

Message from the Prez

by Ken Widelitz, AB6FO

I am honored to have been selected the next president of the SCCC, ceremonial position that it may be. For the longest time, I was a lone wolf when it came to contesting. Never did a multi-op, never watched anyone else contest (except for a field day as a teenager), never even talked to anyone else about contesting. Then, during the contest season of '91, Arnie, N6HC, took the time during one of our QSOs to tell me about the SCCC. I hadn't heard of it. I was thrilled to find that there were a bunch of guys who shared my specific ham interests and got together occasionally. I've learned a lot from chatting with members and watching them contest. (Mark, WA6OTU, taught me how to Sprint by letting me watch him do one.) I've made some friends and done multi-ops with them. The SCCC has helped make me a better contester and has contributed to my enjoyment of contesting. So thank you to all who have helped me. I hope I can return the favor by keeping meetings interesting and informative. Toward this goal, I have one idea that I am implementing, as discussed below.

A change of venue. We meet six times per year. The April meeting is always at Visalia. I've never been able to get there and don't know when I will. There are only so many weekends the XYL will let me devote to ham radio, and I'd rather use those for contesting. The August meeting is always at W6YA's. I've never been able to get there either. Seems like that is family vacation time.

That leaves four meetings per year. Over the not too many years



I've been a member of the SCCC, it seems like most of those meetings have been held right after the TRW swap meet at a nearby restaurant, where there is a gabfest and a modest lunch. Every so often one of those meetings has been held at a member's QTH, most recently at Jim, N6TJ's, and Rick's, WB6OKK's. (If I left someone out, it is unintentional. No offense meant.) Those are the meetings I know I have enjoyed the most, for a couple of reasons, not necessarily in the following order: the food is better; it is easier to talk to different people when you are not sitting in one spot; and

you get to see how someone has set up their station.

As a result of my perception of what contributes to making a more interesting meeting, I am going to try to set up as many meetings as possible at different members' QTHs. The down side to this is that many of us will have to drive further to get to the meetings. Another disadvantage is that a visit to the TRW swap meet will necessitate a separate trip. On the positive side, we will get to see some of the best contest stations in Southern California. For instance, the October meeting will be held at Darrell's, N6DX, QTH. I've never been there and always wanted to see the antenna farm. Darrell has told me that they are working on an almost full-size 2-element 160-meter rotatable yagi. Now that in itself is worth the trip from my perspective.

Darrell also mentioned that he is looking for some operators. This will be a great opportunity to meet

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From the Vice President

by Will Angenent, KN6DV

Thank you all for having the trust in me to be your new vice president. Sure, I've come a long way, but thanks to a lot of people, I made it this far.

All things are rolling along pretty smoothly, although there are a few who are still behind in their dues. (Please look at your address label.)

As vice president, it became my duty to form the Sprint teams. I tell you I almost gave up on this one! But thanks to a few contesters, we made it — a special thanks to Ray, N6VR. Ray was a great help and showed me a few tricks to get the teams together. We had to make at least 50 long distance

phone calls to get something going! Yes, things really paid off with a first for the CW team and a second for the phone team.

I'd like to specifically recognize Danny, KC6CNV, who was on team no. 1 for the CW Sprint. Danny is in high school, but scored 238/41. Great score, Danny!

Well, in February we start all over again. Basically, I assume that everybody who was on a team will participate again. Except for a few moves, the teams will stay the same. Please let me know if you would like to be on a team. There is always a place for more operators.

Letter — if this is a contest club, then...

I just finished the September NCJ Phone Sprint and did a personal best. I was even with the eventual winner, K6LL, after 2.5 hours. I was really happy until I saw a recap of our team scores, only to find 9 of our ten team members participated. I'm sure the missing member had a good reason for missing the 'test, but it still made me angry. Less than a full team seems to happen often in Southern California.

I have only been a contester for about three years, and I really have the bug! I am very competitive and have been so ever since little league. We have a lot of great operators in Southern California, but can't seem to win NAQP or Sprints on a regular basis. I find that the Midwest guys really take these and other 'tests seriously. At Dayton two years ago, I spent some time in the contest suite and was happy to hear how "nuts"

these guys really were. They get together before the contests and plan strategy to win. They make sure their members who aren't really serious in the upcoming contest at least get on and hand out some Qs.

In a typical NAQP or Sprint, I only find maybe one or two other SCCC calls in my log, other than my team members. How hard can it be to turn on your rig for a half hour and give other SCCC guys a few points? A couple of members like K6SVL seem to find me in every contest. John has even made a special antenna to make sure I get the extra Q. If John can do this, why can't the rest of you guys do it?

Our club is like other Southern California organizations in its laid back ways. Am I the only one in our club who isn't burned out and still wants to kick butt? It seems to me that our club would rather

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him and perhaps join his team. So if you are not happy with your home station, that is even more reason to get to this meeting. I'll bring cold cuts for sandwiches and drinks for lunch. All who attend can chip in, no tipping required — another good reason to make the meeting.

I've scheduled the December meeting at the Cal Tech station, with Dave, N6DLU, coordinating the visit. If you would like to host a future meeting, please let me know. If you think this is a terrible idea and would rather meet at the Bland Pasta House or Coo Coo's after the TRW swap meet, let me know.

Finally, one more reason to attend the next meeting is that the WRTC organizing committee has given us the right to nominate a team captain for the upcoming 1996 World Radiosport Team Championship. The letter from the WRTC is printed elsewhere in SCCCORE. I'm sure this will be the most heated discussion in club memory. If you are interested in being nominated and can't attend, let me know.

drink beer at meetings than plan how to maximize our scores. Has it always been that way in the SCCC?

