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PLACE: BLUE DOLPHIN at the foot of Marina Blvd., San Leandro
DATE: FRIDAY, 14 November 1980
TIME: Cocktails --- 6:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M. ---DINNER IS SERVED
MENU: Poulet en Cocotte au Gratine (Point your beam toward Europe and ask someone in France to translate!) Price is \$11.00, including tax and tip.
PROGRAM: An old fashioned round-table. Have your speeches prepared!

WHATCHA MISSED

October 5, 1980 --- THE PICNIC at Linda Vista Park was a smashing success! Congratulations to K6XN and AA6AD for their fine pre-planning and handling of all details. Congratulations also to NCDXC on our 34th birthday, which was celebrated with a giant cake beautifully decorated and with flags around its perimeter with the calls of the founding fathers. (Charter Members) The BBQ, keg of beer and soft drinks supplied by NCDXC made it a day to remember and most of us, if not all, would like to see get together of this type oftener. It was a chance to really rag-chew eye-ball to eye-ball. At 130 PM the cake was saluted with the singing of Happy Birthday to US. 50 members, their wives and children were present to enjoy the wonderful weather and the fabulous park. Congratulations to N6QW, AK6T, W6NQY, and N6ATS who were voted into membership with their second readings unanimously approved. Welcome! A motion was presented in absentia by W6GO that the NCDXC write the ARRL protesting the destroying the Qsl cards after 3 months in the Qsl bureaus. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous. Next meeting will be at the Blue Dolphin November 14, 1980., in San Leandro Marina.

SILENT KEY

It is with deep regret that I must report the passing of one of our members, James G. Terry, N6OV, of Pleasanton. He will be missed by his fellow club members.

MINUTES - BoD MEETING OCTOBER 20, 1980

Present: Bruno, Ted Park, Hal, Gary, Ron, and repeater chairman Charley Kump.

Proposals by W6NLG discussed and will be implemented. Primary suggestion is to print the Club Roster November 1st each year, as the cut off date for payment of dues is October 31 each year. BoD decided to up date the computer roster print-out October 31, and then print the roster as soon as possible. The Club must publicize our California Award in foreign countries, so discussion at next Club meeting will perhaps bring forth suggestions. The 1981 Fresno Convention was brought up and would like Bob Thompson at next Club meeting to report on progress so far.

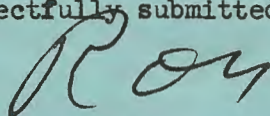
The NCDXC Xmas meeting will be Sunday December 14, 1980 at the Villa Chartier in San Mateo. A slide presentation on Mauritius will be shown by Dave N6AUS and wife. An election of two directors at large for the BoD will be elected, and volunteers or nominations are requested. The Xmas dinner will be \$11.50 including tax and tip. The choices are Special Southern Fried Chicken, or Sirloin Steak Brochette. Cocktails at 4 PM and dinner at 6 PM.

Charley Kump reported on the findings of the repeater questionnaire. 95 questionnaires were received at Box 608 and other miscellaneous places. (Charlies and Brunos) The results of the voting are as follows.

1. (see attachment, please) insert results ---

In response to the results by the membership to the repeater questionnaire, the Board of Directors has approved amendments to the NCDXC Procedures Manual to include the mandates of the membership, re Question 1, sub-paragraphs a, c, and d.

Respectfully submitted,



Ron Pantan W6VG, Secretary

REVISION TO THE NCDXC PROCEDURES MANUAL

As the result of Board of Directors' action the following revision is made to the NCDXC Procedures Manual. Manual holders shall include this revision on page 16 of the Manual:

3-109 Club Repeater

Rev. 3. 10/20/80

a. NCDXC owns and operates a 2 meter closed repeater on 147.96/147.36 MHz. This repeater is for the exclusive use of club members and its use by nonmembers is discouraged. Use by nonmembers is limited to the following: (a) To report DX. (b) To call club members who monitor the repeater for short exchanges of information, or to advise QSY to another frequency, and (c) Short duration inquiries.

A pen and ink notation should be made on page iii, Revisions as follows.

Rev. No.	Date	Paragraph	Action
3	Oct 20 80	3-109a	Add conditions for nonmember use of repeater.

TO DXER

REPEATER OPERATION QUESTIONNAIRE

95 RECEIVED

The Board of Directors is responsible for the management of the club repeater. The purpose of this questionnaire is to obtain the opinion of the membership to guide the BoD in updating and formalizing the repeater operating procedures.

