

**DXer**



**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
DX CLUB**

**A Visit to VP8THU, Sandwich Island will be ours via a video by James Brooks, 9V1YC. John, K6YP met him at the convention in Visalia and James recommended it as by far the best and most dangerous Dxpedition that he has ever participated in!! So hence the video!!**

**This special event occurred in 2002, VP8THU to Sandwich Island. This micro-lite dxpedition made a great many people happy since they found out that very simple equipment could be used successfully. The group used only 100 watt rigs and simple antennas. Sandwich is a deep subatlantic island which is southeast of the southern tip of Argentina. Come to the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and find out how this great dxpedition was organized and executed.**

**Our annual July picnic will be on July 1<sup>st</sup> at Mitchell Park in Palo Alto. The location is terrific and we always have a great time. See p. 5 for all the details! June meeting will also be an election of new officers meeting so come and vote for our chosen candidates.**

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June Meeting is  
June 15th  
At Harry's  
Hofbrau  
Socialize 6-7:30  
Meeting Begins at  
7:30  
Come and join the  
fun!

Deadline  
For  
July DXer Contributions  
is June 27!

**New Meeting time-7:30**

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**President's Comments**

**Fellow Hams,**

We are approaching the annual changing of the guard here at NCDXC with election of officers at the June meeting and corresponding official duties change at the end of the July meeting (in this case the Picnic on July 1<sup>st</sup>). Club rule limits apply to these positions so I am a lame duck waiting to be replaced. It has been an honor and a pleasure to be your president. This task has been an easy one thanks to the best board that anyone could work with. The coo-operation exhibited for the benefit of the club has been amazing.

Thank you all for everything you continue to do for us all.

73 Dewey, KG6AM

P.S. I spoke to Dewey on the phone on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mariqueta, his wife, had a hip replacement surgery 8 days previous, had some post operative infection, but is back home again and we hope to hear positive recovery info in the next week or so. Carolyn, WB6ABC

**Editor's Reflections.....**

**Hi Friends and Fellow NCDXC members!**

Well the bands are not too hot of late but occasionally some DX peeks through. Our fellow member Jim Rice, K6AK has been building up his list of DX works, and he is generous enough to call Mike, W6WZ and me to alert us about a good snag. Thanks, Jim, an enthusiastic DXer!

Mike is off to Am-Tech Day and I am enjoying the late spring burst of color in my garden. Wow! What a show! It is a huge job to care for, but it is worth it to me and fellow garden lovers.

We will be leaving on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June thru the 12<sup>th</sup> to join the family of one my high school friends, who has for 56 years known Mike as well, for a surprise birthday party. It will be a very special event for all of us.

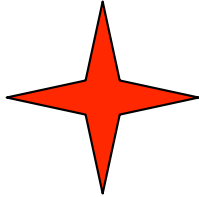
Our next meeting will be an elections meeting so we hope to have good attendance. Also we will discuss who will do what jobs for the Annual Picnic on July 1<sup>st</sup> at Mitchell Park in Palo Alto.

Be Well, Be Happy!! Carolyn, WB6ABC

### **OUR MAY GUEST**

Our May speaker Les Swiebel, WB6ORZ, shared his experiences with collecting, restoring and operating “Boatanchors”. It was enjoyed by all who attended especially since it was just plain fun. Many positive comments were made by fellow attendees. Most of the gear, that was shown on the screen, since it is all very heavy was from the “Golden Era of the post World War II period. He shared that there are many collectors, beautiful artfully decorated radios, amps, etc., He also explained how it can be quite a chore to restore these cherished “antiques”. The rebuilding of the power supplies can be very difficult as well as dangerous.

He showed some great photos of the frontage of the many “radio stores” that were available for participants to spend their money on things to operate with. There were literally 20 or 30 in many cities, even next door to one another! Thanks, Les, WB6ORZ, your presentation was enjoyed by all who attended!!!



### **NEW MEMBER WELCOME!!**

**John Miller, K6MM** is a very experienced operator. Mike and I met him in Visalia, and we are delighted to have a new member who is so dedicated to the hobby. He has a total of 235 confirmed countries mixed. He is also a contester. Welcome, John!

**Pink Foster, KG6ILA**

Now if you are a local member of any ham radio adventures in the S.F. Bay area you have probably heard of Pink. She is part of many communication activities in our area. She is especially widely known as Net Control on the 9 A.M. talknet on 145.2300-offset pl 100. Welcome, Pink!!

It’s great to have two new members who are so seriously active in our ham radio hobby!!

