



The DXer

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Myanmar

March Meeting
Thursday March 20
Harry's Hofbrau
1909 El Camino Real
Redwood City 94063
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5:30pm Socialize
6:00pm Dinner
7:00pm Club Meeting

"XZ1J DXpedition to Myanmar"
by Paul Ewing, N6PSE

A Raffle Is Not Planned
For This Meeting.

President's Letter

By Jim K8JRK

Dear Fellow Members,

I enjoy the sounds of this time of year: old friends on the East Coast moaning about the remaining 3 feet of snow on their lawns, kids out here playing ball, the early morning chorus of birds – all good.

One sound I hope not to hear this year is "... here we go again, the Club is again run by the Old Guys".

It is a ritual, I'm told, for that particular chorus to follow June elections. Of course it's easy to feel that way when only the "Old Guys" run for office.

"They have the time", say some, or "we have too far to travel", say others. The most typical though is "I have a family, a job and I simply can't make further commitments."

I get that – I have been in exactly the same position when I was, nonetheless, an officer in prior clubs.

I am deeply addicted to this hobby, as are you. It seems, however, that "involvement" is defined in various ways in our club ranging from the unsung ever-ready volunteers who labor quietly for the club to the, well, let's call them Official Observers...which is not a compliment, by the way.

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“Well, sir,” said the owner, “the chicken was involved in your breakfast but the pig was committed.”

Less you think we kill and eat our officers, may I quickly suggest each of you consider this only an offer to become committed to your Club’s future. We mentor members and I know current and prior officers will mentor new officers as has happened with me. Think about running for office with a friend in the Club and running together—form a sub team. Many hands are willing to help, WEBEX greatly simplifies Board meetings and the rest? The rest is pretty easy. Drop an email to John, K6MM - K6MM at arrl dot net or to Mike our secretary at mike.flowers at gmail dot com or me - jamesnoland42 at sbcglobal dot net. Time to end the election complaint ritual.

73—JIM K8JRK

Interview with Y. “Zorro” Miyazawa-JH1AJT

By Paul Ewing, N6PSE

<http://n6pse.wordpress.com/>



JH1AJT-Zorro is the leader of the XZ1J/XZ1Z DXpeditions to Myanmar

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I had the pleasure of operating with Zorro in November, 2013 as a member of the XZ1J Dxpediton Team. Zorro is a legend in the DX World having led DXpeditions or having operated from Eritrea, Bangladesh, Yemen, Laos, Ethiopia, Kenya, Cambodia, Bhutan, Myanmar and many others.

Zorro is a very humble but accomplished man. He is the founder of a Prep School in Japan that specializes in the education of students with special needs. Zorro now operates 16 branch schools with as many as 400 students. Zorro is also the founder and CEO of SEISA/The Foundation for Global Children.

To say that Zorro is a determined man is an understatement. He made over ten visits to Myanmar in the last three years and has donated tens of thousands of dollars to establish various government programs in Myanmar. Zorro is a keen DXer, Dxpeditonier and Humanitarian.

Paul: Zorro when did you first become interested in radio?

Zorro: *I was fifteen years old. Back then, I had to wait a year to take my license exam. I was very excited about radio as I still am today. Masa-JA1DM was my Elmer. He and JA1AEA taught me how to make QSOs.*

Paul: Zorro what aspects of amateur radio appeal to you the most?

Zorro: *I most like DXing and in keeping in touch with friends all over the world. Amateur Radio is still like magic to me.*

Paul: Zorro, please tell us about your work?

Zorro: *I am an educator. In 1972, I founded a Prep School in Japan. We specialized in children with special needs, primarily Dyslexia. Later, the school evolved into an inclusion style school with mixed students of special needs and non-special needs. This was revolutionary in Japan at the time where mixed needs students had always been segregated from other students. Since then, we have 16 branch campuses with as many as 400 students.*

Paul: Zorro please tell us about SEISA/FGC?

Zorro: *The FGC was established in July, 2010 to conduct research into and survey problems pertaining to education, medical care and the welfare of Children. I founded SEISA/FGC to improve education where it's most needed and to provide training and scholarships for students in the area of Technical, IT, Education & Health. In Bangladesh, we are supporting the Agrasara Orphans Home which provides shelter and care for destitute children. Here in Myanmar, we are working with the Ministry of Communications, Ministry of Science & Technology to make advances for the people of Myanmar. SEISA is donating two ambulances to the Ministry of Health and we have donated significant funds to the Ministries of Health and Science here in Myanmar. All proceeds from the XZ1J Dxpediton will go to support the FGC mission in Myanmar.*

Paul: Zorro you have travelled the world and have operated in many rare and exotic places, which were your favorite DXpeditions?

