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## Editor's Choice

What is your excuse? I did not make the October meeting because I had to work that night. I understand there were about the same number of members attending (about 25) as at the Friday meetings. Where were all those folks who said Friday was inconvenient? The board has committed to alternating meeting nights and locations to encourage non-participants to join in again.

Rubin, WA6AHF, is very concerned about the statement that appeared in Dick's (W6KM) letter that accompanied the new 1998-1999 membership card. Rubin wanted this statement highlighted in color. With my present short timer's status, I just don't have time to pursue his idea. Here is the paragraph that upset Rubin:

*"Many out there in our membership area, and that includes some ex-members claim they don't need the club, 'I can use the repeater and the club's internet site for free anytime I want'; they are right. They are the same people that are always asking questions about DX and never announce any good DX they find or work. Like many they are along for the FREE RIDE."*

Dick wrote the membership card letter to thank those true DX'ers that are supporting the club by renewing

their membership in the NCDXC. Rubin is upset because these so called "true Dx'ers" are so shallow and selfish.

The club could be hard nosed about this. There are methods to close the repeater, but that is not in the best interest of the club or DXing. Also, it would be even easier to close certain pages of the NCDXC web page to non-members. It is easy to password protect areas, such as the on-line DXer. Only a member would have access to certain club information placed on the web. The NCCC has this facility and it is something the Board of Directors might consider. If the web page becomes a primary reference point for members and non-members, only provide membership application and a history and mission of the club to the general browsing public. All other content would require membership in the club.

Those "DXers" who do play this selfish game must lead pretty narrow lives. Of course, this may be the ones that always say, "been there, done that." 73 es CUL, Dave K7JJ

### Also at the November Meeting

Ken, K1ZXM, HRO Sunnyvale Manager, will be showing and highlighting some of the features of some of the new ham radio goodies for 1999.

## Wanted

**Dxer Newsletter Editor**  
Contact Dick Letrich, W6KM

**November 13, 1998**

**NCDXC General Meeting Program**  
**Chuck Vaughn, AA6G**  
**"Astrophotography"**

**Palo Alto Golf Course**  
**Attitude Modification @ 1800**  
**Supper @ 1900**  
**Meeting follows Supper**

**Take Embarcadero exit from 101, go east approximately 1/2 mile and turn left into the drive between golf course and airport. Talk in assistance on club repeater, W6TI/R, on 147.360 + 600 Khz.**

## President's Comments

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### Club Officers:

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Secretary: Jerry Bliss, K6III  
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California Award: Rubin Hughes, WA6AHF  
Historian/archivist: Ron Panton, W6VG  
Records Manager: Ron Panton, W6VG  
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### Club Repeater, W6TI/R

Frequency/offset: 147.36 MHz, +  
Trustee: Bob Vallio, W6RGG  
Comm. Chairman: Eric Swarz, WA6HHQ  
Club simplex: 147.54 MHz (suggested)  
Thurs. Net QTR: 8 pm local time.  
Net Manager: Randy Wright, W6CUA  
DX News: Dave Pugatch, KI6WF  
Propagation: Al Lotze, W6RQ  
Swap Shop: Ben Deovlet, W6FDU  
QSL Information: Mac McHenry, W6BSY

### W6TI DX Bulletins:

W6TI Station Trustee Bob Vallio, W6RGG, transmits DX information at 0200 UT every Monday (Sunday evening local time) on both 7.016 and 14.002 MHz.

**Club address:** Box 608  
Menlo Park, CA  
94026-0608

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When I accepted this office I had no idea of what I could do to turn the club around. All of us members knew that we, as a club, were in trouble. I could not put my finger on one simple thing. So I started asking the members what "THEY" wanted. I have since been contacted by many who have passed on many great ideas. So far none are unreasonable or impossible to respond to. You OM's es YL's have really mustered to the call. Please do not stop now just because your suggestions are not totally in place (YET). The first and not the last was to acknowledge a members belonging to the NCDXC. The membership cards were then provided as the first step. Then many members suggested an alternative night of the week for meetings. The alternating monthly meetings are the result of that. Our last meeting, which was on a Thursday was as well attended as any of the Friday night meetings with a few new faces, which is a sign of this new approach being accepted by many of the members. A REAL CHRISTMAS PARTY was suggested and that my fellow Hams is just what has been planned for. Start getting your money in to Doug, W6JD ASAP, Don't forget the little ones! Now here is a request from me. Do you have your NCDXC Membership Certificate on the Shack Wall? If not, do you know where it is? If you cannot answer yes to one of the above questions you must contact Jerry Bliss, K6III, our Secretary so we can reissue one to you. Why? You just wait and see, I think you will not only be surprised but will like the reason——keep tuned in.

