

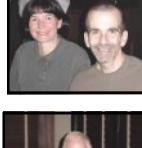
# DXer



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
DX CLUB



## Happy Holidays



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**No General Meeting  
This Month!  
Instead,  
We Will Hold Our  
GALA  
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
LUNCHEON  
On  
Saturday, Dec. 14th  
at the  
Wyndham Hotel  
in San Jose  
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**DXer Deadline  
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**Club Repeater, W6TI/R**

Frequency/offset: 147.36 MHz, +  
 Trustee: Bob Vallio, W6RGG  
 Control Operator: Robert Smithwick, W6CS  
 Club simplex: 147.54 MHz (suggested)  
 Thurs. Net OTR: 8 pm local time.  
 Net Manager: Randy Wright, W6CUA  
 DX News: Net Control Operator  
 Swap Shop: Mitch Cipriano, AE6AI  
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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.

**Club address:** Box 608  
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**President's Comments**

**ZL1AMO** - Ron Wright, ZL1AMO, is reportedly quite ill. He had been operating as 3D2RW on Rotuma when he fell ill and it was necessary to air-evac him to New Zealand at great expense. Besides being just a first class nice guy, Ron is one of the premiere DX-peditioners in the world and has provided all of us with many rare countries. Ron is also an honorary member of the club and I have sent a letter in the name of the club wishing him a speedy and complete recovery.

**Use the repeater!** There, I said it! Currently the most notable characteristic of W6TI/R is ... dead silence. With the exception of a limited few who occasionally show up, and the Thursday night net, the repeater is dormant. The fact that there is so little usage makes any argument against the Cloverdale repeater on the same frequency pair difficult to defend. Unfortunately, I think many potential users have been scared off by the "this is a closed repeater, DX announcements only, no rag chewing and please go away" chant. If you're annoyed by "non-DX" chatter, turn the repeater off. If all you want is DX spots, use the packet spotting network, but don't chase off legitimate users.

**Charlie** - Another repeater issue is "Charlie". There really seem to be only two positions on "Charlie".... you either hate him or love him. I'm almost neutral. He's very useful if you're away from the shack, but want to know if something of interest shows up....like when you're mowing the lawn. On the other hand, he can be annoying if you're trying to hold a conversation on the repeater. I'm willing to let Charlie intrude occasionally but, especially during contest weekends, he's very intrusive.

Charlie came to life when the DX spotting network made its appearance. Not everyone had packet and the thought was that pulling spots off the packet network would be valuable. Is this still the case? Does everyone now use DX Summit or the spotting net making "Charlie" redundant if not obsolete? Should Charlie be turned off during contest periods? Please let me know what you think. If the consensus should be that Charlie is more trouble than he's worth we can turn him off!

Guess that's all for this month. See you at the party.

73, Doug, W6JD

**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.**

## November Meeting Minutes

### November 14, 2002 Meeting Minutes

The November meeting of the NCDXC was held at the Redwood City Harry's Hofbrau.

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM with 21 in attendance including guests:

N6SJ - Steve Jones

K6YP - John Eisenberg

KG6MOP - XYL of Curt AE6EJ and the cousin of KG6MOP visiting from Romania

Treasurer KG6AM reported that he had sent Vince Chinn the financial material that we are required to file with the State to retain our not-for-profit status.

George, W6YD, reported on the status of convention preparations and all appears to be in good shape. George brought a number of submissions for the convention patch and the members selected a design submitted by Gary, K6DXX. The patch will appear on the club web site.

Rolph, W6TWO, reported on the status of the Christmas party. It appears we will have a great turn out with lots of good food, entertainment and equipment from HRO to operate.

Smitty, W6CS, reported on his attendance at the NARCC meeting. He expressed the club's concerns regarding the operation of a repeater in Cloverdale, KF6OTM, on the same frequency pair (147.36/96) as club repeater W6TI.

Jack, W6ISQ, brought up the issue of "Free Banders" and what their place in the DX world should be. Since these stations appear to be legal, or at least tolerated, in some countries, the question arises as to how DXpeditions should deal with them. There was a lively discussion with the only real point of consensus being that US hams should certainly not work them either in our bands or cross-band.

