

SAN DIEGO DX CLUB



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BULLETIN

A trip to Belarus

With

Bob Grimmick N6OX

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7pm

Join us at

The SIZZLER, Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd
August 25, 2004 - Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M



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A Word From The Prez by Jim K6ZH



Welcome to new members! We have had quite a spate of “newbies” to the club and I have been remiss in not making specific note of them. So, an Official San Diego Club **Welcome** to:

Dave Elliott, W6BK, Murrieta

Ron Darby, KG6PDW, El Cajon (associate member)

Tony May, KG6SXY, Oceanside (associate member)

Paul DeCicco, NN6X, San Diego

Welcome back to:

Phil David, K6DLV, Fallbrook

Wayne Zimmerman, NN6R, Poway

Bill Brown, W6ZUM, La Mesa

CQ WW. It's that time again – the major DX contests are on the horizon – CQ WW SSB on Oct. 30-31 and CQ WW CW on Nov. 27-28. For those who are just starting out, or who would like to build country totals quickly, this is generally the BEST opportunity of the year to do so. Get in there and mix it up! N6CW and K6AM are both headed to KH6 to participate in a multi-multi operation for CQ WW SSB. [Terry, SSB?????]

AARP. Just a quick note that Joan and I attended the National AARP convention in Las Vegas during the week of October 11. We really saw a lot, learned a lot, and had a chance to hear some great speakers – including some “star power,” e.g. Jerry Lewis and Mary Tyler Moore. Both Laura Bush and John Kerry spoke to the convention as well, an unexpected pop-up! There was a huge exhibition area with hundreds of different outfits displaying their wares. 25,000 attendees!

The reason I mention this is that ARRL was NOT there. It didn't occur to me until later, but ARRL could likely score some new members at this convention, given the demographics of attendees, the many travelers, etc. AARP is an organization of 35 million people over 50, and I wonder if ARRL does or has tried to get some visibility with this group. Tuck??

Holiday Party. If you haven't already, mark your calendars for Saturday, Dec. 4, for the SDDXC Holiday party at the home of Arnie, W7BIA, and Carol, WA7BIA in Encinitas. This will round out a great year of programs and events for us. More info to follow.

73, and C U in the pile-ups – Jim, K6ZH

San Diego DX Club Policy on content of DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of Dxing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors.

SDDXC Top Ten!!

John Barcroft K6AM

Expanded Version (CURRENT COUNTRIES CONFIRMED ON PHONE)



| 10/04 | 10/03 | CALL | C-D | CFM | WKD | CHG |
|-------|-------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1. | 1. | W6KUT | 335 | 372 | 373 | - |
| 2. | 2. | W6EUF | 335 | 369 | 372 | - |
| 3. | 3. | W6CN | 335 | 347 | 347 | - |
| 4. | 4. | N6AW | 334 | 353 | 353 | - |
| 5. | 5. | K6AM | 334 | 340 | 340 | - |
| 6. | 6. | W6SHY | 333 | 345 | 345 | - |
| 7. | 7. | N6DUR | 333 | 337 | 341 | - |
| 8. | 8. | N7BK | 333 | 339 | 339 | - |
| 9. | 9. | W6YA | 333 | ? | ? | - |
| 10. | 10. | W6YI | 332 | 349 | 349 | - |
| 11. | 11. | W6YOO | 332 | 338 | 338 | - |
| 12. | 12. | K6QS | 332 | 335 | 338 | +1 |
| 13. | 13. | N6CW | 328 | 344 | 344 | - |
| 14. | 14. | W6ZZ | 324 | 350 | 351 | - |
| 15. | 15. | WA6MHZ | 319 | 326 | 329 | - |
| 16. | 16. | AC6V | 319 | 327 | 327 | - |
| 17. | 17. | K6ZH | 319 | 325 | 325 | - |
| 18. | 18. | KM6K | 307 | 312 | 312 | - |
| 19. | 20. | N6ND | 301 | 316 | 350 | +3 |
| 20. | -. | NG6Z | 292 | 292 | 295 | new |

We're lookin' at the top 20 in this category to accommodate the larger number of entries. Things remain stalled as no new countries appeared last year, and condx are sliding. Next year's Peter I expedition should help some of us, but without the impossible ones like 7O, VU4, and VU7, the top 10 is stuck. However the next 10 have room to move, so hopefully we will see some jumps by next year.

