

# SCCCORE

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Southern California Contest Club Operations, Results, and Enlightenments

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## SCCC Meeting

OAK VIEW, CA, Feb. 6, 1990 — The next meeting of the SCCC will be held in conjunction with the February TRW swap meet, on February 24th at 11am. The place will be Pizza Hut, 5107 W. El Segundo Blvd., (213) 676-7435.

We hope to have a great turn out for the meeting. The topics for the meeting will be past winter and planned future "contest activities", who did what and how they managed to do it, the eating of Pizza and drinking of BEER, plus lots of TALL stories and wild TALES! Other subjects for possible discussion will be how to increase our ranks through promoting Novice contests and activities that will promote contesting interest, future SCCC contesting activities?, Mexico Again?, Field Day?, and more?

## QST-QST-QST

The SCCC has changed its address from Box 62 to PO BOX 73, Oak View, CA. 93022!

Please take note of this change and tell your fellow members that might miss this in the bulletin. We have been waiting 5 years now for the Box number 73 and have finally got it nailed.

Dues for the SCCC are still just \$4 bucks and should be mailed to the new Club PO Box 73 and made out to M. Brozowsky. As the club does not have a bank account, it makes it a bit difficult to cash checks made out to the SCCC, but Ski usually finds a way; if you forget to make them out to M. Brozowsky.

## DX PACKET CLUSTER FREQUENCIES AND UPDATE:

DX packet clusters are still alive and well and growing. Their popularity is growing very quickly and if you haven't logged on to one of them you don't know what your missing. Wouldn't it be nice to just check your terminal every so often to see how the bands are and what DX is lurking around? Lazy man's DXing; You don't necessarily have to tune the bands because all the packet guys are telling you where everything is and when you do and find something

you announce it on the cluster for all the other guys that have found good DX for you!

The following are the nodes and frequencies that we know about:

NODE	LOCATION	FREQ.
N6ND	RAMONA	144.36
WB6EXC	SAN FERNANDO	145.66
N6VR	VENTURA	144.915
W6PQS	LA	144.915
W6PQS	LA	145.68
N6CDA	FALLBROOK	144.36
KM6K	SD	144.36
NN6U	ORANGE	145.68
WA6IET	SANTA MARIA	144.91
K6GXO	LANCASTER	?

Please send corrections, additions, and any comments to Box 73, Oak View, CA. 93022..... Tnx Ed.

## WHO SAID MEXICO WAS A NO-NO?



XE2UZL: above WB6OKK (Rick), K9VV (Fred), W6UZZL (Wall), K6JYO (Bruce), NI6W (Kurt)

Someone forgot to tell these guys that US contesters weren't wanted South of the Border! Looks like they had a ball. I'm ready are You?

ARRL TEN METER ENTRY with 2976 QSO's by 234 mult's = 1,887,444 !!!

**SCCC OFFICERS:** Pres. NC6U, Kevin; Vice Pres. N6JW, Morgan; Sec./Treas. (Bulletin Editor) N6ADI, Ski. SCCC dues are \$4. per year and payable to M. Brozowsky, Box 73, Oak View, CA. 93022

## President's Corner February 1990

I'm sitting here trying to think of something profound to say for the first bulletin since the "election", and all that comes to mind is --- I only have 12 more of these to write! I appreciate the support expressed by the club members (most of who are probably glad they didn't get nominated!) and promise to carry out the job as president to the best of my ability. So consider this note the State of the Club address.

This is not your average club. It's not even your average ham radio club! There are a lot of things that make it different. For example, our finances and assets are practically nil, we meet every 2 months (whether we need it or not), and we abolished the board of directors in the last election! Not that these are bad - we don't have to argue on how many T-bills to buy, we can fit contests in between the meetings, and we don't worry too much about Robert's Rules Of Order!