Chuck, K6RK, presented an excellent video of the A52A DXpedition produced by James Brooks, 9V1YC.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Submitted by Doug Westover, W6JD

Acting Secretary

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Correction/addition to the October 2002 Meeting minutes:

"W6JD announced that the Board of Directors approved a \$1000 donation to the NCDXF"

See! You need to elect a *REAL* secretary. Doug Westover, W6JD.

## NCDXC Marathon Now Running

The NCDXC Marathon is now running. Between the 1st of December and the 30<sup>th</sup> of January (2003) please QSO as many DX entities as possible. This is NOT a twenty-four hour per day or even a four hour per day pressure event. At the final hour, make up a summary sheet (as previously detailed) and submit to N7RC. It is not necessary to have 100 or more for a total to be able to be a participant in this club competition - working 100+ entities WILL get you recognition and it is a good figure to work for - but the winner may not have over 100 for a total. This should be significant as a FUN event. The 10 Meter contest this month should help a lot. Please see the Nov DXer and the info on the club's WEB page.

You will hear me in the pileups.

Dick (AKA N7RC)

## Club Marathon

As you read this, the club marathon contest should be in full swing. Let's show Dick, N7RC, we still know how to operate and go out there and work some DX! Participation in the marathon has diminished dramatically over the past several years...do it now before all the sunspots go away!

Doug, W6JD

## CQ WW - WAZ

*The following comes to us from K6ZH, Jim Price of the San Diego DX Club. We're planning to have Dick, N6AA on the program in Visalia --Ed.*

I just returned from being part of the TK4Z team for CQ WW SSB. This was the Dick Norton (N6AA), Art Goddard (W6XD), Phil Goetz (N6ZZ), and others globe-trotting bunch. In fact this was Dick's 40th zone from which to operate in CQ WW. He's made history, and Phil is only 3 zones behind him! TK5EP and several other locals handled the arrangements and it all went flawlessly.

Tony, K6MC, and John, AB6BH, rounded out the San Diego contingent.

We made over 11K Qs and over 15M points. Should be a good score.

This was my first such experience. Corsica is a \*beautiful\* place.

And it certainly was a pleasure to be around such "pro" amateurs!

73 - Jim, K6ZH

## Happy Holidays



From Your  
**DXer Staff**

## Club QSL Cards

Here is an update on the status of the club QSL cards and the costs involved.

By now I am sure that everyone in the club has seen the very high quality, glossy, Official NCDXC QSL Card. For those of you who have not, you can see it on the club Internet site.

The club has an estimated 6,000 blank QSL cards on hand. Due to the very large investment required to purchase these cards in bulk and the very slow turnover of these cards, I doubt that it makes much sense to tie up the very large sum in the future.

Currently I am having a difficult time dealing with the printer (ABS Printing) in San Jose. Each time I take in a batch of cards to be printed, I have to dicker with the printer to get the cards printed at a predetermined and agreed upon price. I have to hear that his operating costs have skyrocketed and now he wants \$\$\$ more money.

So, fellow members, check your supply of QSL's and decide how many you may want to order at the published prices, because, as of the 1ST of the year, he is going to triple the agreed printing prices to put the call sign and other information on the card. As a result, I am going to throw in the towel.

From that date on, the cost per 1,000 or 500 just for the Station call and address will go up. This means that the current (estimated) price of \$100 per 1,000 cards printed, could go up to as high as \$150. Let me add that the quality of the cards at that price is still a bargain compared to the same grade of cards in QST and other publications.

Contact me ASAP with your order and let's get these cards out to the world.

73 Dick, W6KM

## P5/4L4FN Goes QRT

Press Release for Immediate Distribution

P5/4L4FN QRT effective 2002 November 22

I just received word from Ed, P5/4L4FN that the unfortunate and worst possible thing has just happened.

Friday evening, 2002 November 22, Ed was called into a meeting with the "Radio Regulation Board" without any explanation, he was politely asked to quit all transmissions and pack all his radio equipment. Saturday, he spent all day on the roof disassembling his antennas and packing boxes. At 2:30pm one of the government officials came by, sealed all the boxes and when he leaves on December 10 for his two weeks R&R he is to take everything with him out of the country.