Zorro: *Yes, I love to travel and do radio. My favorite activities have been in Eritrea, Bangladesh, Yemen, Laos, Bhutan, Kenya, Cambodia and of course Myanmar.*

Paul: Zorro, how will ham radio be ten years from now?

Zorro: *This question concerns me very much. I see those in the hobby becoming more selfish and poorly behaved. There is less goodwill and ham spirit now than ever before.*

Paul: Zorro, thank you for all that you have done for the amateur radio community.

NCDXC DX Ladder

All Entity Counts Must Already Be Confirmed With LOTW-QSLs or QSL Cards

Call Sign	DXCC	Chal	160m	80m	40m	30m	20m	17m	15m	12m	10m	6m
K6TA	378	2769	213	296	332	302	339	326	333	306	320	3
K5YY	375	2636	196	289	240	297	340	314	278	294	287	101
W6OAT	374	2637	140	282	328	279	339	319	336	289	320	5
N7NG	372	1826	166	205	257	140	320	158	266	121	191	2
K6RIM	368	2336	45	173	301	289	339	311	327	267	275	9
K5JB	367											
K6ANP	364	1417	77	168	223	77	319	84	238	40	187	4
N6JV	360	2815	189	263	318	321	338	327	334	310	322	93
W6CUA	357		18	168	246	179	352	190	329	134	297	1
K6XN	355	1777	13	138	217	145	331	215	290	174	251	3
N6TA	354	1575	0	128	202	142	289	216	241	169	188	0
AJ6V	354	939	16	118	153	2	282	6	201	1	160	
K6SQL	354											
W6CYX	353	1789	113	174	227	164	278	161	248	181	242	1
W6DPD	353	1230		21	27		324	197	263	144	203	51
W6OSP	353	242	178	10	17		16	2	8	2	9	
NI6T	352	2772	229	286	330	319	339	326	329	301	309	4
K6MD	351	737	1	57	89	9	256	11	166	5	142	1
W6KM	351	465		65	100		100		100		100	
K6KLY	349	2411	101	183	287	253	335	306	254	273	314	105
AG6Q	349			100	100		100		100		100	
KX6C	349											
KC6AWX	348	2275	46	170	284	250	337	306	319	256	293	14
W6EKR	348	1543		123	152		344	220	320	144	240	
N6TV	348	1051	42	148	212	2	271	3	204	1	166	2
W6NWS	347	2055	144	200	289	161	328	190	305	152	285	1
K6UM	345	2073	36	136	210	174	328	289	308	250	282	60
K6CTA	345											
KI6CG	343	1827	79	153	193	103	321	199	285	157	268	69
W6OD	343	1726	12	101	151		321	283	310	255	293	
N7TW	343	1024	0	127	100	4	318	22	222	6	225	0
AC6HY	342		19	255	236	9	316	216	271	056	199	1
K8JRK	341	1123	1	145	174		293	43	242	26	199	
K6KO	339	2252	153	227	298	237	318	243	286	226	264	0
W6QUV	339	2218	119	157	301	264	314	278	268	248	211	58
K6BZS	338	1427	37	122	202	105	280	141	240	126	173	1
KY6R	337	1847	44	167	263	243	300	248	227	173	179	3
N6TQ	335	2008	55	167	252	229	310	242	272	229	252	
K6YP	335											
K6SIK	334	1684	16	143	191	149	305	200	257	185	238	
N6ATD	334	848	1	83	113		249	59	166	40	137	