In addition, everyone has their own cadre of contests they operate. Some are partial to domestics - SS, QSO parties, and the like, while some work the DX contests. Some are strictly single-op, while others operate Field Day with the local club. Some unpack and turn on the radio only for the CQWW CW, while others make some Q's in every contest every weekend. Some expend kilo-bucks on the home station to crack the East Coast Curtain (ECC), while others guest-op at exotic DX locations to indulge in their own version of global warfare. We have your CW ops and your SSB ops, VHF'ers and HF'ers, big guns with world records and little guns with local records. (as in "I personally hold all contest records on my street...").

With all this diversity, one might think there is no glue to hold this club together, when in fact one couldn't be further from the truth. The common thread we all share is the rush of competition - competing with yourself, your buddies, the section, the country, or the best in the world. Simply put, this club exists to give us an excuse to get together over lunch and talk contests. Nothing more, nothing less. I don't have any grandiose ideas of growing a "super club" like the PVRC and FRC of the 70's. I would rather see the club continue as magnet to contesters, especially to new hams who want to rub shoulders with some of the "pros". There is a ton of contesting expertise in the club roster. With the contesting ranks decreasing a little bit each year (see Jan/Feb '90 issue of NCJ), it would be a mistake for us not to encourage new contesters. Many of us got our first taste of real contesting when invited to participate in a multi-single or multi-multi operation (even if it was the 160 meter daytime position...). Perhaps it's time to return the favor. Peruse the excellent ideas by Mark WA6OTU in this bulletin for starters.

The next club meeting is February 24th at 11 AM at the Pizza Hut (5107 W. El Segundo Blvd, Hawthorne (213) 676-7435) after the TRW swapmeet. The date is between the ARRL DX CW and SSB weekends, so I'm sure there will be plenty of stories to tell. 73 de NC6U.

## NOVICES AND CONTESTS - FINDING THE GOOD EGGS

Recently I was going through the Callbook to get the addresses of about 370 of the most active contest operators I could extract from my logs over the last three years. I was doing a mailing for the Caltech Quickie CW contest we sponsored at W6UE. Chances are if you were active in the Sprint of SS in the last three years, you got one. The amazing thing to me was that out of 370 guys, 17 of them were not Extra Class Licensees.

I was amazed. It drove home the fact we're all reluctant to admit to ourselves - let's face it, Contest operators are the cream of the crop, period. I got to thinking about the implications, and realized it logically followed that Novices who operate contests are the ones with the most potential to become hard-core 'real' hams like us. In this day and age of shrinking amateur ranks and doomsday sayers predicting the demise of our hobby we have a relatively easy way of sorting the wheat from the chaff, as it were.

We are also, each one of us, faced with the responsibility of doing something about our less than ideal status quo. As the saying goes, "everyone must do their part". Some of us take this more seriously than others, and here again, as the top guys in our hobby, I think we are just a bit obligated to lead the way helping our best newly-licensed prospects on their way to a truly rewarding lifetime hobby.

Tree, N6TR, David, AA6RX, and myself sat down about a week ago to discuss this. We concluded that as a club it would be very easy for us to make a difference to the new guys who show some potential. First of all, we have to sort them out of the background somehow. Everyone has their own best way to do this - be it a Novice who comes back to your CQ on 7115 at 18 WPM, or a guy with a KA6 callsign who has figured out how to run them at over 100 an hour during the 10 Meter contest while keeping a dupesheet - the symptoms are obvious. Here are more ideas:

1) Hold contests for Novices (like I attempted to do under the SCCC banner in January, but got tripped up because the League didn't print my announcement). 2) Establish a rule in the Sweepstakes where it is to our advantage to make several QSO's with Novices. 3) Offer a special award for seasoned ops who put out the time and effort to get a Novice who hasn't done it before on the air for a contest. 4) Set up Novice sub-categories in FD, SS, etc. so they're actually competing for some kind of award.

Our ultimate goal as a club would at this point be to track and encourage the really good Novices to pursue the game by acknowledging their abilities and inviting them to upgrade and join the big operations. It may seem like putting the cart before the horse a bit, but these are the same guys who are going to pass the most accurate traffic at the highest rates when the 'big one' hits. And we owe it to ourselves to do what we can to keep these ops from falling out of the Amateur Radio Service.

