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NO MEETING IN APRIL!!!
DUE TO THE
INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION!!!
SEE YOU IN
FRESNO

The Prez sez;

Here it is April and DX Convention time. It's the annual opportunity to have "eyeball visits" with our counterparts in Southern California and the rest of the world. You will observe the deserving receive well earned recognition for outstanding achievement in areas of contesting, club support and overall contribution to the DX Fraternity. Also, you will attend some great presentations on DX-peditions. In the hospitality room, you will see how the "big guns" handle the pile ups at the bar.

I'll be looking forward to seeing you in Fresno; particularly, those of you who have difficulty making the regular monthly meetings.

Let me close with one request. I'll be riding down to the Convention with Lyle, N6BLN. He tells me if I win the main prize this year; as I did last year, I'll be walking home!! So, when I ask one of you for a ride, please be understanding. TNX.

Gud DXing,

Len, K6ANP

CAMERON PIERCE

1918-1985

It is with deep sorrow and regret that we report the passing of Cam Pierce, K6RU on February 28th. Cam was very active in various radio clubs in the Bay Area including the NCDXC, NCCC, Palo Alto RC and the NCDXF, where at one time he was a director. He was an avid contester, a DXer, a DXpeditioner, a designer, a builder, an innovator and a motivator.

Cam was a native Northern Californian. Born in San Francisco, son of a prominent plastic surgeon, he was reared in Hillsborough, attended San Mateo High School and graduated from Stanford University in 1941 with a masters degree in radio engineering.

He had a very successful business career. He worked on the development of radar with General Electric Co. during World War II. Following the war, he was chief engineer for ABC-TV during the early days of television. He was nominated for an Emmy award for technical achievement for his work while at ABC. He became president and CEO of Ling Electronics in Anaheim, one of the first video corporations. He owned and operated Cameron Pierce Electronics in Honolulu for five years. Upon his return to the Bay Area, he worked as an electronics representative for several Silicon Valley firms. He was an avid Field Day participant, attested to by the high scores made by the Palo Alto RC and the Honolulu RC under Cam's supervision. In November 1981, he operated as ZK2RU from the island of NUIE in the CQ World Wide CW DX Contest. He was a past editor of the NCCC, Jug and the NCDXC DXer.

His key is now silent. His energy and enthusiasm will be sorely missed by those of us who knew him.

Hal Godfrey
N6AN

CALIFORNIA AWARD PRESENTED TO IRIS COLVIN, W6QL.

The California Award was presented to Iris at the March 8th meeting of the NCDXC for the Yasme Dxpediton operation of her FGOFOK call in Guadeloupe. The presentation of Award #440 was made by Phil, K6ZM and marked a "first" in the history of this award. This was the first time the award was issued with all twenty of the required NCDXC members, whose QSL's were used for the award, actually present at the ceremony. Those who had worked FGOFOK and were present at the meeting were; W6TEX, K6ANP, N6JV, WB6ZUC, N6ST, K6ZM, W6BJH, W6FGD, K6LM, W6CF, K8ZTT/6, K6SSJ, K6AAW, WA6SIX, W6NA, W6ISQ, W6BSY, N6AN, KA6DXY and W6KG.

Congratulations, Iris!

PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA

There are now six active amateur radio stations in the Peoples Republic of China. Your chances of working this once elusive country are getting better with each passing day:

BY1PK - Chinese Radio Sports Association, Box 6106, Beijing,
P.R.China

BY4AA - Chinese Radio Sports Association, Box 205, Shanghai,
P.R.China

BY5RA - Box 730, Fuzhou, P.R.China

BY8AA - Box 607, Chendu, P.R.China

BY1QH - Qing Hau University, Beijing, P.R.China

BY5RF - Chinese Science & Technology Association of Fujian
Government, Fujian, P.R.China

Tnx to NCDXF

Hal N6AN

PACIFIC NORTH WEST DX CONVENTION

The British Columbia DX Club announces that the 33rd Annual Pacific North West DX Convention will take place at the Richmond Inn, Richmond, British Columbia, Saturday and Sunday, July 27 and 28, 1985. Further convention information will be in the mail, soon for all club members. Should you desire advance information, please contact the Convention Chairman who is;

Ken Thompson, VE7BXG
12467 Fifty Third Ave.
Surrey, B.C. V3W 1A4.

TWO NAMED TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President, Len Gerald, K6ANP advises that Ted Davis, W6BJH and Roger Gearhart, W6PKB have been named to the Nominating Committee. Ted and Roger will agree on the name of another person to serve on the committee of three for nominating candidates to run for club offices.

