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RON'S COMMENTS

Recently Rusty, W6OAT, was contacted by a group of Russian hams who announced the fact that they had received permission to operate from North Korea. They intend to travel there in 1991 and put it on the air.

Most any average citizen who reads current events (instead of the DXCC Countries List) would tell you that Korea is in fact two countries with separate sovereignty. Apparently the Russians are under this impression as well. The more you investigate the more it becomes apparent that North and South Korea meet most if not all of the "Point 1" definitions for DXCC country status as explained in the ARRL Countries List.

Rusty discussed this with the Board of Directors after doing his homework and we feel that a NCDXC sponsored new country application making North and South Korea separate countries would be a real interesting project for our club to sponsor.

Rusty plans to have a draft of the application at the next club meeting to explain details. Who knows, by the time the Russians get on the air next year we may be working an all time new one!

On a different subject; some people have told me that they don't like paying in advance for club meeting dinners and one said he wouldn't come if that was the policy.

I would like you to know that the club officers didn't dream up sending money in advance because 20 meters was closed and we didn't have anything else to do. It's a real pain collecting money, dealing with all the checks, keeping the menu straight, etc.

The fact is that if you noticed, most of the old restaurants we used to meet at have gone broke or changed hands. The ones who haven't closed their doors have

facilities to accommodate our club on a Friday night are now run by MBA's instead of chefs. With the exception of Harry's and the Royal Palace, most places greet us as if we were applying for a loan instead of bringing 60 hams in to pay too much for their dinner.

The following clause is standard in most meeting room applications; "In arranging for private functions the attendance must definitely be specified at least 3 working days in advance. This number is considered a guarantee, not subject to reduction, and charges will be made accordingly." In addition, 30 days in advance you must choose the menu, usually

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 12th. The meeting will be held at The Holliday Inn in San Mateo. Attitude adjustment is 6:00 P.M. with dinner about 7:15. Club business will begin about 8:00. The program will be a presentation by VK9NS.

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Trustee: Bob Vallio, W6RGG. General interest broadcasts at 1800Z Sunday and 0200Z Monday on 14.002 MHz and 7.016 Mhz

MEETING MINUTES

No September B.O.D. meeting was held.

Membership meeting September 14th, Harrys Hoffbrau, Palo Alto.

- Meeting opened by Bill W6TEX, Vice President

• Slide and sound program on Marion Island courtesy of NCDXC

• First readings of new membership applications:

WA6ERB Bob Gobrick
8825 Etchenverry Dr.
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NI6T Garry Shapiro
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both were approved for membership.

- No new or old business conducted

Stan Kuhl NCDXC Secretary

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The following is a list of the current participants and their band achievement level.

CALL	160M	80M	40M	30M	20M	17M	15M	12M	10M
N6AN	0	0	100	0	150	0	150	0	150
N6DJM	0	0	0	0	200	0	200	0	150
N6EK	0	0	0	0	150	0	150	0	100
AA6G	0	0	150	0	100	0	150	0	100
NP6G	0	0	0	0	100	0	100	0	0
K4II	0	100	100	0	200	100	200	0	200
K6ITL	0	0	0	0	150	0	150	0	150
N6JV	0	0	100	0	250	0	200	0	150
W6KQK	0	0	0	0	150	0	150	0	0
AA6LF	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0
WA8LLY	0	0	0	0	150	0	150	0	150
K6MA	0	0	100	0	200	0	150	0	200
N6QR	0	0	150	0	200	0	200	0	200
K6RK	0	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	100
DJ6RX	0	100	100	0	100	0	150	0	100
K6SIK	0	0	0	0	150	0	150	0	150
WA6SLO	0	0	150	0	100	0	200	0	200
K6TMB	0	0	0	0	150	0	100	0	100
KI6WF	0	0	100	0	270	0	200	0	150
W6YHM	0	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	0
W6ZKM	0	0	0	0	150	0	100	0	150
K6ZM	0	0	0	0	150	0	100	0	0

This award will be an attractive addition to your shack and something to which you can add for many years. We hope to have many submissions and a good award meeting next year.

TRIVIA

Trivia from the Archives.

