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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at Boulevard Cafe & Grill, Petaluma. If you need directions, please call one of the club officers.

6 pm — Social Hour in the Lounge

7 pm — Dinner and Meeting

8 pm — Program

PROGRAM: Our Program for the evening will be a presentation by Bob Hess, W1RH. Bob is the director of Broadcast Operations and Engineering at KMAX-TV, KOVR-TV Sacramento, California. His presentation will feature many of the tall broadcast towers that he's been associated with and the stories associated with them.

REDXA President's Report

We had close to 20 REDXA members in attendance at our annual NCCC, MLDXCC joint meeting in Fairfield last month. Tom Taormina, K5RC presented nice program on the trials and tribulations over 7 years of building the Comstock memorial super-station. K5RC and W5FU have been building ham radio stations that challenge the state of the art in amateur radio communications for more than thirty years. The Comstock Memorial Station is the final project for those hams who are dedicated to the perpetuation of the hobby to share our knowledge, skills and passion for excellence with future generations of hams. The annual CW pile up competition is always a fun time. K6SRZ and W6OSP represented the REDXA club.

There is less than a month to go before the California QSO Party kicks off the 2013-2014 contest season. The excitement of the California QSO Party is in the air and the action is on the air! You can sit on one frequency and work Qso after Qso, making hundreds of contacts in phone or CW with even the modest of stations. New contesters can



build their confidence searching and pouncing for a while and then try running when you feel more comfortable.

Following on the heels of our success at Field Day, REDXA members will once again hit the airwaves in the contest that makes California stations the ones everyone wants to work. This is our opportunity to be #1 in the California Club competition. We literally missed beating the MLDXCC by a log this past year. Let's keep the momentum going and get on the air for one of REDXA's premiere events of the year.

So clear your calendars for Oct 5th and 6th and get your chores done so we can once again compete for the top California club. It's very important for all of us to get on the air for CQP. You don't want to miss the thrill of being in 6-land for the most popular state QSO party on the contest calendar. It's just too much fun to miss.

There are plenty of opportunities for portable or mobile operations too, as of this writing there are plenty of counties without any planned activity. If you're so inclined, a field day style effort to one of these counties can provide you with 24 hours of contesting fun.

Check out the CQP website at www.cqp.org. You will find a ton of information, including the history of the event, FAQ's, free software and past records and results.

Let's beat the Mother Lode!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AUGUST 2013

by Rick, N6GY

NO BOD MEETING WAS HELD

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

by Rick, N6GY

NO REGULAR MEETING WAS HELD

Treasurer Report

by Jim, K6JS

REDXA TREASURER'S REPORT

7/31/13 Balance Forward		\$2,876.49
INCOME		
Dues	20.00	
TOTAL INCOME	<hr/>	20.00
EXPENSES		
TOTAL EXPENSES	<hr/>	(0.00)
8/31/13 Ending Balance		<u><u>\$2,896.49</u></u>

Monthly San Francisco Section News Summary

Here is the link for the News Summary:
<http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=SF>

DX News

by Jim, K6JS

3D2 & 3D2/R, FIJI AND ROTUMA ISLANDS
(Update to OPDX.1118). Andy, LZ2HM, has joined the team of Stan/LZ1GC and Rocky/3D2DD to be active from Fiji and Rotuma between September 20th and October 15th. Their schedule is as follows: September 20-26th - Stan will be active as 3D2GC from the "Club Fiji Resort", Nadi, Fiji Republic, Viti Levu Island (OC-016, WW. Loc. RH82QF). Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW and SSB, with the following equipment: Kenwood TS-480 SAT + linear amplifier ACOM 1010/ACOM 1000. The antennas: EXP. GP 40-10m, 80/160 meters INV-L and GP. September 27th-October 11th - Callsigns 3D2RA (Andy), 3D2GC/P and 3D2DD/P; from Rotuma Island (OC-060). Activity will be on all HF bands. Stan 3D2GC/P will active on all HF bands, CW/SSB together with Andy, 3D2RA and Rocky, 3D2DD. Rocky will also be active, but only on SSB with the callsign 3D2DD/P. Andy, 3D2RA, will be active on all HF bands, 160-2 meters CW/SSB/DIGITAL (PSK & SSTV) and special attention will be made to work by EME on 50 MHz on JT65A. October 12-15th - Callsign 3D2GC again from Fiji Republic. On October 16th, Stan, LZ1GC, will go back to Bulgaria.