Now I have to pass on some very sad news to you. Our Editor has accepted a new job which will require him to relocate to Huntsville, Alabama. Dave, K7JJ, has done a yeoman's job getting the DXer together in many tough situations' he has never complained and has had a wonderful caring attitude. Dave has only been an active member since Feb. 14.1997, but that did not stop him from becoming a very vital part of our club. We will miss him, but wish he and his wife great success at the new location and job. So at the time I am writing this message we are looking at Dave's final effort. Are you ready to step up and in? It will not be easy, just ask Dave, K7JJ, or Garry, NI6T, or any other of our past Editors. It is not a thankless job, it however is a very demanding job and the pay isn't even great, but you can enjoy the few benefits and sincere thanks of the 275 + members each month.

One last bit of good news before we call it a wrap. I am in the process of getting a small batch of club QSL cards printed. They will not be as high a quality as those of the past, but they well be very similar and all new members who join will get 50 blank cards compliments of the club and if they choose they can order more with their call an info printed on the front, all at a very reasonable price. I hope to have samples for the November 13th meeting if all goes as planned. Keep your ideas coming to me and hope to see you at the next meeting.

TNX es 73 Dick W6KM



## General Meeting

## Treasurer's Report

Minutes of NCDXC, 15 October 1998

Meeting called to order at 8:05pm, by President, Dick Letrich W6KM. There were 28 members and guests present. Guests were introduced; some noted were KD6VS, W7XA, W6FGD and XYL.

A plaque was presented to Ted Park, K6XN, to acknowledged his holding the office of NCDXC President for last year.

The Christmas Party was publicized and will be celebrated on 10 Dec. As Previously announced, this is a family affair, children/Grand kids are invited. Special family-style entertainment will be the program. W6JD, Doug Westover, is the event chair and he is receiving your reservations and money for the party.

The program was introduced by our Vice President, N6VAW, Marilyn Bagshaw. The program, presented by our guest speaker, N6MZ, Mike Mraz, and was a slide talk about the September 1997 North Cook Island DXpedition to Penrhyn Atoll, an Inhabited but isolated island in the Pacific, about 1000 miles from it nearest neighbor.

After the program, the club's business was carried out;

- a. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without amendment.
- b. W7XA was reinstated as a full member.
- c. The president noted that the restaurant required 30 paid meals in order for the NCDXC to continue using the facility. Any shortfall would have to be made up from the treasury.
- d. The rosters would be printed very soon. It was suggested that the spouse's name should be added to the member's entry. This can be accommodated, however, response must be made quickly to W6VG, Ron Panton, the publisher.
- e. W6JZU, Dr. Smithwick, discussed the NCDXC Repeater site and observed that we are provided with this site at no cost. However, some tower maintenance is now required. Specifically, painting. This in lieu of direct payment from the budget. Contact W6JZU to get involved in this job.
- f. W6CF, Jim Maxwell, briefly discussed the new proposed FCC licensing structure and the ARRL response.
- g. The Treasurer, W6XN, Ted Park, presented and passed out the Treasurer's Report.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Faithfully submitted,  
Jerry Bliss, K6III  
Secretary, NCDXC

### SUMMARY:

CUMULATIVE BALANCE ON HAND,  
AS OF 10/15/98 \$43,838.44

NCDXC INCOME/EXPENSE FOR PERIOD  
JULY 1, 1998 THROUGH SEPTEMBER  
30, 1998

#### 1. INCOME:

DUES	\$ 1,852.00
HRO	600.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$ 2,452.00

#### 2. EXPENSE:

DXer	\$ 758.42
Trophies/Plaques	51.88
N6IT (postage)	9.00
W6VG (misc)	32.42
DX Convention	
Seed Money	3,000.00
Xmas Party	
Reservation	100.00
Storage	902.09
Website Fee	109.70
Misc. Bank	
service charges	70.95

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 5,034.46

#### 3. ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF OCTOBER 15, 1998

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CD :	\$9,746.08
CHECKING ACCOUNT	29,812.47
DX CONVENTION FUND	2,929.05
PETTY CASH ON HAND	70.00
REPEATER FUND	1,280.84

TOTAL: \$43,838.44

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Park, K6XN, NCDXC  
Treasurer

**November Program**

Chuck, AA6G, will present his program on Astrophotography on Friday, November 13; in addition, HRO's Sunnyvale Manager, Ken, K1ZKM, will present a brief talk and bring samples of some of the hottest new gear out for 1999. Ken hasn't paid his dues, by the way, and promised to do so!!