There have been 956 different calls used by NCDXC members since October 10, 1946. 78 of these calls have not been recognized as members by foreign hams applying for the California Award. (Including W6KG and W6ITH)

Year by year number of new members:

1946	11	1961	10	1976	17
1947	21	1962	6	1977	18
1948	17	1963	16	1978	40
1949	2	1964	10	1979	57
1950	4	1965	12	1980	29
1951	6	1966	18	1981	50
1952	3	1967	25	1982	39
1953	4	1968	20	1983	30
1954	2	1969	15	1984	20
1955	4	1970	26	1985	11
1956	33	1971	27	1986	11
1957	12	1972	13	1987	24
1958	8	1973	15	1988	25
1959	3	1974	14	1989	25
1960	15	1975	14	1990 thru May, 14	

ANNOUNCING THE WORLD RADIOSPORT FEDERATION Group's Goal is Amateur Radio at the Olympics

Amateur Radio will be an Olympic Games event if an ambitious proposal by a small group of hams becomes reality. Spurred on by the success of the World RadioSport Team Championship (October QST, page 43), a plan to form a World RadioSport Federation has been announced by an international group of amateurs.

The WRSF is targetting the 1996 Summer Olympics, which will be held in Atlanta, GA.

The International Olympic Committee has four main ground rules which a sport must meet to be considered for the Games:

- The sport must be actively practiced in 50 countries by men and by women in 35 countries;
- There must be a sanctioning organization acceptable to the IOC;
- Periodic regional events must take place between Olympic Games;
- There should be a mechanism to establish a world championship.

The WRSF would meet these criteria by establishing an international consortium of radio societies, local radio clubs, individuals, and corporate supporters. But beyond the immediate goal of the Olympics, the Federation would seek the general betterment of Amateur Radio around the world.

In their Proposal for Discussion, the organizers note Amateur Radio's recognized value as a pool of trained operators able to provide a variety of communications services. They cite a perceived "public image crisis" for Amateur Radio, "resulting from ineffective, inadequate, or nonexistent efforts devoted to self promotion."

The WRSF believes that radiosport events (such as the team championship in Seattle) and associated educational efforts can be used as a vehicle both for promoting Amateur Radio and for recruiting new hams.

Radiosport events can demonstrate to government officials and the general public the purpose and value of Amateur Radio, the proposal says. The argument is bolstered by noting that recent international operating events (DX contests) attract upwards of 40,000 amateurs worldwide—a pool of potential WRSF members and ambassadors.

The not-for-profit WRSF would support the activities of the International Amateur Radio Union; "activities and initiatives undertaken by the WRSF are intended to enhance accomplishment of IARU goals and objectives," the proposal says. The purposes and objectives of the WRSF are to:

* Encourage the growth of Amateur Radio by promoting and supporting operating activities which enable successful recruitment of new participants, especially young people;

- Enhance individual operator knowledge and skill in emergency communications techniques and procedures;

- Provide an international sanctioning organization for on-site and other radiosport events;

- Promote increased awareness and understanding of the Amateur Radio service among government officials and members of the general public.

WRSF membership would fall under four categories, and the planners have estimated the following makeup: Voting members (total of 15); Associate (50); Sustaining (1,500); and Corporate Sponsors (10). A geographically diverse board of trustees would be elected by and from the voting membership, while a slate of corporate officers would be elected annually by the board. Six working committees would handle specific activities.

The promoters acknowledge that initially members would come from the ranks of contest operators and DXers around the world. They anticipate support from "more traditional" hams over the long term.

The WRSF would be financially independent of all other Amateur Radio organizations. Funding would come from initiation fees and membership dues, as well as from corporate sponsors. The promoters see an eventual annual budget in the range \$175,000 to \$250,000.

The federation would assist local groups in conducting competitive activities—with the inherent spin-offs of public relations and education—by promoting

the following kinds of events:

- Mini HF Field Days. Two-person teams would construct and operate stations under simulated emergency conditions. Local winners would qualify for national, regional or international on-site competitions that would be staged during international contests such as ARRL Field Day and the IARU HF World Championship. International on-site events would be held at least every four years, concurrent with the Olympic Games.
- Amateur Radio Direction Finding. Long popular in Eastern Europe, the USSR, and Asia, these events would pit contestants in various age groups in a test of both physical stamina and radio technique. ARDF would permit amateurs not proficient in Morse code to be competitive.
- Communications Accuracy Contest. These traditional CW and voice pile-up copying contests would be sanctioned for holding at hamfests and radio club meetings.