MORE ON THE IC-02AT:

Brad Wyatt, K6WR has some more news on the IC-02AT modifications which were published in the March 1985 issue of THE DXer. Brad writes;

"I have now tried the changes I suggested in the diagram in the HM-9. I find that the difference is worthwhile. I suggest that making the change in the wiring for the microphone requires a good sharp point on the soldering pencil.

Brad also forwarded a follow up note from ICOM regarding a change to the receiver audio;

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

RE: IC-02AT

Although it is not on the factory approved modification list, you can change C117, a .22 mfd cap, for a .05 to .1 mfd value. This will give you increased audio output and higher frequency response. This modification is not approved due to the possibility of over driving the speaker. It must be done at your own risk. In actual practice, this has not occurred, but the possibility remains. Not being an approved modification we cannot perform it in the shop.

Brad wrote that he had heard of this, but this was the first specific information he was able to obtain. He had not tried it, but K6RQ, Frank Glass had tried just clipping out the capacitor altogether. According to Frank, it made the audio louder, all right, but it also makes it more raspy. Brad concludes that, "The suggestion to substitute a .05 to .1 mfd (cap) might be a preferred solution."

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Martti Laine, OH2BH has a CX11 transceiver he wants to sell. It will be accompanied to Fresno by Wayne Gingerich, W6EUF who will make it available for inspection, carressing or purchase. The purchase price: \$3000.00 (half the original purchase price).
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HI HI

When someone says, "That's a good question," you can be sure it's a lot better than the answer you're going to get.

-Quoted in Chicago Tribune

Received a note from John Minke, N6JM, DX Editor for "Worldradio" with a copy of a letter from Chuck Martin, AB4Y in Maputo, Mozambique...Chuck claims there is NO legal operation from Mozambique...any stations heard from there are "bootleg"...but the climate for amateur radio has improved noticeably...obtaining a license is a realizable goal. Chuck is planning a DX-pedition to Juan de Nova/Europa in July of this year...will be at the Dayton Hamfest in April to talk more about it.

Erik Edlund, W6DU reports that Erik, SMOAGD plans to participate in a DX-pedition to St. Brandon (3B7) with Thor, LA7XR and Jacky, 3B8CF. Timing...expected to be in April...Noting Jacky's success in working USA on 80 meters, Erik hopes they won't be too late for some good openings on that band...they're seeking permission to work from some of the French FR7 islands, but aren't optimistic about their chances of having it granted.

By the way; if you're out of town or the country during April, all isn't lost for 3B7. Morris, N6DJM reports his friend, Ian will be going there in July. You may be able to QSO with him.

We also hear that VE7FXT is bouncing around Africa signing such things as VE3FXT/ZS4 and 7P8BE...word is he'll also be activating H5FXT, which really isn't exciting unless you're looking for South Africa.

Ron, ZLIAMO has been busy from Tonga signing A35EA... he plans to be in Fresno... hope to see him there.

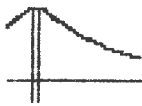
And while Ron was in Tonga, our own W6FGD, Marv was operating from ZL, signing ZLOAAF. Several club members worked Marv on 15M CW.

The ZC4 picture appears to be getting fuzzier... reports are that ZC4 calls were only issued by the UK and therefore, were controlled by them. If any of these calls were issued to Cypriot Nationals, they were done so under control of the UK.... don't know how this will set with the Gurus at ARRL, but it bears watching.

ZC4MR has been showing up on the W7PHO FAMILY HOUR net three or four times each week at around 1600Z...Word is he'll be there for around three years... so if you don't have him and you're not a purist, be patient... all good things come to those who wait.

And while on the subject of waiting ... rumor has it that odds are better than even that the Pribiloffs, KL7RA/P will become a new country!! So if you've worked this one, be patient. It's looking better... Also from the grapevine; 4U1VIC is looking pretty good, too.

The last word from the Clipperton Gang was that they will probably land on the island around 1700 UTC on April 4th with operation to begin as soon as daylight permits them to get set up. By the time you get this, the operation will most likely be in full swing. The gang was also hoping to stop at XF4 enroute and operate from there for 24 to 36 hours on April 2nd. Since I need 'em both, I'll see you in the pile ups.



DX-CERPTS ...

