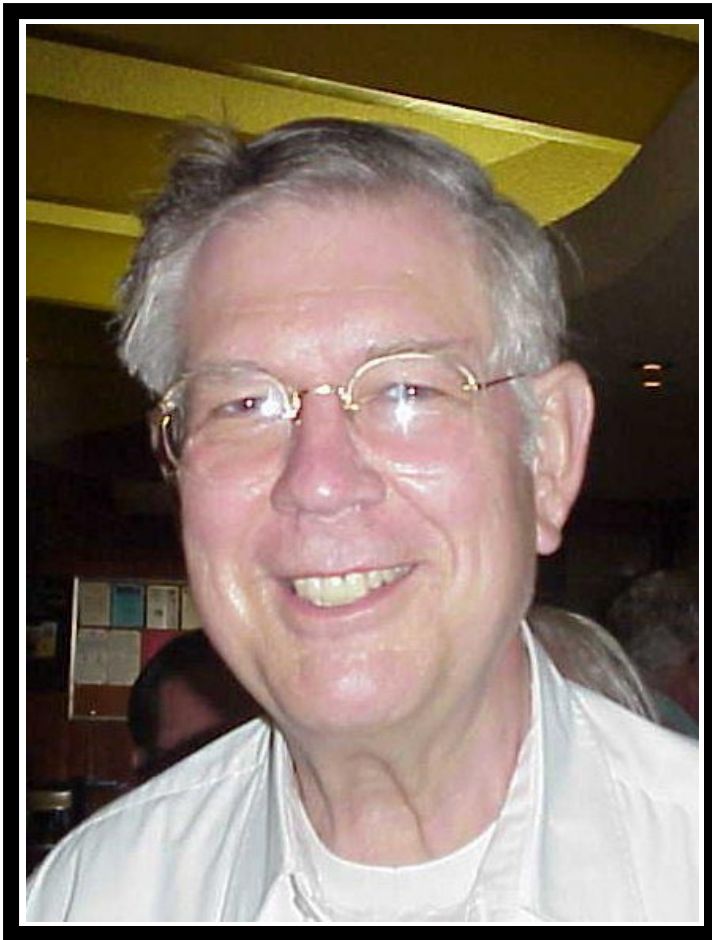


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DX CLUB**

In Memorium



Jim Maxwell, W6CF
1933 - 2003

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**General Meeting
March 13, 2003**

**Harry's Hof Brau
1909 El Camino Real,
Redwood City**

Program

**Amateur Radio Involvement
in the Croy Road Fire
by AD6XV
(See Page 4 for Details)**

**Social Hour .. 6:00 P.M.
Dinner 7:00 P.M.
Meeting..... 8:00 P.M.**

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President's Comments



First, it is my sad duty to announce the passing of two long time club members: Jim Maxwell, W6CF and Larry Bloom, KD6XY. All of our sympathies go out to their families.

It has been a slow month with not a lot to say — no particular rants or “issues”. The bands haven’t been terribly good and when they’re “in” there isn’t that much of interest to work. Guess I’m just getting to be old and jaded.

I am encouraged by the recent turn out for meetings and the addition of new members. I’m still looking for alternatives to Harry’s as meeting place, but it’s tough to find the good food/low cost/good meeting room combination. A place I had my eye on in Palo Alto just went out of business, so the search goes on.

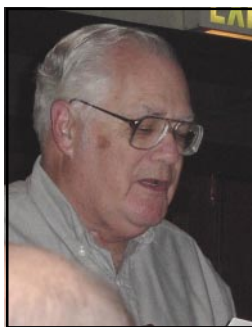
And through an act of sheer stupidity, I managed to pop a voltage regulator on the antenna tuner board of my K2.

It’s just one of those months.

Please, offer George some help on the convention, I’m sure he’ll let you know what’s needed.

CU at Harry’s on the 13th.

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
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*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.

Jim Maxwell, W6CF - Silent Key

On February 6th the Amateur Radio Community was stunned by the sudden death of ARRL Pacific Division Director, Jim Maxwell, W6CF. He had been a member of NCDXC since October 1965 when he joined the Club as W6CUF. We, who called him "friend" knew him to be a gentle giant of a man with a keen sense of humor and quick wit. Although each of us will experience our grief in our own way, perhaps the following note from Jerry Griffin, K6MD to Bob Vallio, W6RGG best sums it up for all of us.