WRSF would establish rules and guidelines for all the events mentioned above, and would help finance regional and international events.

The federation would maintain an international speakers bureau, to speak and to conduct workshops and seminars explaining and promoting Amateur Radio. In time, it would seek to establish a scholarship program, and to maintain a fund to aid developing countries in conducting Amateur Radio events and demonstrations. Young people would especially be targetted, through such international groups as the Scouts and the YWCA and YMCA.

The WRSF promoters believe it likely that neither national radio societies nor the IARU have the resources necessary to address, on a worldwide scale, the issues of recruitment of new amateurs and of communications training. The WRSF will seek "appropriate recognition and endorsement by the IARU," believing that "successful achievement of WRSF goals and objectives is closely tied to receipt of official recognition and moral support from the IARU and its member societies."

In the next few months, the organizers will tend to such matters as legal incorporation, election of an initial slate of trustees and officers, the establishment of committee chairmen, and obtaining essential business equipment. Then planning of a detailed agenda will begin.

The founders and supporters of the idea hope to hold

a worldwide teleconference within the next 30 days, according to John Crovelli, W2GD. Among the founders are Martti Laine, OH2BH, ARRL New England Division director Tom Frenaye, K1KI, Northern California DX Foundation President Rusty Epps, W6OAT, and Boris Stepanov, UW3AX, deputy editor of *Radio* magazine.

Persons interested in this ambitious endeavor may contact John Crovelli, W2GD, 200 Woolf Road, Milford NJ 08848, for a copy of the 21-page Proposal for Discussion. A large SASE with four units of first class postage would be appreciated.

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two items.

Charging in advance gives the Club the opportunity to back out and only lose the deposit if attendance doesn't do high enough to keep the Club from loosing money. Also it gives us the count that the restaurant needs in advance.

If YOU don't wish to pay in advance then maybe a non-dinner meeting on the nights we can't get Harry's or the Royal Palace is the solution. Even better, YOU could help us find a location for our meeting that doesn't require a guarantee. 73 do NG6X

VISALIA

Some members have asked to be furnished with names of people who are involved with next years convention. Poof! Your wish is granted!

W6MKM - Chairman
K6ITL - Assistant Chairman
KD6XY / KA6ING Pre-registration
W6VG - On site registration
KN6K - Treasurer
KG6GF - Prizes
K6TMB - Refreshments
K6PU - Transportation
W6OSP - Program
K6TS - Raffle

The committee is still looking for good patch designs reflecting the theme of the convention, Global DX Friendship.

Next meeting will be at W6VG's, Oct. 10 at 1900PDT.

de W6MKM

TREASURERS REPORT

NCDXC Treasurers Report 7/1/90 - 8/31/90
Checking Account Activity

June 30 EOM Balance	3374.88
Deposits from Dues	3220.00
Other income	<u>103.00</u>
Sub Total	6997.88

Accounts Payable	<u>2164.93</u>
Current 8/31 EOM Balance	4532.95

Savings Account Status

B of A as of 8/21/90 (incl. QSL reserves)	12985.73
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American Savings Bank 6/23/90	8742.31
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Repeater Fund

Wells Fargo as of 6/15/90	1759.14
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CONTEST

NCDXC wins . . . big!

Results of the 1990 ARRL DX Contest . . .

Club NCDXC 26,809,479 #4 in U.S.A.
81 entries CW winner N6TV
SSB winner K6HNZ

Club SCDXC 2,064,861
11 entries

1989 CQ WW CW
N6RO (op K3EST) #2 U.S.A. 21 MHz

CLASSIFIED

WANTED (Standing Order)

Ideas for future club programs. Provide topic, contact name and telephone number. Forward to any club officer. Thank you. de W6TEX

WANTED

Feature items for future DXer issues. One to two pages of text plus illustrations is the best size. If you don't come through, you will be faced with more ARRL Letter reprints. de K6ZX

ANNOUNCEMENT

Tom Christian VR6TC and his wife will be in attendance at a reception to be held at the residence of DXer Smitty, W6JZU on October 22, 1990.

