

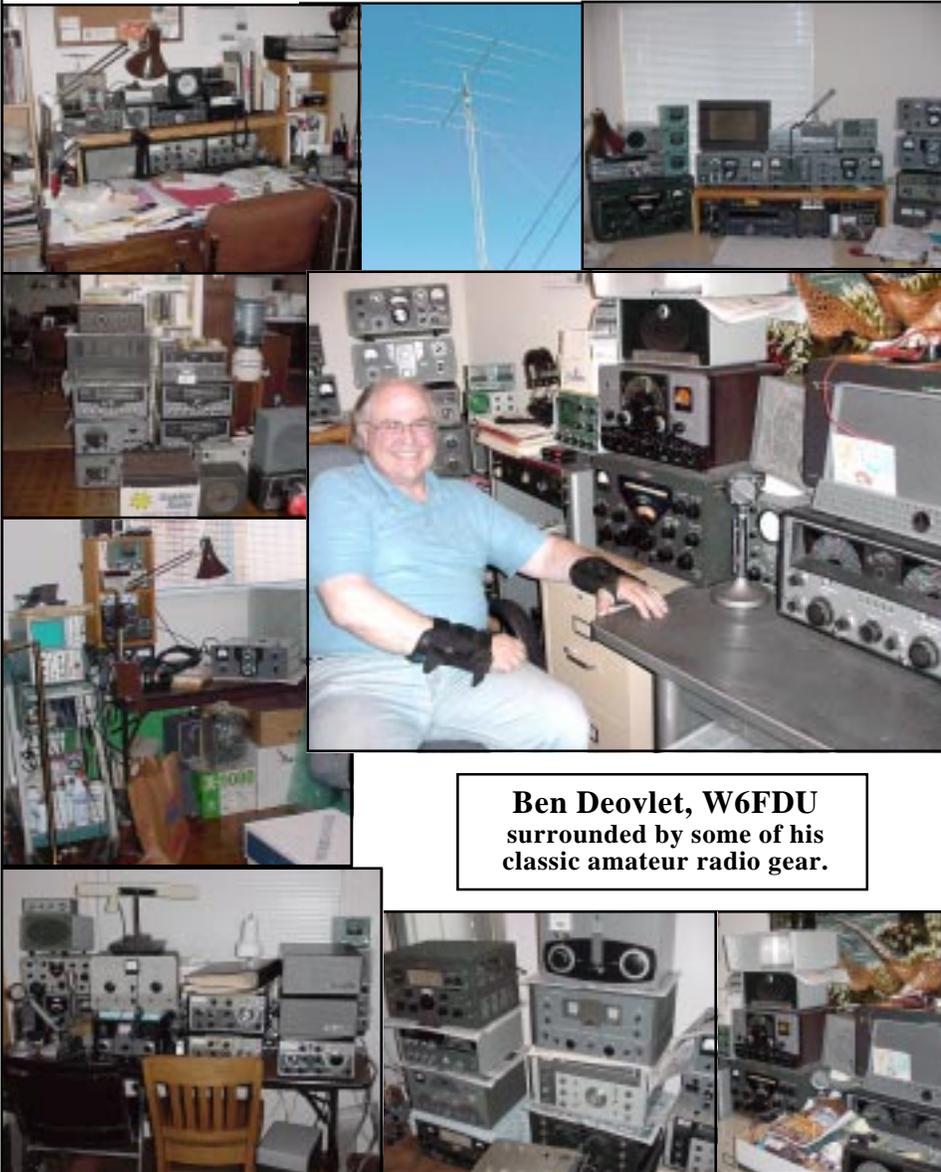
# DXer



**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
DX CLUB**

## ***DXer Profile: W6FDU, Ben Deovlet***

(See story on page 7)



**Ben Deovlet, W6FDU**  
surrounded by some of his  
classic amateur radio gear.

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**No General Meeting in July.**

**Instead, we will have the  
Annual NCDXC Picnic  
July 8th at 11:00 AM**

**at the**

**Amador Valley  
Community Park**

**4455 Black Avenue  
in Pleasanton.**

**See Map and driving  
directions on page 6, herein.**

**No Meeting in August!**

**Enjoy your Vacation!**

**Membership Dues  
are Due Now!**

**See Page 2 for details**

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**Club Repeater, W6TI/R**

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 Comm. Chairman: Robert Smithwick, W6CS  
 Club simplex: 147.54 MHz (suggested)  
 Thurs. Net QTR: 8 pm local time.  
 Net Manager: Randy Wright, W6CUA  
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 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.