(CONT'D)

Baldur, DJ6SI finally started operating from Uganda signing 5X5BD ... several club members worked him on 20m CW on March 30th. He only planned to be there thru April 3rd, though. So when you read this he'll probably be gone ... you might however, be able to work KC7UU, who will be QRV from April 3rd thru 9th signing 5X5UU.

Word is that 7Q7LW has returned from holiday and is again QRV from Malawi ... we also hear that 9U5JB will back on the air soon with ON5NT doing the honors ... plans to be QRV from April 5th thru 15th.

It appears that K6AYA will be operating 4U1VIC ... time frame to be late April ... and a little closer to home: the Navassa DX-pedition was to begin operations on April 1st ... signing (?).

As we went to press this month C21DX & C21BD were working from Nauru with some 80m operation around 1330 UTC at 3790 KHz

Finally, W7MAP, Chuck has been reported to be going to China where he will operate BY1QH and possibly BY1PK sometime around April 12th - 29th.

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MORE ON ST. BRANDON (3B7): The following is some last minute information received from Erik, SMOAGD concerning the upcoming DX-pedition to 3B7, St. Brandon:

DATE: Approx. April 12, 1985 for one to two weeks, depending on transportation.

BANDS: 10 thru 160 CW & SSB

OPERATORS: 3B8CF, Jacky; LA7XB, Thor; SMOAGD, Erik

QSL CARDS: Each operator will handle his own cards. So please, QSL to the HOME QTH (NOT to SM3CX5)

OPERATION: Erik writes, "We will try some new methods of working the SSB pile up ... During the upcoming 3B7-expedition we will, from time to time use Split Channel Operation ... Instead of asking you to spread over a portion of the band, we will ask you to zero beat on specific frequencies ... For example: On 20 m we will be transmitting on 14195 KHz. The operator may announce his receive frequencies to be 14200, -220, -240 ... etc, depending on the size of the pile-up. We have modified our transceiver so we can scan through 8 memories where we have programmed our receive frequencies. Don't call in between the channels because there we are not listening and we must leave room for other activities on the band ... You can tune your TX to one of the channels and you have a better chance to QSO ... On CW we will operate like we always did, listening a few KHz up or down ... Please give us a call.

73 de Erik/ SMOAGD"

EM, EO, ER, EU, EV, EW

The USSR's celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Great Patriotic War 1941 - 1945 has been underway since New Year's Day and will finish May 5, 1985. Numerous stations using special prefixes in the EM, EO, ER, EU, EV, and EW series are now active (see QRZ DX #85-03 for an explanation of callsigns). The following list of special callsigns, compiled by F6AXX, was adapted from LES NOUVELLES DX (FE6AJA, Editor):