Suggested frequencies are as follows:

CW - 1822, 3510, 7007, 10104, 14010, 18070, 21010, 24892 and 28010 kHz

SSB - 1838, 3788, 7088, 14188, 18148, 21288, 24948 and 28488 kHz

RTTY - 1838, 3588, 7038, 10138, 14088, 18108, 21088, 24918 and 28088 kHz

SSTV - 3728, 7038, 14238, 21338 and 28688 kHz

PSK31 - 1838, 3578, 7038, 10138, 14078, 18108, 21078, 21918 and 28078 kHz

6m - 50100/CW. 50118/SSB and 50200/RTTY kHz

QSL 3D2GC and 3D2GC/P via LZ1GC, direct or by the Bureau (see details on QRZ.com or the Web page below). QSL 3D2RA, 3D2DD and 3D2DD/P via info on QRZ.com. For more details and updates, see: <http://3d2gc.com>

40, MONTENEGRO. Gab, HA3JB, will be active as 40/HG3IPA from Budva between September 23-30th. This activity will be valid for the HA-IPARC Award (International Police Association) <<http://www.ha3jb.com/iparc-award.html>>. Operations will be on CW, RTTY and SSB. Look for Gab to be active during the CQWW RTTY DX Contest (September 28-29th). He also mentions that he will make a side trip to Sveti Nikola Island (EU-163) during his stay in 40-land. QSL via HA3JB direct. He does have a OQRS now (see QRZ.com).

CR5150, PORTUGAL (Special Event). Members of the Portuguese Navy Hamradio Club (NRA) will activate the special event station CR5150NM between September 8-14th. Activity is to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Portuguese Navy Museum since it was founded by the King D. Luis I. Activity will be on all HF bands except 10 MHz using CW, SSB and eventually PSK. A special QSL card is being produced, and it will be issued and sent to all contacted stations. Stations should send their QSL card by the Bureau or direct to CS5NRA.

DXCC 2012 YEARBOOK. The DXCC Blog Web Page reports: "The 2012 DXCC Year- book is now available online to ARRL members worldwide via the August 2013 Digital QST. To access this publication visit the Digital QST page at: <http://www.arrl.org/qst>

http://www.arrl.org/img/170x130/DXCC_Items/2012YB.jpg

Look down to 'QST Digital Archives'. Click Go Now on this link. The various Digital QST covers will appear and the DXCC yearbook will always be in the August edition. When you open August 2013 QST on the cover is a yellow icon in the lower portion of the cover labeled 'Includes the 2012 DXCC Yearbook'. Click this to open the yearbook. You can read it directly online or print it out for future reference. Again, access to this is by ARRL Members, worldwide."

DXCC NEWS. Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports that the following operation is approved for DXCC credit: JY9FC - Jordan; Current operation beginning August 2013

DX MARATHON 2014. John, K9EL, reports, "We are asking all interested parties for any ideas, suggestions or changes that would be helpful to the 2014 DX Marathon. The 2014 Rules will be finalized soon, so now is the time to express your thoughts and opinions. Please send all comments to: john@dxmarathon.com

Thank you!.... K9EL - DX Marathon Manager"

DX Marathon Web page is at:

<http://www.dxmarathon.com>

Also, join the "DXMarathon" group on Yahoo Groups!

FR, REUNION ISLAND. Willi, DJ7RJ, will be active as FR/DJ7RJ from Reunion Island (AF-016) between September 28th and November 2nd. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. He prefers lowbands. Willi will use a K2 with a SS-Amp 500w into a INV-L 15m (49 ft) vertical and 12m(39ft) horizontal with 2-4 elevated radials each 20m(66ft) long. QSL via DJ7RJ, direct or by the Bureau.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN. Johannes, DF5AU, will be active as HB0/DF5AU between September 14-19th. Activity will be on the HF bands with a focus on the higher bands using a beam antenna and amp, operating CW and SSB. QSL via DF5AU, by the DARC Bureau, direct or LoTW.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN. Operators Uwe/DL4AAE and Roman/DL3TU will be active as HB0/homecall either the second or third full weekend in September. Their operation is "weather permitting" as they attempt to operate from the summit of Augstenberg (2359 meters A.S.L.) [SOTA HB0/LI-004] using CW only with an emphasis on Asia. Equipment consists of two K3's running 100 watts into a Delta Loops for 20, 15 and possibly 12 meters. QSLs via their home callsign, by the Bureau or direct (see QRZ.com). They will confirm all QSOs by default with a nice paper QSL via the German Bureau. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.mydarc.de/dl3tu>
<http://www.mydarc.de/dl4aae>

