

SAN DIEGO DX CLUB

BULLETIN



November 2002

SDDXC members K6ZH and K6MC participate in history making CQ WW SSB expedition.

November DX Club Meeting scheduled for Wednesday November 20, 2002

It's Party Time!!! Holiday Party Scheduled.



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Words from our Prez!! Arnie Lewin W7BIA



Thanksgiving is just a few days away and we know what that brings. Results from last summer's Field Day!!

The results have been published in cyberspace via the ARRL Website and we were first in our class. An effort typical of the hard work exhibited by the members of our club...and what a group of members/friends we are.

Those members who did not witness the assembly, operation and tear-down of the site missed an opportunity unparalleled in club history: a very well organized event. Be

sure to put June 28 and 29 on your calendar now to be a part of next year's W6PT's Field Day to experience a club event like no other. Many thanks go out to all those who participated and especially to John, K6AM and Jim, K6ZH, the organizers.

Don't forget that our November meeting was not canceled, but moved ahead one week. In the height of the DX season propagation is very good and with many stations on the air, we continue to need our forum to get together. Therefore, we will see you at the Hindquarter on the Wednesday, the 20th.

Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving

IT'S PARTY TIME!!!

The San Diego DX Club Presents their 2002

Holiday Party

When: Saturday December 7, 2002

Time: 7 pm

**Where: Uncle Ed's 12821 CORTE DOROTEA
POWAY CA**

Keep watching the website for updated info!!!

Cover Photo:

Picture of Cargese, Corsica, where DX operations were held during the CQ WW contest, the weekend of October 26-28, 2002. On the bottom cover, Art Goddard W6XD, Jim Price K6ZH, Dick Norton N6AA and Tony Arnold K6MC. Photo By Jim Price K6Z Story on page 4

Students Talk To Shuttle Astronauts with Help from "Mr. Astronaut"

By Gayle Olson K6GO

In a once in a lifetime opportunity, students at Fallbrook High School talked with the astronauts as they orbited Earth during the summer of 1995 on July 18. Students established contact with the space shuttle Discovery via international ham radio. The contact was extremely successful thanks in part to Bill Dewey WD6AHW.



Having a successful contact with the space shuttle requires many hours of practice. Bill Dewey donated countless hours toward helping the students rehearse their questions to allow for a smooth delivery. They practiced using 2 meter radio with Bill in the next room playing the astronaut in outer space. Bill became affectionately nicknamed by the students, "Mr. Astronaut."

Thanks to Bill a variety of students were able to question the astronauts on their experiences in space travel and on the future of NASA's space programs. In addition, the event was broadcast to classrooms in session during summer school which enabled approximately 800 students to hear the excitement of the event. The response from the NASA officials after the event was that these students were the most well prepared students and asked some of the best questions. We know this was all thanks to Bill.

The experience was made possible by submitting the application to participate in the Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment over two years before. The shuttle-to-school program, called SAREX, is a highly selective process. Through persistence, Fallbrook was selected. After five re-schedules due to delays in the launch, the program went off without a hitch on July 18.

A video recording of the event was presented at the September 11 meeting of the Board of Education. The following students were recognized by the Board of Trustees for their participation in the program: Jenny Steres, MaryJo Williams, Bethany Brock, Russell Spencer, Nate Golich, Vicky Gomez, Shannon Christopher, George Martinez, Aaron Ginoza, Carli Lutgendorf, Chris Lutgendorf and Andrew Swinton. Mr. Fritz Schattschneider was also recognized for his assistance and participation in the contact with the shuttle. Mr. Bill Dewey was especially recognized for his dedication and efforts.

Bill Dewey WD6AHW who became an SK on 10/24/02, was a great man of quality and honor. We shall miss him tremendously as he flies forever in our memories and transmits love to our hearts.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of Sep.30, 2002:	\$3,271.08
Income:	
Dinner Receipts:	7.00
TOTAL:	7.00
Expenses:	
Speaker's Cup (W6KK):	12.93
Microsoft Publisher CD:	161.61
TOTAL:	174.54
Balance as of Oct. 31, 2002:	\$3,103.54
Petty Cash on Hand:	20.00
Total Checking and Petty Cash:	\$3,123.54



CLUB MEETING MINUTES

October 23, 2002

The San Diego DX Club held its regular meeting on October 23, 2002 at the Hindquarter Restaurant. President Arnie, W7BIA called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were 21 members and guests present. Among the guests present were N6NO, W7JBC, N6SQ, and KE6PDY.