The SCCC has a chance to really do a good job in this worthwhile endeavor, but it's going to take some hours and some correspondence. Over the next few months, we'll be looking for some volunteers. I hope we won't let ourselves down.

**de WA6OTU, Mark..**

Southern California Contest Club CW Sprint Standings

Team Ratings	Claimed Feb 90	High Scorer	Team Sep 89			Team Feb 88			Team Sep 87			Team Feb 86						
			High Scorer	Score	Operator	High Scorer	Score	Operator	High Scorer	Score	Operator	High Scorer	Score	Operator				
<b>Sprint Standing:</b>			#1	#2	#3	#2	#1	#2	#1	#2	#1	#2	#1					
Team 1	115203	N6AA	133275	N6TR/7	103273	N6TR/7	113140	N6ND	108600	N6TR	91126	N6TR/7	85940	N6TJ	89161			
Team 2	42549	NE6I	54792	W6SX	71009	N6ND	25971	K9VV/6	71308	N6ND	48650	N78G	19365	KZ6E	33987			
Team 3	11160	K6VNX	7400	N6CQ/3	16210	W6AQ	12839	NC6U	21890	W6OUL	33910	W6SX						
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K6LL/7	13524	322	1	1	15680		13728	13200		13120		12714	9088			11040		
N6TR/7	12792	312	1	1	15933		13254	13552		11760		12012	9372			11583		
K6NA	12505	305	1	1	14651		12232	12259		11080	WA6OTU							
W6AQ			2	2	10700	KA6SAR	10906	10906	WA6OTU	10603	WA6OTU	8640	WA6OTU	8820	WA6OTU	8854	WA6OTU	8854
N6TJ	11349	291	1	1	12788		10590	12788	W7EJ	10503		10520	9828	W6MKB	8854	8854	8854	8854
N6AA	13932	324	1	1	14161		10569	3864	N2AA/2	11840		10218	8840	AA6RX	8854	8854	8854	8854
N6YA	11357	277	1	1	12593		10406	11592	N6AA/7	11193		7560	9758	AA6RX	8854	8854	8854	8854
N78G			2	2	10218							10218						
N6ND	11324	298	1	1	14406	K6STI	11352	11808	K6STI	7676		7560						
W6UE			2	2	10093	WA6OTU						10260	9768	AA6RX	8854	8854	8854	8854
N6Z7	12040	280	1	1	13207		12558	11567		9694	AA6RX	10412	8840	AA6RX	8854	8854	8854	8854
N6CW			2	2	9376		11340			9462		7412						
W6SX			3	3	11051					9126		7425						
N16H			1	1	9092					10707	W6KUT	8568	7656	W6KUT	7910			
N6VR	7105	203	1	1	11205	W6KUT	10922	10101		9126		8424	7798					
W6X	9275	265	1	1	8651	W6GHS	10062	11430		10707		8424						
NE6I	10560	264	2	2	8651			2030		9472		9576						
K5MM/7																		
KZ6E																		
NC6U	8970	230	2	2	8979								7557					
XE2/K9VV																		
W6UQF																		
W7CB/6																		
N7CH/6																		
AC6T	5400	180	3	3	8979													
W6NV																		
N6AW																		
KV01																		
K6VNX	8800	220	2	2	9152													
KD7EY	5760	180	3	3	7654													
N6CQ/3																		
N6MM																		
W6V																		
W6UUL	8360	220	2	2	7400													
N6VI																		
N6NI																		
N6MA																		
K5JYO																		
KK6BB	5859	189	3	2	4479													

Operator / Station: #1, #2, #3, N6ND, WA6OTU, AA6RX, W6KUT, K6STI, W6GHS, N6CQ/3, W6V, W6UUL, N6VI, N6NI, N6MA, K5JYO, KK6BB

# SCORES

## CQWW

W6BA M/S OPS N6AV, N6AW, W6BA (CW)

BAND	Q	P	Z	C
160	9	16	9	8
80	62	175	15	22
40	343	1011	28	68
20	577	1673	35	99
15	632	1820	36	100
10	535	1571	34	91
	2158	6266	157	388 = 3,414,970