HP0, PANAMA (IOTA Tour Reminder). By the time read this, operators Christian/EA3NT, Raul/EA5KA, Vincent/F4BKV and Col/MM0NDX, from the Invoker Team, have started their activation of six Panamanian island groups as HP0INT/(1,2,3,4 or 9) between September 5-19th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. The team tentative schedule is as follows:
September 5-8th - Naos Island (NA-072); callsign HP0INT/1; evening only
September 6-8th - Boca Brava Island (NA-071); callsign HP0INT/3
September 9-11th - Ogobsibu (San Blas) Island (NA-170); callsign HP0INT/2
September 11-13th - Grande Island (NA-202); callsign HP0INT/2
September 13-15th - Iguana Island (NA-203); callsign HP0INT/9
September 16-18th - Colon [Bocas del Toro] (NA-088); callsign HP0INT/4

Please be careful with HP0INT/2 as it will be used from two different IOTA groups. Listen carefully to the operator to know the exact location/IOTA. Direct QSLs are via F4BKV (OQRS preferred) [if you use IRC, he only accepts the new model valid until 2017]. Bureau QSLs are via F5CWU (OQRS preferred). More details and the OQRS are available at: <http://www.invokerteam.com/hp0int>.

J4, GREECE (LH Op!). Operators Costas/SV4FFL, Thanasis/SV4FFK, XYL Katerina/SV4AFY, Jim/SV4AAQ, Nikos/SV4FFO, Tassos/SV4FFX and Kostas/SV4/SV8GGI will activate the Trikeri Lighthouse (GLHA GRE-128, ARLHS GRE-128, Admiralty E4442) for the second time in 5 years as J44LH between September 7-10th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY. QSL via SV4FFL.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA (Update). Take, JG8NQJ, is once again be active as JG8NQJ/JD1 from Marcus Island in the Minami Torishima (OC-073, JCG10007) group until September 14th or 15th. He is there to work on the island's weather station. Activity will be limited to his spare time. He will be mainly on 17 meters but also on 15/12/10 meters CW. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct to JA8CJY: Susumu 'Sin' Sanada, 5-17, 5-4, Shin-Ei, Toyohira, Sapporo 004, Japan.

Online log is available at:
<http://dx.qsl.net/cgi-bin/logform.cgi?jd1-jg8nqj>

PACIFIC DXPEDITION TOUR

(Update/Reminder). By the time you read this, Gerben, PG5M, should have started his Pacific tour starting from Palau Island (OC-009) as T8GM for two days (September 6-7th), and is now active as V6G from Yap Island (OC-012), in the Fed. States of Micronesia, until September 15th. He will return to Palau Island and operate between September 15-19th. This is a solo DXpedition and CW only. Station will be Elecraft K3 and ECO R7+ vertical for 40-10 meters. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct. Important: Don't use IRCs as they can't be exchanged at his post office. For updates, watch his Web page and Twitter account at:

<http://www.dx.to>
<http://twitter.com/@PG5M>

PJ7, ST. MAARTEN. Dave, AH6HY, will once again be active as PJ7/AH6HY from St. Martin Island (NA-105) between September 13-18th. Activity will be holiday style primarily during his evenings and on 20/17/15 meters but SSB only. QSL via AH6HY, direct or by the Bureau.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT

September 9-15th

Sep/09th AN	Sep/12th LN	Sep/14th AN
Sep/10th AN	Sep/13th AN	Sep/15th AN
Sep/11th HN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
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AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Vy Dsturb	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

SPECIAL EVENT (Highway to a DX Party!). The Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club of San Bernardino, California, will host (probably one of the most fun special event activities) the 14th annual "Route 66 On The Air" special event between September 7-15th. The purpose of this event is to offer amateur radio operators a fun way to "Relive the Ride" of their own memories of Route 66, and to celebrate the highway's 84th anniversary. The U.S. Highway 66 established in 1926, was the first major improved highway to link the west coast with the nations heartland. Through stories, songs, and TV shows, the highway came to symbolize the spirit of the freedom of the open road, inspiring many to see America. Look for the following 20 stations (three are rovers) operating in or around the major cities along the old "Route 66" from Santa Monica, California, to Chicago, Illinois:

