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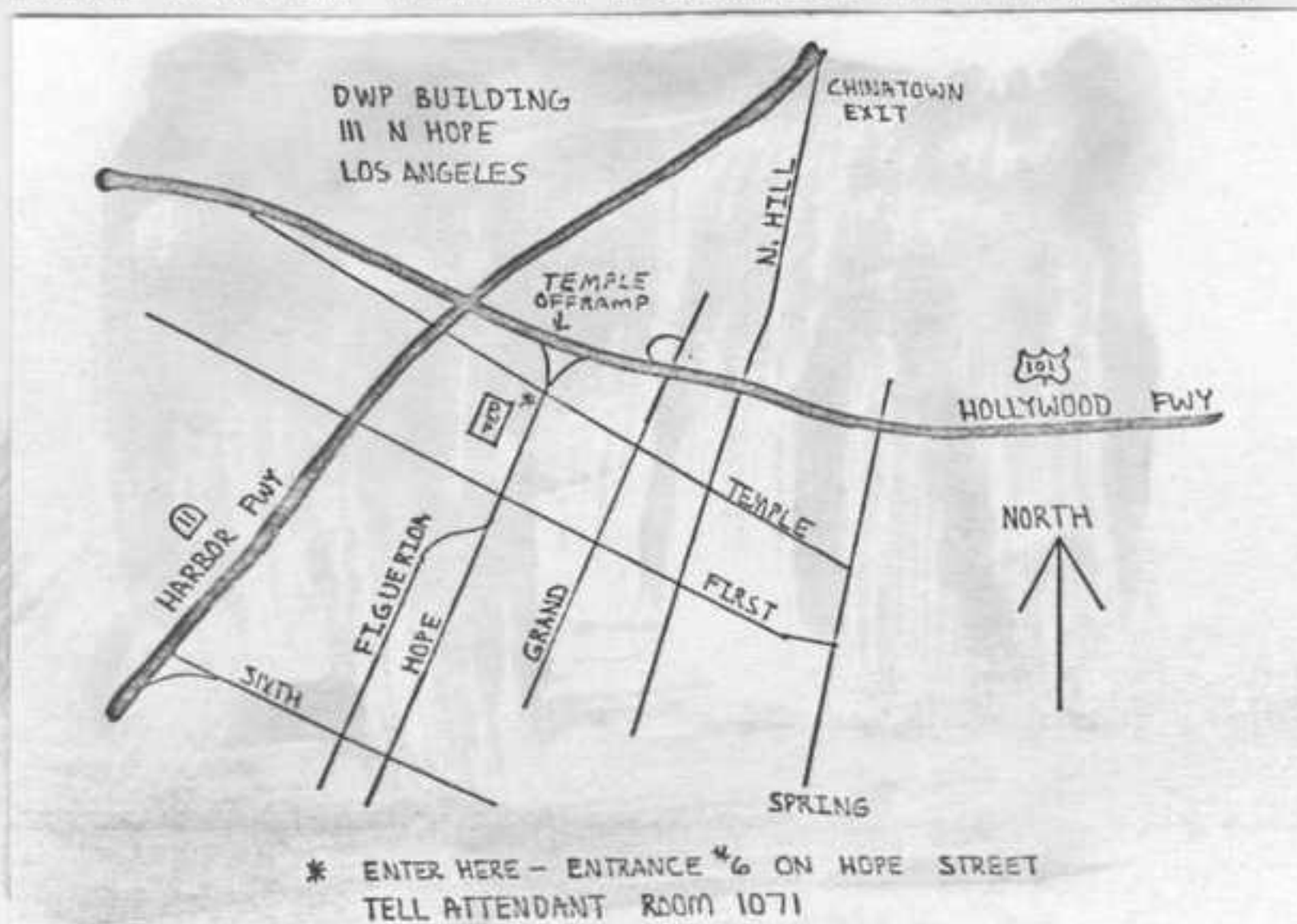
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THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH (NO MEETING ON JANUARY 1 HOWEVER) AT THE DWP BUILDING IN LOS ANGELES, IN ROOM 1071 AT 7:30 P. M. VISITORS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. THE ADDRESS IS 111 N HOPE ST. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS ON FEBRUARY 5. LOOK FOR DETAILS OF A SPECIAL JANUARY MEETING ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE.



PRESIDENTS REPORT

OUR CLUB IS BEGINNING TO GENERATE SOME ENTHUSIASM AROUND THE SOUTHLAND. THE NEWS OF OUR REGULAR MEETINGS IS SPREADING FAST, AND I EXPECT MEETING ATTENDANCE TO GROW OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. I HOPE THE ATMOSPHERE THAT WE HAVE AS A SMALL GROUP WILL BE MAINTAINED AS THE NUMBERS GROW.

