

DXer



**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
DX CLUB**

DXer Profile: W6VG, Ron Panton



Clockwise from Upper Left;
W6VG at the controls; The
2M antenna; The TH6 an-
tenna; The main operating
position; W6VG in action.

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**General Meeting
September 8, 2000**

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

Program

Chuck, AA6G, will present a
program on home reception of
weather satellite images.

NO DINNER

Social Hour 7:00 P.M.

Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Directions to the Meeting
(See Map on Page 3)

From either North or South:

Take the Woodside Road exit west
off Highway 101 and turn right on
El Camino Real. Drive about one
half a mile to 651 El Camino Real
(on the right).

**N O R T H E R N
C A L I F O R N I A
D X C L U B**

Club Officers:

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Club Repeater, W6TI/R

Frequency/offset: 147.36 MHz, +

Trustee: Bob Vallio, W6RGG

Comm. Chairman: Robert Smithwick, W6CS

Club simplex: 147.54 MHz (suggested)

Thurs. Net QTR: 8 pm local time.

Net Manager: Randy Wright, W6CUA

DX News: Net Control Operator

Swap Shop: Ben Deovlet, W6FDU

QSL Information: Mac McHenry, W6BSY

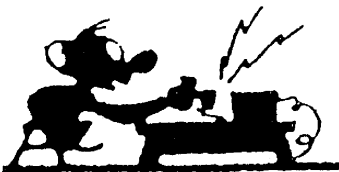
W6TI DX Bulletins:

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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President's Comments



YOUR BOARD MET AT W6VG'S ON AUG 26. THE 00/01 BUDGET WILL BE OUT IN A MONTH OR SO. WE DISCUSSED FUTURE MEETING PROGRAMS. I PRESENTED PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR THE DX LADDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. BASED ON CURRENT DXCC ENTITIES LIST.
2. STRICTLY HONOR SYSTEM BUT MUST BE CONFIRMED.
3. CARDS NEED NOT BE RECORDED BY ARRL.
4. DX LADDER MANAGER SHOULD CHALLENGE ANY CLAIMED COUNTS GREATER THAN CURRENT LIST.

ANY COMMENTS ?

GEORGE, W6YD GAVE A CONVENTION REPORT. ALL IS WELL! AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE CLUB WOULD NOT NOMINATE ANYONE FOR DX QSL CARD CHECKER, MAINLY BECAUSE THE NEW PROGRAM IS UNWEILDY AND NONE OF THE OLD CHECKERS WANT ANY PART OF IT.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT HAVING A SPEAKER'S BUREAU I.E. CLUB MEMBERS WOULD GO TO LOCAL CLUBS AND SELL THE IDEA OF BECOMING DX'ERS.

SORRY TO HEAR KNOCK, K6ITL IS VERY ILL IN THE HOSPITAL. VICE PRES. DON, AA6W WILL WORK ON PLANS FOR A CHRISTMAS PARTY AS WELL AS PROGRAMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.

OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE OCT.28.

DON'T FORGET OUR THURSDAY NET AT 8PM LOCAL TIME ON 147.36. TUNE IN AND TAKE PART.

CU AT CLUB MEETING SEPT. 8 73 CHUCK K6RK

NCDXC Dues Information

Full and Associate Members;

<u>Date Dues are Paid</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Family Rate</u>
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.

NCDXC Board of Directors

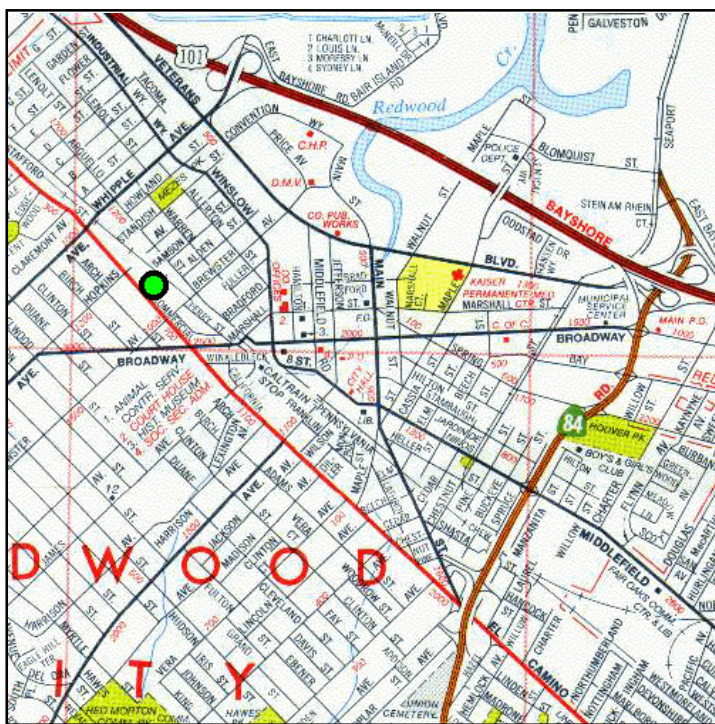


Here is your 2000-2001 Board of Directors.
 Front row, Lt to Rt; KN6K, Secretary, AA6W, Vice President.
 Back row, Lt to Rt; W6TWO, Dir., W6WB, Dir., K6RK, President,
 W6KM, Dir. and WB6JJJ, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