The DX Roundtable was interesting as usual. Of note was a discussion of antenna restrictions in the City of Poway and the effect of those restrictions on at least two of our members. Additional discussion concerned Dxpeditons and the upcoming CQ Worldwide Contests.

The reading of the TOP TEN for CW was postponed as John, K6AM, left the list at home; however, on top was Jim, W6YA. Congratulations Jim!

Possible SDDXC participation in the local Ham Radio Roundup on October 2d was discussed. Consensus was that there was not sufficient club interest to put together a presentation.

Secretary/Treasurer Harry, W6YOO, announced the schedule for the Challenger Middle School Special Event. The date will be Tuesday, January 28, 2003 from 8 AM to 4 PM. Amateur Radio operators are asked to volunteer some of their time by visiting the school during the special event. In addition to the station at the school, Harry, W6YOO will operate 20 meters from his home, and Joe, KC6QXU will operate 10 meters from his home in Valley Center. This Special Event is to commemorate the occasion of the Challenger Space Shuttle tragedy, which occurred on January 28, 1986.

The club-meeting schedule for the balance of the year was discussed. It was decided that the November meeting would be held on the third Wednesday, which is November 20th and the December meeting would be the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 7th.

PROGRAM:

Charlie Spetnagel, W6KK, who participated in the recent DXpedition to San Felix, XR0X, presented the Program. The presentation was a combination of slides (on disk) and video (also on disk). (The wonders of modern technology). Transportation to the island was by a Chilean navy vessel and helicopter. President Arnie, W7BIA, presented Charlie with an engraved SDDXC coffee mug with our thanks for a great presentation.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. Collecting for dinner was Gayle, K6GO. Thanks Gayle.

Respectfully Submitted,
HARRY A. HODGES, W6YOO
Secretary/Treasurer

CC&R Update!! *(taken from ARRL Letter)*

The only two Amateur Radio operators in the US House of Representatives as well as the sponsor and most cosponsors of the CC&R bill, HR 4720, were returned to office in this week's mid-term election. HR 4720 sponsor, Rep Steve Israel--a New York Democrat--beat back a challenge from Joseph Finley in that state's second congressional district. An original HR 4720 cosponsor, Texas Republican Rep Pete Sessions, of the 32nd congressional district, defeated Democratic challenger Pauline Dixon.

Elsewhere, Rep Greg Walden, WB7OCE, an Oregon Republican, handily won re-election in a three-way race in that state's second congressional district. Also re-elected was Arkansas fourth-district Democrat, Rep Mike Ross, WD5DVR, who defeated Republican Jay Dickey for another term. Walden and Ross are both HR 4720 cosponsors and the only hams in Congress.

Of the 34 HR 4720 cosponsors signed on to date, only three won't be back in January when the new Congress convenes. Although Rep Patsy Mink, the Hawaii Democrat died September 28, her name remained on the ballot, and she defeated Republican Bob McDermott. A special election will be held to fill the vacancy. Another cosponsor, Rep Bob Schaffer, a Colorado Republican, did not seek a new term, and a third, Maryland Republican Rep Constance Morella, was defeated for re-election by Democrat Christopher Van Hollen.

Although at least one "lame duck" session of Congress is scheduled between now and the time the new Congress convenes, action on HR 4720--"The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act"--is considered highly unlikely. Technically, the measure remains alive until Congress formally adjourns.

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, has called HR 4720 "probably the most important thing the League has done in a long time." The League's effort to secure a congressional solution to the issue of CC&Rs--deed covenants, conditions and restrictions as they affect the ability of amateurs to erect outdoor antenna systems--will restart after the new Congress is gavelled into session in January.

The measure was referred to the House Telecommunications and Internet Subcommittee, to which Walden was appointed. It would require private land-use regulators--such as homeowners' associations--to "reasonably accommodate" Amateur Radio communication consistent with the PRB-1 limited federal preemption. PRB-1 now applies only to states and municipalities.

Cover Story

K6ZH and K6MC participate in history-making CQ WW SSB expedition.

Jim Price, K6ZH, and Tony Arnold, K6MC, were part of the just-completed TK4Z CQ WW SSB operation from Corsica. They joined the globe-trotting bunch of Dick Norton, N6AA; Art Goddard, W6XD; Phil Goetz, N6ZZ; Larry Hammel, K5OT; and John Fenoglio, AB6BH (also from San Diego) for this Zone 15 contest entry.