I invite your comments, criticisms, etc. We have the talent, so let's show other clubs what we can do. Thanks for reading this and 73. See you in the next 'test.

Larry Shapiro, KJ6HO

WRTC Letter

To:

Frankford Radio Club
Mad River Contest Club
North Coast Contest Club
North Texas Contest Club
Northern California Contest Club
Potomac Valley Radio Club
Society of Midwestern Contesters
Southeast DX Club
Southern California Contest Club
Yankee Clipper Contest Club

In recognition of your club's ranking and points totals in major contests over the past several years, the organizers of the 1996 World Radiosport Team Championship, WRTC-96, extend to your club the honor of nominating one of the U.S. team leaders.

The maximum of 52 two-operator teams for WRTC-96 will include 45 national teams, allocated by an assessment of contest activity based on the number of logs submitted in recent ARRL and CQWW contests. Ten of the national teams will be chosen from the U.S. Also, the winners of the 1990 WRTC will be invited to defend their title, and there will be up to six wild-card teams. Each national team leader will select a team partner from the same country, and wild-card team leaders will select from the same continent. Entrants will provide their own transportation to the San Francisco Bay area.

The team leader chosen by your club may be a club member or not, as you choose. In order to emphasize that these are national teams, not part of an interclub competition, we are intending to stipulate that a team leader not choose a partner from the same club. A U.S. team leader may

choose as a partner someone who has been nominated as a team leader by another club. In that case, we will ask the two clubs involved to agree on an alternate team leader, who will then choose a partner.

My records show that you are the current president of your club. If I have incorrect information, please forward this message to your club officers and advise me as well. If I did not have your e-mail address, I have sent this through a member of your club for forwarding.

At this point we are seeking your club's agreement to participate in the nominating process, plus permission to be identified as one of the U.S. nominating clubs in WRTC-96 public information. Final details of the selection process for U.S. teams will be available within a week, and WRTC-96 will make its formal request then for your nomination by a December deadline.

We hope you will consult with your other officers and members, seeking to nominate the strongest possible team leader. In general, we are looking for team leaders who have won recent major contests and will be capable of competing on both CW and SSB at the level of the very best contesters in the world.

Thanks for your early favorable response, as we are moving quickly to be ready for next year's July 13-14 WRTC-96 contest dates. Please let me know if you need any additional information and congratulations on the selection of your club as part of the nominating process.

73 de Dave Leeson, W6QHS

N6DX Directions

From highway 101 to Kanan (Dume) Road, go south (past Jack-in-the-Box) toward the ocean. Go through two tunnels, 0.5 mile past Mulholland Hwy and turn left onto Latigo Canyon Road.

From Pacific Coast Highway (Hwy 1), take Kanan (Dume) Road north. Go through one tunnel and then turn right onto Latigo Canyon Road.

After about 0.8 mile on Latigo Canyon turn left onto dirt road (across from mail boxes, near school bus stop sign, crest of ridge). Stay to the right and straight.

Follow the main dirt road past Brewster dirt road on left (0.4 mile). Stay to the right. Go slow near any homes. Neighbors complain of dust.

First gate is 0.8 mile from paved road. Gate should be open for SCCC meeting. Stay to the left and go past the wrecked car. Second gate will be open. Continue up the dirt road and turn right into the third gate. This gate should also be open for the meeting. At top of ridge, turn sharp left and go straight. N6DX operating shack is the last building on the left.

The Editor Says...

by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM

If you've read to this point in the newsletter, you've seen that this issue is rather short. That's because it's contest season! I can't believe that the summer is over, the contests are here, and I haven't completed my major antenna reconfiguration. As you read this, I'm probably madly still designing printed circuit boards for antenna switches, and the crane is probably about to arrive to lift the new antennas in place. I hope to get everything completed in time for CQWW phone. See ya!

SCCC Calendar

October

- 7-8 California QSO Party
- 14-15 Pennsylvania QSO Party
- 14-15 VK/ZL Contest, CW
- 21-22 Texas QSO Party
- 28-29 CQWW DX Contest, SSB

November

- 4-6 ARRL Sweepstakes, CW
- 10-12 Japan International DX Contest, Phone
- 11-12 WAE Contest, RTTY
- 18-20 ARRL Sweepstakes, SSB
- 25-26 CQWW DX Contest, CW

December

- 1-3 ARRL 160-meter Contest
- 9-10 ARRL 10-meter Contest

Next Meeting: Saturday, October 14

Time: 11AM

Journey to the Mountain N6DX's QTH

Rainbow Ridge (Castro Peak)

Meet at 11:00A in the parking lot of the Jack-in-the-Box, Kanan Road, South of the Ventura Freeway (101)

How to get there:

Ventura Freeway (101) West to Kanan Rd
Exit and go South on Kanan Rd to the
Jack-in-the-Box

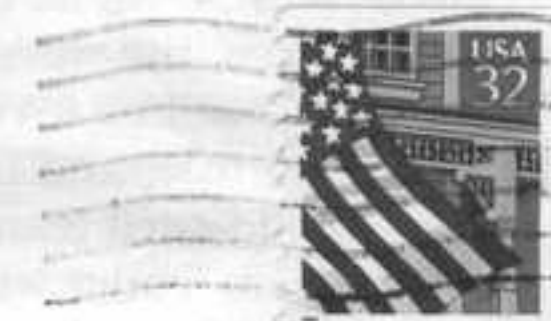
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