

DXer



**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
DX CLUB**

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Steve Stearns, K6OIK, will be our speaker at the November 10, 2005 meeting. His presentation will be, "Understanding HF Propagation and Prediction".

Steve will share his experiences with propagation effects and then launch into what propagation prediction programs can do. Being able to understand how the different programs work enables us to use them effectively. They each work by different methods which of course offer different degrees of accuracy to predict. An opportunity to become aware of the freeware as well as shareware tools available will be offered to our club members.

Dr. Steve Stearns, K6OIK, started his ham radio journey when he was in high school. He has a FCC Amateur Extra license and received his education at numerous California colleges and universities where he specialized in several areas which include electromagnetics, communication engineering and signal processing. He is presently Chief Technologist for TRW Firestorm Wireless Communication Products in San Jose. He is active in the ARRL and vice-president of FARS. He has over 50 professional publications and 7 patents.

Steve has also been recognized with numerous awards for both professional and community volunteer activities.

**Wow! Another great presentation.....
Welcome Steve Stearns, K6OIK!**

**November Meeting,
will be November
10th
at Harry's
Hofbrau at 7:30
Hope to see you
there!**

**Deadline
For
December Contributions is
November 26, 2005**

See you November 10th!

Northern
California
DX Club

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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

Fellow Hams, It's been a difficult period for me for the last month or so. I asked Carolyn, WB6ABC, to pass this message to you NCDXC club members. I am sorry that I missed the October meeting and I will probably miss the November meeting as well. I have recently found out that I have a chipped vertebrae which is pushing on a nerve and causing me severe pain. I now have appointments made to take a serious look at this problem in hopes that it can be corrected. Until then I cannot drive and I am on pain pills 24/7 both of which restrict all areas of my life.

I'm thankful that our other club officers and members are working together so the club can continue to function successfully in my absence.

I hope and plan to attend the holiday luncheon in December.
73 from Dewey, KG6AM

Editor's reflections.....

Dear Friends,

Can you believe that October is at its end and the days, as of today, October 30th are dark at 5:30 P:M:? Wow! We had a great Pacificon, as usual. It was great to see lots of old friends and meet some new ones. The vendors were there so Mike, W6WZ and I had our great opportunity to purchase many exciting prizes for the rest of 2005 raffles as well as many of those for 2006. We are now in the 2nd year of our revived raffle club activity. There was usually a raffle in the 80's and 90's at the NCDXC meetings that Mike, W6WZ attended. The CQWW contest was exciting for all. It just concluded about 2 hours ago as I have begun this newsletter late on Sunday afternoon. I got about 4 new countries. It could have been a much greater number, but my time was allocated to other activities. The most exciting new one for me was 5U7B, Niger, on 20 meters sideband. I need to count how many countries I now have because a very encouraging friend, Gary, K6DXX, asked me how many I have now and I could not answer the question. The number must be near 100, however.

Well, we are all looking forward to the November meeting as well as the Holiday Luncheon on December 17th. (See p.6)

Happy DX and radio fun to you all.

Your friend and fellow DXer, Carolyn, WB6ABC

P.S. I do not hear from you with contributions for this newsletter!!!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

We enlisted 2 new members at the October meeting. They are;

1. Bob Brennan, AD6HF
2. Craig Bradley, AE6RR

A 3rd new member joined us at Pacificon:

3. Ron Murdock, W6KJ

Pacificon-October, 2005

Another great ham radio event!

**Technical Presentations! Swap Meet! Exhibitors! Dxpediton Presentation!
VE Exams! Keynote Speaker! Something for Everyone!!**



Carolyn Gavin, WB6ABC, thought that it would be a good idea for our club, NCDXC, to be represented at Pacificon. After discussing it with Dewey, KG6AM, president and John, K6YP, vice-president, plus Mike, W6WZ it was agreed that it was a good idea. So Mike and Carolyn asked the Pacificon planning committee to include us. And..... a great table in a great location was all set up waiting for us upon our arrival, **free!!!**

Pacificon NCDXC

All went very well at the NCDXC table. Carolyn spent about 5 hours talking to all kinds of folks telling them what a great club we have. Mike manned the table for about 1 hour. We did sign up one new member with a few more very interested and prospective members. Several more would have joined if we had meetings in their area.

We would like to repeat this next year but will need other members manning the table so that we (especially Carolyn) could have had more free time at the convention. Onward and upward next October!!!!!!!!!!

Additional Pacificon Information!!! We are proud to share that four of the technical presentations at Pacificon were offered by our club members! Kristin McIntyre K6WX, John Eisenberg, K6YP, and Rich Holoch, KY6R, (2 separate presentations) were those responsible for those excellent programs.