Stations	City	Club
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W6A	Is Not Being Used This Year - See IMPORTANT NOTICE on the Web page.	
W6B	Los Angeles, CA	Westside ARC
W6C	San Bernardino, CA	Citrus Belt ARC
W6D	Victorville, CA	Victor Valley ARC
W6E	Barstow, CA	Barstow ARC
W6F	Kingman, AZ	Hualapai ARC
W6G	Flagstaff, AZ	Northern Arizona DX Asso
W6H	Albuquerque, NM	New Mexico AR Alli
W6I	Amarillo, TX	Chapter 141, QCWA
W6J	Elk City, OK	Western Oklahoma ARC
W6K	\Oklahoma City, OK	W6K Oklahoma City
W6L	Tulsa, OK	Tulsa ARC
W6M	Riverton, KS	Valley Center ARC
W6N	Joplin, MO	Joplin ARC
W6O	Lebanon, MO	Lebanon ARC
W6P	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis ARC
W6Q	Chicago, IL	Six Meter Club of Chi

ROVER STATIONS

	ROVER 1	ROVER 2
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W6S	Northern Arizona DX Association	
W6T	Northern Arizona DX Association	

Special event stations are expected to be found in the vicinity of the following frequencies. (Look for digital modes in the standard band segments for such mode) All frequencies +/- QRM:

CW - 3533, 7033, 10110, 14033, 18080, 21033, 24900, 28033 and 50033 kHz

SSB - 3866, 7266, 14266, 18164, 21366, 24966, 28466 and 50166 kHz

Digi - 3580, 7070, 10140, 14070, 18100, 21070, 24920 and 28120 kHz

R66 MOBILE Operations - Any amateurs operating while actually driving along Route 66 during the special event period are encouraged to take part in "Route 66 On The Air", by using the designation "mobile 66" for SSB or "/m66" for CW after their call signs. All other amateur radio operators are welcome to contact these mobile operators.

REPEATERS - Some of the participating clubs will also be operating this event from their local VHF/UHF repeaters. Check the ARRL repeater guide for possible repeater frequencies, if your in the local area.

Each participating club will issue their own QSL card commemorating this event. QSL information is available on the Web at:

<http://www.w6jbt.org/2013site/qsl-card-request-guidelines>

<http://www.w6jbt.org/2013site/qsl-card-routing-and-station-website-addresses>

For more details about the event and the certificate that is available, please visit the "Route 66 OTA Site" at:

<http://www.w6jbt.org/2013site/route-66-on-the-air>

V5, NAMIBIA. Operator Hans/DF2UU and Hardy/DF3GY are now active as V55V from Omaruru, the QTH of Martin, V51W. They participated in the SSB Field Day (September 7-8th) this past weekend, and are expected to be in the Worked All Europe DX SSB Contest (September 14-15th). QSL via DJ8VC, by the Bureau or direct. Activity outside of the contest will be on 160-6 meters using CW and SSB.

VP9, BERMUDA. Christoph, DL1YAF, is now active as VP9/DL1YAF from Ed, VP9GE's, Hamilton QTH <<http://vp9ge.com>> on Bermuda (NA-005) until September 25th. Activity will be holiday style on CW, SSB and PSK31. QSL via home call sign, by the Bureau or direct.

Z8, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN (Z81R by Robert, S53R). Martti, OH2BH, sent out the follow-

ing on September 5th: "Under the auspices of Project Goodwill South Sudan, shared with the International Amateur Radio Union Region 1 and the Yasme Foundation and supported by Yaesu Musen Co. Ltd, the announcement of a much anticipated low-band operation is only a few weeks away. The multinational team is busy getting the equipment and other material into South Sudan.

Adding to the Z81X operation of last spring, Robert, S53R, will be in Juba, for a work assignment and will be involved with a preparatory phase of Project Goodwill South Sudan. He is going to sign Z81R from September 10 to September 14, while the activity will be sporadic because of his professional duties.

QSLs for this operation will be handled by Martti, OH2BH."

ZD7, ST. HELENA ISLAND. David, ZD7DC, is a 16 year old operator on St. Helena Island (AF-022). He states, "enjoy running a pile up – taking calls from any DX around the world. I rarely rag-chew but at times I do engage in longer QSO's. My working conditions include a Yaesu FT 450, powered by PSW 30, and a G5RV antenna tuned by MFJ 945E. I look forward to meeting you on air, and will reply to any QSL cards." Activity since August 18th shows David operates mainly SSB on 20/17/15/12/10 meters between 1430-0000z. QSL via his home call sign (direct only) listed on QRZ.com.