N6ND	CW	AVG. PTS	QSO
160	33	59	10
80	265	644	27
40	657	1874	31
20	1112	3176	36
15	1051	3082	39
10	1002	2888	36
	4120	11723	179
			494 = 7,889,579

KN0E/KH3 Phone 4704/118/253 = 5,217,373  
(New Club member)

" " CW 3854/145/269 = 5,715,874

SU1RR CW 4309/106/305 = 5,275,185

# COMPUTER SOFTWARE

N6ADI is maintaining a library of HAM radio software for the IBM compatible, C-64 and Apple Mac Intosh computers. If you have some software that you would like to share send a list of programs of club interest to the Club box or send copies of the software on 5 1/4" or 3.5" format. Ski has a number of contesting programs that are shareware and public domain.

Now available to all club members is a list of available software in the library. Just send an SASE and you will receive a list of the programs in the library; then if you see something you would like to try; you send a formatted disk to the club box with return postage and Ski promises a 1-2 week turn around time on software check-outs.

Ray, N6VR has been using a program that has a built in database for NASPRINT; once you type in the call the latest information on that station is already filled in; Name, section, etc; and all you have to do is input the serial number or you can make any necessary changes to the information. It works great and save tons of time. Ray did state that "Sprint contests are like trying to jump on a moving train you either catch it right away and take off like a rocket or keep trying to grab a handle."

# ITEMS FOR SALE OR TRADE

**WANTED:** NE6I, DENNIS is looking for a packet controller for the IBM or Commodore 64. If you have one for Sale or Trade drop Dennis a card 9925 Jeremy St. Santee, CA, 92071 or call him at (619) 449-6054 home, (619) 660-8302 work.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE:** Commodore C-64 system including: 13" color monitor (TV), disk drive #1541, printer (dot matrix), modem, joy sticks and literally tons of software (ham radio, many word processing packages, many utilities, tons of Games/Games and more Games, tele-communications software ((HAM RADIO SOFTWARE FOR SS, FD, ARRL DX, CQWW, WPX AND MORE!!!) **TRADE FOR UHF/VHF HANDHELD GEAR OR SELL** for \$450.00 FIRM. SKI @ (805) 649-3339 home or (805) 982-2097 work...

**FOR SALE OR TRADE:** Nearly complete TA-33 Tri-band antennae. Ray, N6VR (805) 649-9696 home (805) 982-5801 ext.406 work.

