

# The Northern California DX Club, Inc.

## The DXer

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### THE NOVEMBER MEETING

featuring

"FIX IT YOURSELF"

by FRANK GLASS K6RQ



DATE: NOVEMBER 11, 1983

TIME: Cocktails --- 6:30 PM Dinner --- 7:30 PM

PLACE: HARRY'S HOFBRAU, in PALO ALTO - take the Embarcadero  
turn-off toward the Palo Alto airport.

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### THE PREZ SPEAKS

Greetings to all.... Had to cancel the meeting at Miguels in Hayward-  
so back to Harry's. I found out there was a band scheduled to play  
in the room next door starting at 9 PM (and it wasn't going to be the  
20 meter band). Recommend you all come to hear K6R0 - Outstanding

It is obvious that the FCC will act if we provide enough input to  
identify the jammers and their patters of operation. So, log them,  
DF them if you can and get the data to Steve, **N6ST**.

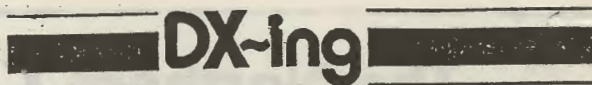
Finally, I have received many complaints regarding excessive use of  
the repeater by certain members. Remember, it is a special purpose  
repeater and being a member does not give anyone the right to use  
it as a private telephone system. Think before you chatter---" is  
this transmission necessary ?" Some of these members (**over users**)  
have been warned and will be warned again, but they seem to forget  
and fall back into their constant chattering. It has been suggested  
that expulsion from the club may be necessary to turn them off. I  
sincerely hope this will never be necessary. Think before you talk  
-- you may be the one we're talking about. It's not always the other  
guy.....

73, Chuck **K6RK**

NOTE: We will be electing two new board members at the December 9th Christmas Party.



# OFFICIAL 1983 NCDXC MARATHON RESULTS



## CW ONLY

1. N6QR	187	countries
2. W6BIP	159	
3. WA6SIX	149	
4. K6RK	135	
5. N6AN	122	
6. WA6AUE	121	
7. N6DJM	114	
8. W6DU	111	
9. WA6DJI	108	
10. KE6PQ	102	
11. N6JM	75	

## SSB ONLY

1. WA6AHF	186
2. W6ITH	173
3. K6TMB	155
4. WD6ERK	144
5. WB6WKM	111
6. KB6JK	84

## MIXED MODE

1. W6BSY	193	
2. WA6HAT	157	
3. WB6CUA	138	by Len K6ANP
4. W6GO	106	Contest Chmn

## DEAR'S LAW

Erratic behavior and unusually high levels of anxiety observed during the last day or so of the Malpelo DXpedition is explained by **DEAR'S LAW** of time. Simply stated, "Time becomes dear with time." Less simply stated, "Time becomes excruciatingly dear near shutdown time." Fortunately, the phenomenon is self-limiting, as normal behavior and relaxed emotional state return in due time. Unfortunately the syndrome is experienced by some several times each year - **Dr DX**

## MALPELO EPITAPH

Malpelo came and went

My DX energy is all spent,  
I didn't work them even once,  
I guess I'm just a DX dunce.  
(1 hr after shut down - **N6XI**)

## BY1PK - VE7BC

Tom and his wife are back home now. Small percentage of QSL's waiting. Tom has no knowledge of the up and coming JA operation. He says the next SSB operation will be in April.

**ONLY A RUMOR** - Tom reports it was an unfounded rumor that he was forced to shut down on orders of the Chinese government. He had no intentions of operating for 6 weeks, as he had work to else where. The sports center was closed for a radio control model airplane demonstration. During his operation there were 50 pairs of headphones plugged into his receiver.

## XU1SS

Has been approved and your **QSL's** will be accepted.

## KL7RA/P - PRIVALOFF Is.

This one is still questionable although many of the DX Advisory members are impressed with the documentation.

## VP2MEV/AJ6V

This November Ed will return to **MONTERRAT** to operate in the 1983 **CQWW CW CONTEST**, on all bands 160 through 10 meters. Prior to the contest weekend he will operate SSB and CW on all bands. **QSL to AJ6V.**

## F00JO and F00OJ

Jay and Jan O'Brien are returning to paradise again and plan to operate once more from Moorea in French Polynesia. There will be two rigs this time. Jan will work SSB, while Jay concentrates on **CQWW CW** contest.





## DXING Continued

### A35ZM/K6ZM

With the CQWW SSB contest over Phil will now move on and operate from the **Kingdom of Tonga**. Look for him from Nove 8 through Nov 24.

