

# SCCCORE

## Southern California Contest Club Operations, Results, and Enlightenments

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### Alien Syntax by Dick Norton, N6AA

Our English language is largely redundant. Many words in our speech are unnecessary.

This became apparent to me in Trinidad, when I was in a room with Trinidadians who were conversing in English. I could recognize many words but often could not understand the conversation. Experience eventually taught me that they often simply left out extraneous words in their speech. For example, the phrase "Joe is going to the store" would be communicated in Trinidad English simply by "Joe go store" or "Joe, store." Their syntax eliminated a good percentage of the words while still expressing the thought.

There are, however, certain words or phrases such as "not" or "a group that debunks" which in any variants of English cannot be left out without drastically altering the thought.

At the last SCCC meeting I received several comments from members obviously prompted by a comment in the President's message in the last club bulletin, "Dick was spotted at a convention of those who have spoken with aliens (i.e. the type from other worlds) and other crazys in New York." Certain residents of Orange County are definitely known to march to their own drum. However, even in the syntax of Anaheim Hills, the language used in the quoted sentence would not accurately describe the situation.

Actually I was at a meeting of what might be called skeptics. There is a group in Buffalo, NY, with the weighty name of "The Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal" that publishes a quarterly magazine called The Skeptical Inquirer (\$25/year, Skeptical Inquirer, Box 703, Buffalo, NY 14226-0703). The group essentially debunks paranormal and fringe-science claims.

I suppose whatever part of me that is entertained by such debunking is the same part that has been entertained by the debunking of some radio contest entry creations over the years. Extraordinary claims both in radio contests and the rest of life all seem to eventually have ordinary explanations.

Some of the areas with which The Skeptical Inquirer and CSICOP have dealt are listed below (my categorization is approximate, as many subjects require combinations of explanations):

fraud and sleight of hand - examples include spoon-bending with minds, ESP, haunted houses, and horses that can add

therapist-induced delusions - examples include past-life regressions and epidemics of unsubstantiated child molestations in preschools

mass hysteria - examples include UFO sightings and alien abductions

bad science - examples include cold fusion and N-rays

bad reporting - examples include tabloid reports of werewolf attacks and SCCCORE reports of meetings with people who have spoken with aliens.

### FROM THE EDITOR

*Mark Beckwith, WA6OTU*

Too much to say this month and no idea how much room is left in the newsletter to hold my chatter. Great. I guess I better drop what I'm doing, paste-up the rest of the Bulletin and then "type-to-fill" the remaining space. See, you guys who get this rag month after month and don't think much of the effort we all go through here on the staff to get it out, well, you just don't know the half of the iceberg.

Okay, that's better. 112 lines. That sounds about right given all the topics I have to cover. Off the line, let's say a big Thank You to Jim, W6YA and the San Diego DX Club for throwing a legendary Open House last August where we happened to hold our club meeting. Jim had a guest list of about 120 who made the annual pilgrimage, of which 30 were SCCC members. Thanks again, Jim.

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Larry, N6AZE, has been doing a bang-up job coordinating our Sweepstakes effort so far, and is looking for some helpers to coordinate operators and stations in the Los Angeles area and the Orange County area. He is collecting the results of his questionnaire and has some who have requested to be hooked up



with a station and others who have big stations who have made them available to operators. A coordinator in each county would do well, and maybe one up in the High Desert as well, where the SCCC has quite a hot-bed of activity going on. Call Larry to discuss it further.

So, elsewhere (like in the next column over) Bob says there was a no-show on the otherwise earth-shattering SCCC team in the SSB Sprint. Remember when I bared my soul and said how when I got the results of a Sprint I had operated but just didn't get my score mailed in, and my team lost by about half my score? Like if I had turned it in we would have won, but I didn't and we lost? I wasn't saying all that for my health, you know. The lesson is that if you make a pledge to do something on these teams, the competition is so close that if you just think better of it at the last minute or whatever, you're letting us all down. Please don't. It would be better not to get in so deep, or at least to call if there's still time to replace you.