1. The NCDXC repeater presently is for the exclusive use of club members and its use by non-members is discouraged. Should this policy:

Remain the same way without exception?

YES 38 NO 54

If the answer is "NO" should policy be modified to:

- a. Permit use by non-members to report DX?
- b. Permit use by visiting hams for general, but limited use?
- c. Permit short duration responses to inquiries by non-members?
- d. Permit use by non-members to call members who monitor WR6ACZ, for short exchanges of information, or to advise QSY to another frequency?

YES 47 NO 2

YES 27 NO 18

YES 37 NO 8

YES 50 NO 2

2. Secondary purposes of the repeater include communication among club members and their invited guests to exchange technical information and news of general interest. Should this policy:

Remain the same way without exception?

YES 58 NO 35

If the answer is "NO" should policy be modified to:

- a. Should "invited guests" be deleted as an operating procedure?
- b. Define "invited guests" as those under the personal sponsorship and control of the club member?

YES 14 NO 10

YES 22 NO 5

3. Use of the repeater for "rag chewing" not of general interest is discouraged; members are expected to QSY to an appropriate simplex channel or another repeater. Should this policy:

Remain the same way without exception?

YES 71 NO 24

If the answer if "NO" should policy be modified to:

- a. Permit "rag chewing" only during periods of no or low DX activity?
- b. Permit "rag chewing" at any time with the proviso that "breaks" for DX information have priority?

YES 17 NO 3

YES 10 NO 10

4. Are you satisfied with the present format of the Thursday night net?

YES 71 NO 16

If the answer is "NO", what would you like changed?

~~None~~
~~_____~~
~~_____~~
~~_____~~
~~_____~~

5. Would you like a reduction of time on the timer?

YES 24 NO 67

If the answer is "YES", what time limit would you like to see on the repeater?

~~9 - 30 sec~~

~~1 - 15~~

~~1 - 45~~

6. Do you favor tone access to the repeater?

YES 34 NO 58

(Tone access will cost approximately \$40 per rig, plus cost of modifying WR6ACZ.)

~~Several "qualified" No's~~

7. How many hours per week do you monitor WR6ACZ?

AVERAGE 30⁺ Hours

Please answer by October 15, 1980 so the questionnaires can be tabulated by the next Board of Directors meeting and aid the Board members in their proposals, which will be presented at the November meeting of the NCDXC.

Mail replies to:

Northern California DX Club Inc.
P.O. Box 608
Menlo Park, CA. 94025

CQ World Wide DX Contest Early reports indicate some fantastic scores and sterling efforts by NCDXC members participating in the contest. The response to our goal of a maximum contest effort has been terrific. We are well on our way toward achieving world-wide recognition, but we need every single point we can muster. Those of you who participated on a limited basis and who, for some reason, have not submitted scores, we need your points. Every point counts - 1000, 2000, 5000, 10000 or what ever. We need every drop to fill the bucket. The big guns and the dyed-in-the-wool contesters types have and will submit their scores. We urge all who did participate, especially those to a limited degree, to submit your phone scores to K3EST prior to December 1st and to forward a copy of your summary sheet to K6RU. If you don't have the official contest forms they are available from AA6AD or K6RU.

The CW portion of the contest is scheduled for November 29-30. You cw types get ready for this one - big, medium or small effort, it all counts in the final club scoring. Do it - become part of the club effort and fully enjoy being a member of the greatest dx club in the world.

CQWW PHONE --- PRELIMINARY RESULTS

N7KA	7K	7 MHz only	W6KPC	400K	14 MHz
K6SKH	20K	QRP 5w	N6AN	430K	
W6YVK	44K	QRP 3w 28 MHz	KB6OZ	450K	28 MHz
N6UW	75K		W6BIP	535K	
K6XN	100K		W6GO	890K	
WB6RWJ	100K		K6DC	900K	
W6DU	145K		W6TPH	1.3M	
AD6D	156K		WA6GFY	1.6M	
W6LQC	163K		W6BH	2.0M	
WA6AHF	375K		N6RO	2.2M	
AF6S	400K		K6RU	2.2M	

Some comments heard after the contest ---

"The NCDXC 'old timers' aren't as rusty as you may think."

"The 'old lion' from the West coast is roaring again."

"I didn't know that 'these guys' knew how to operate in a contest"

"Big pile-ups yes, but contest...."

"I couldn't find a clear spot."

"W6-QRP? You must be kidding. They're running 20 gallons for sure."

