



President's Message - February '09

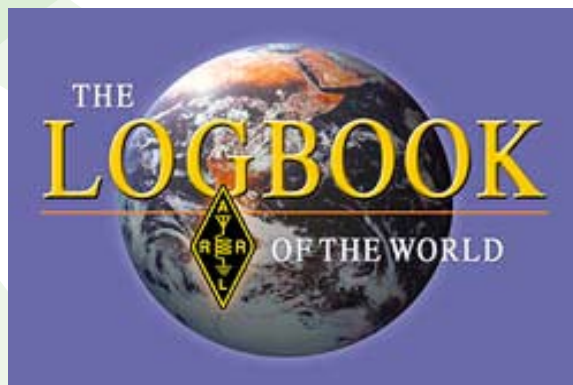
We had a great turnout for the Antenna Forum at the January meeting! I think that this was the biggest turnout that we have had for a long time (maybe a record?). Unfortunately the turnout was so big that the kitchen at Holder's was slammed and the dinners were slow coming out. After the meeting, our waitress said that she served 53 dinners to our group. Normally it is about 30 to 35. The late dinners delayed the start of the meeting a while. We also had a very full schedule with several presentations and the logo patch contest. I know that everyone wished that we had more time for the forum, it was a great discussion and we could have gone on for hours.

I would like to again thank the three panel members; Dean Straw, N6BV, Kristen McIntyre, K6WX and Jim Brown, K9YC for participating and sharing their extensive knowledge on antennas with the group!

Maybe we can do this again after Visalia and devote more time to the forum. The DX forum at the October meeting was also a great success. I would encourage feedback on this type of program, please let myself and Risto know if you would like to see more forums, what subjects you would like to discuss, etc.

On the sunspot front nothing has changed. The sun does come up a bit earlier this time of the year and stay up longer, that helps some, but it is still spotless! The only good news that I hear is that 160 continues to be good. I have been hearing many reports on good openings to Europe and good signals with modest antennas. I don't have enough space for a 160 antenna (they are a

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Don't Miss This Month's Meeting

Featuring a presentation on

Logbook of The World

By Craig Bradley, AE6RR

Thursday, Feb. 19th, 7:30pm

The feature presentation for the February NCDXC meeting will be an informative presentation on the ARRL Logbook of the world (LoTW); an exciting and surprisingly easy method of electronic QSLing. Our President, Craig, AE6RR will cover the methodology, basics of configuration, the signed up process, installing the software, electronic signing of logs, uploading logs (or QSOs), features of LoTW and how to apply for awards online. This discussion is intended for beginners and seasoned pros alike and has been a highly requested topic for quite some time. Be sure to arrive early to get a great seat, enjoy a good meal and most of all catch up with old friends.

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OUTGOING QSL CARD SERVICE

Be sure to drop off your bureau cards to Doug, W6JD at our next meeting. The club will then send them all to the ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau for free.

Be sure to take advantage of this excellent FREE service to club members. (Must also be ARRL member. Bring membership information).

President's Message (continued)

bit too big for my stealth operation), so I have been missing out. I hope that you have worked some new ones on 160.



The KP5 – Desecheo Island expedition is coming up soon on February 12-26 and they will be operational during the time of our February meeting. I hope that you work them before the meeting so we get a good turnout! The KP5 team has put together a great web site with details on their antenna plans, equipment, operators, etc. If the 160 conditions continue to remain good, you should have a good shot at them on that band as they will be using a vertical for transmitting with two beverages and two K9AY loops for receive. There will be three separate antenna sites. See their web site at www.kp5.us for more information.

According to the predictions of Ham Cap, our best shots to KP5 will be around 21:30 to 22:00 UTC on 20, 17 and 15 M. Europe will have lost propagation on these bands by then but we will probably still have competition from the East Coast. I think that I will lay low for the first few days and let the big guns have their fun. Hopefully the pileups will start to thin out after a few days. The team will be there for two weeks, so we should all get a QSO or two in the log, even those of us with “little pistol” stations. The KP5 leaders have requested that those that have KP5 do not call on bands or modes that they have confirmed to let everyone will have a chance. Let's hope that this works. See you in the pileups!

In closing, I hope to see many of you at the February meeting. Yours truly will be the speaker. This month's topic is Logbook of The World. Additional details on the meeting are elsewhere in this newsletter.

For now, 73 and good DX!

- Craig, AE6RR



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CLUB MEETING THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19th

6pm – 7:30pm Dinner/Social
7:30pm Club Meeting

Featured Presentation

Logbook of The World

By Craig Bradley, AE6RR

Our Meeting Location:

Holder's Country Inn
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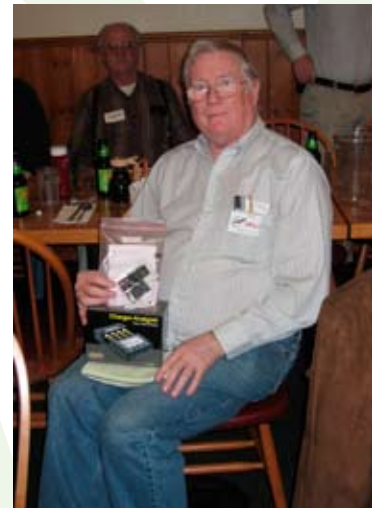
January Meeting Photos



Ed Fong,
WB6IQN
Was our Grand
Prize Winner of
the Yaesu VX.



