. We have noticed that many such large contest stations remain almost silent until the next big contest comes around.

Our next stop will be the Dominican Republic.

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Calendar of Events

Apr. 19-20 LIARS 10X QSO Party
Apr. 26-27 King of Spain Contest
May 3-4 New York State QSO Party
May 10 DARC 10 Meter RTTY
May 10-11 USSR "CQ-M" Contest
May 10-11 Rocky Mountain QSO Party
May 11 RSGB WAB HF C.W. Contest
May 17-18 Common Market Contest
May 17-18 Florida QSO Party
May 17-19 Michigan QSO Party
May 17-19 Massachusetts QSO Party
May 24-25 CQ WW WPX C.W. Contest
June 7-8 RSGB National Field Day
June 21-22 All Asian Phone Contest
June 22 RSGB WAB LF Phone Contest
June 28-29 ARRL Field Day
June 28-29 ARCI QRP Field Day
July 20 RSGB WAB LF C.W. Contest
July 26-28 County Hunters C.W. Contest
Aug. 9-10 European C.W. Contest
Aug. 23-24 All Asian C.W. Contest
Aug. 31 RSGB WAB VHF Contest
Sept. 13-14 European Phone Contest
Sept. 27-28 Delta QSO Party

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CALL K6HHD PREVIOUS CALLS HELD _____ AGE _____
 NAME JAN O'BRIEN CITY RIO LINDA COUNTY SACRAMENTO
 OCCUPATION CO-EDITOR/PUBLISHER W6GO/K6HHD LIST (SOMETIME HOUSEWIFE)
 YEAR FIRST LICENSED 1954 YEAR JOINED NCDXC 1979
 AWARDS YLCC, DXCC PHONE & MIXED, 100-N
 GEAR/ANTENNAS DRAKE TR-7, ALPHA 76 PA, KLM KT-34, DIPOLES, SLOPERS
 CLUB AFFILIATIONS MVRC DXCC FONE 155 CW _____ MIXED 156
 OTHER HOBBIES AND INTERESTS TRAVEL, MICRO-COMPUTING
 DO YOU WORK CONTESTS? YES WHICH ONES? DX-YL TO NA-YL, ARRL DX
~~FUNNIEST MOMENT~~/BIGGEST MOMENT IN DX? PASSING ADVANCED CLASS EXAM
 CURRENT ~~PROJECTS~~/GOALS IN HAM RADIO TO WORK 100 DX-YL COUNTRIES
 TEN MOST WANTED COUNTRIES 1.TZ 2.TN 3.BY 4.VO 5.ET 6.YA 7.XZ 8.HV 9.3Y 10.ZA
 TEN EASY ONES THAT I HAVEN'T WORKED YET 1.FG 2.CE 3.HZ 4.JX 5.KH4 6.FR 7.OX 8.PJ 9.TG 10.ZB
 ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IN THE DXER. COMMENTS?

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CALL W6GO PREVIOUS CALLS HELD W6GDO AGE 44
 NAME JAY O'BRIEN CITY RIO LINDA COUNTY SACRAMENTO
 OCCUPATION ENGINEERING MANAGER/PACIFIC TELEPHONE
 YEAR FIRST LICENSED 1949 YEAR JOINED NCDXC 1979
 AWARDS DXCC MIXED, PHONE, CW, WAZ, 100-N
 GEAR/ANTENNAS TR7/ALPHA 76PA/KT34, DIPOLES & SLOPERS
 CLUB AFFILIATIONS MVRC, JISPRC, GSLPRC CONF. AS OF 3/20/80: DXCC FONE 255 CW 151 MIXED 263
 OTHER HOBBIES AND INTERESTS COMPUTER (S100, DISKS, ETC), TRAVEL
 DO YOU WORK CONTESTS? YES WHICH ONES? DX ORIENTED & TEL. PIONEERS
~~FUNNIEST MOMENT~~/BIGGEST MOMENT IN DX? MY 100 QSL'S IN KLM ADS
 CURRENT PROJECTS/GOALS IN HAM RADIO 5BDXCC, 100' TOWER
 TEN MOST WANTED COUNTRIES 1.BY 2.FBWW 3.MALDEN 4.HEARD 5.VUT 6.XU 7.XV 8.YA 9.ZA 10.3Y
 TEN EASY ONES THAT I HAVEN'T WORKED YET 1.ABX 2.FO 3.BATU 4.WILLIS 5.MELUSH 6.AUCKLAND 7.CHATNA 8.KERNAD 9.SR 10.5X
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