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DXer Profile: K6TS, Thomas F. Jones

Honor Roll	Cur	Total
Mixed	327	334
CW	318	324
Phone	139	141
5BDXCC #4562 (Jan 26, 1998)		

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W5UPC 2-21-47 Adv
K6GBD 5-20-54 Adv
K6GBD 5-20-54 Extra



Operating Position

Located in Family Room Closet

EQUIPMENT: FT-1000-D, R4C/T4XC, TenTec Omni B, Heathkit SB1000 Amp, SB200 Amp, FT-767, Collins 30L-1 Amp, Drake MN-2700 Match Box, TR9130 2 Meter All Mode, Azden PCS 5000 2 Meter FM.

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General Meeting September 10, 1998

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

Program

Bruce Butler, W6OSP
Temotu Island DX-Pedition

NO DINNER

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

Directions to the Meeting
(See Map on Page 6)
From the North or South:

Take the Woodside Road exit
west off Highway 101 and turn
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President's Comments



As I begin my second term, I hope that I will be able to continue to spark up the DX aspect of the club. Already, I have seen an increase in the attendance at the meetings. We continue to get excellent programs lined up. Our new meeting location at the American Legion Hall in Redwood City has been hailed by most as a good compromise between both location and expense. Be sure to have dinner prior to attending as there is no food served, but libations are available.

It may seem a bit early, but I want to plug our **Christmas Party** which will be held at the same location as last years. **Martinelli's Steak Pit in Millbrae, December 9th.** The food is excellent, just ask anyone who was at last years party. This year, as an added attraction, we will hold an extensive Raffle. As they say, "BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!". All of this for the price of \$20 each, with **kids 12 and under FREE.** Again the date is 12/9/99. The reason I am bring it up now is so that you can mark your busy social calendar with a big circle so as not to miss it. Please, send in your reservations ASAP to Doug Westover, W6JD. Early reservations help us to bring you a better planned evening. This Christmas Party might be considered the kickoff of your Holiday Season and the **last DX Club Party of the Century.** We want it to be memorable and **I promise you it will be!**

Are you getting the word out about our club? Remember we need to recruit new members. If you belong to a General Purpose Radio Club, Stand up and tell them about our DX club and invite them to attend as your guest even if they are not a DXer they may want to learn more. Offer to drive them over. Share some of the excellent programs. Who knows you may just set off an interest in them for DXing. It is up to each of us to promote Ham Radio. In the past I mentioned maybe trying to put together a Telephone Committee to call and remind members to show up. Well, I have given it lots and lots of thought. I don't think that it will work or even be necessary. We are only meeting on the second Friday of each month again and we usually get the DXer to your doorstep just before the regular meeting night. Keeping that in mind us big kids should be able to plan to attend. I personally will try to call a few members to ask if they want a ride to the meetings. Many cannot drive at night but might consider going, otherwise. **If you DO need a ride, please call me at 408-267-2624** and I will do my best to get you one. Lets get our new fiscal year off to a rousing start! Plan now, to attend the September Meeting. Check out the easy parking and reasonably priced refreshments; all in a low key setting. Your presence adds to the good of the club.

So CU @ the meeting September 10th.....Dick, W6KM

Monthly DXer Profile

The "DXer Profile" that appears on page 1, is the first of what will be a monthly series highlighting club members and their stations. I wish I could take credit for totally coming up with this monthly feature, but it was a regular in the DXer back in the early 80's. I have had several members suggest that they would enjoy seeing its return. If you wish to share your station with the club, give me a call and I will arrange a visit. This month we feature Tom Jones, K6TS who sent along his profile and pictures to show the way. Next month our featured club member will be Jim O'Keffe WE6V. We hope you will enjoy getting to know your fellow club members and that you, too, will give me a call.....

73 Dick W6KM

Mini DXpedition by W7XA/DU3**July / August 99**

In recent years, my travels have often taken me to the Philippines and until now, I had regretted taking along a rig for a little operating from the other side. My lovely XYL was to join me at the end of a business trip for a little holiday and she offered to bring along my IC-735 (so I didn't have to tote it all over the place) and I agreed.

I arrived in Manila and then on to DU3 land, specifically Malolos, Bulacan Province which is about 35 miles north of Manila on July 28 and was greeted by the results of several feet of rain over the previous few days. By this time, Manila and environs were in the middle of the heaviest "southern monsoon" in 30 years. Eventually over 3 feet of rain was to fall in the area resulting in significant flooding.

On Thursday the 29th I connected with a previous acquaintance 4F3GDX, Gudo, (now 4F3XX), a fine DXer, who is located literally across the street from one of the Philippines most famous historical landmarks, the Barosoin Church. (When someone asks how to get to his QTH, he simply tells them to show the taxi driver the back of a 10 Peso bank note (The church is depicted there) and have him take you there and look for the beam across the street.