Many thanks to The OPDX Bulletin

REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events:

by Doug, WW6D

Sep 11	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Sep 14-16	ARRL Sept VHF
Sep 21-22	Washington State Salmon Run
Oct 5-6	California QSO Party
Oct 9	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Oct 12-13	Oceania DX Contest CW
Oct 26-27	CQ WW SSB
Nov 2-4	ARRL Sweepstakes CW
Nov 13	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Nov 16-18	ARRL Sweepstakes Phone
Nov 23-24	CQ WorldWide CW
Dec 6-8	ARRL 160 meter Contest
Dec 11	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Dec 14-15	ARRL 10 meter Contest
Dec 28-29	Stew Perry Topband Challenge
Jan 1	Straight Key Night

Refer to <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more contest information.

Elections

Per our bylaws, I will be forming a nominating committee for our next President. If you are interested please contact Jim Selmi at the meeting or via email jselmi@Hotmail.com.

A nominating committee shall be selected in October. The committee shall present a slate of officers at the November meeting. Nominations from the floor shall be accepted at the November meeting. Votes for officers and directors shall be cast and counted at the November meeting. Officers and directors shall assume office at the December meeting. The new officers and directors will conduct a joint audit of the club's records with the outgoing officers prior to the January club meeting.

Contest Scores

by Jim, K6JS

NAQP - CW - AUGUST 2013

CALL	CLASS	QSOs	MULTS	SCORE
K6SRZ	SOLP	770	156	120,120
K6LRN	SOLP	638	146	93,148
N6ZFO	SOLP	565	142	80,230
K6RIM	SOLP	526	124	65,224
W6SFK	SOLP	103	63	6,489
K6MM	SOLP	100	47	4,700
K6JS	SOLP	103	34	3,502
K3FIV	SOLP	14	12	168

NAQP - SSB - AUGUST 2013

CALL	CLASS	QSOs	MULTS	SCORE
K6MM	SOLP	429	113	48,477
K6LRN	SOLP	355	105	37,275
W6PZ @ K6SRZ	SOLP	347	107	37,129
K3FIV	SOLP	163	79	12,877
K6RIM	SOLP	121	63	7,623
N6ZFO	SOLP	92	45	4,140
K6TKD@K6LRN	SOLP	5	4	20

California QSO Party



CQP & improving your operating skills

Quick! Mark the weekend of October 5th and 6th on your calendar and start planning for a weekend of radio fun! The first full weekend of October marks the annual running of the California QSO Party (CQP) – the most fun you can have with a radio if you live in the Golden State! This year marks the 47th running of CQP sponsored by the Northern California Contest Club.

Why contest? From an operating point of view, most aspects of Ham Radio from Public Service, chasing DX to working contests have one thing in common – accurate and timely copying of information often under stress.

Entering a contest—either casually to or as a serious, full time effort—is a great exercise in operating “under fire”.

The first full weekend of October (October 5th & 6th this year) sees the annual running of the California QSO Party – a great opportunity for stations in California because everyone else HAS TO WORK US!

We are the DX!

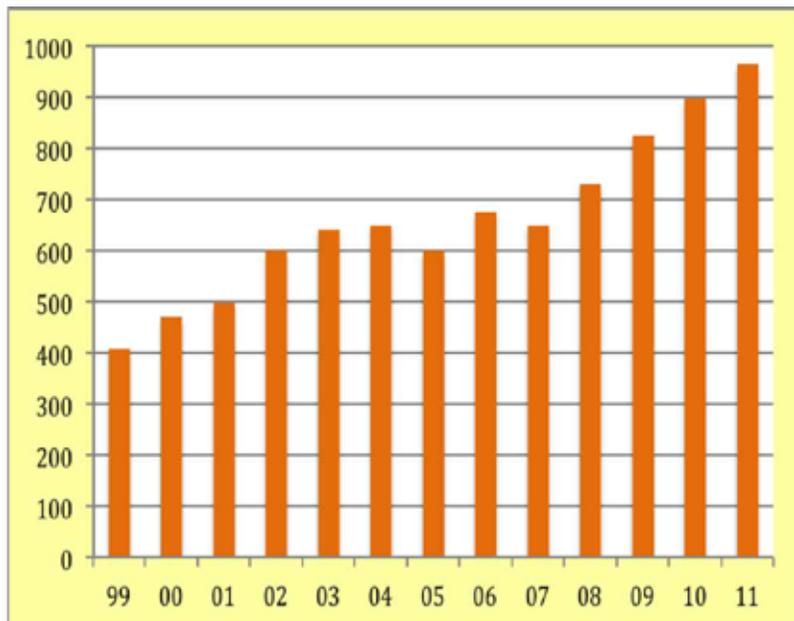
Whether you’re a “Big gun” or “Little pistol”, CQP is a great opportunity for you to be on the receiving end of a pileup or to search and pounce for other states and countries. You can easily Work All States in a single weekend especially with everyone looking for you. And there’s DX to be worked: it’s possible to work all continents during CQP.