DXer
NCDXC-Meeting

When: Thursday, November 10, 2005-7:30

Food and Socializing from 6:00-7:30

Where: Harry's Hofbrau-Redwood City

What: Steve Stearns, K6OIK, will be our speaker at the November 10, 2005 meeting. His presentation will be, "Understanding HF Propagation and Prediction".

What else?: We are back to our great raffle.

1st Prize-NEW!! YAESU 2m VX-170 VHF Hand Held FM Transceiver

This radio has a huge list of great features. **Plus**, a cigarette lighter adaptor with noise filter that allows you to power your VX-170 from your car without running down the transceiver battery! (Thanks, HRO for the club discount.)

2nd Prize-VANSON Universal Fast NI-MH & Ni-Cd Battery Charger

3rd Prize-Workman HF Mobile (hamstick type) antenna for 20 meters with quick disconnect.

4th Prize- Workman 3-position Coaxial Antenna Switch

5th Prize-DT830B Digital Multimeter

4 Door Prizes-All meeting attendees receive a free raffle ticket at the door for the following 4 prizes:

1. ARRL Repeater Directory, 2004-5
2. New! LED Clip-on Light. Key ring and wrist strap included.
3. Keychain Compass
4. ARRL Repeater Directory, 2004-5

CQ WW SSB Contest-Weekend of October 29-30, 2005.

Conditions were very good considering this time of the sunspot cycle. The activity could be considered excellent. It appeared that the world was filled with RF. During this contest Dxers should have been able to work many “new ones”! Even if you were not a part of the contest, it was difficult not to stay glued to your radio. There were many announcements on the 147.360 W6TI Club repeater.

The next “big one” will be the CQ World Wide DX contest. This will take place on November 26-27. So get your keyer/logger ready to roll!

Ham Community-Katrina Response In the November issue of QST was a wonderful article describing how amateur radio again played an important role in emergency communications for people in great need. As we all know “when all else fails amateur radio will be there”. It was pointed out that the federal government provided a \$100,000 grant supplement to ARRL to support amateur radio’s emergency communication operators in states affected by hurricane Katrina. The grant will help to fund “ham aide”, **a new league program**, to support amateur radio volunteers deployed in the field in disaster stricken areas. The ARRL stated “We’d like to think of this grant as a token of appreciation and recognition of amateur radio’s value in past emergencies and disasters, such as 911.”



Strays.....Jack Troster, W6ISQ, mentioned to Mike, W6WZ at the HRO Tuesday lunch get-together, November 1st, that his birthday November 10th is the same as the United States Marine Corps birthday. **Semper Fi, and Happy Birthday Jack!!**

October, 2005 Meeting Minutes- Meeting began at 7:30 at Harry’s Hofbrau. Present were: John, K6YP, vice-president, Steve, N6SJ, treasurer, Mike, W6WZ, secretary, Chuck, K6RK, director, Ron, W6VG, director, Doug, W6JD, Carolyn, WB6ABC, DX Editor. John, K6YP described and passed out surveys to each club member whose ideas will be reviewed at November meeting. Two new members, Bob Brennan, AD6HF and Craig Bradley, AE6RR were voted in as members of our club. This was followed by an exciting presentation by Eric Swartz, WA6HHQ, president of Elecraft, on the K2 receiver design strategy and 2 new solid state high power linear amplifiers which was enjoyed by all. That was followed by a raffle which included a KX1 CW QRP transceiver. Respectfully submitted by,

Mike , W6WZ, Secretary

Annual Winter Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 17, 2005 11:45-3:00

MICHAELS' AT SHORELINE

2960 N. SHORELINE BLVD.

MOUNTAIN VIEW (650-962-1014)

Holiday Luncheon Choices

(Served to you at your luncheon table)

1. New York Steak
2. Broiled Halibut
3. Chicken Florentine
4. Vegetarian

All entrees are served with seasonal greens, vegetables, potato du jour, French rolls, coffee and sherbet.

No host bar will be available in our luncheon room.

Cost: \$25.00 per person (Includes 2 tickets for special door prizes.)

Send your check to: Northern California DX Club

c/o Mike Gavin, W6WZ

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650-851-8699

PLEASE INDICATE LUNCHEON CHOICES FROM ABOVE!!!

**SPECIAL
PROGRAM**

(To be announced)

**Great Raffle
Prizes!!!**

(To be announced)



**ENJOY EYEBALL QSOS' WITH OLD DXER
FRIENDS!
BRING THE XYL PLUS OTHER FRIENDS OR
FAMILY MEMBERS!!**