### KC7UU/5U

Chuck was scheduled to operate from 5U during November, but has had to postpone operation until January.

### KH5 JARVIS ISLAND

Look for this one to appear around the 3rd of November through the 9th of November. It is confirmed that the operators are on their way. It looks as if **JARVIS** will now have to substitute for **PALMYRA**. Palmyra is privately owned and the owners are now involved in a law suit involving the **K6LPL** gang. Understandibly the owners are now a little gun shy about letting amateur go to the island.

### DX LADDER

DX ladder updates should be mailed to **KK6X** by **THANKSGIVING** in order to be included in the December DXer. The DX ladder will be printed quarterly during the months of December, March, June, and September. Roughly one-fourth of the membership participates with the ladder. How nice it would be to have two or three times as many. Remember, the ladder is for those looking forward to doing good, as well as those that have already done well. Share the enjoyment of your climb up the ladder. **KK6X**

### ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTION

At the "ARRL National Convention" featured within the DX track, was a series of debates about subjects of general interest to DXers. One such topic concerned a paper submitted by Marti, **OH2BH**, proposing the abolition of spotting nets during ARRL sponsored contest. The format was to have panel

members comment on the proposal. The panel included **W4BAI**, **G4GFX**, **K1ZX**, **K7GM**, **N6AA**, and others. The issue was intended to address the "...within 500 meters..." requirement, and the so called "single op" entry. The entire discussion was devoted to the cheating aspect and whether or not cheaters could be controlled through rule changes, peer pressure, or any other means. Ultimately, the straw vote by the audience was approximately 5 to 1 to leave the rules "as is". Some of the concepts and comments are interesting:

- § spotting nets are unique to metropolitan areas
- § spotting net rules are unenforceable
- § total enforcement is not necessary to effect an improvement in contesting
- § contesting serves many worthy purposes beyond "win, place, and show"
- § create new category for single operator + 2 meters
- § the few percent that do not follow the present rules will not follow future rules
- § the "spirit of the contest" and intent of the rules needs to be emphasized
- § return ethics to a place of high value through gentlemanly and gentlewomanly behavior

### CALLBOOKS - SPECIAL ORDER NOW

Once again the club is ordering **US** and **DX CALLBOOKS** in bulk. This will permit members to buy them at a greatly reduced rate:

**US \$13.00 DX \$12.30**  
**BOTH \$25.30**

Mail your checks and orders to:

Dennis Jones **NU6O**  
3938 Fordham Ave  
Livermore, CA 94550

ORDER NOW - TIME IS LIMITED



**REDWOOD EMPIRE DX ASSOCIATION**

# KK6X

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB**

**JAMES "Jim" HICKS**  
 Wife: **PAT**  
 Children: **JIM-20**  
               **LeANN-18**

Born and raised in **PLAINVIEW, TEXAS**, Jim married his high school sweetheart, **PAT**, and went off to Texas Tech College. In 1959 he enlisted in the US Army and was trained as a Morse Intercept Operator. He served in Turkey and in 1961 he transferred to **TWO ROCK Station**, in Petaluma.

QSO WITH	CONFIRMING QSO						
	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	UTC	MHz	RST	2 WAY

**SONOMA COUNTY**

- Pse QSL Tnx   
 Direct  Via Bureau

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**JAMES L. "JIM" HICKS,**  
**2260 SANTA FE DRIVE,**  
**SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA 95405**

While serving at Two Rock, Jim was the NCOIC of the **MARS** station. In 1963 he was discharged from the Army and went to work for **OCLI** (Optical Coating Labs, Inc.). Jim has been with **OCLI** ever since, and is currently the Senior Sales Engineer for the Infa Red Industrial Production Division. Jim recounts that on the third day of his new job he was assigned to assist another man with the filling and loading of liquid nitrogen bottles. He had of course been thoroughly briefed on the hazards of working with liquid nitrogen and he inquired of the man he was working with, if he knew the hazards. Jim was not sure that the man was aware of the potential danger and later made a comment to his supervisor about the man lack of knowledge. His supervisors response was, " I doubt that, he **IS MR OCLI.**"

Jim became interested in amateur radio between 1946-48 and even though he could pass the code test he could not master the theory. In 1962 he obtained a General class and in 1980 his Extra. His calls have been **WA5CLL**, **WB6PWY**, and now **KK6X**. He spends 95% of his operating time on **CW**. His biggest DX thrill was working the **1S1DX**, Spratly operation. His current DX count is: Mixed 270; CW 236 and SSB 205.