No time has been set, so keep an ear on W6TI on Thursday night.

These people come from a very interesting part of the world, and it should be a good evening to expand your knowledge of it a bit. de k6zx

The following is an actual letter. The original was typewritten, and all spelling and grammar has been carefully left intact, including errors. I thought this was pretty funny.

To Mr. (name omitted) District Manager for Alabama Radio Shack 3300 N. Pace Blvd Pensacola, FL. 32505

Dear Sir, This letter is complain about the problems I have having with the ham radio model number 19-1101 I had got from your company Radio Shack. I had this shipped special to me from your store 1096 Eastdale Mall Montgomery Alabama. I was got this because I think that i would get transmitt furthur that I did with the TRC 217 40 channel walkie talkie.

The problem that had first was when I was going to hook this radio HTX-1000 to the antenna the conektor on the radio was wrong it wouldn't attach to my cable. I was able to hook it finally by making a small change in in the connektor. As soon as I tried to use it there was no sound coming at all. This happened for two days and I never did get to talk to anybody the whole two days. That day the cable company came knocking my door and said there was something causing problems at my house and disconnected my radio from the cable line. you knew when i brought the Radio that I was going to use that for my antenne. You didn't tell me not to why not?

Next time I decided to put the HTX-1000 in my automobile I thought I would see how it worked their. I hooked it to my CB-antenna and at least I could hear people. But what happens now is no one wants to talk to me because they says you have to have a licencs to talk to them. Why? I dont have to have a licencs to talk on my CB. They'll talk to me there. Anyhow it dont matter much anymore because somebody done took the radio HTX-1000 from my automobile.

What I would like for you Radio Shack to do is refund my money because I don't have the radio anymore and its not my fault i dont and I think you should give me back my money. Also the cable company here says that I hurt something in there line and want to be paid fix it. It will cost \$27482.98 to fix the equipment they say was damaged because you didnt tell me not to hook it to the cable. Please remit to me the check for \$27758.53 for damages due. To save this matter from going to court the check must be in my hand by June first or I will turn this over to my attorneys of law.
(name withheld)

propagation forecast bulletin 40 arlp040 from ed tilton, w1hdq wethersfield ct october 1, 1990 to all radio amateurs

During early September the solar flux looked promising, moving from a low of 153 on the 7th to 206 on the 14th. but on the next six days the flux chart shows an almost horizontal line, with a high of only 208. Then comes the worst yet, the flux dropping to 150 by the 27th. Something better may be coming, however. The flux was up eight points to 156 on september 30. Viewing conditions were poor during Sunday, but we may be in another flux rise this week.

The best news is on the calendar. This is October, the beginning of the fall DX season. We will be seeing better conditions gradually, reaching the fall maximum in November. We may not have exceptionally high flux levels from here on, but October and November, especially the latter, will be the best months of the year. We might even see some 50 mhz DX in November and the 10 meter band will be at its best for the year.

You can get the latest solar flux information around the clock by dialing 1-303-497-235.

American sunspot numbers for September 20 through 26 were 142, 137, 122, 91, 82, 84 and 82 respectively, with a mean figure of 105.7. Solar flux numbers as reported by wvw for the same time period were 200, 200, 192, 183, 176, 165 and 157, with a mean figure of 181.9. ar

EXAMS

VE Examination Session
Date: Saturday October 27, 1990
Place: Channel 2 KTVU
Jack London Square
Oakland, CA

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Elements: Novice through Extra Class

Requirements: Pre-registration and walk-in

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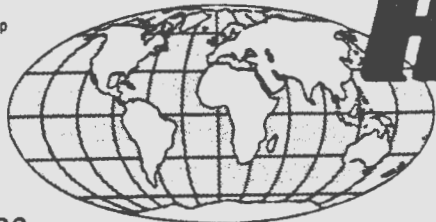


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