I've had some really nice letters from some of you, including K6XT who was disappointed his station didn't make my list last time of really big stations - I guess his station is really big but I didn't know it. Sorry, Art. This means your butt better be in the Sweepstakes (or at least your station's butt).

Wayne, N6NB wrote to describe a new location he has acquired for radio operating which sounds really great. It is on a mountain top 'kind of' close to LA, and he wanted to discuss towers and beams. Sounds to me like if one of you hot hired-gun types are looking for a ground floor to get in on, you might want to talk to Wayne. Help him put up towers and beams and you could find yourself at the command of a great contest station.

Neal, AE6E wrote from his new QTH in Georgia, with stories of making friends with the Southeastern DX Club out there and getting together some very excellent VHF contest operations with the Four Landers VHF Contest Club.

Jim, W6YA wrote to explain why W6YA doesn't do the Guest Operator thing, being that the station is across the wall from the Master Suite in his home - I've only been there about 4 times and never realized that. He says that the day he remodels (if) he will do what he can to remedy that little hang-up. Now there's a guy with a GOOD excuse. What's yours?

Thanks to the efforts of N6AZE, who is busily recruiting SCCC members from the San Diego Area, our roster welcomes Ken, KA5Q; Jim, K6ZH; Harvey, KD6QK; Ron, WB6ORX; and Spencer, K6VRS. W9NQ, who is going to the Caribbean for the CQWW Phone, has recruited one of their ops, Steve, K4JPD.

Did I say CQWW Phone? Mike, KA6SAR, David, N6DLU, and I will be heading to Oahu to bring the former KH6XX up to speed as KH6/N6VI in the contest. We're going out about two weeks early in order to put up antennas for 20, 40, 80, and 160. Look for us, Multi-Single, on all bands and work us. We're hoping for a record, but it's going to be pretty stiff what with conditions being as they are.

Yes, you read it right, the club meeting is at a restaurant on a Thursday night. Technically speaking, it is the duty of the President to set the date, time and location of the club meeting, and N6TJ decided that, since "the guys" were all flying in and getting ready to head off together to EA9, et al, and they were already planning their traditional send-off dinner on that Thursday night, he said "why not?" and asked me what I thought. I was planning on going to the dinner anyway, and I was busy on Saturday anyway, so I said "why not?" and I am already getting flack for the choice even though it hasn't even been announced yet. Wanna fix it? Run for President. Then you can make the meetings whenever YOU want them.

New SCCC member Craig Maxey, KH8AL, is the compiler of two recent publications, DXpeditioners Caribbean Licensing Guide, and DXpeditioners Worldwide Licensing Guide. He contacted me to see about a review in SCCCORE. I have agreed and he has sent me the books, and I or someone will review them in the next issue. would like to volunteer to do the review, it would be welcome.

Old SCCC member Tree, N6TR, who produces the finest contest operating computer software (by a whole lot) has crossed a line he used to say he would never cross: LOG will now support a packet interface so you Single-Op Assisted out there can now use what the big boys use and see what a computer can really do for your operation besides keep your log.

To close, let me say that the CQWW CW operation from AA8TT Multi-Multi is shaping up to be a superb crew, and we are still looking for more help, since the fight is going to be a really tough one. Call me if you want to talk about it. 73,

Mark, WA6OTU

## THE VICE PREZ SEZ:

Bob Selbrede, W9NQ

Well, the California QSO Party is history; some say this marks the "official beginning" of the contest season. Last September, however, the SCCC sponsored 2 teams for the NA Sprint CW and 1 for NA Sprint SSB. For CW I'm fairly certain we took top honors in the club competition category and our second team did very well also. Look elsewhere in this issue for scores (if they were submitted to our score collector Mike, KA6SAR). For SSB we had one killer team and did real well. Unfortunately there was one no-show. Despite this we may have taken first place, although the "Bubbas" from the Midwest sure sounded good as well. Congrats to Tree, N6TR, for taking first place on the team and most likely first place overall. The SSB Sprint brought out a few names this year such as "Beavis" and "Butthead," and of course, "Throckmorton." I think I'll use "Ebikineezer" next year just to get even with those guys.

