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## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB

### July Meeting at the Tied House in Mt. View

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#### General Meeting July 10, 2003

Tied House Brewery  
954 Villa St., Mt. View  
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#### Program

Chuck Patterson, K6RK  
Will Talk About  
W6ITH, Reg Tibbits'  
Idea & First Use of  
UHF Radios for Construction  
of the Bay Bridge

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

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for  
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## President's Comments



### Club Officers:

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Frequency/offset: 147.36 MHz, +

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Control Operator: Robert Smithwick, W6CS

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The June 12 elections returned Doug Westover, W6JD, Chuck Patterson, K6RK, and Dewey Churchill, KG6AM to their previous offices. Mike Gavin, W6WZ was elected to the office of Secretary. Directors elected were Rolph Stoddard, W6TWO, Keith Butts, KN6K and George Allan, W6YD (ex-officio). The by-laws call for the "immediate past president" to be a board member, also, but since I can't have two spots on the board, the board has appointed Ron Panton, W6VG to fill that position. Additionally, Rolph, W6TWO, points out that he has already served 2 terms on the board and has chosen to relinquish his position. The board, therefore, has appointed Mitch Cipriano, AE6AI, to replace Rolph on the board. We thank Rolph for his dedication and service. Both of these appointments will be submitted to the membership for their approval at the next meeting as called for in the by-laws.

We still haven't found a spot for the picnic but we are still looking... Stay tuned.

No meeting in August... See you all at the Tied House on July 10th.

73. Doug, W6JD



"The Pres", W6JD et al

## NCDXC Dues Information

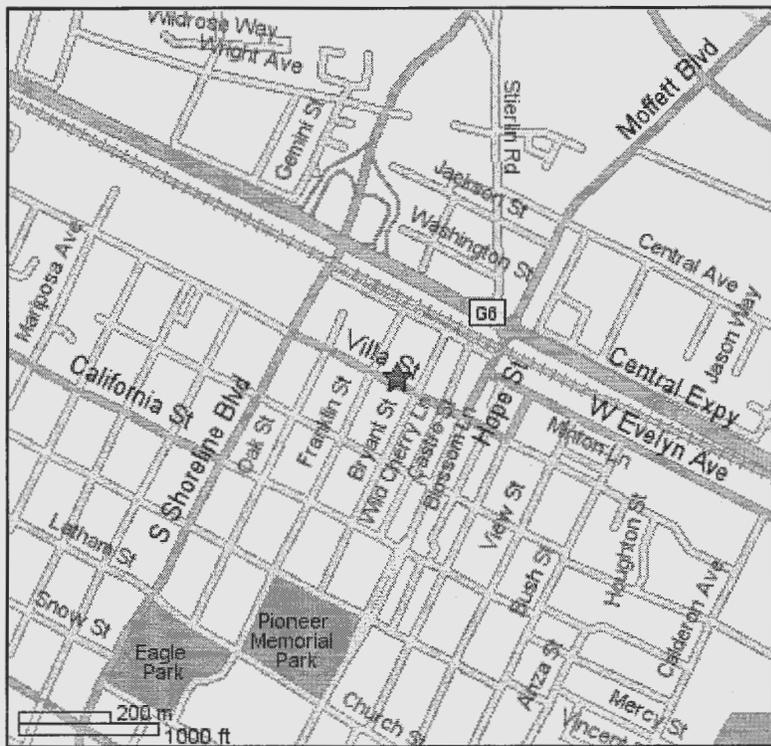
### Full and Associate Members:

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 rolls. 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.**

## Details of Meeting & Driving Directions to the Tied House



Anyone who plans to come but hasn't yet let me know, please do so as we need a reasonably accurate count. Either call me at (650) 493-7727 or email to westalto@worldnet.att.net

**Happy Hour at 6:00.**

**Dinner at 7:00**

**Meeting at 8:00**

**Price is \$15.00\* for a choice of:**

- House made chicken sausages
- Grilled beer mustard chicken
- Traditional fish & chips

**\*Includes tax, tip, appetizers & Soft drinks**

**Directions to the Tied House at 954 Villa St., Mt. View:**

**From Bayshore Freeway, U.S. 101:**  
101 to the Shoreline Blvd. Exit  
Take Shoreline South (West) toward Mt. View  
Turn left onto Villa Street.