This really hits the ham community hard. I for one was looking forward to a satellite contact on AO-40. I know that many of you were still awaiting your first QSO.

Ed will keep all the equipment for his next duty station, which will be another really good spot. Any money received from now on will be donated to help ZL1AMO's emergency air ambulance trip from Fiji back home.

The logs should be 100% complete online by Monday. I will do up some stats of the DXpedition as time permits in the next week.

73...Bruce

Bruce Paige, KK5DO

via

Bernie McClenney, W3UR

Editor or The Daily DX, The Weekly DX and How's DX.

<http://www.dailyydx.com>

*The above came to us from both K6LM and W6ISQ. What a blow to those who still need it. - Ed.*

## WE6V Recovering from Stroke

Long time club member, Jim O'Keefe, WE6V is home recovering from both a heart operation and a recent stroke. Jim asked his son to call me and relate that he is now off the air and will resubmit his membership for this year as soon as he is back on his feet. His son, Michael related to me that his Dad had a very complicated heart surgery and soon after returning home suffered a serious stroke. Because his medical condition was foremost in his thoughts, for the first time since 1989, he missed renewing his club membership. He sends his very best wishes to all in the club. If you would like to drop him a line or send a get well card, his address is: 1581 Inverness Circle, San Jose, CA 95144-4810

On behalf of the NCDXC Membership, we all wish you a complete and speedy recovery, Jim.

Dick, W6KM.



Jim, WE6V (Left)  
& Don, W6YHM  
at the 2001 NCDXC  
Picnic

## DXCC legend Bob White, W1CW, SK

Former ARRL Headquarters staff member Robert L. White, W1CW, of Seffner, Florida, died November 22 from complications arising from pneumonia. He was 83.

Known to many as "Mr. DXCC", White was the manager of the ARRL's DX Century Club program from 1952 until 1976, establishing the award — and its stringent standards — as Amateur Radio's premier DX achievement. White codified the rules for the DXCC program and oversaw the checking of some 250,000 QSL cards submitted yearly, often working as many as 90 hours a week to ensure that the job got done right. During his tenure at Headquarters, White also oversaw the ARRL QSL Service. He belonged to the ARRL for 62 years and was a Life Member.

"Dad was the guy who made DXCC what it was", said White's son, Jim, K4OJ, in a posting to the CQ Contest reflector. "He didn't cut any corners—everyone was held to the same high standard—and this is what made holding DXCC meaningful".

Introduced to Amateur Radio in his youth, White was first licensed in 1938. He served as a radio operator in the US Navy during World War II.

White was an avid DXer and CW enthusiast. Active in the First Class CW Operators' Club, White was also inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame in 1998.

His wife Ellen, W1YL, and his son Jim, K4OJ, survive him; both are former ARRL staff members.

Friends may send condolence messages via e-mail to [1cw@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:1cw@tampabay.rr.com) or to: 6607 Flicker Ct, Seffner, FL 33584.

The family invites memorial donations to the

W1CW Memorial Fund  
Florida Contest Group,  
c/o Frederick M Perkins Jr,  
3437 Lake Josephine Dr,  
Lake Placid FL 33852.

Per White's request, there was no public service.

## 2003 Convention Patch Chosen

A patch based on the conceptual design submitted by Gary Cervo, K6DXX has been chosen as the official patch for the 2003 International DX Convention. Gary's design was the high "vote getter" from the seven designs submitted by NCDXC Members and voted upon by those in attendance at the November 14<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting. The design appears here and on the Club's website.

Please, join me in congratulating Gary on having submitted the winning design. For his winning design, Gary will receive free full convention registration for IDXC 2003.

We will now spend some time improving the graphic resolution of the patch before submitting it to the manufacturer. Although some small details may change, the overall design concept will remain unchanged.

George, W6YD



## CC&R Bill Gains

*From ARRL ARLB067 --*

Despite the fact that action on the CC&R bill, HR 4720, is highly unlikely as the current session of Congress winds down, additional cosponsors continue to register their support for the measure. The latest: representatives Todd Platts (R-PA), Larry Combest (R-TX), Duke Cunningham (R-CA), and Mary Bono (R-CA)—raise the total co-sponsor count to 34.