	August 2000
Income:	
Dues & badges	\$ 1,203.00
Total Income	\$ 1,203.00
Expenses:	
DXer Printing	\$ 266.94
DXer Postage	99.00
Repeater Phone	25.83
Club Officer's Expenses:	
Director - Card printing	\$ 27.06
Director - Postage	8.07
Director - Postage & stationary	42.93
Total expenses	\$ 469.83
Checking Accounts:	
Club acct.	\$ 11,748.17
Repeater acct.	1,807.34
Convention acct.	3,485.81
TOTAL	\$ 17,041.32
9 month CD acct.	\$ 10,622.97
6 month CD acct.	10,264.00
Current Club Total	\$ 37,928.29

Map to Meeting Site



2M Net Info.

What: Good Stuff!!!
Officers' Reports
Swap Shop
DX News
Announcements
QSL Information.

When: Thursday Evening at 8:00 P.M. Local Time

Where: W6TI, 147.36 MHz, +

It's where you'll find out what's happening in the DX World!

NCDXF Board

NCDXF PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION

At its Board of Directors meeting on August 15, 2000 in San Francisco, CA, the Northern California DX Foundation re-elected the following officers and directors:

President - Len Gerald, K6ANP
Vice President - Al Burnham, K6RIM
Secretary - Tom McShane, NW6P
Treasurer - Bruce Butler, W6OSP
Director - Lou Beaudet, K6TMB
Director - Rusty Epps, W6OAT
Director - Bob Fabry, N6EK
Director - Dave Pugatch, KI6WF
Director - Chuck Ternes, N6OJ
Director - Steve Thomas, N6ST
Director - Glenn Vinson, W6OTC

Information pertaining to the Northern California DX Foundation is available at <<http://www.ncdxf.org>>

Northern California DX Foundation
by: Al Burnham, K6RIM, VP

Editor's Choice

You may note in the HRO ad on the adjoining page, that they had TWO whole stores in those days. If you look at the HRO ad on the back of this issue, you'll see there are now an even dozen stores.

You may also note the improved HRO ad in this issue. We finally had some time to scan the new copy and convert it to an image file with sufficient resolution to make it fairly legible. My humble apologies go out to W6RJ and the rest of the gang at HRO for taking awhile to get this job done. We'll try to do better in the future.

George, W6YD

Communique From The Marin County DX Group

Because of our involvement, we all too often get caught up in current activities and obligations. The result is that we often overlook and/or forget about some of the more important tasks at hand. Such is the case with the following communique which was received in the mail this past June from "the Marin County DX Group".

Included with the letter was a copy of the West Coast DX Bulletin, which was dated 21 December 1976. It has been reproduced, as nearly as possible, in its original size.

With apologies to Cass and the rest of the Marin County DX Group for the delay, we now present the communique and its contents for your perusal and reading pleasure. Ed.

8 June 2000

Hi George!

Here comes a voice out of the distant and often shadowy past.

I noted in the recent DXer the long ago and altogether forgotten excerpt from the West Coast DX Bulletin of July 1976. And then this morning I was working away at the eternal and never ending job of straightening out the lower level. Among the litter I found a sheet from a long gone issue of the bulletin. I thought you might find it interesting. It might help to understand the how and why and everything else of the publishing format.

Note that the weekly items were tied into the listing of subscription rates and this is how it all started. We were a bit reluctant to show the need for financing so we would sort of slip sideways into the needed message by telling a story.

There were other aberrations. We never put our name or call into the bulletin but for the necessity of listing it once a year to conform with the postal regulations. And we did finally sign the final issue. We also hid behind the "Marin County DX Group" which was a non-existent organization.

We still remember one subscriber who wrote to say that he had been getting the WCDXB for over five years but he did not yet know who was writing and publishing it.