**From El Camino Real:**  
El Camino to Castro St.  
Take Castro North (East) toward the Cal Train tracks  
Turn left onto Villa

**From Central Express Way:**  
Central Express Way to Castro St.  
Take Castro South (West) across the Cal Train tracks.  
Turn right onto Villa  
(Note that Villa is the second street beyond the tracks.)

Park behind the Tied House in large parking lot.

*Additional information on the Tied House Brewery is available on their website at [www.tiedhouse.com](http://www.tiedhouse.com). I think you will enjoy this experience. It's a bit upscale and different than any place we've held our meetings in the past few years. And the owner is a fellow ham, Ron Manabe, W6RN. -Ed*

## General Meeting Minutes

### MINUTES OF NCDXC JUNE 2003 MEETING

Monthly meeting of the NCDXC was held at Harry's Hof Brau in Redwood City on June 12, 2003. After libations and dinner, the meeting was called to order by President, Doug Westover, W6JD. Guests were introduced, and Doug called upon George Allan, W6YD to give a rundown on the Visalia Convention. George then gave us a very comprehensive report. The financial report of the convention by Keith Butts, KN6K, was given out. Very well done, Keith. It looks like the club will net around \$2000. Approximately 558 hams attended. Application for membership for Kaz Naguro, WR6M (JA1IST) was read and approved. Kaz has held too many licenses to list, but some of them were DJ2AA, OK8JA, GØPMQ, PA3GKW, LX5Y.

Voting for new officers resulted in W6JD again president, K6RK likewise, vice president. KG6AM, Dewey Churchill Jr. remaining as treasurer, and our new secretary will be W6WZ, Mike Gavin. Board members will be Rolph Stoddard, and Keith Butts, & George Allan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary pro-tem W6VG, Ron Pantan

## W6TEX (Alais, Brentwood Bill) and His "Stealth Operation"

Bill Fontes, W6TEX sent us this pictorial collage showing his clandestine operation from Brentwood. What the picture doesn't show is: in order to work HF, Bill runs his coax to the antenna on the El Camino parked in the driveway.

# Stealth Operation

## Living with CCR's

(2 meter "J" Ant. in shack) Still have a hill Hi



(9 Element Beam)

## H.F. Antenna      2 Meter Ant.



## Correction on the Fanny Key

### Correction on the FANNY KEY - It was the BRAIN-CHILD of W6ISQ

Dear George, W6YD!

I need to correct the Fanny CW Test article I submitted to the June 2003 DXer. Here's info from Jack, W6ISQ - telling the story about asking W6CF to build the fanny key! I still have my pin which I got for participating in the Fist and Fanny Contest.\* It reads,

**I SURVIVED  
THE  
F & F  
CONTEST  
\*\*\*  
VISALIA  
1991**

73 and many thanks, George,  
Scotty, W7SW

*\* I seem to remember it being the "Foot & Fanny Contest" -Ed.*

Scott OB:

Gotta set the record straight about the Fist and Fanny key. I knew Jim, CF, had another hobby in woodworking. So, I said to him..."would you make sumpin if I gave you the idea"?

Of course, he said yes. So I told him, "we oughta inject a little humor and contest fun to keep things exciting at Visalia. So, would you build a big key to be pumped by one's flexible fanny"?

First, he cracked up laughing and said he would love to build it. He did...as YOU know-hi. We set it up in the hall outside the lecture hall in Visalia and challenged the audience as they passed in and out of the hall.