Gudo agreed to take me to the NTC (Philippine FCC) in San Fernando, Pampanga which is about 30 miles farther north to get my reciprocal license. Just fill out a form, get a signature and it's official. (One could probably operate for a few days without the official paper according to some of the locals.) While we were gone, I asked my brother-in-law to secure the longest bamboo pole that he could find and when I returned, he had a beauty laying in the driveway. Acquired next door for about \$3, it was about 50 feet long. With the help of DY3LUS and another gentleman, in an hour we had 15 meter and 20 meter inverted vee dipoles up at 50 feet and ready to roll.

W7XA/DU3 was on the air with the first CQ producing a S9 QSO with an HL station. Of course it immediately started to rain (HARD) but in the absence of lightning I continued to operate. As the streets flooded I had a perfect excuse not to go anywhere, and I might just as well take advantage of having the radio. In fact, for a couple of days we actually could not go anywhere without wading through 18-24 inches of water on the road to town.

Over the next 7 days I operated an irregular schedule on CW and SSB on 15 and 20 meters with about 100 Watts. I was very surprised to work about everyone I called and to often be surprised at the result of a CQ. It was quite a thrill to have AT0U (that's a zero) from Bangalore, India give me a call.

In total I made about 150 contacts with 42 countries on all continents except Africa. My only real disappointment was I heard several strong ZS and Z2 stations on 20 meters at about 1400-1500Z working long path to W6/7, but was unable to raise them. They were a nice S9 in DU3, but they were trading the "you're 40 over S9" reports with some of the "big guns".

I was fortunate to work a few of the NCDXC club members and Bay Area locals on 15 meters including NI6T, K6SQL, W6CUA, and W6EKR. (It's always great to hear a familiar voice.)

Band conditions were fair most of the time with one nice opening into Europe. 15 was the best band overall and open to somewhere at almost anytime. Calling CQ on a "dead" band would often produce surprises like a response from a UA9. As expected, there were a lot of JA and HL stations heard but the real surprise was the huge number of stations from mainland China (remember the furor when BY1PK first showed some years back?). (China is now producing their own commercial ham transceiver.) South America QSOs were via the long path (according to them) around 1130Z on 20 meters.



I would be remiss if I didn't mention the wonderful hospitality of the DU hams. They are a very active lot and bring to mind the kind of interest in the hobby that we must all have had when we first started. Rarely a QSO with a local went by without a genuine invitation to meet and chat, or to tip a few 807s. (It's a pity that flooding prevented most of the invitations from being realized.) I did visit with 4F3OM (who is active in training new hams at the local school) whose shack was flooded for several days with 24 inches of water on my last day there and he took me to lunch with DU3WS and DY3LUS (the DY prefix is a novice / technician, DU is like a 'general' and the 4F is like the 'extra class'.)



The DX gods were with me as the weather cleared the day I left the beautiful and hospitable Philippines. As General MacArthur so famously said, "I shall return!"

Christmas Party!!!

When: December 9, 1999 (it's a Thursday)

Where: Our favorite spot: **Martinelli's Steak Pit**
1180 El Camino Real
Milbrae

Cocktails at 1800 hours. No host bar.

Menu: Entree: Choice of 8 oz. prime rib, fillet of sole or chicken saute sec
Includes: wine, green salad, relish tray and pasta starter, vegetables,
potato (or rice with the fish) & Martinelli's cheesy french bread.
coffee or tea
ice cream

All for the ridiculously low price of \$20.00, (tax and tip included of course) Kids under 12 free.
At this point entertainment is TBD and all suggestions are welcome. Bring yourself, the XYL (or OM), kids, grandkids but to do so you must send your check, made payable to the NCDXC, along with your entree preference(s), by December 4, to:

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

Hope to see you there!!

THE AWARD TO END ALL AWARDS (PUN INTENDED)

As I read about the various awards that are offered I am just amazed that the most challenging of all has never been proposed. Just think about it, we have DXCC, WAS, WAC, worked all counties, worked all islands, worked all light house's worked all etc. etc. etc. But the one so far missed is — **WORKED ALL OUT HOUSES!** Just think about it; WAOH is the ultimate and the rarest of all! It can be done in only two categories, One holers and Two holers. This way, it can be compared to the same arguments we have between Phone and CW operators. The Two Holers, like the CW operators can claim that it's harder to work Two Holers. One Holers will always look down their noses (pun intended) at the Two Holers. I mean; since we have two weekends a year still free from contests, it is our duty (pun intended) to finish them off with WAOH. Just think how proud you will be showing off your "Clean Sweep Certificates" (printed on toilet paper) to anyone who will visit your shack! Think of it as another way to promote our wonderful hobby. Remember, it is no longer the "accepted way" to Ham by just calling out a CQ or, for that matter, even answering one. Ham Radio is not allowed to just be simple fun any longer. It must be totally regimented. The new way is—you cannot get on the air unless you only pass on contact numbers and signal reports. Have you ever wondered why we are not getting new Hams into the Hobby? I'll tell you why—its because we need to promote WAOH—it's the only answer! See ya in the pile ups (pun intended).