Dear Bob:

I am in shock — I cannot grasp that Jim is a silent key — this giant of an amateur, a dear friend, a dear supporter of all that is good in amateur radio and life in general, is gone. I am sure that my personal loss is only mirrored by the amateur community — locally and nationwide! He WAS one of the most prolific men I have ever been privileged to know — brilliant, kind, gentle and with a sense of understanding that most will never know or comprehend. Jim was my mentor, my friend and compadre ... I cannot begin to describe how I shall miss him. Trudy, his beloved wife and life's companion is a beautiful woman and amateur as well. She supported Jim from the background and made his success possible. Her grief, and that of the amateur community is my grief. I want so very much to be there, but of course cannot. Please, convey my deepest sympathy to Trudy, and I look forward to working Jim as DX from a better place than this Earth. I am sure he is already going about setting up his new station there.

73 & DX.

Jerry Griffin, K6MD/YU, Brigadier General, US Army(Retired),
Deputy Commander for Clinical Services/Hospital Commandant,
US Army Hospital, Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo....

General Meeting

Minutes of NCDXC club meeting Feb. 13. 2003

After the drinking and dining, the meeting was called to order by President Doug Westover, W6JD. After a minute of silence while we thought good thoughts of our good friend, Jim Maxwell W6CF, guests were welcomed and introduced. Guest Carolyn, WB6ABC, XYL of Mike Gavin, W6WZ is working on her extra class license. She has gone from novice to general in no time at all. Kudos to you, Carolyn. Officer reports then followed, starting with our President, W6JD followed by reports from Vice Prez, K6RK; Treasurer, KG6AM; Secretary pro tem, W6VG and; by George, W6YD on the present fine state of the International DX Convention. Looks good!

Two former members have re-joined us — Bob, KE6HKL and Joe, N6IWJ. Wonderful to see you both. No reading for membership was given to the application of WR6M, as it is necessary for him to be present. Rolph, W6TWO has the Xmas meeting for 2003 well in hand, with reservations in place with the Wyndham Hotel in San Jose. Various members then told of happenings, stories, etc.

Meeting adjourned by W6JD at 9:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Panton, W6VG

Silent Keys



Larry Bloom, KD6XY

It is with a sense of great loss that we report the passing of Larry Bloom, KD6XY who died of cancer in late February. He was 78 years of age.

Larry joined the NCDXC in October 1978, when his call was WB6RWJ. He was a Life Member and true gentleman who was never known to utter an unkind word to or about anyone.

He is survived by his wife, Louese, KA6ING and his daughter, Niki, VE7NKI, to whom we offer our sincere sympathy and condolences.

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Bob White, W1CW

As most you already know, Bob White, W1CW an honorary member of NCDXC became a Silent Key on November 22, 2002. He was 83.

Most of you are also, aware that Bob was considered to be "Mr. DXCC" and was largely responsible for making DXCC the Premiere award in DXing. It was because of his contributions to DXing and his prominence in the field, that he was offered and accepted honorary membership in the NCDXC.

Bob was an avid DXer, Contester and a member of both the CQ DX Hall of Fame and the First Class CW Operators Club (FOC).

He is survived by his wife, Ellen and his son, Jim. Messages of condolence may be sent to 6607 Flicker Court, Seffner, FL 33584 or they may be sent via email to w1cw@tampabay.rr.com.

Radiofest Report by W6KM

As George, W6YD and I have done for quite a few years, we went to the Naval Postgraduate School Amateur Radio Club Radiofest. This year, it seemed that the flea market moved inside and the layout seemed to be just a little bit larger than last year. We didn't see many club members, but we did have a nice chat with Craig Smith, W6WL and his wife. They now live in Santa Cruz, so getting to meetings is not easy. It was a nice group of Hams. There was a lot to see and many bargains. We missed seeing some of the local members of our DX club, but we came fairly early and left before lunch.

Be sure to consider going next year so you can enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of a small, fun Radiofest.

Well, again this year, I walked away with an item I just couldn't resist. In fact, one that I thought I would never be able to find at a price within my budget. But much to my surprise and enjoyment, I came home with the long desired KILBURG GEOCHRON. After some minor repair and cleaning, it now proudly hangs over my operating position. You won't believe it, but that spot was set for the dimensions of Geochron almost 20 years ago in hopes of someday putting one there. I am still smiling from ear to ear. See the attached picture and you will know why.

73. Dick, W6KM



HamStop manned by Mitch, AE6AI



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March Meeting Details

The next meeting of NCDXC will be Thursday evening March 13th at Harry's Hof Brau in Redwood City. The program will be about the support provided to CDF firefighters by Amateur Radio Emergency Services during the Croy Road fire in Morgan Hill last summer. The presenter will be Steve Whitt, AD6XV, who is Assistant Coordinator for Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Services.

73 Chuck, K6RK

Map and Directions to Meeting

Harry's Hof Brau is fairly easy to find. It's on El Camino Real, just north of Woodside Road (Highway 84).