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**President's Comments**



Boy! Did we ever get a HOT spell! Now if only the bands would get HOT. They are not all that bad, but I sure thought that they would be a lot stronger by now, in this part of Sun Spot Cycle 23. If you think I am kidding, just fire up the computer and have a look at the graphical comparison of Solar Cycles 21,22 and 23. Here is the address; <http://www.dxl.com/solar/cyclecomp.html>. This is an excellent site and well worth the effort to check it out. In fact the Internet has many many great Ham related web sites to investigate. Perhaps, I will start a regular contribution each month with a mini review of an interesting Ham related web site, provided there is room in the DXer each month.

I am sure you are aware that Ethiopia and Eritrea signed a peace settlement to end their border war. Whenever any conflict where blood is shed, can be stopped, it is great news. And, in time, it will allow resumption of Ham Radio from both these often sought after DX countries. This is good news for me, as Eritrea has eluded me and I need it for an all time new country. Also in the news has been the positive result of the meetings between North and South Korea. Who knows; you may yet, without the benefit of a telephone, get a real P5. As they say "hope springs eternal." But, I did get a QSL for Bhutan and I never thought I would live long enough to see it come back on the air.

I want to again encourage you to plan on attending the Club Picnic in order to welcome the incoming BOD. It was well attended last year and from the input we are getting, it will again be a great fun event. It is of course, helpful to have you check in and sort of make a reservation prior to the picnic. Feel free to just show up if your plans are not clear prior to July 8th. Remember, it is free. So, bring yourself and anyone that would enjoy mixing it with Hams their wives and friends, a great bunch. Information is in both this and last months DXer's. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a jingle at 408-267-2624 anytime day or night.

Well, this is my last submittal as club president. It has been a good two years for me and the club. Two years ago, on the night of the report that the then elected President, Doug Westover, W6JD would not be able to accept the position due to doctors orders, I had no idea that I would jump up and run for President. I was willing and had agreed to be a Director, but that was all. On several occa-

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**NCDXC Dues Information**

**Full and Associate Members;**

Date Dues are Paid	Member	Family Rate
1 July thru 30 September	\$24.00	Plus \$15.00
1 October and after	\$24.00	Plus \$15.00*

\*Members who have not remitted dues by the 30 September deadline are considered dropped from the membership roles. Those desiring to renew membership may do so anytime, but will not be included in the new issue of the NCDXC Roster .

**Absentee Member Dues are \$16.00 per year.**

## President's Comments (Continued)

sions in the past, our friend, Bud Bane, W6WB had prompted me to consider running for President. So I guess we can either blame or thank Bud for my unplanned involvement. What was I thinking? It's crazy! — It was the year for our club was to sponsor the Annual North, South International DX Convention and we did not even have a Chairman! We were also losing our *DXer* Bulletin Editor to a job that required him to move out of the area. Thus, he could not continue with that giant task! How could this be? I don't know what came over me, except to say that I have always cared a lot for the club and about what it stands for. What possessed me to jump up without giving serious thought to the fact that, at this point, whoever took on the Presidency, was nearly facing total flameout of the club? What am I doing standing up? I opened my big mouth and said "I will accept if elected." I am glad that I did! I have enjoyed almost all of the two years with but a few obstacles in the road. I did not get all the changes accomplished that I felt were in the best interest of the club. And many times, I raised the ire of members and had to back down. The majority rules and so it is.

It would be remiss of me if I did not thank every one of the Club Officers as well as all of the members for all of your support. I have tried to thank each one and I hope that I have not missed YOU! A special thanks to our last and current Convention Chairman, George Allan, W6YD who is also our *DXer* Editor.

Hope to see all of you at the Picnic.