Several of you inquired about teams for the NAQP last August. I had only 2 people call me and express any interest in getting on a team for either mode. We didn't have a team for CW, but I believe Ken, AB6FO, put together one at the last minute for SSB? Perhaps our new Vice Prez (yet to be named) (ahem, *elected* - ed.) will put together a couple of killer NAQP and NAS teams for the January and February contests coming up.

It was good seeing many of you at W6YA's place last August. Thanks again to Jim and the San Diego DX Club for another stellar effort. I finally managed to get on the Internet. What a great way to keep in touch with the fellow contesters around the world. The contest Reflector that Trey, WN4KKN, manages is an excellent forum for exchanging information of interest to contesters. If you have access to the Internet, I urge you to try it out. My Internet mail address is SELBREDB.CSC @mhs.elan.af.mil in case anyone would like to handle future club business, etc., electronically. If you are interested in Internet, drop me a note and I'll try to give you a hand if I can.

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I want to say thanks to Larry, N6AZE, for donating his time and financial resources towards the SCCC Sweepstakes Roundup. The SCCC will likely never muster the activity that the larger clubs do for the SS but we certainly have the potential to do well. I have heard many people say that "the only real contests are DX contests." CQWW may very well be the grand daddy of them all, but SS and others do require considerable skill, strategy and stamina. So, please support Larry by making a commitment to support the SCCC in one way or another. Speaking of CQWW, I hope to work many of you from ZF land the end of this month. Fellow SCCC/SCDXC members W9NQ, KJ6HO, KG6AR and K6GXO will be joining several others at ZF2JI for a Multi-Multi effort. For myself, this will be the first of what I hope will be many DX Contest-peditions. Good luck to the other SCCC'ers and others planning operations for CQWW this fall! 73,

Bob, W9NQ

## SCCC Enters Sweepstakes

All the members of SCCC who are in Southern California should have received a letter, questionnaire, and SASE from Larry, N6AZE, who is coordinating our Sweepstakes effort this year. Hopefully by now all those members have filled out the questionnaire and sent it back to Larry. If you haven't, you could be in BIG trouble with the SS police.

We are going to great lengths this year to determine just how humungous an effort our club will be able to put forth in the medium category, but our numbers and projections can only be as good as the info that we have to work with. Would you PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE get those sheets filled out and sent back to Larry? Thank you.

The questionnaire asks, among other things, if you will pledge a certain amount of score towards our effort. Larry even enclosed a chart showing total score as a function of QSOs and Multipliers. Perhaps we should have gone one step further and listed how good a score you could expect to have for a given number of hours in the contest. That, after all, is what some of you need to know to make your decisions.

Here goes. If you have to choose one mode or the other, then for the sake of maximizing your score, choose Phone. If you can put 15 hours into the contest and work 75 an hour, you'll wind up with a score so good you will pull the average up - probably around 165K. If you work guys at a rate of 60 but still put in 15 hours, you'll still be over budget - 135K. If you can only put in 10 hours but are a hotshot, say, keeping your rate at 90 for 10 hours (very attainable with a good signal) you'll still clear that 135K. If you are at home with 100 watts and a tribander, but can go 10 hours on Saturday at 60 an hour and 7 hours on Sunday at 45 an hour, you can still clear that 135K mark.

These estimates are all based on working 75 sections, 2 short of a sweep, which, according to the results from last year is about what you wind up with if you work more than about 600 QSOs. For those going all-out, Phone scores can be well over 200K - just ask N6HC who snared 248K in 1991 or W6UE and KF6OG who raced each other for Pizza and Beer and scored 281K and 280K respectively in 1992 (about one-third of one percent between them).