CALL	QTH	OBL	CALL	QTH	OBL
EMPCOR	Recica	UC 007	EOGG	Jerevan	UG 004
EMPCVN	Novopolock	UC 006	EOGGGL	Linendi	UG 004
EMZC	Minsk	UC 108	EO7L	Alma Ata	UL 190
EM4BNG	Krasnodon	UB 059	EO8I	Tashkent	UI 109
EM6AAK	Krasnodar	UA6 101	EO8M	Frunze	UN 036
EM6AYN	Majkop	UA6 102	EO9AAA	Chelabinsk	UA9 165
EM8CCN		UC 009	EO9AAC	Wlass	UA9 165
EM8CIL	Lida	UC 008	EO9AAN	Magnitogorsk	UA9 165
EM8CSB	Bobruisk	UC 010	EO9AAZ	Zlatoust	UA9 165
EO9AAK	Krasnojarsk	UA9 103	EO9ACI	Irbit	UA9 154
EO9ACK	Komomolsk Na Amure	UA9 110	EO9ACP	Pervouralsk	UA9 154
EO1AAK	Kronstadt	UA1	EO9ACS	Sverdlovsk	UA9 154
EO1ACK	Kingisepp	UA1 136	EO9AFF	CusovoJ	UA9 140
EO1ACL	Luga	UA1 136	EO9AHT	Toesk	UA9 150
EO1ACT	Tihvin	UA1 136	EO9ADM	Novosibirsk	UA9 145
EO1ANP	Petrozavodsk	UA1 008	EO9AQK	Kurgan	UA9 134
EO1A0A	Arkangeisk	UA1 113	EO9AUM	Movokuzneck	UA9 130
EO1A0S	Severodvinsk	UA1 113	EO9AUP	Prokopjevsk	UA9 130
EO1AQV	Volgoda	UA1 120	EO9AYB	Bernaui	UA9 099
EO1ATN	Novgorod	UA1 144	EO9H	Ashabad	UH 043
EO1ATS	Starjia Russia	UA1 144	ER3A	Moscow	UA3 170
EO1AWL	Velikije Luki	UA1 149	EU1Q	Riga	UQ 037
EO1AMP	Pskov	UA1 149	EU1R	Tallinn	UR 003
EO1AZK	Kandalaksa	UA1 143	EU2C	Minsk	UC 100
EO1AZN	Murmansk	UA1 143	EU2P	Vilnius	UP 030
EO2CSH	Mogilev	UC 010	EU3A	Moscow	UA3 170
EO2CWO	Orsa	UC 006	EU4F	Tbilisi	UF 012
EO2OGL	Liepaja	UQ 037	EU50	Kisinev	UD 039
EO2R	Tallinn	UR 003	EU5T	Kiev	UB 106
EO3ADN	Naro Fominsk	UA3 142	EU60	Baku	UD 001
EO3ADS	Serpuhov	UA3 142	EU6G	Jerevan	UG 006
EO3AEO	Orel	UA3 147	EU7L	Alma Ata	UL 190
EO3AIR	Rzev	UA3 126	EUBI	Tashkent	UI 053
EO3ALE	Einja	UA3 155	EUBM	Frunze	UN 036
EO3ALS	Smolensk	UA3 155	EU9H	Ashabad	UH 043
EO3AQW	Voronez	UA3 121	EU9J	Ousanbe	UJ 040
EO3ATD	Dzerzinsk	UA3 122	EV9AO	Ulan Ude	UA9 085
EO3AVK	Kovrov	UA3 119	EV9AQ	Iakutsk	UA9 090
EO3AWK	Kursk	UA3 135	EV9AY	Kyzyl (zone 23)	UA9 159
EO3AYB	Brjansk	UA3 118	EV1AN	Petrozavodsk	UA1 088
EO3AYD	Djatkovo	UA3 118	EV3FY	Suhumi	UF 013
EO3AZB	Belgorod	UA3 117	EV4AP	Kazan	UA4 094
EO4AES	Volgograd	UA4 156	EV4AS	Joskar Ola	UA4 091
EO4AHK	Kubyshev	UA4 133	EV4AU	Saransk	UA4 092
EO4APK	Kazan	UA4 094	EV4AN	Ustinov	UA4 095
EO4AWI	Ustinov	UA4 095	EV4AY	Ceboksary	UA4 097
EO5BCK	Korsun Sevckenkovski	UB 080	EV5FQ	Batumi	UF 014
EO5BED	Onepropetrovsk	UB 060	EV6AI	Elista	UA6 089
EO5BEP	Pavlograd	UB 060	EV6AJ	Ordzonikidze	UA6 093
EO5BGH	Herson	UB 078	EV6AP	Grozny	UA6 096
EO5BIM	Makhejvka	UB 073	EV6AW	Mahackala	UA6 086
EO5BIY	Zdanov	UB 073	EV6AX	Malcik	UA6 087
EO5BJF	Feodosija	UB 067	EV7DN	Mahichevan	UD 002
EO5BLH	Markov	UB 077	EV81Z	Mukus	UI 056
EO5BQN	Melitopol	UB 064	EV9AV	Ufa	UA9 084
EO5O	Kisinev	UD 039	EV9AX	Syktyvkar	UA9 090
EO6AAS	Soci	UA6 101	EW9CL	Brest	UC 005
EO6AAT	Tuapse	UA6 101	EW1AA	Leningrad	UA1 169
EO6AHG	Georgievsk	UA6 108	EW2C	Minsk	UC 108
EO6AHJ	Pjatigorsk	UA6 108	EW3A	Moscow	UA3 170
EO6AHK	Kislovodsk	UA6 108	EW3AP	Tula	UA3 160
EO6AHS	Stavropol	UA6 108	EW4AA	Volgograd	UA4 156
EO6AJ0	Ordzonikidze	UA6 093	EW5T	Kiev	UB 106
EO6ALR	Rostov	UA6 150	EW6AA		UA6 101
EO6AWK	Kizljar	UA6 086	EW7BF	Odessa	UB 078
EO6D	Baku	UD 001	EW8TJ	Sevastopol	UB 067
EO6F	Tbilisi	UF 012	EW9BJ	Kerc	UB 067

USSR "VICTORY-40" AWARD

There has been some discussion on the repeater, recently, about this award. Some of the questions raised may be answered by the following, which was extracted from "USSR TIDBITS #26" by Tom Frenaye, KIKI:
 "...In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the victory in World War II, there are special call signs (until May 12th) and a new award - Victory-40.

