

# Dxer



Northern California DX Club



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## Editor's Choice;

This being my inaugural issue, as your DXer Editor, it's a somewhat awkward time for me. This issue is being prepared at the same time, I'm wrapping things up on the 50th Annual International DX Convention. I had hoped to come to closure with that obligation before moving on to this one. However, since that was not possible and since modesty prevails, I am prevented from coming right out and saying that the Convention was a roaring success. Instead, I leave it to you, the individual attendee and/or reader to decide. From the feedback I've seen, I can only conclude that everyone enjoyed a really nice convention. By the way, I plan to have a complete report ready for the next issue of the DXer. For those who were unable to attend (and those of you who *did* attend), we have included a whole bunch of pictures in this issue of the DXer. The pictures were ALL taken by Dick Letrich, W6KM. Thank you, Dick for all of the really nice pictures. They can be seen in living color on the Convention website ([allanet.com/w6yd/idxc99a.htm](http://allanet.com/w6yd/idxc99a.htm)) until the end of May.

This first issue of the DXer will be a learning experience for me. One thing you're probably going to notice is, the Document is a bit more rough around the edges than it was with several of our past editors. Hopefully, my learning curve will be somewhat steep and the rough edges will soon disappear. But those are only the visual effects of the paper. In order to improve its content, I will need your help. I NEED YOUR INPUT. Please inundate me with articles you would like to see in print. I would prefer to receive them in digital format - either via Email to W6YD@aol.com or on floppy disks as unformatted text files. However, being a desperate man, I will take them any way I can get them! We're looking forward to hearing from you. After all, it IS your newsletter.

I also, plan to try a few new things. Please, watch this column for details and to see what evolves. And I surely would enjoy an "eyeball" QSO with you at the next club meeting!! Until then, 73 from W6YD.

### **Bob Fabry, N6EK Named NCDXC DXer of the Year**

The Northern California DX Club has named Bob Fabry, N6EK its "DXer of the Year." The selection committee cited Bob's activities in Iota hunting, Contesting and his service to the Northern California DX Foundation to be some of the factors that influenced their decision. Hopefully, we will have a full biographical sketch on Bob in the next DXer. Congratulations, from all of us, Bob.

## **May Meeting**

**Friday 5/14/99**

**American Legion Post 105,  
651 El Camino Real,  
Redwood City**

## **NO DINNER**

**Social Hour 7:00 P.M.  
Meeting at 8:00 P.M.**

## **Directions to the Meeting**

(See Map on Page 4)

### **From the south:**

**Take the Woodside Road exit west off Highway 101 and turn right on El Camino. Drive about 1/2 mile to 651 El Camino (on the left).**

### **From the north;**

**Take the Whipple Road exit west off Highway 101 and turn left on El Camino. Drive about 1/2 mile to 651 El Camino (on the right).**

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB

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### Club Repeater, W6TI/R

Frequency/offset: 147.36 MHz, +  
 Trustee: Bob Vallio, W6RGG  
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 Club simplex: 147.54 MHz (suggested)  
 Thurs. Net QTR: 8 pm local time.  
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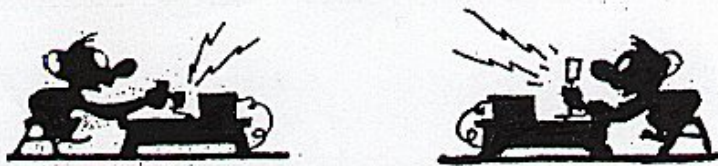
### W6TI DX Bulletins:

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.

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## President's Comments



Your Officers, Board of Directors and all club members owe the Convention Committee and all its volunteers a hearty "WELL DONE." I know it's always easy to pat oneself on the back, but the NCDXC did themselves proud. More detailed reports will come in soon. While some members of the Northern and Southern California DX Clubs didn't attend, because they favored Visalia, they sure missed all the fun. Boy, I can hardly wait for next year's "Convention 2000" to be held in Visalia.