Ken Ashe,
KI6HLQ
Won Both our
2nd and 3rd
Prizes, since he
already owned
the same battery
charger, Ken
donated it back
to the club.

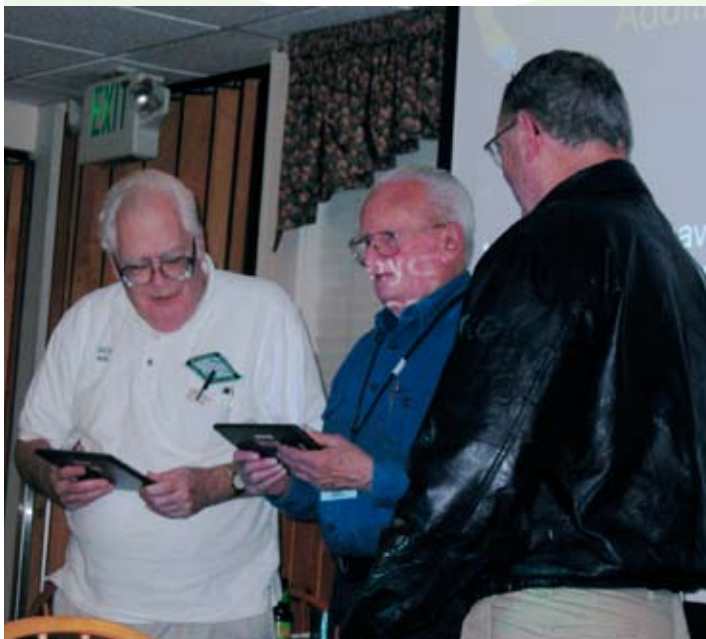


Thanks Ken!!!



The club recognized our favorite waitress
Andrea with a special NCDXC T-Shirt. She
will be greatly missed as she heads off to her
new opportunities in Arizona.

Special Club Recognition



Former NCDXC President's Doug Westover, W6JD and Dewey Churchill, KG6AM both receive special recognition during our January meeting. Dick Letrich, W6KM was the presenter on behalf of a grateful club.

NCDXC Now on FACEBOOK

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

If you are a member of the social networking site Facebook (<http://facebook.com>) please sure to join the "NCDXC" group online. This site is free to join for anyone and is another way to join and share information about the organization. See you there.

REMINDER!!!



It's time to get your registration in for the 60th annual International DX convention in Visalia, CA, April 17-19. Visit DXCONVENTION.ORG for more details and registration forms.

DX Information

MALDIVES, 8Q. Stavros, 5B4AFM is QRV as 8Q7FM from the Lhaviyani Atoll, IOTA AS-013, until February 19. Activity is on 40 and 30 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via M0BBB.

GHANA, 9G. Rob, PA3DEW and Vincent, PA3FOX will be QRV as 9G1AA from Dormaa Ahenkro beginning February 14. They plan to be active on 20 meters around 1600z. QSL via PA3ERA.

TONGA, A3. Bert, CX3AN will be QRV as A35HA from Tongatapu Island, IOTA OC-049, beginning February 14 for one week. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters, with an emphasis on 30 and 17 meters, using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

CAPE VERDE, D4. Girts, YL2KL will be QRV as D4C as a Single Op/All Band/Low Power entry in the CQWW WPX RTTY contest. QSL via CT1ESV.

ESTONIA, ES. Station ES5Q will be a Multi/Single entry in the CQWW WPX RTTY contest. QSL via ES5RY.

HUNGARY, HA. Members of the Puskas Tivadar radio club are QRV from Bucharest using special event callsign HA130HALLO until March 31 to commemorate the first telephone usage in Hungary 130 years ago. Activity is on all bands using mostly CW but also in SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via HA5KHC.

THAILAND, HS. Champ, E21EIC is QRV as E21EIC/8 from Southern Thailand until February 16. This includes an entry in the CQWW WPX RTTY contest. Japanese stations QSL via JR5XPG and all others via E21EIC.

PANAMA, HP. Members of the Radio Club of Panama and the Panama Canal ARA will be QRV as H81L on February 14 and 15 from the Lighthouse ARLHS PAN-030 at Miraflores Locks. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via HP1RCP.

DESECHEO ISLAND, KP5. A group of operators are QRV as K5D until February 26. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via N2OO.

GREECE, SV. Demetrius, SV2GWY will be QRV as SX2CM on February 14 and 15 to honor the brothers Cyril and Methodius. QSL direct to home call.

BELIZE, V3. Operators AB7RW, AC7UH, KT7G and N7WO are QRV as V31RW, V31UH, V31TB and V31WO, respectively, until February 24. This includes being an entry in the CQWW WPX RTTY contest as V31TB. QSL via operators' instructions.

NAMIBIA, V5. Klaus, DJ4SO will be QRV as V5/DJ4SO from the Matunda Guest Farm from February 15 to March 12. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW, RTTY and PSK. QSL via bureau.

BRUNEI, V8. Sam, G4OHX is QRV as V8FHX until February 23. Activity is on 80, 40 and 20 meters using mostly CW. QSL direct to home call.

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