73 - Dick, W6KM

## Minutes of May Meeting

Minutes of NCDXC, 12 May 2000

Meeting called to order at 8 PM by President Dick Letrich, W6KM. There were 21 members and guests present. Guests were DK9GG, Gislela (YL) and DJ4KW, Gerd. Gerd also holds calls AC6YM and 8Q7AC. Larry, KM6IU was also in attendance.

KC6AWX, Bob Devine (Extra) was approved as a full member in the Club.  
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N6TQS, Doug Faunt has confirmed 100 countries and is now a full member.

NOLZF, Michael O'Leary has upgraded to Extra

K6RK, Chuck's program of presentation of old and interesting equipment or events was well received by all. Equipment such as receivers, keyers and interesting QSO's with QSL's were displayed. Presenters were K6RK, W6WB, K6ITL, W6TWO, and W6ISQ.

Doug Faunt, NSTQS member of the Clipperton Island FOAAA group (March/2000) related some of his experiences operating from a DX location.

W6YD, George shared a video tape of a 20/20 program of a rescue at sea (near Honduras) with Ham Radio Operators assisting to ferry a young boy shot by pirates to a hospital in Dallas, Texas.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10 PM.

de W6TEX, Secretary, NCDXC

## June Meeting Minutes

Minutes of NCDXC Friday night, June 9, 2000

After the usual libations in the bar of the American Legion Hall in Redwood City, five large pizza, all five different, were brought in by Rusty, W6OAT, from "Give Pizza A Chance". Beer & pizza on the NCDXC. President Dick Letrich, W6KM, called the business part of the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M. introducing guests K6DY, KM6IU, & AD6IW. The president presented designer coffee mugs to hard working members K6RK, W6TEX (in absentia), WB6JJJ, W6RGG, N6VAW, W6WB, AA6W & W6VG. The Troster (W6ISQ) Award club flag, was given in appreciation of the fine work done for the NCDXC to Bob Vallio, W6RGG, Chuck Vaughn, AA6G, Charles "Mac" McHenry, Jr., W6BSY, Ben Deovlet, W6FDU, Randy Wright W6CUA, & Rich Carbine W6UDS.

A very elucidating talk was given by K6RK, Chuck Patterson on QRM caused by VCR's. Three new members were elected to membership in the NCDXC, K6DY Anthony Bryce, AD6IW, Goran Popovic & KM6IU, Larry Moore. Welcome to all three to the best DX Club in the World. After a short break, meeting was re-convened by president Dick Letrich, W6KM. Dick turned the gavel over to Bob Vallio, W6RGG who handled the election of officers. Elected were: Chuck Patterson, K6RK as president, Don Anastasia, AA6W as vice president, KN6K, Keith Butts secretary, WB6JJJ, Bill Maurer is continuing his fine job as treasurer, board members: will be: Dick Letrich, past president board member, Bud Bane, W6WB board member, & Rolph Stoddard, W6TWO as board member.

Acting secretary, W6VG, Ron Panton



**June Meeting Pictures** by W6KM

**The Assembly of the Deserving**



**This bunch knows how to chow down, imbibe, elect officers & tell tall tales,..., although, there ARE those who get bored by the whole thing!**



## QSL'ing Via Box 88

*The following was sent to us by Jack Troster, W6ISQ and is reprinted with the permission of Bernie, W3UR, editor of the "Daily DX".*

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W4KM recently translated the following from a February 2000 issue of the Russian Patriot Magazine. Looks like if you send a QSL to Box 88 for a Russian ham you better put his call sign on the envelope if you want the IRC's or Green stamps you are sending to get to him.

73, Fred, K3ZO

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One of the most important recent events in our amateur radio life is the return to a single QSL bureau for Russia, attached to [pri] the Central Radio Club. Its address — "Box 88 — has been widely known throughout the world for over 50 years. The ambitious attempts to create an "alternative" and "independent" QSL bureau are done with; they created nothing but a confused mess. Now all of the mail flows in a single channel. The volume is such that without an efficient and professionally organized service it would be difficult to cope with. According to the latest data, about 150,000 cards from 70-odd countries and territories of the world arrive at the CRC monthly. All QSLs are processed, sorted, and sent out to amateur radio organizations in the republics, krays, and oblasts (except for those behind in the payment of postal expenses). If cards are picked up, they are delivered without charge, and representatives from Moscow, Moskovskaya Oblast', Kursk, Ryazan', Nizhniy Novgorod, Kaluga, and Belgorod do so. In the other direction, mail weighing around 81 kg is sent to 24 national QSL bureaus.