## COMPUTER KEYING INTERFACES

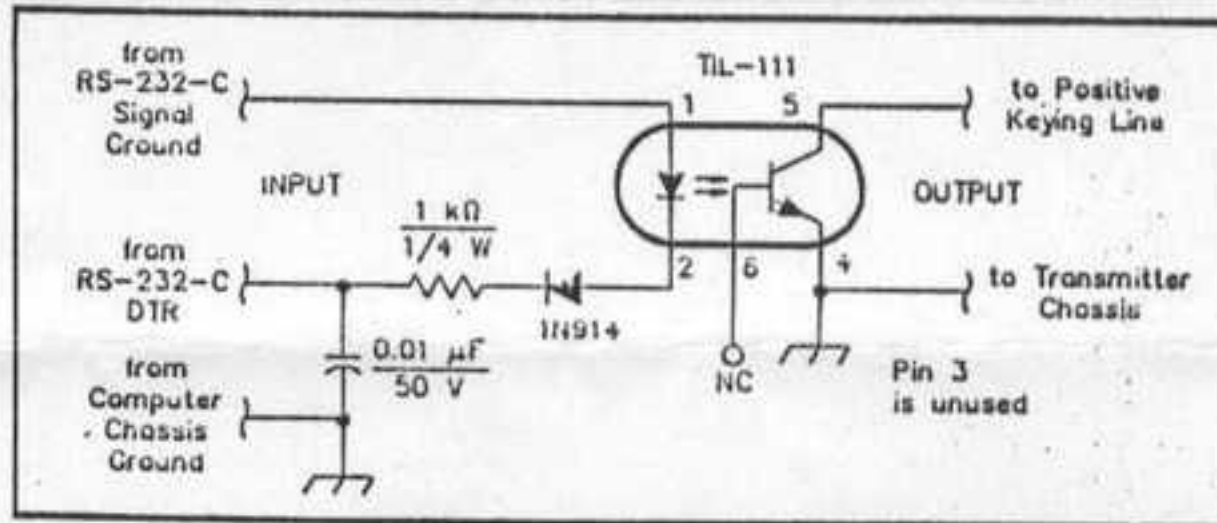
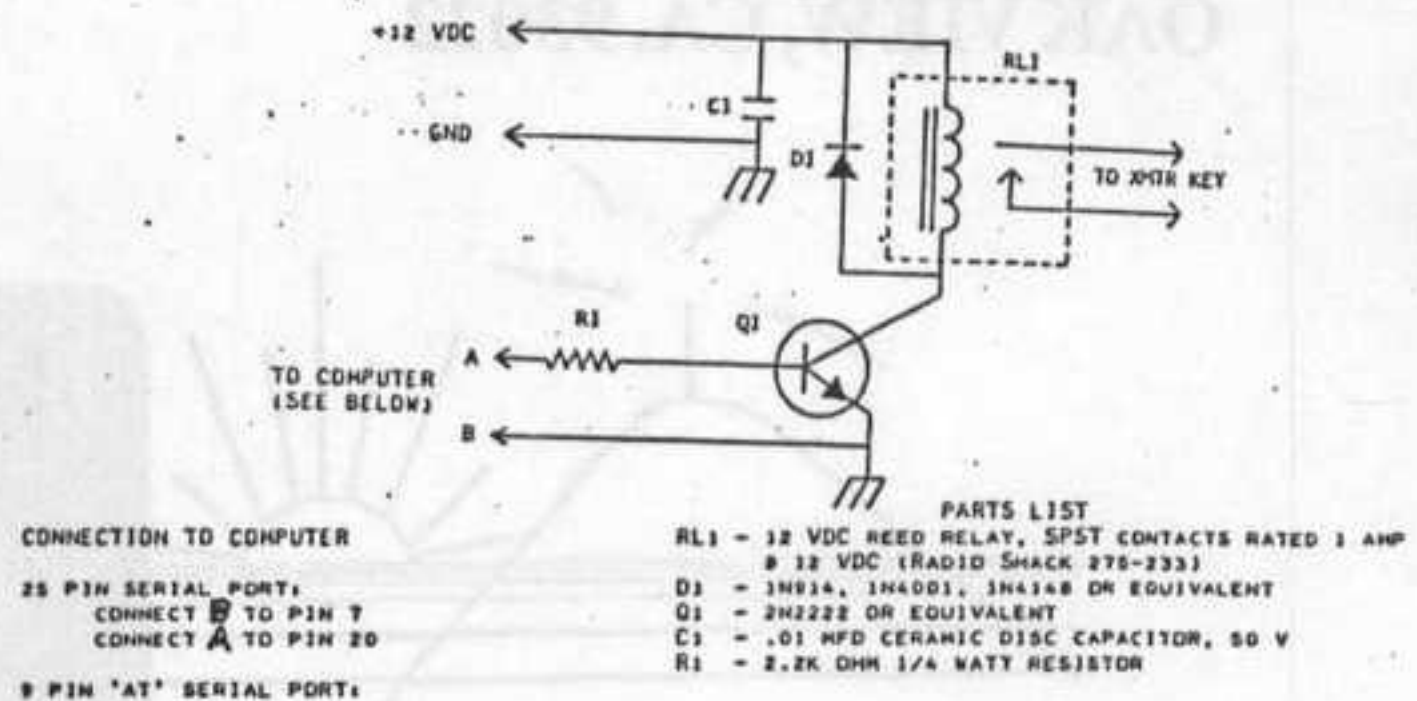
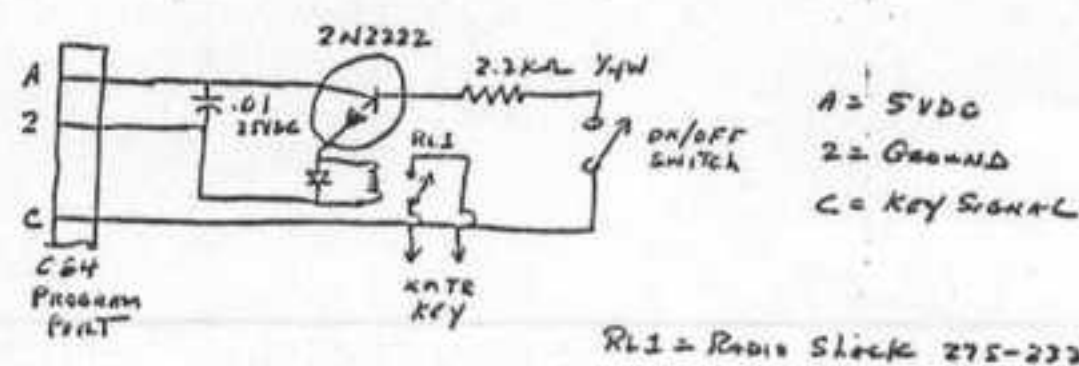