QSLs

From the October issue of World Radio, page 4: The following NCDXC members have QSL cards awaiting an SASE at the US QSL Service. This is not the ARRL bureau, but a private enterprise. They are soliciting SASE's from all DXers.

N6AXD	K6HIH	N6RO	N6UW
AA6DX	KB6HT	W6TPH	AI6V
WB6FBN	KI6P	W6NV	

Send SASE to: USQS P.O. Box 814 Mulino, Oregon 97042

WD6DLK

Year



World Wide DX Contest

Last Full Weekend of October (Phone) & November (CW)



Call Sign Country

Mode:

- Phone Single Op., All Band Multi-Op. Single Transmitter QRPp [5W or Less]
- CW Single Op. _____ MHz Multi-Op. Multi-Transmitter

QSO's (minus duplicates)		QSO Points	Zone Multiplier	Country Multiplier	Score
1.8 MHz	→	×	+	=	1.8 MHz
3.5 MHz	→	×	+	=	3.5 MHz
7.0 MHz	→	×	+	=	7.0 MHz
14 MHz	→	×	+	=	14 MHz
21 MHz	→	×	+	=	21 MHz
28 MHz	→	×	+	=	28 MHz
All Bands	→	×	+	=	All Bands

How to score: QSO Points × (Zones + Countries) = FINAL SCORE
 EXAMPLE: 1000 QSO Points × (30 Zones + 70 Countries) = 100,000 points

Station Description: _____

Antenna(s) _____

Operators _____

Remarks (Biggest thrill in Contest, funniest story, comments, etc.) _____

Club Competition / Minimum 3 logs _____

This is to certify that in this contest I have operated my transmitter within the limitations of my license and have observed fully the rules and regulations of the contest.

TYPE or PRINT _____ Signature _____

Name _____ Call _____

Address _____

City _____

State or Country _____ Zip _____

Note: Duplicate QSO's can mean disqualification!

Logs must be postmarked no later than December 1st for PHONE and January 15th for CW. Indicate PHONE or CW on envelope. Mail all logs to the appropriate addresses indicated in the current contest rules. Do not mail logs to CQ Headquarters.

T E N - M E T E R B E A C O N S U M M A R Y

October 1980

28,175.0	VE3TEN*	28,225.0	VE8AA*+	28,277.0	ZS6PW*
28,202.5	9J2BBB	28,230.0	ZL2MHF	28,277.5	DFØAAB*
28,205.0	DLØIGI*	28,235.0	VP9BA*	28,280.0	YV5AYV*
28,207.5	WD4MSN	28,237.5	OA4CK*+	28,288.0	W6IRT
28,210.0	3B8MS*	28,237.5	LASTEN*+	28,290.0	VS6HK*
28,220.0	5B4CY*	28,245.0	A9XC	28,315.0	ZS6DN*
28,225.0	VE7TEN*+	28,257.5	DKØTE*		

* Heard in the past month. + Conflict? W6RQ

Report from W6GO -

I have completed my efforts to improve the operation of the Sixth District QSL bureau. Further, I have completed the analysis of the questionnaire on the QSL bureau's operation. Generally, the results are as follows: Everyone is very happy with the operation of the bureau with the exception of the O's, F's, and T's who are unhappy; and the R's, Z's and J's who are downright mad.. In fact, one of these suggested tar-and-feathering his manager.

I have sent a letter to the bureau manager with three pages of results from the questionnaire. I have asked him for actions and a written response by November 1, 1980. I have a limited number of copies of my letter and the results of the questionnaire for club members interested in the outcome. For a copy, send a legal size SASE with \$.28 postage to me at the address given in the roster. Thanks, everyone for your responses! 73, Jay.

P.S. --- Jay has received a reply from the bureau manager. Though not willing to say they think there is a serious problem, they at least know of our complaints. From the results it would seem that any problem is limited to just a few of those working for the bureau.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

At the NCDXC Christmas meeting the club will elect two directors to the Board of directors. Let me say that the role of the directors is one of the most important in the decision making process in the club. Regular officers are bombarded with the day to day problems of running the club and are sometimes overloaded to the point that they aren't able to comprehend all aspects of certain issues. This is where directors contribute strength. Listening, asking questions, digging into the heart of the issues, and after a thorough understanding of all the facts, coming up with recommendations. During the last five months I have had the great pleasure to work with the two current directors. I can only say that without them the club wouldn't have it's current prosperity. Therefore I urge you to step forward and participate in the Christmas meeting election actively.

AA6AD