.../R - war veterans

Special memorial stations:

EW... - hero cities

EU... - capitals of each re-public(15)

EV... - capitals of autonomous republics

EM... - former cities of guerilla movements

EO... - cities awarded medals for their contributions towards the victory

From Moscow there is special station ER3A.

Each contact for North American stations is worth 4 points, and only 40 points are needed to qualify for the Victory-40 award. Send a list of QSO's (verified by two hams or a club officer) to Box 88 before January 1, 1986. No QSL's are needed. It is supposed to be the most attractive Soviet award in years..."

Tnx, Steve, WC6I

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GREY LINE CHARTS

Compliments of:
ERIK, W6DU

COUNTRY	PREFIX	SS/SR	DISTANCE	HEADING
ALBERTA	VE6	SS	1025	21
ARMENIA	UG6	SR	15500	190
AZERBAIJAN	UD6	SR	15478	188
BRITISH COLUMBIA	VE7	SS	937	356
CALIFORNIA	W6-CA	SS	160	98
CROZET	F88W	SR	11378	335
DAVIS STATION	VK0	SR	12753	14
DJIBOUTI	J2-FLB	SR	13887	199
ESTONIA	UR2	SR	16801	196
ETHIOPIA	ET	SR	13817	203
EUROPEAN R.S.F.S.R.	UA2	SR	15931	190
FARQUHAR GROUP	VQ9	SR	12536	192
FINLAND	OH	SR	17082	194
GEORGIA	UF6	SR	15640	192
GLORIOSO ISLAND	FR7	SR	12435	204
GREENLAND	OX-XP	SR	18450	203
IDAHO	W7-ID	SS	518	38
IRAN	EP	SR	15033	184
IRAQ	YI	SR	15038	192
JORDAN	JY	SR	15070	199
KAMARAN ISLAND	VS9K	SR	14122	198
KARELLO-FINNISH REPUBLIC	UM1	SR	17056	191
KUWAIT	9K	SR	14825	189
LATVIA	UB2	SR	16713	198
LEBANON	OD	SR	15260	199
LITHUANIA	UP2	SR	16667	198
MADAGASCAR	SR	SR	12009	213
MANITOBA	VE4	SS	1450	38
MARKET REEF	DJO	SR	16976	197
MAWSON STATION	VK0	SR	12583	4
MCMURDO STATION	KC4	SS	7363	194
MONTANA	W7-MT	SS	762	44
NEVADA	W7-NV	SS	302	70
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	VE8	SS	1838	11
NORWAY	LA	SR	17235	202
OREGON	W7-OR	SS	464	11
PITCAIRN ISLAND	VR6	SS	3772	188
REUNION ISLAND	FR	SR	11794	188
SASKATCHEWAN	VE5	SS	1225	26
SAUDI ARABIA	HZ-7Z	SR	14623	194
SCOTT STATION	ZL5	SS	7363	194
SOMALI	60	SR	13512	199
SOUTH YEMEN	70	SR	13980	190
SVALBARD	JW	SR	18243	194
SWEDEN	SK	SR	17089	199
SYRIA	YK	SR	15285	197
TROMELIN ISLAND	FR	SR	12103	190
TURKEY	TA	SR	15550	198
UKRAINE	UBS	SR	16166	197

COUNTRY	PREFIX	SS/SR	DISTANCE	HEADING
UTAH	W7-UT	SS	531	76
VOSTOK STATION	UA1	SR	13532	13
WASHINGTON	W7-WA	SS	578	7
WHITE R.S.S.R.	UC2	SR	16445	198
YEMEN	4W	SR	13977	196