Fig 3—John Swancara's RS-232-C-to-keying-line interface consists of just four parts. You can build the circuit on a piece of scrap copper-clad circuit board. John obtained U1, a TIL-111 optocoupler, as part of Radio Shack's 276-139 optocoupler assortment.

### CONKEY INTERFACE TO IBM OR COMPATIBLE COMPUTER



### C64 INTERFACE TO TRANSMITTER (KVRZ)



# SCCC Phone Sprint from 11 February

KV0I 245/44  
N6CQ/3 171/41  
N6VR 242/44  
NC6U 251/44  
N6TR 245/40  
K6LL 300/46

## WANTED TO BUY-

IC2AT-IC3AT-IC4AT ICOM HANDHELDS : CALL N6ADI, SKI @ (805) 6493339 HOME OR (805) 982-2097 WORK.

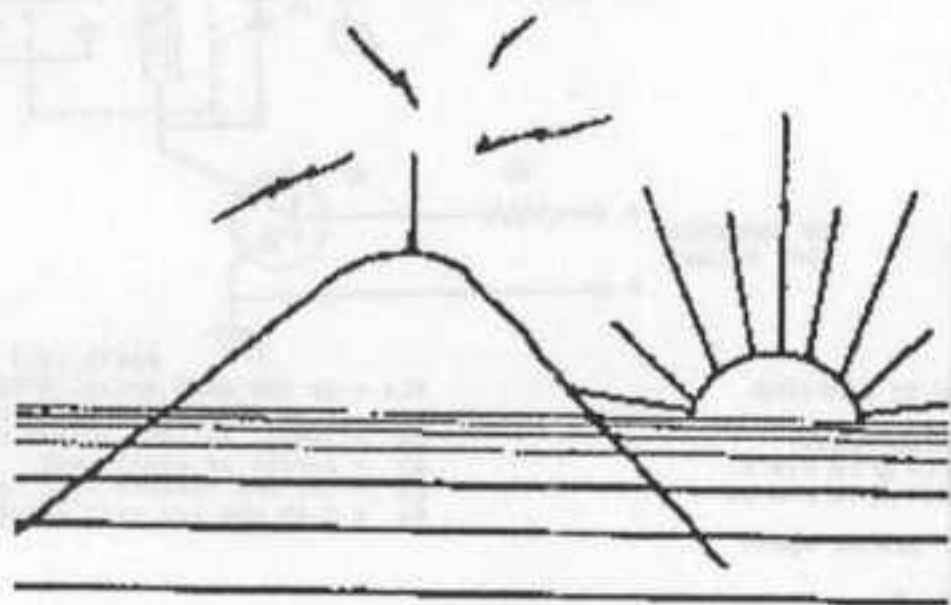
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CHECK YOUR LABEL FOR DUES EXPIRATION DATE!  
MAIL RENEWALS PROMPTLY TO THE CLUB BOX..