I will be working on getting an update to you of programs, past and present, for this BOD's term for the balance of the year and suggestions for 1999. With a log of programs given this term, we will have a record so that programs aren't repeated too often.

73  
Marilyn  
N6VAW

**October NCDXC Program**

Mike Mraz, N6MZ, spoke on the multi operator, ZK1XXP, DXpedition to the North Cook Islands, sponsored by the Dateline DX Association. The highlight of their trip was their 7-day operation on Penrhyn Island in September 1997. Also making the trip with Mike were K8XP, N4RF, N7RO, K16AN, WA4YBV, and ZA8IR. Their host was Warwick, ZK1WL, a resident of Penrhyn Island. They spent several nights on the South Cook Island of Rarotonga on the way. Rarotonga is a popular scuba diving spot. Getting the ZK1 license was easy. They took a turboprop Air Rarotonga flight to Penrhyn. It's a weekly flight, so that's why their trip was a 7-day operation!

They used 2 Icom 756 transceivers with QRO amplifiers and many antennas: an A3 at 50 feet; a TH3 at 30 feet, a 40-foot rotatable dipole, a Hygain DX77 vertical, an Outbacker vertical, and a Battlecreek Special for the low bands.

All told, the team made 15,299 contacts with 6,708 on SSB, 8,101 on CW and 490 on Rtty.

*-From World Radio Magazine*



Friends:

The Northern California DX Foundation has changed its mailing address, effective immediately. Please note the NEW address:

Northern California DX Foundation  
P.O. Box 1328  
Los Altos, CA 94023-1328

With thanks and 73,

Northern CA DX Foundation

By: Al Burnham, K6RIM  
Vice President

**Christmas Party!!!**

**When: December 10, 1998 (its a Thursday)**

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vegetables  
potato (or rice with the fish)  
cheese french bread  
coffee or tea  
ice cream**

**Price: \$20.00, kids under 16 \$10.00. Includes tax & tip.**

**Entertainment: a magician to astound and amaze you!**

**Bring yourself, the XYL (or OM), kids, grandkids, but to do so you MUST send your check along with your entree preference(s), by December 5, to:**

**Doug Westover, W6JD  
717 Los Robles Ave.  
Palo Alto, CA 94306**

**Failing E-Mail Addresses**

The club needs to correct email addresses for the following. Mail sent to these addresses are being bounced by the service provider's mail server.

If you recognize yours or any of these addresses, please provide a correct address to Ron Panton, W6VG.<w6vg@aol.com>. Ron will update any necessary database files.

I am removing these addresses from the *DXer* on line notification list.

Thanks for your help.

Dave, K7JJ

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**Thanks HRO!**

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**International DX Convention Pre-Registration Form 1999 (Fresno)**

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Country, USA or ? \_\_\_\_\_

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Interested in the Golf Tournament? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Pre-Registration, Post Marked by 3-27-99, \$60.00 per person. Total \_\_\_\_\_

After 3-27-99 or at the Convention = \$65.00. -----Your Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: (NCDXC Convention 99.) --No cash please.

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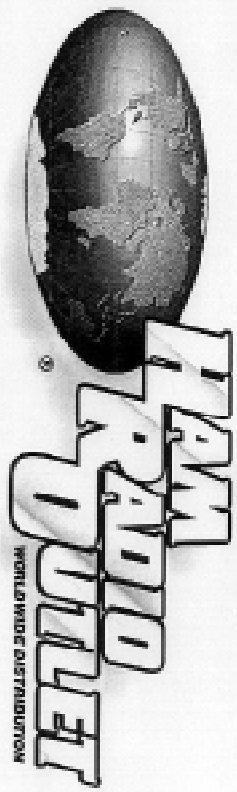
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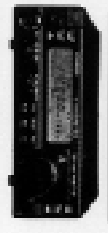
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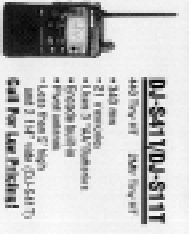
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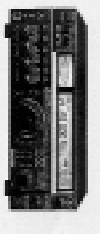


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