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ALBERTA	VE6	SR	1025	21
ARIZONA	W7-AZ	SR	533	110
ASIATIC R.S.F.S.R.	UA9-0	SS	17192	151
BRITISH COLUMBIA	VE7	SR	937	356
CALIFORNIA	W6-CA	SR	160	98
CHINA	BY	SS	15762	146
CROZET	F88W	SS	11378	335
EASTER ISLAND	CE0A	SR	3933	167
FOSSIL BLUFF STATION	VP8	SR	6931	164
GENERAL BELGRANO STATION	LU	SR	7541	164
IDAHO	W7-ID	SR	518	38
INDIA	VU	SS	14727	153
KAZAKH	UL7	SS	15890	174
KIRGHIZ	UM8	SS	15654	167
LACCADIVE ISLANDS	VU7	SS	13778	160
MALDIVE ISLANDS	80-VS9	SS	13540	159
MEXICO	XE	SR	1436	128
MIZUHO STATION	8J	SS	12945	351
MOLODEZHNYA STATION	UA1	SS	12628	350
NEVADA	W7-NV	SR	302	70
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	VE8	SR	1838	11
OREGON	W7-OR	SR	464	11
PAKISTAN	AP	SS	14885	171
REVILLA GIGEDO ISLANDS	XE4	SR	1261	155
RODRIGUES ISLAND	3B9	SS	11883	163
ROI BAUDOULN STATION	DR4	SS	13059	343
SKY-HI STATION	KC4	SR	6959	167
ST. BRANDON	3B7	SS	12027	177
TADZHIK	UJ8	SS	15381	170
TIBET	AC4	SS	15292	152
WASHINGTON	W7-WA	SR	578	7
YUKON	VY1	SR	1674	347

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CALIFORNIA	W6-CA	SR	160	98
CHINA	BY	SS	15762	146
EASTER ISLAND	CE0A	SR	3933	167
INDIA	VU	SS	14727	153

Convention Notes

by Steve Thomas, N6ST

The 1985 International DX Convention is coming up this Month! As you know the convention is at the Centre Plaza Holiday Inn in Fresno on April 19 to 21. The hotel is easy to find. Take the Ventura Avenue off ramp from Highway 99 east several blocks. The hotel is at 2233 Ventura Avenue and will be on the left side of the street (the North side). The first event is a cocktail party to be held at 7 PM on Friday. The Saturday program is scheduled to start at 9:30 AM.

Help is needed for on-site registration and on-site selling of raffle tickets. To volunteer to help with on-site registration, call Steve, WC6I (formerly KE6PQ). To help with raffle tickets, please call Bruno, AA6AD. If you can't reach them, call me at work at (415) 857-2980 or at home at (408) 257-9209.

NCDXC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING of Mar 12, 1985

Officers: Pres. Len, K6ANP; present, V.P. Lou K6TMB; present, Sec. Dick, WB6WKM; present, Tres. Lyle, N6BLN; present, Sr. Past Pres. Chuck, K6RK; present, Dir. Pete, WB6OOL; absent, Dir. Bob, K6SSJ; present, Repeater Chmn. Charlie, W6ZYC; absent.

Meeting was held at the home of Ron Panton, W6VG. The meeting started at 7:30PM and the first subject was handled by the Convention Chairman, Steve Thomas, N6ST. Pre-registration and committee status was given along with all of the details. Steve and his able group have a lot of fine surprises in store for us. The Convention Patch designed by Bert, WA6SIX was shown to the Board. It is really nice. While this part of the meeting took quite some time, all aspects appear to be very well handled. No doubt that Steve and his committee will keep it smooth.

Pres. Len asked for a progress report from the Sec'y., regarding the non-profit postage status for mailing the DXer. Dick, WB6WKM will continue to pursue the matter, using the Menlo Park Post Office for mailing the DXer. George, WA6O, our new DXer editor (also present at the meeting) will give the DXer to Dick each month for mailing in Menlo Park.

Revisions of the Procedures Manual are being performed by Ron, W6VG, who asked the officers to return their special editions to him so he can update them ASAP. A new printing for the membership will be prepared soon.

The Board voted to make a donation to the NCDXF in memory of Cam Pierce, K6RU.

Donations in the memory of club members who become Silent Keys was discussed. The Board agreed to submit the following proposal to the Club for endorsement at the next regular meeting in May:

"When a club member becomes a Silent Key, the club will donate \$25.00 in his/her memory to a charity specified by the family. Where no charity is named by the family, the donation will be given to the NCDXF in memory of the club member who became a Silent Key."

A sample "all-time" club membership list printed in very small type was passed around and the Board feels that this may be a good way to help those chasing the famous California Award to know if they have worked a member. The utility of this is that many members have changed their calls since they became members. Others send their QSL cards without any indication they are NCDXC members. Having the list printed on "onion skin" paper would add little or no weight to the envelope in which it is sent and would serve to give better information about the membership to those seeking the award. Ron, W6VG will look into this possibility.

A letter was received from an unhappy member who hadn't received his Roster. The oversight was caused by the member's dues having been paid late. It was agreed that a roster would be sent to him immediately.