The SRR [Soyuz radiolyubiteley Rossii - Union of Radioamateurs of Russia] Presidium has confirmed a set of rules [polozheniye] for the QSL bureau, which now has the status of an executive organ of the SRR and is a structural subdivision of the CRC.

The Radio Club receives, counts [? - uchityvayet], processes, and forwards abroad, QSL cards received from regional organizations and (with the agreement of the regional organization concerned) from individual radio amateurs in remote areas of Russia, as well as QSL cards arriving from abroad.

The exchange of cards within Russia is the responsibility of regional organizations and of radio amateurs themselves. Packages, wrappers, and letters arriving from abroad and not indicating an individual recipient are opened; enclosed money and IRC's are removed and credited to the CRC account. Envelopes showing the callsign of the addressee are not subject to being opened.

The QSL bureau also handles the issuance of CRC and SRR diplomas [certificates]. If desired by those applying for foreign diplomas, applications may be forwarded at their expense to any amateur radio organization. Under the same conditions, reports on participation in foreign competitions [contests] may be forwarded.

For correspondence within Russia, the following address should be used: 123459, Moskva, Pokhodnyy pr., 23, TsRK RF [Central Radio Club of the Russian Federation, 23 Pokhodnyy Proyezd, 123459 MOSCOW]; foreign mail should be sent to the address P. O. Box 88, Moscow, 123459, Russia.1

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Bernie McClenny, W3UR  
Editor of The Daily DX & How's DX?

## New 15 Meter Award

DXCC is pleased to announce the addition of a 15 meter single band DXCC award. Beginning June 1, 2000, DXCC printouts have been set to reflect credits on 15 meters. The start date for the new 15 meter DXCC award will be July 1, 2000. 15 Meter DXCC certificates will be dated but not numbered. Deleted entities do not count towards this award. Those who have an active 5 Band DXCC, which was processed prior to DXCC computerization and do not have 100 entities in the computer (on 15 meters), will be allowed to submit enough credits on that band to bring the computerized record to the first

100 needed for this award with no per QSO fee. Simply include postage and the award fee. The award fee is \$10. Please note your 5 Band DXCC award number and original issue date on the application form in the block specified.

If you do not know what credits you have on 15 meters, you should contact DXCC for an updated report, prior to submitting further credits. This will help both you and DXCC in that it will avoid duplicates and additional costs, since QSL costs over the limits noted in DXCC Rule #15 are \$0.15 per QSO. If you have web access and can handle ADOBE (.pdf) files, contact DXCC at dxcc@arrl.org for a copy of your record. If you do not have web access, please send a note to DXCC along with \$1.50 for postage or an SASE with \$1.50 in postage. If you have not submitted since the later portion of 1991, your records are not in the computer, and an SASE with valid postage is required for a hard copy.

Please contact DXCC for any comments and/or questions relating to these new awards at the following URL; dxcc@arrl.org.