For California stations the object of the contest is to work as many stations as possible on SSB and CW. You can work the same station on each band and each mode for score credit. Every US state and Canadian province you work counts as a multiplier – 58 total for us just like the number of counties in California.

Want to be on the end of a really big pile up? Plan a County Expedition to one of the rarer California counties--the rest of the world will beat a path to YOU. Check out the counties activation planning map on the CQP web site at <http://www.cqp.org/Counties-Plan-2013.html> - you may be surprised that some of the rarest counties often lie on your doorstep.

Low Power, High Power? CW or SSB? CQP is a fun contest for all.

CQP is sponsored by the Northern California Contest Club, and organized by a group of dedicated, experienced volunteers coordinated by Chris Tate, N6WM – CQP Chair.



CQP continues to see healthy growth in submitted logs. In 2011 we had almost 1000 logs submitted! CQP rivals many national and international contests in participation and awards. Our goal is to break the 1000 log level in 2012.

Every station that submits a log is eligible for an achievement certificate and there are several operating categories where the leader receives a special CQP plaque for proud display on the shack wall.

Of course, since we are in California, the top 20 scores submitted in California and Outside California qualify for a special award – a bottle of NCCC Private Reserve Wine with personalized label. The wine is graciously donated by Twisted Oak Winery and is a limited production Tempranillo crafted by wine maker and NCCC member Jeff Stai, WK6I.

Three categories are designed to encourage operation in contests:

- YL award
- Youth (< 18) award
- California New Contester

So if you've never entered a contest or have only dabbled in the past, this award category is for you!



If you work all 58 counties, you qualify for the “Worked All California Counties Award” sponsored by NCCC.

You can find the full rules and award details on the CQP web site at <http://www.cqp.org>.

Part time or full, home operator or an expedition to a new county, CQP is a blast! We hope you will join us this year and have a lot of Fun!

Alan Eshleman, K6SRZ, NCCC President
Chris Tate, N6WM, CQP Chair

Contesting

by Jim, K6JS

I hope we all completed our antenna projects as time is running out. I still need to find the time to get my tower and Steppir in the air. I have all the hardware, I just need to find some time and get some help.

We are 4 weeks away from the 47th running of the California QSO Party on October 5th – 6th. Last year we came closer than we've ever been to beating the MLDXCC in CQP. Let's beat the nuggets out of them this year! For as long as I can remember, the MLDXCC has come in first place with REDXA being the runner up. Let's all try to get on the air and make some Q's for the club. Participation will get you a CQP T-Shirt and simply put, merely getting on the air, making a few hundred QSO's and, most importantly, submitting your log will do wonders for the club's overall score.

Launching a county expedition could also go a long way toward helping the clubs total score and is sure to be a lot of fun. Let's all try to keep our butts in the chairs and keep CQing, this is the contest where you can run for hours with a good rate. YOU are the hunted, so get out there and make some Q's. Let's put an end to this 10+ year MLDXCC run. Not too many REDXA members on County Expeditions this year. I'll be making my annual pilgrimage to Plumas County with KU6F. It is truly one of the highlights of radio sport for me. Over the years we've endured rain, snow and vehicle issues along with numerous visits from Murphy, but it's always a great time.

Many REDX'ers are staying close to home this year. It appears SONO will be well represented this year. I encourage you all to join in the fun and put in as much of an effort and time as you can afford. Now is also a good time to make sure your logging programs and rig interfaces are working properly. Don't wait till the last minute to check the functionality of your station. The NCCC usually organizes a practice session on the Thursday evening before the contest. Take advantage of this time to make sure the station is running at peak performance. This is also the time to update your prefills if you use them and the all-important Country (CTY) Files.

California QSO Party

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**Here's Your Ticket To
The Most Popular
State QSO Party On
The Planet!**

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