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N3RC	333	1794	51	141	205	184	301	229	280	156	244	3
K6IPM	332	1529		74	158		318	265	293	191	229	1
K6MM	328	1486	36	109	195	131	297	175	241	128	168	6
N6NU	324	1442	27	116	206	133	252	171	234	130	171	2
W6YD	319			19	5		204		127		114	
K2RD	315	1605	73	143	216	71	294	179	254	133	237	5
W6JJW	313	773	0	3	74	25	228	95	156	70	122	0
K6DY	312	953	7	11	18	1	224	156	204	140	184	8
K9YC	310	1931	129	187	238	183	282	245	250	199	206	12
W6DR	307	1190	74	97	172	74	257	66	215	47	184	4
WX6W	307	574	0	26	72	22	199	25	108	20	102	0
KE1B	306	1467	18	79	167	98	280	230	245	161	185	4
W6OPO	299	851	1	19	89	20	247	103	182	49	140	1
W6EKR/M	299	619		6	4		194	68	230	13	104	
W6RK	292	1235	19	78	196	117	260	153	185	80	145	2
K6MKF	290	966	2	14	61	22	210	121	227	130	177	2
N6BM	286	997	1	23	95	51	232	155	220	90	130	0
W6PK	286	684	0	9	51	4	234	63	167	54	102	0
W6GJB	274	760	0	44	106	40	181	89	168	12	115	5
EA2RY	273		1	60	134	72	208	99	233	60	126	43
N6WM	271	1128	37	82	148	56	220	122	193	113	154	3
K6BV	269	551	0	4	24	0	236	16	167	12	92	0
NR6M	262	887	4	2	69	1	196	156	199	118	141	1
NE5EE	254	602		8	23		195	91	150	65	70	
AD6HF	254	525	10	19	73	14	213	30	92	10	62	2
AE6RR	237	689	4	40	73	27	187	74	128	37	117	2
N6MM	231	687	1	13	63	0	157	102	148	83	114	6
N6DVR	218	361		3	8	1	103	31	84	14	117	
N6NKT	210											
WD0FAA	209	443	8	28	74	22	88	19	110	18	74	2
K6ML	208	340	0	2	19	6	71	43	131	32	33	3
W6NN	200	473	4	26	53	3	149	48	124	20	44	2
AG6HE	179	446	3	11	84	0	81	25	137	40	65	0
K6MMM	159	489	5	25	84	0	134	1	131	0	107	2
K6TU	158	426	21	20	82	1	120	9	105	3	62	3
WT6X	144	384	1	25	71	16	109	56	43	19	43	1
KU6W	135	338	1	28	53	0	110	0	114	0	32	0
AI6RE	128	263	0	0	11	4	63	42	54	23	65	1
N6OI	117	229	0	1	9	4	53	9	75	7	70	1
AK6Y	110	193	0	5	27	0	75	6	36	2	40	2
WB6VYH	104	104			6		44	6	11	5	24	8
W6MSB	92	169	0	1	5	0	36	9	53	14	51	0
K6MP	75	123	0	3	27	0	32	4	32	5	18	2
WB6MRQ	46	75	0	1	7	0	14	3	21	1	28	0
PJ2/W6DR	19	25	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	17	0

How To Update Your DX Ladder Numbers

- For all DXCC and band counts, only include QSOs **for which you already have LOTW-QSLs or QSL cards.**
- **Entries in the ClubLog NCDXC DXCC League** are imported into DX Ladder if the member is registered at <http://www.clublog.org> and member log is uploaded at least once per year.
- **Members who prefer not to use ClubLog can use the web form at: www.ncdxc.org/pages/dxladder.html** . Band information is helpful but not required.
- The DXCC count includes current and deleted entities.
- **The Chal (Challenge) count is the sum of the current entity band counts (no deleted entities)** and is automatically calculated in the DX Ladder spreadsheet.

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NCDXC Secretary's Corner



The Members have radioed in their reports:

Bob, N6TV, reports:

I'm fortunate to have P5 confirmed (P5/4L5FN), so working Amsterdam Island for my very last "All Time New One" was a special thrill, as this will put me at the Top of the Honor Roll (mixed mode), once all the paperwork gets filed. It only took me 42 years to do it. :-) Russ, K6KLY, recently field checked my last three cards (9U, TT, VK0/M), so just one more card to file, and I'll be able to send for the plaque.

Alan, K6IPM, reports:

I just reached the second level of the Challenge Award for 1527 contacts all on SSB.

Dennis, AG6HE, reports:

I've had a few ATNO's, but my top item would be having qualified for DXCC CW! I am at 121 confirmed, just waiting for the certificate. I'm more proud of that one than Mixed, Phone or 15M. BTW, I also received my 150 Mixed endorsement sticker!

Mike, K6MKF, reports:

I'm closing in on my DXCC Challenge Award with 985 band slots confirmed in LoTW and QSL cards and only have 15 more to confirm. I've been working needed band slots like crazy on 10 & 15M, so I'm hopeful to have my 1000 band slots by the time we return from Maui on 3/23.

Remember to send your latest shack bulletins for the Secretary's Corner to the NCDXC Secretary at k6mkf@arrl.net.

Welcome New Members!

The following new members were voted into NCDXC during the February meeting:

Eric Gomes, AK6Y

Jonathan Woo, W6GX

Welcome to NCDXC!

Upcoming Meetings:

Thursday April 17: T33A Expedition, by Alan Maenchen, AD6E. Location: Holder's Country Inn, 998 S. De Anza Blvd, San Jose 95129.

Thursday May 15: Program & Speaker TBD. Location: Holder's Country Inn, 998 S. De Anza Blvd, San Jose 95129.

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