**Amateur Radio Technology Day-Saturday June 3, 2006!** Another great time was had by all who attended. Thank you again for your participation. The ham radio operators surely appreciate the site support provided by the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center. The opportunities for taking part in operating, learning from fellow amateurs, enjoying the presentations, experiencing the beauty of the outdoors, eye-balling with folks with common interests all provide a privilege that is most likely not available anywhere else! Thank you, SLAC!!!!

**FIELD DAY-2006**- Field Day is open to all amateurs in the areas covered by the ARRL/RAC Field Organizations.

**The object is to work as many stations as possible on specified bands in less than optimal conditions.**

Field Day is always the **FOURTH FULL WEEKEND OF June**, so this year it is **June 23-25**.

**PAARA will again set up at the bay location and will begin on Friday at 11A.M. and be taken down on Sunday, 11AM.**

The actual contest begins on Saturday, the 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M. and ends on Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M.

There will be 4 types of transmitting, GOTA, phone, CW, and a VHF station.

**If you would like to be a part of this operating**, please call Ron Chester, W6AZ, or Carolyn, WB6ABC or Mike, W6WZ to sign up for 1 hour or more operating slots!! We will let you know specifically when you will operate as soon as you officially inform us as to when you will be available. We will alert you as to the exact time that will be available for your partaking.

**GOTA-What is it?** It is a method to introduce the HF bands to the general public, (non-hams) or technician class licensees who don't have HF privileges. As the control operator at the last Am-Tech Day, how wonderful it was to help many make their 1<sup>st</sup> long distance radio contact with just a 100 watt transceiver and a dipole antenna strung between trees. We even made a great DX contact to the Netherland Antilles (PJ4/K0JGH) who was on his own mini-dxpedition. Come to the PAARA Field Day and you can enjoy the same experience that I had on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at SLAC! Mike, W6WZ.

## General Meeting Minutes

**May 15, 2006**-Meeting held at Harry's Hofbrau began at 7:30 P.M. Officers present were: John Eisenberg, K6YP, vice-president, Steve Jones, N6SJ, treasurer, Mike Gavin, W6WZ, secretary, Chuck Patterson, K6RK, director, Carolyn Gavin, WB6ABC, DXer editor. **Doug, W6JD announced that there would be an annual picnic on July 1<sup>st</sup> at Mitchell Park in Palo Alto. See picnic details on page 5 of this DXer!!!!**

**It was also announced that our elections for officers would be at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Join us and take part in the process. Les Swibel, WB60RZ, gave a great presentation. Raffle was next and last.** Respectively submitted by Mike, W6WZ



## NCDXC 2006 Annual Picnic

**Our annual club picnic is on July 1st at Mitchell Park in Palo Alto at the Pine Grove Group Picnic Area, same location as the last 3 years!**

**It is at Middlefield Road and East Meadow Drive. Enter the park either off Middlefield or Meadow and drive to the parking area closest to the tennis courts. The Pine Grove Area is adjacent to the tennis courts and the parking lot.**

**Date: July 1st**

**Time: 11:00-15:00 (or later)**

**Food: Burgers, hot dogs, soft drinks supplied by the club.**

**Bring a salad or dessert if you wish.**

**NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED**

**Location: Palo Alto-Mitchell Park**

**Come join us! Everyone has a great time! The site is in the shade so that even on a hot day you will be comfortable!!!**

**Bring along some badminton, croquet, beach balls, or baseball equipment as some folks may love to be active, or, just be ready to visit ham buddies !!**

**See you on the 1st of July!!!!!!**

**(All attendees will receive a special gift!)**



## NCDXC-Meeting

When: Thursday, June 15, 2006-7:30

Food and Socializing from 6:00-7:30

Where: Harry's Hofbrau-Redwood City

What: A great video selected by James Brooks, 9V1YC as his favorite about a Dxpedition to Sandwich Island, 2002.

What else? Our usual great raffle!! And this month we have more great prizes to win!

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Yaesu FT-1802M, 2 Meter 50 watt FM (mobile or home) Transceiver-See article in June QST. It's their latest version!

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Bird Turmaline Coaxial Resister 50 Ohm Dummy Load, 20 watt Model 80A-oil filled. Used, member donated.

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: 9 LED Flashlight with Carrying Case

4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Workman 3-Position Coaxial Antenna Switch

5<sup>th</sup> Prize: Great Keychain Light with Adjustable Head

3 Door Prizes: All meeting attendees will receive a free door prize ticket for the following doorprizes!!

1. Digital Multi-meter
2. Keychain Light
3. DX World Map

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