AS WE ACHIEVE THIS PROJECTED GROWTH, WE MUST MAKE SOME DECISIONS ABOUT THE STRUCTURE OF THE CLUB (NOTHING TOO CRITICAL OR CONTROVERSIAL). MINOR THINGS LIKE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CLUB OFFICERS (IF ANY), WILL BE DISCUSSED. PRESENTLY THERE IS NOT MUCH NEED FOR MANY OFFICERS, BUT I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST THREE. IT SEEMS EVERY CLUB NEEDS TO HAVE A PRESIDENT, SOMEONE TO RUN THE SHOW. THE OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT/CONTEST CHAIRMAN ALSO SEEMS TO BE A NECESSARY FUNCTION. THIS PERSON MAKES SURE EVERYONE HAS WHAT THEY NEED FOR UPCOMING CONTESTS, INCLUDING LOGS AND SUMMARY SHEETS, AND SOMETIMES EVEN STATIONS.

THE ONE OFFICE WE DON'T HAVE PRESENTLY IS A SECRETARY-TREASURER. THIS PERSON WOULD HOLD THE MONEY, AND KEEP TRACK OF THE MEMBERSHIP DUES, ETC.

I WAS VOTED TO THIS OFFICE ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO AND HAVE TAKEN THE LIBERTY TO APPOINT MARK BECKWITH TO THE POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT & CONTEST CHAIRMEN. THESE ACTIONS DO NOT EXACTLY FOLLOW OUR ORIGINAL BYLAWS, BUT WITHOUT A CLUB WHAT USE ARE THE BYLAWS. DO WE WANT TO RETURN TO THE BYLAWS AS THEY WERE SO WISELY WRITTEN YEARS AGO OR WERE THEY TOO UNREALISTIC?

WE DO NOT HAVE TO RESOLVE THE BYLAW ISSUE FOR SOME TIME. I HOPE THOUGH THAT SOME SERIOUS THOUGHT WILL OCCUR CONCERNING THE ISSUE. THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF COPIES AT OUR REGULAR MARCH MEETING, AND AT THE SPECIAL JANUARY MEETING. PLEASE PICK ONE UP, READ IT, AND LET ME KNOW WHAT YOUR FEELINGS ARE.

IN THE MEAN TIME, IF SOMEONE IS ANXIOUS TO SERVE AS SECRETARY-TREASURER, I WILL MAKE A TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT AS I HAVE FOR THE VP SPOT.

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VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORT

HAVING NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN MY LIFESTYLE PLANNED FOR 1981, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT, AT LEAST AT THIS POINT IN TIME, 1981 WILL BE MOST NOTED AS THE YEAR THAT THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB FINALLY PICKED ITSELF UP BY ITS BOOTSTRAPS AND BECAME A LEGITIMATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. THIS IS THE WAY IT SHOULD BE. FOR YEARS BEFORE THIS TIME, ALL OF US MEMBERS WERE FACED WITH ASKING OURSELVES WHAT WE THOUGHT OF A GROUP OF CONTESTERS BROUGHT TOGETHER SOLELY TO COMPETE AGAINST OTHER GROUPS WHO THEMSELVES HAD GROUPED TOGETHER SOLELY FOR THE SAME REASON. WE ALL PRETENDED TO BE REAL CLUBS SO AS NOT TO VIOLATE THE LETTER OF THE LAW, WHILE ANY THOUGHT OF BEING A REAL CLUB WAS LOST. ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, I THOUGHT BACK TO MY DAYS WITH THE CLUB I GREW UP IN, AND HOW NEAT IT WAS TO BE A MEMBER. THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF CLUB ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS, SPEAKERS, AND DOUGHNUTS WERE MISSED.

EVER SINCE OUR MISERABLE ATTEMPT TO BEAT "THE NORTH" OF FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AGO, IT WAS OBVIOUS TO ME THAT THE WAY TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS WAS TO START SMALL AS A CLUB. FIRST GET A FRATERNAL FEELING GOING STRONG, SHAPE IDEAS IN AN ORGANIZED FORM, EAT DOUGHNUTS TOGETHER, ATTEND MEETINGS, BARBEQUES, ANTENNA PLANTING PARTIES, ETC. DURING THIS TIME, MAYBE WE CAN PUT IN SOME CLUB EFFORTS IN RADIO CONTESTS, BUT NOT THE TYPE THAT WILL WIN THE WORLD. THIS SORT OF APPROACH WOULD CERTAINLY INSPIRE CONTEST TYPES TO JOIN US IN OUR EFFORTS TO UNITE.