XYL, Marguerite (KC6NFE) and I kept time and rate record of those who dared to try. We took the top scoring competitors from the day's competition in the hallway, and scheduled a "fanny off" in the bar across from the lecture hall after the banquet. Place was packed, as you recall. I asked W6RJ to be head judge, which he accepted. It was tough to be a judge because all the judges were laughing so hard they had trouble concentrating on the fanny action. But, it was Ole Scotty who prevailed!

After that, Jim loaned the key out to several clubs over the next year or so. I don't know which ones. When Jim passed on, I asked Rusty to see if he could locate they key. I guess Rusty found it because I just read that it was used at this year's festivities.

I asked Ole Scotty if he could mebbe get permission to store the thing at W6YX. Scotty said he thought there would be objections because they needed the space. So Stanferd lost the opportunity to house an historic piece of radio lore and a beautiful museum piece built by Stanferd fella, W6CF. (For present purposes, I ignore the fact that CF got his BS from that place on the left side of the bay. But he got his Big Ones from the right side of the bay).

And that, sir, is the TRUE story of the fanny key. LONG MAY IT WAFFLE.  
73, Jack, W6ISQ

## Club Badges

Here's a reminder from Bill Fontes, W6TEX about club badges. Anyone wanting a new or replacement badge should contact an officer of the club to place an order. The treasurer would be ideal, as he or she could collect any fees required. That person would then contact W6TEX with the order. W6TEX orders the badges the day he is contacted either by phone or E-mail at w6tex@earthlink.net. Please, allow approximately two weeks to receive the badge.

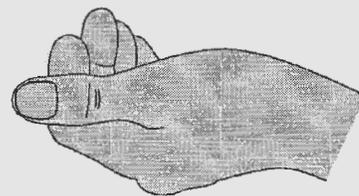
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**Family: Add \$15.00**

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**Meeting Pictures**



*AA6G, N6SJ and K6YP*



*W6TWO AND WR6M*



*W6YD and W6VG*



*AA6G, N6SJ, K6YP and KE6HKI*

## Introducing...

Our newest member: Kazufumi "Kaz" Naguro, WR6M. Kaz is interested in DX-ing, Contesting, County hunting, Mobile and Portable operation on the 160, 80, 40, 30, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter HF bands.

Favorite operating modes: Both CW and SSB.

Kaz is licensed in Germany as DJ2AA, the Czech Republic as OK8JA, England as G0PMQ, Japan as JA1IST (his home call) and the Netherlands as PA3GKW. He has operated from several other countries.

Please join us in welcoming Kaz Naguro into membership in the Northern California DX Club.



*Kaz Naguro, WR6M at the controls of 4U1ITU*

Just a reminder,

**THERE IS  
NO MEETING  
IN AUGUST!**

**Enjoy the Summer!**

## Editor's Choice

Those who attend the July meeting are going to be in for a double treat! First, the venue is really nice. I think you will be pleasantly surprised by the facilities at the Tied House. But, even more importantly, Chuck Patterson, K6RK will be talking about his experiences with Reg Tibbets, W6ITH.

Chuck lived next door to Reg in the 1930's at a time when Reg came up with the idea of using UHF radios for communications on the construction of the Bay Bridge. Chuck built some of the prototype radios that Reg used for demonstrating the feasibility of such an idea.

This will be Chuck's story about that involvement. I, for one, am looking forward to hearing that story.

On another subject; the bands have been just awful lately. HB0 was supposed to have been on from June 22-27 and I couldn't even hear a peep out of them. On the bright side, though; I either heard or read a forecast somewhere that predicted peak sunspot activity to occur in about eight years. I hope I'm still around then. Oh! and would someone, please go to BS7!

73,

George, W6YD

## Kudos 'n Kredits

This month's issue of *The DXer* was made possible by articles and input from the following sources:

**W6ISQ, Jack Troster  
W6JD, Doug Westover  
W6KM, Dick Letrich  
W7SW, Scott Rathjen  
W6TEX, Bill Fontes  
W6VG, Ron Panton**

Thank you, one and all!

George, W6YD

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