The recent spurt in cosponsors may have resulted from an eleventh-hour initiative in late September. The bill's sponsor, Rep Steve Israel (D-NY), and the only two amateurs in the US House of Representatives—Mike Ross, WD5DVR (D-AR) and Greg Walden, WB7OCE (R-OR)—appealed in a letter to colleagues who had not already done so to agree to cosponsor the measure.

HR 4720 is aimed at providing relief to amateurs faced with private deed covenants, conditions and restrictions—CC&Rs—in erecting antennas. No more votes will occur until a post-election "lame duck" session that began November 12 to complete several appropriations, homeland security and other high-profile bills. Another lame duck session in December also is possible.

With further progress on the bill unlikely this year, the effort to secure a congressional solution to the CC&R issue will start all over again when the new Congress convenes in January. The current list of HR 4720 cosponsors is available on the ARRL Web site. For more info, visit The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act of 2002 page on the ARRL Website [www.arrl.org/govrelations/hr4720](http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/hr4720).

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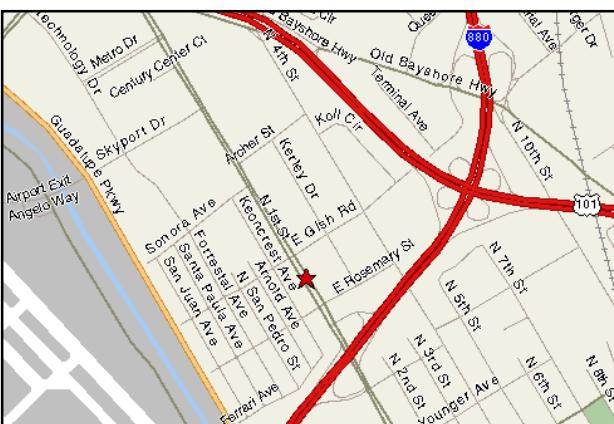
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## Christmas Party Extravaganza

Music, Magic and Radio are the backdrop for the Christmas Party Luncheon put together by Ralph Stoddard, W6TWO for NCDXC Members and their guests. Reservations have already been received for over seventy people.

The Party will take place on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Wyndham Hotel (the former LeBaron Hotel) on 1<sup>st</sup> Street, just off Highway 17(I-880) in San Jose. It will feature the music of Reno DiBono, the Magic of Hank Vlcek (he IS amazing) and an operating ham radio station, using the club call, W6TI for the "deserving" to work the ten meter contest. The station will feature over \$10,000 of demo equipment supplied by Ham Radio Outlet. The antenna is being supplied by Force 12 Antennas. Tom Schiller, N6BT is also expected to be in attendance.

Wyndham Hotel's Management Personnel are also excited about the event — enough so, that they have created a "special menu" for the, all you can eat, buffet luncheon. Lots of good stuff to eat and wine on the tables. It's all included.

Bob Vallio, W6RGG will be Master of Ceremonies. In addition to the activities mentioned above, Bob will oversee distribution of a multitude of door prizes for the "deserving". There will, in fact, be so many things going on that we are expecting the event to be written up in the San Jose Mercury News.

There is still time to make a reservation to attend, but "late comers", those signing up after the November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline, will be charged \$20. Either way, if you're planning to attend, I would recommend that you get there early, so you can enjoy ALL of the activities. The event is scheduled to run from 12:30 to 3:30 P.M.

## November Meeting Pictures



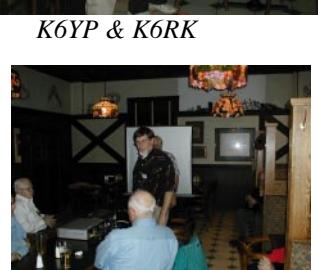
K6WIF & W6KM



KG6MOP (Rt) & Guest



K6YP



N6SJ (Standing)



W6WZ



W6VG & "The Deserving"



W6OD & W6CS



W6ISQ & W6MME

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**N7RC, Dick Courtway**  
**W6TWO, Rolph Stoddard**  
**W3UR, Bernie McClenney**  
**K6ZH, Jim Price**

Thank you, one and all!  
 George, W6YD

## More Mtg. Pic's.



K6YP & K6RK

