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Let's Gather Together To Enjoy This Year's Winter Holiday Luncheon!

It will again be at Michaels' at Shoreline since everyone was very pleased with the location last year. Great Food! Great Entertainment! Terrific Prizes! Come, and bring family and friends!!

Our speaker will be Dick Crouch, N6RC, who has been a very active ham for the last 40+ years and has since been steadily active in the hobby having been motivated by operators of previous generations in his own family such as his grandfather, WIKH/W2KH president of the ARRL from 1940-1952.

Also I'm sure that all of you have enjoyed his colorful informative ham radio calendar for the year 2006 that he gifted us all with a year ago at our club meeting. His presentation will contain reference to the following:

1. **The Beauty of America**
2. **Interesting Tidbits from the History of Radio**
3. **Dxpeditions, Field day, CQP-training for Disaster**
4. **Amateur Radio Emergency Services**

Come and enjoy a great afternoon with fellow ham radio operators!!

Our New Rosters! **You will receive your New NCDXC Roster in the mail in the the next week or so. Thanks first and foremost to our VP Risto, W6RK who was the main contributor. He compiled all the information, and typed it up which is no quick and easy job. Thank you Risto!!! John, K6YP, took care of the printing. Carolyn and Mike stuffed, stamped and mailed the envelopes.**

December Winter Holiday Luncheon will be December 16 at Michaels' at Shoreline Mt. View 11:00-3:00
Hope to see you there!
See p. 6 for details!

Deadline For January Contributions is December 30, 2006

See you December 16th!

December, 2006

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President's Comments (Vice-President's Message)

Hi Fellow Dxers,
There is no president's message this month. Instead we have a Vice-President Risto, Kotalampi, W6RK's message:

NCDCX's monthly meetings are probably the most important form of club activity. In 2006 we met eight times at Harry's Hofbrau. There were several very interesting topics which included antennas for small lots, noise elimination, antenna analyzers, Sandwich Island DXpedition video, boat anchors, computer logging, Kure Island (K7C) and operating on 160m.
Traditionally part of NCDXC VP's job is to arrange programs for the meetings and I have several very interesting topics lined up for you in Spring, 2007 although nothing is finalized beyond January. Beyond that nothing is definite, but some speakers have initially agreed. If you have any ideas, please let me know. Maybe you would like to speak yourself?
2006 was also very good for DXing. Several high profile expeditions and rare DXCC were activated: 3Y/P, VU4, 5A, S0, XF4, YV0, and VU7. (QRV, as I type….and many more.) We even had two new DXCC's this year: Swain Island and Montenegro. There has been a lot of DX to work for everyone despite the fact that we are at the low end of the sun spot cycle.
Personally this was a year of changes for me. After working 10 years for America Online, I started my new job one week ago at a small Redwood Shores based start-up company MyBuys, Inc. No doubt I won't have as much time for DXing as before but I'm hoping to find at least some time for working DXCCs every now and then.
Happy Holidays and good DX!
Risto Katalampi, W6RK
NCDXC Vice President

Editor's Reflections

Dear NCDXC Friends,
Well, here I sit at my computer thinking about what is going on in my world as well as in the December, 2006 DX world. There is nothing unique as to how our family will spend the holidays. It has always been hosted by Mike, W6WZ and me and that is this years plan. Happy Winter Holidays to you all.
Thus far we have only heard about European contacts presently happening with the Lakshadweep, VU7LD/VU. We hope to find conditions improving for our fellow DXers. If you need this country and don't make a contact with this present group keep in mind that Bharati, VU2RBI and the NIAR group will be there in January, 2007 which will afford you the opportunity to try again.
Mike and I are looking forward to a visit with fellow Dxers as well as friends and family of club members at the holiday luncheon on December 16th at Michaels' at Shoreline
I would like to thank all of the NCDXC officers and members for helping to make it possible for our club to thrive during 2006, our 60th year. Always think to yourself, what have I done to be a contributing member to make our club strong and exciting?
Your fellow member Carolyn, WB6ABC

Welcome New Member:

1. Reg Dell-Aquila, K6SSJ He attended our meeting for the 1st time on November 16th and joined the club.

<u>Our November 16, 2006 Meeting</u> is pictured and described below.
Thank you Rich Holoch, KY6R for sharing your great antenna knowledge.