ANYMOUSE

EDITOR'S CHOICE

The chart on the opposite page was sent to us by Al Lotze, W6RQ. As many of you already know, Al has been studying the factors that influence propagation for many years more than I care to count and probably more than he cares to admit. But, that aside, the chart shows actual sunspot numbers and forecasted numbers to Jan., 2006.

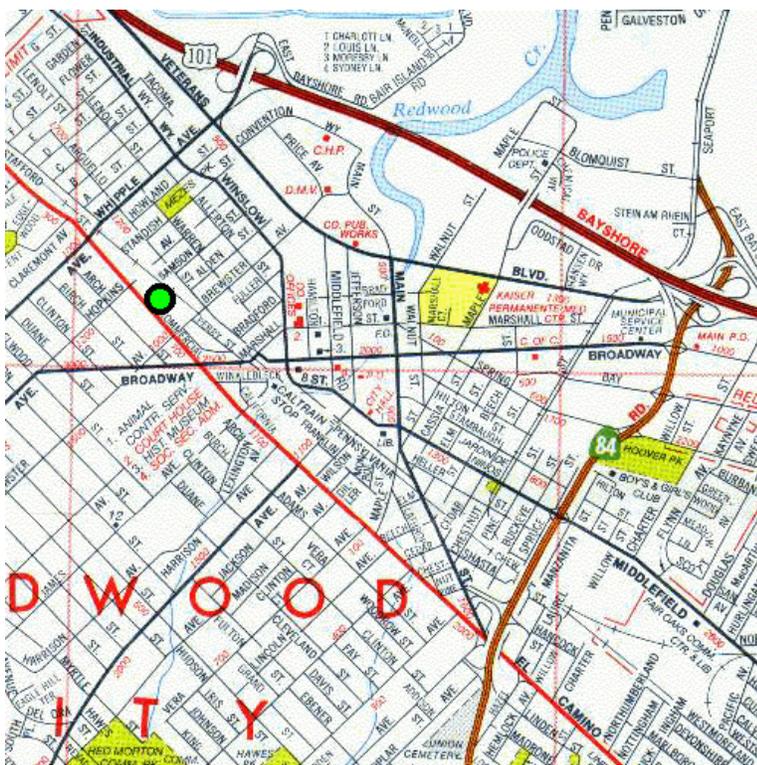
This is the first of a series of charts I received from Al and that I intend to publish, space permitting, in the next few months. The copy of the chart, itself, could have been more legible. But it is clear enough to see that the sunspot numbers are on the rise. It's also, pretty clear that, if you want to work a LOT OF DX, you'd best be ready to do it in the next couple or three years. If not, you won't be getting much help from the "Palos Verdes Dancers". Good luck and good DX!!