Glenn Vinson, W6OTC, and his committee presented Bob Fabry N6EK, as "THE NCDXC DXer OF THE YEAR." Since Glenn W6OTC, was unable to attend at the last minute (last email from Glenn I received was from France), he suggested that we recruit Past President Len Geraldi, K6ANP, to do the presentation honors. Len stepped right in and made the well deserved DXer of the year award. Perhaps Glenn may have had a chance to send the new Editor, George Allan W6YD, a brief biography of some of N6EK's DX adventures. If he missed sending in his article, perhaps he can make it for the June DXer.

Speaking of the new Editor; George Allan W6YD, Past President, has come to the club's rescue again. George is assuming this very important station and will add his expertise to the DXer. By the way, this is George's second go around as the DXer Editor. He served in this capacity starting May of 1985 (he must like May) and continued until July of 1986 when he passed it on to Jim Maxwell W6CF. Thanks from all of us, George.

By now you must know that our May meeting will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup>, at a new location. In an effort to increase member meeting attendance, we are going to try a new venue. It should meet all of the critical requirements. #1 No dinner will be served. #2 It does have a bar. #3 Redwood City is mid-peninsula. #4 It is close to the San Mateo Bridge to accommodate members from the East Bay. #5 The rent for the meeting room is affordable. So check out the map in the DXer and please attend. It is important to get feed back on this site, so if acceptable, we can make arrangements to reserve it in the future.

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM THE NCDXC AS A MEMBER? This question should be real easy to answer. This is a DX oriented club. It is a "specialized club." Its purpose is to have Ham/DXers of like interests meet and associate and exchange DX topics. It is not a VHF/UHF club, It is not a QRP club, It is not an ATV club, It is not a contest club and least of all, it is not a general purpose radio club that holds swap meets, flea markets and has field day. That is not to say that the club cannot endorse these functions. They certainly can. Any member or members are welcome to organize these functions within the club. But again, that is not the main reason for

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the club's existence. If you desire to enjoy any of those phases of Ham Radio and are not willing to lead the way, please don't complain.

We have a very large membership and many cannot attend meetings. But they can and do enjoy getting the DXer, using the club 2 meter repeater and listening to the Thursday night 2 meter net. With the largest percentage of members living here in the San Francisco Bay Area you would expect more participation and attendance at our club functions. Have you noticed there are several of our members seem to encourage non-members to use our repeater? I don't mean someone that once in a while shows up to ask a question or make an announcement, but seems to hang out on the repeater and "free loads." I hope that you would suggest to them that if they wish to hang out on the repeater they should join the club and pay their dues and support it rather than have the club support them.

*Dick Letrich, W6KM*

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**Our President, W6KM, Doing His "Thing" in Fresno**

**P5 - Another Viewpoint**

*The following is a statement from Martti Laine, OH2BH, in response to the article in the April 1999 DXer.*

My statement is as follows;  
We were invited for a professional discussions by the ruler of DPRK through his brother, who was DPRK Ambassador for Finland at that time. We required a permit for demonstration QSO with the Science Centre station in Finland, OH2H which request was accepted. While in DPRK and lacking the propagation to Finland, we required to make some other QSOs. They accepted, and we opened up the frequency for anyone present. Even in Finland the demonstration QSO appearance was kept confidential and only the President of the SRAL was involved with the DPRK Embassy staff present at the science centre.

JA1BK transported us from the Narita Airport to another airport in Tokyo from where we flew to Valdivostok, Russia, He was aware of our trip and obviously monitored the bands. Both demonstrations, 20M SSB and 40M CW were launched with no advance information. These QSOs were and will still be very valuable asset when further activation is discussed.

Unfortunately, several parties have voiced their desire to discredit them  
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these proposals have even reached the DPRK and Koreans are very surprised that the attitude of amateur radio community is so critical for what they considered as a positive step forward, under still very sensitive situation in DPRK.

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**Map to May Meeting Site  
American Legion Post 105  
651 El Camino Real, Redwood City  
(The Circle Marks the Spot!)**

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The North Korea very much remains as a DXCC entity through their full membership in the U.N. and ITU. They continue on saying how many QSOs can be made and when and the rest of the world can only accept that scenario.