President Len read a few of the early returns from the "Club Survey". It is, of course, in such small numbers that no trends can be determined. However, it was really nice to see the good suggestions being made. Len was also pleased by the positive response to the survey.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Submitted by Dick Letrich, WB6WKM, Secretary.

NCDXC MEETING OF MARCH 8, 1985
held at
Harry's Hof Brau, Palo Alto

OFFICERS: Pres., Len Gerald, K6ANP; Present
V.P., Lou Beaudet, K6TMB; Absent
Sec'y, Dick Letrich, WB6WKM; Absent
Treas, Lyle Meek, N6BLN; Absent

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by President Len Gerald. The following guests were introduced:

KB6ZV, Rod Stafford
W6ZO, Ray Rinaudo
W6REC, Duane Ausherman
Mary Wilson, XYL of N6JV
WC6H, Rich Cutler

Phil Frazier, K6ZM presented CALIFORNIA AWARD #440 to Iris Colvin, W6QL, for her operation from Guadeloupe. Iris then introduced those club members present at the meeting from whom she had received QSL's for that operation and asked everyone to join her in a round of applause for them.

N6AUV, Ron invited all present to attend the March 25th meeting of the NCCC which will also be a dinner meeting in honor of the '85 Clipperton DX-pedition. Most of the members of the DX-pedition were to be there. Lloyd Colvin, W6KG announced that contacts with the '85 Clipperton DX-pedition will count for the YASME AWARD. Lloyd further explained that the YASME AWARD requires QSL cards from from thirty different YASME sponsored DX-peditions.

In-as-much as the '85 Clipperton DX-pedition was the current topic, K6SSJ, Bob Thompson moved that the NCDXC make a donation of \$500.00 to it. The motion was seconded by WA6AHF, Rubin and considerable discussion ensued. In the course of the discussion, an inquiry was made as to the current state of the treasury. It was reported that there was \$525 in the repeater fund, over \$9000 in the savings account and over \$1000 in the checking account. Upon hearing this, there was a call for the question and the motion carried.

Kip Edwards, W6SZN reported on the outcome of the Clayton City Council meeting regarding a proposed restrictive antenna ordinance, aimed specifically at Bob St. Germain, VE2AQS, a member of NCDXC. An unexpectedly large number of hams attended the meeting, which may have influenced the Council's decision to postpone action until their March 20th meeting. Kip called for the amateur community to again show their support at that meeting.

Ed Radlo, AJ6V reported on a similar ordinance being considered by the City of Los Altos Hills and asked for the Club's support at the Planning Commission meeting to be held there on March 13th. Kip added his comments, spoke in support of Ed's efforts and again called for members' support.

Ralph Hunt, AG6Q then gave an outstanding presentation of his trip through the Orient in connection with attending the SEANET Convention on Penang Island in Malaysia. Ralph's travels through Singapore, Bali, Malaysia, Thailand and Japan were exquisitely

documented by beautiful slides showing us some of the color and customs of these countries. There was even a shot of the bar in the Raffles Hotel in Singapore, where the Singapore Sling was born. In addition, we saw slides of the QTH's and ham shacks of 9V1TL, YD9BC and 9M2PM. Thank you for a very nice program, Ralph.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Contest Committee

KA6W, Ted Algren urged members to submit their summaries for the recent ARRL DX Contest soon, since the ARRL contest judges are "...real sticklers for timeliness...".

Convention Committee

In the absence of N6ST, KA6W reported that he had already received over 200 registrations - including some from foreign countries.

Repeater Committee

No report

OLD BUSINESS

W6PHF, Dave asked if there is some way the club could make an "all time" list of members available to foreign DXers who are trying to earn the CALIFORNIA AWARD. With it they could check their QSL cards to see if any of the "sixes" they have confirmed are NCDXC members. Len agreed to ask the Board of Directors to take up the matter at their next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

W6VG, Ron asked if the club had sent a card to the family of Cam Pierce, K6RU and if the Club was considering a donation in lieu of flowers as requested by the family. It was reported that the Club Secretary had sent a sympathy card to Cam's family and that the matter of a donation would be taken up with the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

Eric Edberg, W6DU announced that Eric Sjolund, SMOAGD would be going to St. Brandon Island (3B7) in early April and hopes to operate from there.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.

The minutes were taken in my absence by WA6O, George Allan. Thank you, George.

Submitted by Dick Letrich, WB6WKM SEC.