Jim is a member of the DXer staff.





## OCTOBER MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At 7:15 pm on 10 October 1983 K6RK opened the meeting at W6VG's home with W6GO, K6TMB, W6VG, WB6WKM, K6UD and WBZUC attending.

K6RK presented the 1982-83 financial report which was sent to the auditor, K6KQN, Vince Chinn. It was moved, seconded and noted. WB6WKM presented the current financial report to the board.

W6GO has received 6 suggestions for repeater standards and will give the report next time.

The committee to review procedure manual standards for the DXer of the Year (K6DC, W6JZU, K6SSJ and N6QR) held a meeting to review the criteria and recommended a rating checklist. Their feeling is that the selection committee should also nominate people. The committee will make final recommendations to the next board meeting.

A letter from W7YR reported winning a 40M antenna (given by Signal Engineering) at the Visalia convention and which he has not received after repeated attempts. Signal Engineering has sold the amateur beam business and the new owner may not recognize that gift. The board approved giving him an equal amount of money if AA6AD cannot get the gift of a beam from the new owners.

The board approved the following logo pin prices: \$3.00 for one; \$5.00 for 2 and \$10.00 for 5.

The November meeting will be held at Harrys in Palo Alto.

The December meeting will be held at the Palo Alto Elks (next to Dinah's Shack) and the roast turkey dinner for \$12.00 was chosen. This includes taxes and tip. Drinks will be \$1.75. An application form for attendance to the dinner will be in the next DXer.

K6RK could use some fresh ideas for the January meeting.

N6AN's convention report which had input from 5 people will be at the next board meeting by request of W6GO.

W6GO said that he and Jan, K6HHD, will not be available to order and deliver the 1984 callbooks. We could use a volunteer to do the job as a club service. Last year they took orders for 94 books. The domestic book drops \$6.95 in price and the foreign drops \$6.95 on orders of 25 or more books.

The next board meeting will be November 7th.

The zip code for the club postal box is now 94026 0608.

W6VG, Ron, has prepared the roster format and W6PKB has done the artwork. As soon as Dave, N6AUS, can give the computer printout the presses will roll for the yearly printing of the roster.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Clarke, WB6ZUC  
Secretary



## OCTOBER MEETING NCDXC

The 14 October meeting of the NCDXC was held at Harry's Hofbrau with K6RK opening the meeting at 7:30pm. The evening's guests were: WB6FAO, KB6DN, VK9YB, K6OG, N6OZ, WB6UGG and Mr. Marti-Volkoff of the FCC.

The 11 November meeting will be at Miguels (changed later to Harry's Hofbrau) and the December 9th Christmas meeting at the Palo Alto Elks with a turkey dinner for \$12.00.

K6TMB said that during the CQWW contest the following stations (some are club members) will be on the air: Kp4-Jim Niger, PJ2FR, T11A (W6SZN, K6HNZ, W6TPH, AE6U), KH6MD (AI6V and gang) V3Ø, K6WJ/DU, XE2BC (WB6EXW, K6KLY and gang), VE7WJ, HK3 (Lloyd and Iris), CEØA (K6MYC, JKV), AL7H (K6OMB and KH6DD).

KA6ING is taking a list for the 2 meter spotting net, for the contest. NU60 phoned Fred Laun in Bogota to find that the club letter had not been received. The Island had stormy weather the evening before: hence they lost some of their antennas and were not on 80 the evening before. They were asked to listen for the west coast.

K6UD announced that on the 10th of August the Dept. of Justice had filed a suit against Donald Rhodes to collect the \$700 forfeiture fine. Surveillance reports are still very much needed for the remaining jammers and the club could still use more funds for this purpose. He introduced the speaker, Mr. Marti-Volkoff, who is the Engineer in charge of the SF district office of the FCC.

Mr. Volkoff said that his job is to handle complaints for the FCC. He said that the current administration is reducing funds and stressing de-regulation, but that in 6 or 7 months it is expected that the amateur community will have a voluntary force to do some of the work. The FCC field offices can now levy fines but forfeiture of license must go through the law judge procedure. Any act that is knowingly committed can now be called "willful" interference. The use of indecent language or profanity will be enforced by the Dept. of Justice. It was pointed out that club co-operation and effort and participation is most helpful. Volunteer monitoring was stressed. KA6NEX was recognized as attending and told he could stay since this was an open club meeting. Finally, K6UD again asked that members please continue to collect data.