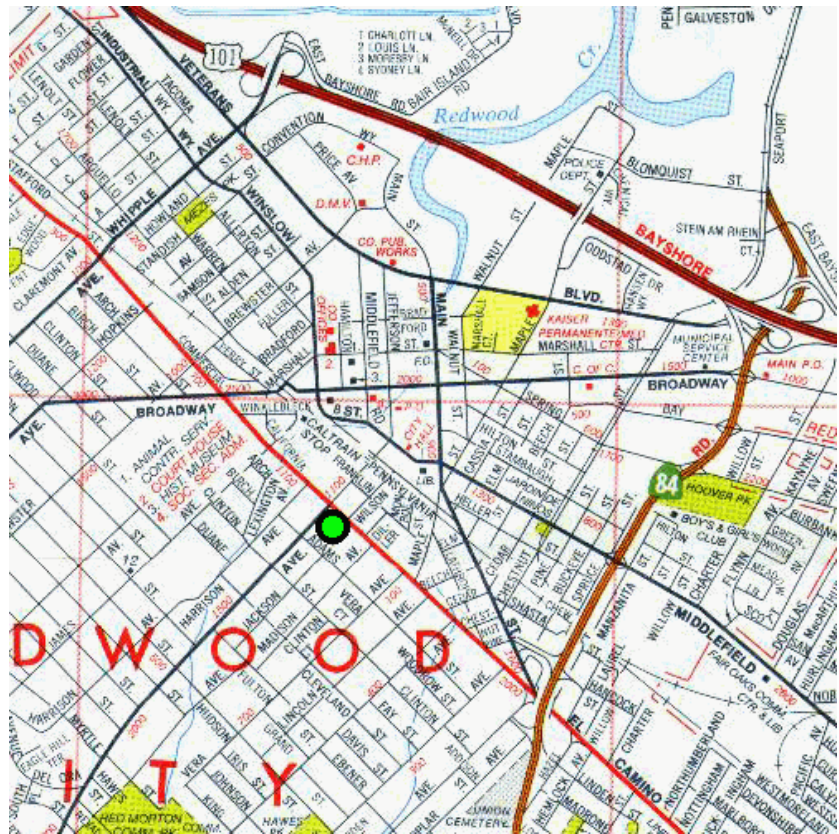
Speculating about their starving population in the pages of NCDXC DXer will serve very poorly the prospects of DPRK's future activations.

Regards, Martti J. Laine,  
OH2BH/BY1, Beijing, China

Special Note from Editor;  
I find it interesting that another two hour demonstration took place from P5 on April 21<sup>st</sup>. According to the press releases I've seen, "the operating took place between the hours of 1436 - 1640 Korean time."

What I find even more interesting, however, is that "...the antennas were left right there together with the Yaesu FT-847 equipment. It is just a matter of switching the power on - when the time is ripe - to allow North Korea to join the ranks of amateur radio."

So it appears that the "Delete P5" effort may have served the larger purpose of stimulating activities which will ultimately lead to full amateur radio operations from North Korea. If that turns out to indeed be the case, then we will all owe a "tip of the hat" to K6LM and W6KM for their efforts.



**Photos from the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual DX Convention**



**Pre Reg Pick Up, Walk In Registration & Raffle Ticket Sales**



**K6KAY & K6DB Doing Duty at Pre-Reg Pick Up**



**N6VAW & W6UDS View the Proceedings**



**Kay Anderson, K6KAY and XYL of Ken Anderson, K6DB, Coordinated the Ladies Luncheon and Made Major Contributions to the Success of the Convention.**



**Table Sign Ups Were Brisk at times!!**





More Photos from the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual DX Convention



Friends from the East & South. L to R Bill, NC1L, Sandi, WA6WZN & Fried, WA6WZO



Hillar, N6HR & Chip, K7JA



50 Years and Counting! Ain't it Great!!



Ted, K6XN Makes a Point.



QSL Card Checking... L. to R; Bill, NC1L  
Bill, W6LTN & Mac, W6BSY.



The DX Forum with L-R; Jim, W6CF; Jack,  
W6ISQ & Bill., NC1L



A Partial View of the Sat. Night Banquet.



Tom, N6BT, Ted, KA6W & Gordon, W6NW  
Double Check the Grand Prize Winner.



Bud Bain, W6WB



The Grand Prize Winner! Pier lovino,  
W1NA/IH9P Thinks He's Dreaming!!