*Thanks to Jack, W6ISQ.*

## Roster Updates

Three new members were elected to membership in the NCDXC,

**K6DY** Anthony Bryce  
939 Dry Creek Rd  
Campbell CA 95008-4306

**AD6IW** Goran Popovic  
1795 Lancaster Dr 4  
San Jose Ca 95124

**KM6IU** Larry Moore  
15 Rock Point Ave  
Los Altos CA 94024

### Changes;

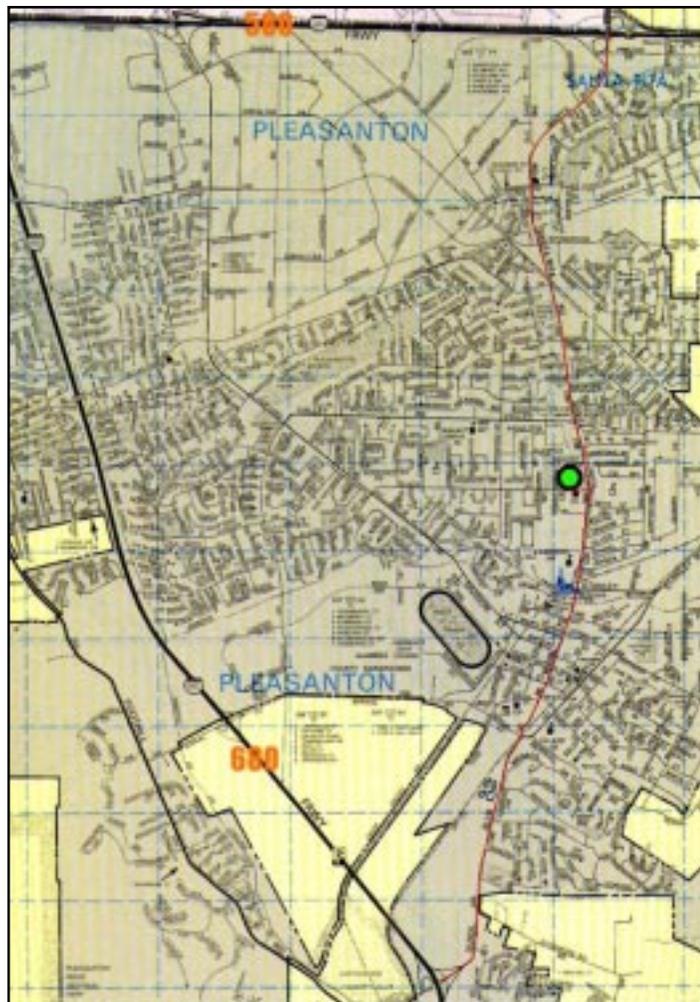
**K6KAY**, Kay Anderson -  
New call is **K6KO**.

## NCDXC Annual Picnic - July 8<sup>th</sup>

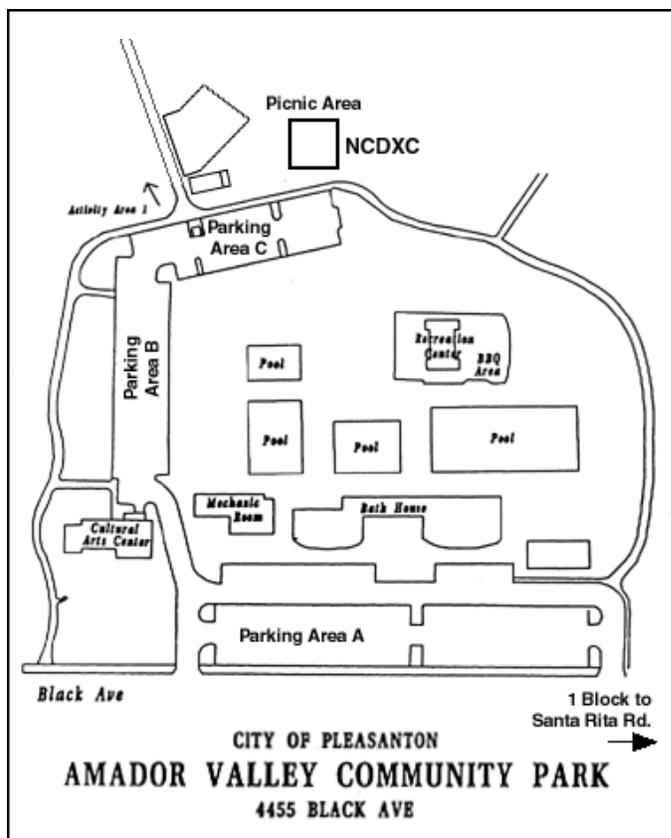
**Free Food & Sodas for You, Your Family, Friends and Prospective Members\***

**Time: 11:00 A.M. Place: Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton**

**Menu: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Beans, Salads & Soda Pop. (Bring your own "hard stuff")**



**\* In order for us to plan properly, please, Call Dick Letrich, W6KM (408-267-2624) and let him know how many will attend.**



**Keith, KN6K & Tom, K6TS**



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**Bob, W6RGG**



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