From Highway 101, take the Woodside Road (Highway 84) West exit to the El Camino North exit. Follow that exit (a short distance) toward El Camino to the stop sign at Main Street. You will practically be in Harry's parking lot! It will be right across the street on your left.

From Highway 280, take the Woodside Road East exit and follow it to the El Camino North exit. Harry's will be on your right just past the underpass.

There are parking lots on both sides of the building. So, if one lot is full, just try the other one.



The Geochron as it appeared at Radiofest



The Geochron Mounted on the Wall of W6KM's Shack

Online DXer Anyone? by W6KM

Is your name and call on the list below? If not, do you have access to the Internet? If your answer to this question is yes, then ask yourself why you haven't elected to help the club by getting your DXer online.

Let me begin by relating how it works and then you will see just how simple and easy it is. As a member who agrees to access the DXer online, you are notified before it is printed and almost simultaneously with its posting on the club web site. Some months that can be as much as a week prior to the delivery of printed copies — sometimes more!

You get a "SPECIAL EMAIL NOTICE" telling you your DXer is ready to read or download. You then go to the club's web address (WWW.ncdxc.org) and follow the links to the current month's issue. Within a few minutes (depending on your speed of connection) it is there! You can then choose to print it out or simply read it and go back anytime to retrieve it. **NO LOST OR MISPLACED COPIES.**

In order to view the DXer online, you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer. Everyone I know, who owns a computer already has Adobe Acrobat Reader loaded on it. But, if you're the rare exception who doesn't, it can be downloaded free by again following the links on the club web site. To make it even nicer, Acrobat Reader can be used to view pages and information on other web sites.

So there you are. It's as simple as that. By adding your name to the list, you would be helping the club in many ways. It would help reduce both our printing and postage costs. It would also, help us reduce the labor required to paste on labels and postage.

Again you enjoy quicker access to club news!

Here is the current list of members who have elected to access their DXer online:

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W6ZX ALEX	W6BSY, MAC	W6CU, ED
KG6AM, DEWEY.		

Please consider having your name added to this impressive list. Just contact me to verify your correct email address. **THAT IS ALL THERE IS TO IT!**

73, Dick, W6KM



Marathon

Thanks to all who have submitted their DX tallies for the 2002/2003 Marathon. Be reminded that your country scores need to be in before the end of this month (March).

Thanky, Dick, N7RC

Meeting Pix



U.S. Tower to Host BBQ At IDXC 2003

The U.S. Tower Corporation will return to hosting the very popular barbecue at their Visalia Manufacturing facility on Saturday, May 3rd. In discussions with Bruce Kopitar, President of U.S. Tower, it was agreed that NCDXC would help support their activity by limiting attendance to only registered conventioners and with advertizing in the DXer.

U.S. Tower Corporation has been a longtime supporter of DXers and the DX Convention in Visalia. So, if you are in the market for a tower now or if you will be soon, please consider supporting U.S. Tower with your purchase. They make "fine business" towers. I should know -- I own one!

George Allan, W6YD

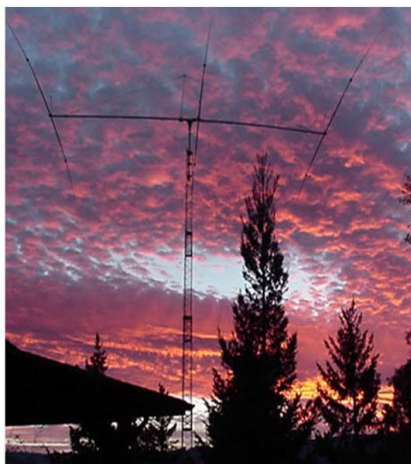


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IDXC 2003 Report

Ken Anderson, K6TA is my hero! Ken stepped up to the task of arranging and coordinating the programs for IDXC 2003. To say that he has taken a major load off my plate, is a gross understatement. Enabling this to happen is Gary Stillwell, KI6T who agreed to chair card checking at the convention.

There's only one of me and it is physically impossible for me to do it all. We NEED HELPERS for coordinating the programs and for selling raffle tickets. We will also, need help on the registration desk. Please give me a call if you can help.

George, W6YD

Roster Updates

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W6ISQ, Jack Troster
W6JD, Doug Westover
W6KM, Dick Letrich
K6MD, Jerry Griffin
N7RC, Dick Courtway
W6VG, Ron Pantan

Thank you, one and all!

George, W6YD



Pre-Registration Form

International DX Convention (Visalia) May 2-4, 2003

Banquet Meal Choice(s):

C = Chicken, P = Prime Rib, S = Salmon, V = Vegetarian (Circle Below)

		<u>Meal</u>
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