First readings were given for Larry Souza, WB6BWO and George L. Meek W6IC.

Second readings were given for KJ6Z, Steve Sledge, and NQ6E, Robert Norman and both were voted in. Welcome to both of you and we all wish you happy DXing.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine CLarke, WB6ZUC  
Secretary



## THE DXer--A DISSAPPOINTMENT

Yes, this issue is a small one and you are not anymore dissapointed than we are. We thank you for the nice compliments on the last issue and as much as we would like to take credit for it we cannot. The content of the DXer is determined by the participation of the NCDXC members. The DXer staff is primarily responsible for the assembly and processing of the articles submitted by the members. When input is small the output is equally small. We hope to increase the output by creating the new addition of the **Up Close and Personal** articles. The NCDXC holds a prominent position in the DX community around the world and thusly the DXer must properly represent that prestige. Many of you are privy to information about future DXpedition but for some reason are reluctant to share it with us. Also many of you have made technical improvements in your rigs that would be of interest to many of our members. The prominence of the NCDXC should be reflected in its newsletter. The ultimate comment about the DXer, should be "I read it first in the DXer."

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE: DECEMBER 9, 1983  
TIME: COCKTAILS : 6:30 PM  
PLACE: PALO ALTO ELKS CLUB  
4249 EL CAMINO REAL  
PALO ALTO, CA

ENTERTAINMENT: Ken & Jean Keeler  
Good time music- Banjo & Singing

GIFT: Santa Claus will pass out exchange gifts (\$3.00)  
Be sure to indicate man or woman on your gift

YOU MUST PAY IN ADVANCE TO INSURE A DINNER:

Make check payable to NCDXC

Mail check to WB6WKM  
Besure to include your call on the check.

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PLEASE RESERVE \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE FOR US AT THE NCDXC CHRISTMAS DINNER. MY CHECK FOR \_\_\_\_\_  
IS ENCLOSED.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CALL \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

If all that you want is an announcement each month about the location and time of the next meeting, than we can save the club a lot of money by sending out post cards each month.

Its your contributions and only yours that will ensure the DXer its proper position as a repre-tive of the NCDXC.

If you have always wanted to submit articles but didn't feel you could write well enough, then send us the basic information and we will attempt to put it in words for you.

### Calendar of Events

Nov. 26-27	CQ WW DX C.W. Contest
Dec. 2-4	ARRL 160 Meter Contest
Dec. 3-4	TOPS 3.5 MHz CW Contest
Dec. 3-4	Telco. Pioneers QSO Party
† Dec. 3-4	Spanish Phone Contest
† Dec. 10-11	Spanish CW Contest
Dec. 10-11	ARRL 10 Meter Contest
† Dec. 10-11	Hungarian CW Contest
Jan.1- Dec.31	U.B.A. SWL Competition
Jan. 2-10	New Zealand Scout Jamboree
Jan. 14	"Hunting Lions" Contest
Jan. 14-15	White Rose SWL LF Contest
Jan. 21-22	Michigan QRP Club Contest
† Jan. 21-22	Hungarian DX Contest
Jan. 27-29	CQ WW DX 160 C.W. Contest
Jan. 29-30	Classic Radio Exchange
Feb. 11-12	QCWA CW QSO Party
Feb. 11-12	YL-OM Phone Contest
Feb. 11-12	Dutch PACC Contest
Feb. 18-19	ARRL DX CW Contest
Feb. 24-26	CQ WW DX 160 S.S.B. Contest
Mar. 3-4	ARRL DX Phone Contest

DINNER : 7:30 PM

MENU: TURKEY & TRIMMINGS

PRICE: \$12.00 Per Person  
(this includes tax/tip)



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**CHAIRMAN:** Charlie Kump W6ZYC  
**Input Frequency:** 147.96 MHz  
**Output Frequency:** 147.36 MHz  
**Suggested Simplex** 147.54 MHz

**NCDXC THURSDAY NIGHT NET**

On W6TI/R Thursday at 8:00 PM

**NET CONTROL:** Dave Barton AF6S

**DX NEWS:** Phil Garrahan W6LQC

**PROPAGATION:** Al Lotze W6RQ

**WEST LINK:** Jay O'Brien W6GO

**CONTEST NEWS:** Len Geraldi K6ANP

**SWAP SHOP:** Dick Letrich WB6WKM

**QSL INFO:** Jay O'Brien W6GO

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W6TI, the NCDXC Memorial Station broadcasts DX bulletins each

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