Above you see the winners of the prizes at our November meeting. From left to right are Steve, N6SJ, Rob, KG6HVW, Vic, AB6SO, Dewey, KG6AM, and Craig, KE6RR.

To the right of them is Risto, W6RK, who had just shopped for, picked up, and delivered our new projector which he had offered to obtain for our club. It has been a long time in coming but now we have it and look forward to providing it for all of our future presenters!
At the far right is Rich, KY6R, who was our speaker. He shared his ideas about "Stealth DX Antennas for Small Lots. He did a great job upon which everyone agreed. It was great have him back as he had done a presentation for us about 11/2 years ago. We look forward to having him assist us again at Visalia in April, 2007 as he was truly a great helper in Visalia, 2005. Please let us know what you would like to help with at our Visalia Convention. Keep in mind that all club members should help handle the load!

<u>Visalia Patch Contest!</u> We had about 10 entries all of which showed noble effort and our very own president's entry was chosen and it was very favorably chosen. Congratulations to John, K6YP who did a great job. Our thanks to all who spent the special effort to enter the contest. See you in Visalia, April, 2007!

<u>Holiday Luncheon Enthusiasm</u>……I'm really looking forward to the December Luncheon at Michaels'. It's a great time to visit with long time DX friends. Carolyn, WB6ABC and I have really enjoyed having the checks roll in realizing that we will get the opportunity to visit with folks that we only see at such special events. Because of the fact that we run the raffle we never buy tickets ourselves. However, we haven't had to feel too bad about it since I, Mike, W6WZ, won the main prize at the PAARA/FARS Winter Banquet last January, 2006, and it was a great HF radio. See you all on December 16th!!!

Dave, AE6EO, Carolyn, WB6ABC, Mike, W6WZ, Andy, KR6DD, Pink, KG6ILA, and Bob, WA2CFN

November 8, 2006 was a special day for ham radio. Our fellow operator and friend Dave Rogers, K5DKR, died on that same day in 2004. Dave was born on 5-5-55 and was looking forward to becoming 50 yrs. old on 5-5-2005. He had been enthusiastic about radios since he was a young boy and had just passed his general. He had visited our club at the October, 2004 meeting, because he was definitely interested in DX and had told Mike and I that he planned to join NCDXC. Since he loved trains he and his close friends often met at Franklin St. Café in Redwood City at the tracks to eat and observe. Hence a number of us have gathered there each year on the day of his passing. 73, Dave!

Visalia Update!!! The bargaining is over and the cost for the April, 2007 Convention will be announced in the January 2007 DXer at which time you can fill out your application and register for this great event. It was a long time coming but was finally agreed upon after lots of haggling by our president John, K6YP, and Treasurer, Steve, N6SJ. Thanks to you both.

When: Saturday December 16, 2006-11:00-3:00
Food /Socializing /Great Presentation /Great Raffle
Where: Michaels' at Shoreline
What: Dick Crouch, N6RC-A Life Full of Ham Radio Experiences

What else?: Below are the prizes for our December Holiday Luncheon!!

1st Prize-ICOM IC-718 HF 100 W Base Station All Band Transceiver 160-10 SSB, CW, RTTY and AM, 101 Memories

2nd Prize-HEIL HM-10 "DX Dream Machine" Microphone with HC4- Element

3rd Prize-Heil Quiet Phone-Active Noise Canceling Headphone

4th Prize-MAHA MH-C777PLUS-II Universal Charger & Analyzer

5th Prize-MegaBrite Self-Powered AM/FM Radio and SuperBrite LED Flashlight, Emergency Flasher and Siren

6th Prize-Solar Power Flashlight-Large Mono Crystal Panel

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Annual Winter Holiday Luncheon

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Great Raffle Prizes!!!
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