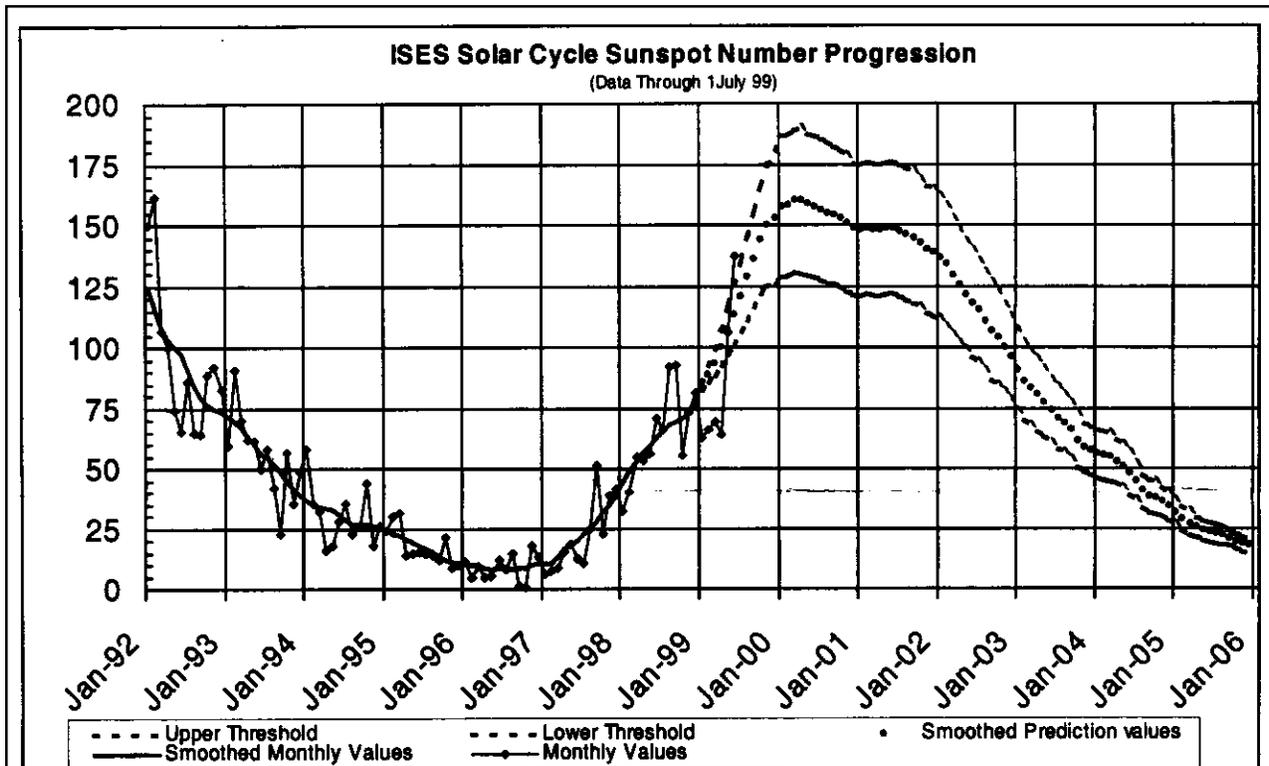
To the left, on this page is a map (hopefully legible) for finding your way to the General Meeting site at the American Legion Post in Redwood City. It's a GREAT place to meet and the program will be MOST enjoyable. One thing to remember is, they do not have dining facilities. So, we all need to partake of dinner elsewhere, beforehand. But they serve a good drink and the prices are reasonable.

Finally, I want to say a few things about the International DX Convention we recently held in Fresno and that we will again be hosting in April of 2001. Suffice it to say, we went into this convention knowing that the "cards were stacked against us." It was a given, that we would NOT make a great sum of money on this convention. And we didn't! A quick look at the Income Statement will tell you why! It's pretty clear!

With that said, we need to look ahead to where we will host the convention in 2001. I have already offered to chair the convention and will look to you for input on that.

Hope to see you at the meeting.
George, W6YD





SEC Prediction of Smoothed Sunspot Number

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1996	10 (***)	10 (***)	10 (***)	8 (***)	8 (***)	9 (***)	8 (***)	8 (***)	8 (***)	9 (***)	10 (***)	10 (***)
1997	11 (***)	11 (***)	14 (***)	17 (***)	18 (***)	20 (***)	23 (***)	25 (***)	28 (***)	32 (***)	35 (***)	39 (***)
1998	44 (***)	49 (***)	53 (***)	57 (***)	59 (***)	62 (***)	65 (***)	68 (***)	69 (***)	71 (***)	73 (***)	78 (***)
1999	84 (1)	89 (3)	94 (5)	100 (7)	107 (10)	114 (12)	121 (15)	128 (17)	136 (20)	144 (22)	150 (25)	153 (27)
2000	157 (29)	158 (29)	160 (29)	160 (30)	159 (29)	158 (29)	156 (29)	155 (29)	154 (28)	153 (28)	151 (28)	148 (27)
2001	148 (27)	149 (27)	148 (27)	148 (27)	149 (27)	149 (27)	147 (27)	146 (27)	145 (27)	143 (26)	140 (26)	139 (26)
2002	137 (25)	134 (25)	130 (24)	125 (23)	122 (22)	118 (22)	115 (21)	111 (20)	107 (20)	104 (19)	100 (18)	96 (17)
2003	91 (17)	86 (16)	83 (15)	81 (15)	77 (14)	74 (13)	71 (13)	69 (12)	66 (12)	62 (11)	59 (10)	57 (10)
2004	56 (10)	56 (10)	55 (10)	53 (9)	51 (9)	48 (9)	44 (8)	41 (7)	38 (7)	38 (7)	36 (6)	34 (6)
2005	31 (5)	29 (5)	27 (5)	25 (4)	24 (4)	23 (4)	23 (4)	22 (4)	21 (3)	20 (3)	19 (3)	18 (3)

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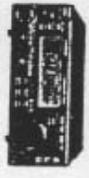


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