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HI HI

A public official in the state of Washington received an unusual knock from an irate taxpayer. It came in the form of a beautiful potted cactus with the terse message: "Sit on it."

-Pasco, Wash., *Tri-City Herald*

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March 18, 1985

To all interested DXers:

The Los Altos Hills Planning Commission's public meeting on the subject of amateur radio antennas that had been scheduled for March 13 was postponed until 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, April 10, at Los Altos Hills town hall (26379 Fremont Road), because of an overcrowded agenda. The Planning Commission made its decision to postpone around noontime the day of the scheduled meeting. Word of the postponement went out on 147.360 and 147.240. About 30 hams showed up anyway, to attend our planned caucus, at which we discussed strategy for the April 10 meeting. Most present at the caucus favored our asking for an ordinance in which fixed towers up to 75' and crankups having a maximum height up to 95' would be legal upon completion of an inspection based solely on safety. Local hams will volunteer to assist the town in making these safety inspections. These height limits are much higher than those put forth in the town's initial proposal for a new ordinance. The town's proposed limits are based solely on aesthetics, and would severely restrict amateur radio in Los Altos Hills.

W6JZU, W6JKV, WB6JXU, W6QHS, N6ICV, W6SZN, N6DA, WB6UOM, N6OO, N6BT, AA6AD and others were prepared to give to the Commission personal testimony regarding amateur radio's humanitarian activities as well as the technical reasons our antennas must be a certain height. The Planning Commission was impressed with this lineup of planned speakers, as well as with our ability to mobilize large numbers of people in a short period of time. If you are interested in improving the regulatory environment within which amateur radio operates, you will, in my opinion, be able to cause a favorable impact by attending the April 10 meeting.

73 from Ed Radlo, AJ6V/VP2MEV

Ed Radlo

NEW SECTION ADDED TO CLUB ROSTER

It is planned that future issues of the Club Roster will include an "IN MEMORIUM" section, listing the names and call signs of all NCDXC members who have passed on. The following is a listing of known deceased Club members, covering the period 1976 through early 1985.

W6WX	Dave Baker	W6ISI	Arnold Dumetz
W6PB	Dan O'Brien	N6OV	James Terry
W6QLH	Bud Downey	W6LP	Alden Clark
W6TI	Horace Greer	W6FQF	Harold Shimota
W6UPV	Ray Brennan	W6EJA	Charles Henry
K6CU	Joseph Bridges	W6CLS	John Steventon
WB6OJO	Wes Louden	W6BJB	Mas Takata
W6TTS	Gene Darlington	W6CDJ	Walter Cooper
W6DAA	Jesse Saddler	K6TXR	Bill Vette
WB6CAB	Vern King	N6NP	Henry Davis
K6DQF	Walter Gallegos	W6OCH	Larry Barton
K6AO	John Fogg	K6VY	Bob Harriss
W6SR	Art Fonseca	K6RU	Cam Pierce

Should you have knowledge of the death of any Club Member whose name does not appear in this list, please advise Hal Godfrey, N6AN.

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EDITORIAL:

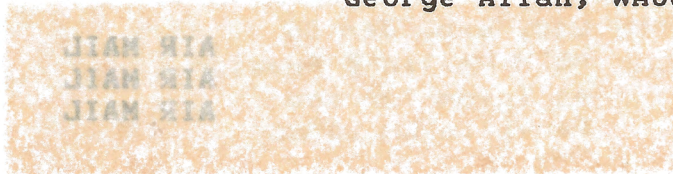
In the October 1982 Issue of the DXer, Cam Pierce wrote the following:

"I am pleased to accept the responsibility for editing the DXer, and doing my first issue has been a lot of fun. I am sure that the club newsletter is only as good as the members make it. So let's hear from you and get some more good stories into print."

These immortal words echo my feelings upon having also completed my first issue. I can only add that my goal is to work with you and for you, so that the DXer will continue to be the proud standard bearer of the first and finest DX club in the world.

73,

George Allan, WA6O



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Output Frequency:		147.36 MHz
Suggested Simplex:		147.54 MHz

NCDXC THURSDAY NIGHT NET

On W6TI/R Thursday at 8:00 PM

NET CONTROL:

DX NEWS:	Phil Garrahan	W6LQC
PROPAGATION:	Al Lotze	W6RQ
WEST LINK:	George Allan	WA6O
CONTEST NEWS:	Ted Algren	KA6W
SWAP SHOP:	Dick Letrich	WB6WKM
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