You can't do this, you say? 100 watts and a tribander just cant get you over 100K you say? Then just check the box that you would like to guest operate at a big station. Larry is working hard to match up prospective operators with other members who have big stations for Single-Ops and Multi-Ops. Can't go all weekend? Offer to join a Multi-Single; there will be a few up and running. Just remember to send in your questionnaires. Thanks.

## New Format for Calendar

Thanks to Don, W6EEN, our SCCC Calendar listing on the back page has taken on a new look in the past few months. Always striving for the cutting edge, Don has announced some subtle improvements to his listings. You will note the listings now show the starting time of the event in UTC, and the duration of the event in hours (in parentheses). Pretty nifty.

# SCCCORES

### 1993 Sept Sprint CW Claimed Scores:

Call	Qs	Mults	Score
N6DX ( NBSR )	271	42	11,111
N6VR	258	42	10,836
KY7M	248	41	10,168
AC6T	243	41	9,963
W6AQ ( WA6OTU )	138	35	4,830
W9NQ	111	31	3,441
W6HAL	50	20	1,000

### 1993 Sept Sprint Ph Claimed Scores:

Call	Qs	Mults	Score
N6SU	247	46	11,362
W9NQ	239	45	10,755
N6DX ( NBSR )	210	50	10,500
KJ6HO	210	43	9,030
N6VR	50	20	1,050

### 1993 CQP Claimed Scores:

Call	Class	Power	Score	Total QSOs	Sect.	(CW QSO)
N6HC	SO	H	180,438	1335	58	( 441 )
K6GX	SO	H	179,463	1375	57	??
N6VR	SO	H	??	140	30	??
K7JYE	SO	H	750	25	10	??
AB6FO	SO	L	195,402	1347	58	( 675 )
W6GIET	SO	L	130,473	988	57	( 313 )
W6HAL	SO	L	103,712	729	56	( 0 )
W6EEN	MS	H	277,936	2145	58	( 502 )

+ K6XC, KA6SAR

## 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.

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# SCCC CALENDAR

Truly all the dates that fit! by W6EEN

## OCTOBER

2-3 California QSO Party CW/SSB,  
14th CLUB MEETING, THURSDAY,  
5:30pm, Pitrelli's Restaurant, Culver City  
30-31 CQWW DX SSB Contest, 0000z (48)

## NOVEMBER

6-8 ARRL Sweepstakes CW Test, 2100z (30)  
20-22 ARRL Sweepstakes SSB Tst, 2100z (30)  
27-28 CQWW DX CW Contest, 0000z (48)

## DECEMBER

3-5 ARRL 160 Meter CW Test, 2200z (42)  
11-12 ARRL 10 Meter CW/SSB, 0000z (48)  
18th CLUB MEETING, Location TBA  
31st Straight Key Night, 2400z (24)

## JANUARY

1-2 ARRL RTTY Contest, 1800z (30)  
8-9 NA QSO Party CW, 1800z (12)  
15-16 NA QSO Party SSB, 1800z (12)  
28-30 CQ 160 Meter CW Contest, 2200z (42)

# NEXT MEETING

The next SCCC Club  
meeting will be held:

**October 14, 1993**

Drinks at 5:30 - Dinner at 6:30 pm  
at:

**Pitrelli's Restaurant**

5614 Sepulveda Boulevard  
Culver City  
(310) 398-9777

Special Guest Appearance by:

**Trey Garlough, WN4KKN/6**

Editor of the National Contest Journal and SCCC member

**NOTE THIS IS A THURSDAY NIGHT**

This is a very special event. Every year at this time, CQWW operators from all over the place converge on Southern California, the mecca of world-class operators, to set out together and separately on expeditions which routinely result in contest-winning scores, year after year. Traditionally a send-off dinner is held for all these ops and this year the SCCC membership is invited. Call the restaurant for directions if you need them.

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