NOW THAT WE ARE STARTING TO BE THAT KIND OF CLUB, LET'S NOT BLOW IT BY SETTING OUR SIGHTS SO HIGH. LET'S KEEP OUR GOALS DOWN TO EARTH UNTIL WE GET THE NUMBERS WE NEED TO CHALLENGE THE WOLE WORLD. AS THE CONTEST CHAIMEN, I AM PROPOSING A CLUB AGGREGATE EFFORT IN THE ARRL DX CONTEST OF 1981. LET'S NOT PLAN TO KNOCK ANYBODIES SOCKS OF OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. LET US INSTEAD TRY TO TURN IN A MEANINGFUL SCORE FROM A REAL CLUB JUST DOING IT'S THING. WE WILL TALK DETAILS AT THE NEXT TWO MEETINGS.

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MARK BECKWITH WA6OTU

SPECIAL JANUARY MEETING

DUE TO THE FIRST THURSDAY OF JANUARY FALLING ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, OUR REGULAR THURSDAY MEETING WILL BE CANCELLED FOR JANUARY. HOWEVER WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING ON JANUARY 17, A SATURDAY, AT 2 P. M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE NUMERO UNO'S IN ENCINO. IT IS ON VENTURA BLVD ABOUT A HALF MILE EAST OF BALBOA BLVD. THE ADDRESS IS 16545 VENTURA. USE THE VENTURA FWY TO BALBOA, GO SOUTH TO VENTURA, THEN EAST TO NUMERO UNO. HOPE EVERYONE CAN BE THERE!!!

CLASSIFICATION OF CONTESTERS

THESE ARE SOME OF THE TYPES OF CONTESTERS. THERE MAY BE SOME MORE, BUT THIS IS A START. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING FITS YOU?

THE "A" CATEGORY (CONTEST CRIPPLE)

THIS IS THE GUY WHO EATS, SLEEPS, AND DRINKS HAM RADIO. HE SCHEDULES HIS WHOLE LIFE AROUND THE CONTEST CALENDAR, AND CAN RECITE THE TOP TEN FROM EVERY SWEEPSTAKES SINCE PHIL WON IT AT W6RW IN 1969. HE CAN USUALLY CAN BE FOUND ON 75 METERS WITH OTHERS LIKE HIM TELLING STORIES OF SUCCESS. THESE PEOPLE ARE VERY TOUGH COMPETITORS, AND ARE DIFFICULT TO BEAT. THEY CARRY AIRLINE PASSES TO PUERTO RICO, AND CANNOT EVER BENEFIT FROM THE USE OF A PACEMAKER DUE TO RFI PROBLEMS.

THE "B" CATEGORY (CONTEST VAMPIRE)

THE "B" CATEGORY CAN BE CALLED THE WEEKEND FANATIC. THIS PERSON, FOR SOME REASON OR ANOTHER, IS NOT ACTIVE EXCEPT DURING CONTESTS. THIS INCLUDES THOSE HIRED GUNS WHO LIVE IN APARTMENTS WITH NO STATION OF THEIR OWN. THEY DRIVE TO THEIR NEAREST SUPERSTATION AND TURN INTO AN "A" PERSON FOR THE DURATION OF THE CONTEST. AFTER ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROPER SEDATIVES, THE PERSON RETURNS TO NORMAL AND CONTINUES LIFE AS A "B" PERSON UNTIL THE NEXT CONTEST. THESE PEOPLE ARE HATED BY THOSE WHO WORKED HARD TO BUILD THEIR OWN STATIONS. THESE PEOPLE ARE KNOWN TO WRITE BORING CONTEST ARTICLES, AND ARE OFTEN MURDERED.

THE "C" CATEGORY (CONTEST VETERAN)

THESE PEOPLE ALL HAVE WON SOME CONTEST OR ANOTHER BACK BEFORE YOU WERE BORN. THEY REMEMBER THE TWO WEEK SWEEPSTAKES, STILL SENDING THE TIME AND BIRTHDAY IN IT, AND FINISH UP THE ARRL DX TEST BY SAYING, "I'LL GET YOU BACK ON THE SECOND WEEKEND." THESE PEOPLE READ THE 25 YEARS AGO COLUMN IN QST NOTING THE TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENTS. THEY TEND TO USE COLLINS GEAR, BUT THESE PEOPLE ARE MOST USEFUL ON SUNDAY WHEN THE RATE DROPS. THESE PEOPLE ALSO MAKE EXCELLENT TARGETS FOR TYPE "B" PEOPLE.

IN CLOSING, THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS ARE OFFERED:

THE CONTEST MASOCHIST: THIS PERSON OBTAINS MORBID DELIGHT BY OPERATING 10 HOURS IN BOTH THE CW AND PHONE DAYS OF A CLOSED CD PARTY.

THE CONTEST SADIST: THIS PERSON OBTAINS AMNORMAL DELIGHT IN THE CRUELTY OF BUYING A RADIO SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF TUNING AROUND DURING MAJOR CONTESTS, FINDING THOSE PEOPLE ASKING IF A FREQUENCY IS IN USE, AND INFORMING THEM IT IS.