As many of you know, Dick Norton has been chipping away at entering CQ WW from each of the 40 CQ zones. Well, this was it: Dick has now become the first ham ever to operate in CQ WW from all 40 zones! And Phil Goetz is only 3 zones behind him. Art, Larry, Tony, and John all have a number of notches in their canes as well.

Local arrangements were handled flawlessly by Patrick, TK5EP, and Fabien, TK5MH. We basically took over a resort, normally closed for the season on the west coast of Corsica in the small town of Cargese. We operated 6 stations, 160 through 10 meters, each with a KW, and beams for 20, 15, and 10. Everything went very smoothly, and we ended up with over 11,000 QSOs and 15 Meg points.

This was not a stag party. Joan, N6KIM, accompanied K6ZH; as did the wives / friends of N6AA, W6XD, and K5OT.

Corsica is a simply gorgeous place - beautiful sea-coast, high and rugged mountains, and relatively few people. We'll plan to do a presentation at an upcoming SDDXC meeting. 73 - Jim, K6ZH

DUES ARE DUE!

Let's give our hardworking Treasurer a break and get your 2003 dues in early. Send your check in the amount of \$10.00 to SDDXC, 2435 Our Country Road, Escondido, CA 92029-5715

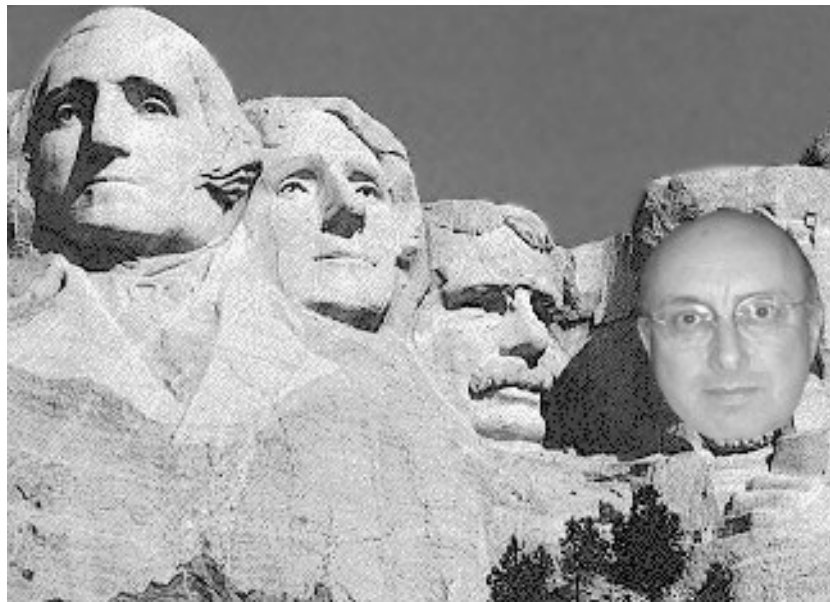
A Day Without sunshine is.....

Night.

www.qsl.net/sddxc

CONTESTIATA

Go placidly amid the QRN and the QRM, and remember what peace there may be in S&P'ing. As far as possible, without surrendering your frequency, be on good terms with all stations. Speak/send your exchange clearly, and listen carefully to the response, even to the casual and non-contester types for they, too, have point value!. Avoid loud and aggressive stations, they are not worth the cost in rate to fight them. If you compare your Q-total mid-contest with others, you may become vain or bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser-reported Q-totals than yours. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own station, however humble; it is a real possession in helping the Club aggregate score. Exercise caution in playing with new software BEFORE the contest for untested software is full of trickery. But let not this blind you to what virtue there is in new software; many stations have used new software; and everywhere there are useful upgrades. Be yourself. Especially, do not feign pleasure over a new multiplier. Neither be cynical about propagation; for in the face of all plans; propagation is as predictable as the wind. Take kindly the counsel of the contest sponsors, gracefully surrendering to their requirements for log submittals. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden attacks of Murphy. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness of being on a band and calling constant CQ's without answers. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a contester and licensed operator; no less than the others who don't contest on the bands; you have a right to be there. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the fortunes of contesting will change, as they should. Therefore be at peace with Murphy, whatever you conceive him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the QRM and confusion of the contest, keep an accurate and honest log. With all its QRM, QRN, and visits by Murphy, it is still fun. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy. Remember the cry 'WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR!!'



San Diego DX Club President is Honored!!

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

Internet DX spots: send a message to: sddxcnews@yahoo.com and include all info. Info will go to all those on reflector locally.

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



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