VE1DX has the file of the WCDXB issues. I had kept them for years and when he once wrote to ask if it was okay to use the same format we had used in the WCDXB, our reply was that none of it had been even thought of as suitable for copywriting, that he could use anything he wished and we ended up by offering him the file of the WCDXB. It took a couple of years of shipping not only the files of the bulletin but also the files of QST extending back into the Thirties, and the CQ file going back to the late Forties. I assume you know we wrote the DX column for CQ in the Eighties—

Enough. I will tire you out—

Hugh Cassidy WA6AUD

Cass WA6AUD

Communique From The Marin County DX Group (Continued)

21 December 1976

CALENDAR

ANGUILLA	VP2EEQ presently active....the Colvins
FERNANDO DE NORONHA	PY7BXC and PY7PO planning a January effort...
SAUDI/IRAQI NEUTRAL	Possible.....Something moving but no late information.
EUROPA	FR7AI being worked on twenty c.w.
MACQUARRIE	VKØAC by VK3ZQK....on twenty SSB
ST KITTS	By VP2DM.....Dec 18-January 2nd.
MANIHIKI	Information soon on possible ZK1BA return.....
YU-80 METER TEST	January 8/9th
WW 160mtr TEST	January 28/30th
FRENCH CW TEST	February 26/27th
FRENCH PHONE TEST	January 29/30th
ARRL PHONE TEST	February 5/6th - first go-round
INAUGURATION DAY	January 20th....Special certificate/operation by Georgis SSB Assn

Keep in mind that we will be looking for activities planned for the ARRL Phone Test. If you plan to travel to some warm, exotic QTH for the ARRL Test, do not forget that it pays to advertise!!

SOME SHORT NOTES The DXAC is conducting a poll of a number of DXers on the DXCC list. The calls were selected by pulling a certain number out of the list and this ended up with some 400+ calls. The intent is to give the DXAC more insight into what DXers are interested in or irritated about.

You can get a copy of the questionnaire by sending a sase with 13¢ postage to Bob Locher, W9KNI, 1145 Osterman, Deerfield, Ill 60015. You can also return a completed survey but it is our understanding that while these will be reviewed, they will not be included with the block of 400 sent out, this being done so as to not affect the statistical integrity of the sample. Send for it anyhow. It is always interesting to get the questions when you already know the answers.

ARRL in the January QST will be seeking to stimulate more articles from the membership. Look for an article by Jerry Hall, K1PLP, and Judy Gorski, of the QST Staff on writing for QST.

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Burlingame Bob Ferrero W6RJ/K6AHV %%%%%%%%%% Van Nuys Jim Rafferty K6AAR %%%%%%%%%%

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Communique From The Marin County DX Group (Continued)

ARRL The membership gain for November was a net of 1385, this making the overall figures as 139,682 total and 109,490 fullmembers. The difference being Associate, Subscribers or Foreign. The rate of growth has tapered off a bit but it is still up.

The ARRL Board of Directors will be meeting at the Ramada Inn in East Hartford commencing January 20th. If you have any ideas that will help the Directors at this meeting, this is the time to write.

South Korea has again given temporary permission for third party traffic during the holiday seasons. U.S. amateurs may handle 3rd party items with Korean stations with the HL9-prefix from 1500Z Dec 21st to 1500Z January 5, 1977.
TNX to W1DA, W2AG, K2BT, W2FP, K2TQC, W3CDL, W3US, WB4EDD, WB4IUX, W4KA, W4KFC, WB4OXD, K4SMX, W4TYE, K4UEE, W4UF, W4UMF, W4ZR, W5AK, ADXA, WA5AUZ, W5EZ, K5OVC, K5TSQ, K6DF, K6EC, WA6KZI, WB6LXC, W6JD, K6KII, K6LAE, W6MTJ, W6OBH, W6PT, W6RTN, WA6TLA, W6TSC, W6VD, K6VY, W6ZH, WB6ZUC, WA7HRE, WA7OBH, W7QNI, K8HLR, K8IP, W8GKM, K9KEV, W9MR, W9TKV, K9UIY, W9SFU, KH6BZFF_{ff} EP2VW, SM~~AGD~~.

WEST COAST DX BULLETIN Published every week by the Marin County DX Group. One of the local QRPers came trudging up the hill last week, and the weather being warm, we sat in the afternoon sunshine. "Say", this QRPer says, "I ran into this friend of mine the other day. Known this fellow for years. He was telling how he is looking forward to his retirement. And he's making plans for all those things he's been wanting to do. Lots of travel.....the mountains in the summer, the desert or Baja in the winter. Wants to go backpacking, he's talking about fishing for golden trout in the Kern. And he was asking me about Amateur Radio. He's saying he is going to get a license. He also said he was thinking of buying a boat. He sure has a lot of plans going, that's for sure." All of this was interesting to us for it is good to hear of one who knows how to enjoys the good days of his life. "And when is your friend retiring?", we asked and the QRPer gave us that slow eye. What would you do? We started to brace ourselves. Then the QRPer smiled. "Oh, this fellow will be seventy right after the turn of the year," the QRPer said. "He will have to retire from his job then." We both were quiet for a bit and then we had to laugh. For it not only the young who have the big dreams but to wait too long is to find that the years may have faded what might have been. Go! For this is the hour to find your dream of DXing and DX will rise again. And tomorrows never come. But for \$11.00 a year you can get some wild dreams of DXing by second-class mail for every one of those weeks...\$14.50 flips it by first-class mail to the U.S/VE areas. \$17.00 flies it by fan-jet to Mexico and all the far DX lands. Live your dreams!!! Live like a DXer!!!