These scores were based on your direct reports and the club ladder, whichever was most current.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser-recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, CW, 10/40M and 80/20M. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. My email address is k6am@arrl.net or bring 'em to the meeting.

CHECK YOUR LOGS

It's time once again to recognize those of you who have made outstanding DX achievements during the year. Please check your logs and let me know if you worked your 326th current country or more than 20 all time new countries during 2003. Send your totals to the address above

DUES Are DUE!!

They are due. That's why they call them DUES. Hey! Give your Treasurer a break, get out your checkbook, make out a check for \$10.00 to SDDXC and send it to Harry A. Hodges, W6YOO, 2435 Our Country Road, Escondido, CA 92029-5715. And while you are at it, think about going for multiple years.

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 30, 2004

Balance as of Aug 31, 2004: \$3,511.63

Income:

Regular Dues: 20.00

TOTAL: 20.00

Expenses:

Speaker's Cup: 12.93

TOTAL: 12.93

Balance as of Sep 30, 2004: \$3,518.70

Petty Cash on Hand: 20.00

Total Checking/Petty Cash: \$3,538.70



Minutes of the Sept Meeting

The treasurer's report, included in the Sept. newsletter, was reviewed as Harry, W6YOO, was not at the meeting.

The SDDXC held its regular monthly meeting on Sept. 22, 2004 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero Drive and Murphy Canyon Road. There were 25 members and guests present. Among the guests were Richard Hamilton, WA6VEV (a train-hobbyist friend of K6ZH's), and Mike AC6FM's Mother. President Jim Price, K6ZH, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The DX Roundtable was conducted.

Paul DeCicco, NN6X, was voted in as a new member (although his application and membership fee were to follow). It was noted that Paul will be joining N7CW, K6QK, and K6ZH in Imperial County for the CQP contest on Oct. 2-3.

PROGRAM

Terry, N6CW, obtained a video (actually a DVD) from the Northern Calif. DX Foundation of the 3XY7C operation conducted by a group of German hams, led by DL7DF, in late 2002. Unfortunately the video was not narrated, and was very long on travelogue and short on ham radio. Plus after about 20 minutes K6ZH's computer refused

to run the DVD any longer.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned about 9 p.m.

Submitted by Jim Price, K6ZH, President



Photo by N6VS

Sunset

In

Hawaii

DUES ARE DUE

Now that we have your attention, you are reminded that on October 1st each year we start collecting dues for the next. Please write out a check in favor of SDDXC in the amount of \$10.00 and drop it in the mail to Treasurer, SDDXC, 2435 Our Country Road, Escondido, CA 92029-5715. While you are at it, there is no objection if you desire to pony up for multiple years.



**John K6AM and Terry N6CW
Getting ready for their KH DXpedition in the CQ World Wide
All Club Members are urged to work them!!
October 29-31**



Donated Antenna

This past weekend, Spiderman (Ed N6GZI), with help from XE2/ KB6OXX and N6KI helped replace an aging TH6-DX antenna and rotator at XE2MX in Ensenada.

Joe W6VNR, donated a brand new Tennadyne T-8, 8 element Log Periodic and Ham M rotator to XE2MX. Pepe who is an Honor Roll member and past member of San Diego DX Club has hosted SDDXC and SCCC members at his modest station over the years including Marti Lane OH2BH.

Pepe now plans to spend a lot of time on the WARC bands to work many DX entities. Pepe normally runs a TS-850SAT barefoot. Pepe was overwhelmed by Joe's generosity and really appreciates the help of many So Cal hams over the years. Plans are to put up a 40 mtr rotatable dipole at top of mast above the T-8 in next few months.

Local VHF Frequencies For Dxers

| Frequency | Call | Mode | Other Info |
|-----------|------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 144.415 | QRZ? | Simplex | Voice announcing and chat frequency. |
| 144.950 | KM6K | Packet | San Diego Central |
| 145.690 | K6KT | Packet | North County inland |

The packet cluster nodes are privately operated.
The Sysops have kindly invited the SDDXC members to use their equipment.



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