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SCCC Editor Apologizes

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My apologies. This has been so crazy since the last issue of the Bulletin came out. We should all remember that the next time Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Saturdays, we may as well just forget about having a meeting in December at all.

That's only the beginning, though. I picked January 15th and announced it in that letter N6AZE sent out. I forgot that in recent years the club has grown to include people who actually like Phone, and there was a Phone contest that day and I heard about it. So we had to change it again, this time to the 29th. Now I expect all the 160 Meter enthusiasts are going to rise in defiance, but hey, what is there to work on 160 at 11am? Please see the back of the bulletin for the details. We decided on our usual "Jolly Roger Restaurant after the TRW Swapmeet" arrangement.

My apologies also to everyone, too, for the very bad habit I have developed of collecting the renewal checks in a pile and making one big deposit usually just before the next bulletin comes out. This is exacerbated by the fact that the last issue came out in October, so I've got some of your checks in my upcoming deposit which have been sitting around since October, and you're probably all ready to kill me. I'll bring a whip to the next meeting and let you all take it out on me then.

So why does it happen? Ham radio is an avocation, and because of it's relegation to that status, by definition there have to be things that come first before it. Like your job. Some people, my fiancée included, are pretty downright cut-and-dried about it, with a blanket policy that anything that makes money has to be put in front of anything else that doesn't. She's learning, though, as should everyone, that money isn't everything, and that there's more to life than earning a living. A lot can be said in favor of being happy even if you're poor.

At the same time, if I did all the ham radio I wanted to, I'd be absolutely penniless, so I have to be picky about what does and doesn't get done. The bad news is this: Last month, the Bulletin lost out, because

my musical performing has really swung into high gear, and it looks like there is not an end in sight. I also have several very hot sticks in the ham radio fire with the ARRL, the CAC, and the NCJ, and these things are more important to me than the SCCC Bulletin.

Can you read the writing on the wall, or should I use a brighter color of spray paint? I'm going to need some major assistance here real soon or I will need to retire as Editor. The club will need volunteers for the following:

- 1) Managing the Books, Renewals, Mailing Labels
- 2) Providing more copy for SCCCORE
- 3) Help in the Mail Room

None of these jobs by itself is a big job, but put them all together with what is actually my specialty, namely Editing, Paste-Up and Printing, and you have a bigger job than I can do by myself anymore with a Roster in excess of 120 Contest-hungry radio amateurs. And that is why my reliability is down.

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Well, 1993 was the year I bought a fax machine. I put it off for a long time because I think fax machines make people lazy, but it got to the point where I was handicapped because I wasn't in a position to receive faxes. Well, since I got over the initial hesitance, I have not looked back. I still try not to use it for anything which should rightly be mailed, but it sure has saved my butt a few times now - when I've been lazy.

So if 1993 was the year of the fax, then 1994 is going to be the year of Internet. Internet is a great idea, and I haven't gotten on yet because I didn't want to spend the money and computer modems intimidate me. Well, I resolved this New Year to spend three hours a week hacking so I can learn my way around many more programs than I know and especially around BBSs, modems, packet, and Internet. I can't stay away any longer.

SCCCORES

Sweepstakes Ph Claimed Scores:

SO HIGH

Call	Qs	Multa	Scores
KI3V	2280	77	351,120
W6QHS	2260	77	348,040
K3LR	2161	77	332,794
K6LL	2155	77	331,870
KY7M	2090	77	321,860
W6UE(N6DLJ)	1979	77	304,766
N6VR(N6SR)	1389	77	213,906
W2KVA	901	77	138,754
N6MB	733	77	112,882
KC6X	497	76	75,544
K6VI	438	70	61,320
N6VI/KH6	324	54	34,992

SO LOW

AB6FO	950	77	146,300
N6HC	944	76	143,488
KJ6HO	788	75	118,200
W6UQF	704	77	108,416
W6HAL	614	76	93,328
W6IET	571	74	84,508
K6ZH	526	74	77,848
W6HT	208	59	24,544
NC6U	190	60	22,800

QRP

N6PEQ	991	77	152,614
WA7BNM	578	75	86,700

M/S

W6EEN	1987	77	305,998
N6ND	1850	77	284,900
KF6OG	1802	77	277,508
W6AQ	1348	75	202,200
KI6X	1065	77	164,010
KC6WLC	248	66	32,736

Sweepstakes CW Claimed Scores:

SO HIGH

Call	Qs	Multa	Score
W7RM (N6TR)	1444	77	222,376
K6LL	1428	77	219,912
W6EEN (KA6SAR)	1298	77	197,296
N6RO	1248	77	192,192
AA7NX	1239	77	190,806
K6NA	1215	73	177,390
K6JYO (K9VV)	821	77	126,434
N6VI/KH6	768	70	107,520
W2KVA	700	76	106,400
W6MVW	655	77	100,870
AA6MQ	621	76	94,392
K6VI	401	71	56,942
W6OUL	250	70	35,000
W6AQ (WA6OTU)	145	74	21,460

SO LOW

NP4A (K7JA)	1388	77	213,752
KY7M	1217	75	182,550
K6CY	1144	77	176,176
W1FEA	1106	77	170,324
AB6FO	1076	75	161,400
N6HC	760	75	114,000
W6HAL	413	71	58,646
NC6U	365	73	53,290
KJ6HO	135	50	13,500

M/S

N6VR	1321	77	203,434
K6XT	1227	77	188,958
KI6X	1004	76	152,608
W6KUT	926	75	138,900

Letters . . .

The mailbox was unusually full this time (since October, no wonder). Wayne, N6NB, related his care for his antennas which have to endure winter at 7000 feet in the snow and ice. Actually, they don't since he took them down for the winter, which was smart. He's looking at design improvements for next season so he can leave the big yagis up year round.

Two club members have left California - Jerry, N6AV seized upon an opportunity to move to North Carolina, which it sounds like he prefers. Hey Jerry, look up AA6EE who moved out there last year! Dale, K5MM has moved to Washington state. Is this Deja-vu? Didn't you live up there before, Dale?

Many address changes from clubbers who have moved. I promise you all a roster in the Visalia issue. In addition to those who moved out of California above, KD6WW, N6KT, and W6SX all sent in changes of address. Good luck to you all.

Speaking of the roster, now would be a good time to check the current info on you and let me know of any changes in time for the March-April issue. Also, please give me your phone numbers if you want them made available to fellow club members.

Thanks,

Mark, WA6OTU

CQWW CW Claimed Scores:

Call	Score	Cat
N6BV/1	4,211,291	SO HIGH
N5RZ	3,102,761	"
W6EEN (KA6SAR)	2,452,719	"
N6VI/KH6	2,125,584	"
NN7L	1,712,300	"
K6VI	640,728	"
W6OUL	242,760	"
W6UFY	6,968	"
WK6V	301,000	SO LOW
W9NQ	678,000	SO ASS
KC6X	415,053	"
N4CC	140,000	(80)
N6RO 1146/39/118	??	(40)
K6OY 492/37/120	219,329	(20)
N2RM	14,500,000	M/M
K0RF	8,400,000	"
AA6TT/0	8,300,000 ?	"
N6DX	6,100,000	"

Sweepstakes Wrap-up

A round of congratulations are in order to the club and its members for an outstanding effort in both the CW and Phone 1993 Sweepstakes.

Judging from the unofficial reported scores that Mike, KA6SAR, and I have received to date, club participation is up by a significant margin. The average SCCC SS Entry Score is 135K. This is 8,000 points higher than our target of 127K per entry. Congratulations are in order to all! I suspect that there are still some scores we are unaware of, so we'll have to wait till it all comes out in the wash as officially reported by QST in the May issue. Thanks to all for the outstanding effort. Let's do it again next year. 73,
Larry, N6AZE

Editor's Note: A big thank you to Larry for the massive orchestration of this immense success! Just so you all know, he footed the bill for all the mailings and copying himself, since our chintzy club can't afford stuff like that. If we want to do more of this in the future, remember it's not free!

On another note, I should point out that this effort was so successful that we had way more than our target 50 entrants come out of the woodwork (like about 60), and if everybody turned in their logs we will be listed as a so-so entry in the Unlimited Category instead of a killer entry in the Medium Category. Normal attrition should bring that total down a bit, and if we're lucky, we'll drop into the very top of the Medium Category. Some people have asked me why we didn't screen out all but the highest 50 scores and here's the answer if you're wondering:

At the outset of this project we considered the possibility this would happen and made a rule that we would not ever tell anyone their score wasn't good enough. Every score is good enough, and we all have to remember that without all those smaller scores by guys who get on and hand out a few contacts from the bottom of the pyramid, there would be no pyramid. To all who got on and worked their fellow teammates, Thank You.