West Coast DX Bulletin
77 Coleman Drive
San Rafael, Calif. 94901

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class**

DXer Profile: W6VG, Ron Panton

Everyone in the NCDXC knows Ron Patton, W6VG who is the subject of our DXer profile of the month. Ron has been an ACTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE MEMBER since 1960 when he joined the Club. He has been a ham since the early 1930s and his original call was W6CBE. He has held every office the club has had to offer and even to this day, while not an official member of the BOD, he contributes behind the scenes by maintaining the database, printing mailing labels, printing and mailing Club rosters... I could go on and on. We are indeed fortunate to have Ron in the Club and filling these very important positions.

Ron is on the air every day operating CW, which is his favorite mode. In fact, Ron holds a 2nd Class Commercial Telegraphers Ticket. This has served him well in quite a few of his jobs in a varied working career. His exciter is a Kenwood TS-830s and he has of course the external VFO. He has a few 2 meter rigs also. His linear is an Alpha 374 and has his main antenna remoted to the back of his property. His HF antenna is a HyGain TH-6 up at 55 feet. He also has a 2 meter Omni antenna on a separate tower up at 40 feet. Ron has well over 200 countries in the log and has been on several DXpeditions over the years. He has operated from Guam as a KG6 and from the Marshall Islands (while on duty for SRI) as a KX6, and from ZK2, Niue Island. Ron and his XYL Helga, have always made their home available to the club for Board of Directors Meetings.

One of Ron's passions is classical music and he writes music nearly every day. So if you know Ron, you know that he is busy from sunup to sundown. Ron, be sure to take some time for yourself to work the new one's

Many TNX es Gud DX. Dick, W6KM.

Internet Notes by W6KM

This month I want to encourage anyone who has Internet access and has not taken the time to surf the club's Internet web site to do so. Here is the address... <http://www.NCDXC.org>. Not only has the club itself an interesting number of pages, it has links galore. One leads to another, etc., and you should be able with a little patience find tons of DX related information. What you can do then is to bookmark a site for direct future access, such as looking up call sign addresses for both USA and DX. I am quite surprised to know that many do not take advantage of the wealth of information on the club site. You can sign up for free DX bulletins as well as subscribe to very current and detailed DX information. I wish I could suggest checking out the other DX clubs' monthly bulletins, but most are not put on the website. You know that our site is maintained by Chuck Vaughn, AA6G and it is the best site of all I have visited. I hope you will take the time to check it out and pass any feedback to Chuck. He has continued to expand and improve information on a very regular basis. Unlike some DX sites that are months out of date, ours is always current. I know you will not find (at least right away) everything that you wish to know about Ham Radio, but with patience you will. Now here is the tip of the month. As you know, there are many search engines that you can access, but here is the most amazing one I have yet to use. And, until recently, I had not even heard of it! A most unlikely name and it as far as I can tell has nothing to do with its function. It is **google.com**. Go ahead and type in a subject or query and I think it will get you to it pronto. With the two sites that I have just mentioned you should have it all, but I will report next month on a couple of sites that are quite interesting. You may not have looked at them before. Remember I am always open to suggestions and if you have located a site that would be of interest for DXers, please drop me an email at DLW6KM@AOL.COM. 73 for now. Dick, W6KM.

Convention Report

The following will be of interest to those among you who are artistically inclined. We are soliciting your participation in a contest to design a patch/logo for the 2001 Convention. The winner will receive a FREE registration for the convention. That's a \$60 value! Or \$65 for late registrants. In addition, the winner will receive all of the notoriety that he or she can handle!

Rules:

- Deadline for entry: Postmarked by 10/31/00.
- Maximum size: 4-1/2 x 4-1/2 inches. Keep in mind that your design must be converted to a patch.
- Designs should include:
 - The date of the convention (April 20-22, 2000).
 - The city (Visalia).
 - Reference to both NCDXC & SCDXC
- And, if possible, a reference to the spirit of cooperation that exists between the two clubs.
- Simplicity. Again, keep in mind that your winning design will be converted to a patch.

Send your entries to:

IDXC 2001 Patch Contest
c/o NCDXC
P.O. Box 608
Menlo Park, CA 94026-0608

We look forward to receiving and reviewing many entries.

George, W6YD