I guess this would be a good time, since I didn't do it anywhere else in the whole bulletin, to mention that, yes indeed, it is that time again when the old go out and the new come in. N6TJ's term as President is at an end and nominated to replace him is W9NQ. Ken, AB6FO has agreed to run for Vice President. Come on over to the Jolly Roger and buy them a beer (or a coke.)

Editorial (continued)

This of course means that anyone else who is like-mindedly 'connected' who wants to take on a job or two on the above list will find daily communication with me more accessible. I also resolved to be more accessible over conventional methods, like the telephone (I will call Don back when I say I will; I will call Don back when I say I will; I will . . .). This will also be a terrific aid to speeding up CAC discussions.

Speaking of CAC discussions, I got some religion this very afternoon when I opened a letter from Walt, WOCP, the Chairman of the CAC. I was expecting him to ream me up one side and down the other about the scathing letter I had written him last week suggesting that the CAC looked like a bunch of idiots because of an incident last year and that perhaps it was up to the CAC leadership to make sure it never happened again. I wanted to see some action so I cc'd three Vice Presidents.

Instead of berating me for my tactless handling of my complaint he succeeded in wooing my assistance in solving the problem. I got the distinct feeling he felt the same way I did about the seeming ineffectiveness of the CAC and wants to do something about it. All that and I was expecting to be thoroughly chewed out.

Yes, it's true the CAC needs a lot of work, but this year I think we are going to pull it off. I am glad to be a part of it.

This weekend I operated the North American QSO Party using two radios for the first time, automated by N6TR's FABULOUS logging program, which is smart enough to run two radios at once and requires no manual switching and never transmits more than one signal at once, all automatically, and you never lose your CQ frequency.

I understand K1EA is coming out with some fancy new version of CT. I suspect it will probably compare with Tree's program of four or five years ago. Yawn. East Coast operators may be able to win the DX contest from home, but West Coasters sure know how to write programs.

I hope you all liked my piece in the NCJ - SCCCer Trey, WN4KKN/6, the Editor of the NCJ, was kind enough to share his soapbox with me by allowing me to write the Editorial for this issue. I think we may have something here. If you have any comments about the ARRL DX Contest, I would like to know how you feel. Internet coming soon! 73,
Mark, WA6OTU

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Anyone applying for New Membership should fill out the following:

Name: _____ Call: _____

Address: _____

Telephones: _____

Everyone: Check here if you would like a club badge - include an additional \$6.

Current Members: Check your mailing label on the back of this form. If everything is current, fine. Just send this in with a check. If there are changes, note them.

Dues are: \$5 per year Domestic, \$8 Canada/Mexico, and \$10 anywhere else.

Mail to: SCCC c/o Mark, WA6OTU - Box 4 - Sierra Madre, CA 91025-0004

SCCC CALENDAR

Truly all the dates that fit! by W6EEN

JANUARY

- 8-9 ARRL RTTY/AMTOR/ASCII 1800z (30)
- 8-9 NA QSO Party CW, 1800z (12)
- 15-16 NA QSO Party SSB, 1800z (12)
- 22-24 ARRL VHF Sweepstakes, 1900z (33)
- 29th CLUB MTG-AFTER TRW SWAPMEET
- 28-30 CQ 160m DX Contest CW, 2200z (42)

FEBRUARY

- 6th NA SPRINT - CW 0000z (4)
- 13th NA SPRINT - SSB 0000z (4)
- 19-20 ARRL DX Contest CW, 0000z (48)
- 25-26 CQ 160m DX Contest SSB, 2200z (42)

MARCH

- 5-6 ARRL DX Contest SSB, 0000z (48)
- 26-27 CQ WW WPX Contest SSB, 0000z (48)

APRIL

- 15-17 International Dx Convention-Visalia
SCCC LUNCHEON- TIME/PLACE TBA
- 29-May 1, West Coast VHF/UHF Conference
- 29-May 1, DAYTON Hamvention

MAY

- 28-29 CQ WW WPX Contest CW, 0000z (48)

NEXT MEETING

The next SCCC Club meeting will be held:

January 29, 1994
After TRW - 11:00 am

at:

The Jolly Roger Restaurant

707 N. Sepulveda Boulevard
El Segundo
on the West side of Sepulveda
North of El Segundo Boulevard
South of Imperial Highway
Telephone (310) 615-0267

The meeting after that will be held:

Saturday, April 16, 1994
Time To Be Announced
International DX Convention
Visalia

The time of the meeting will be determined after the program for the day is known.

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