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The next regular meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 17 at "The Pizza Store", 1000 N. Euclid across from Henry Radio in Anaheim.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sorry to say I've been so busy at work that my ham activities have been next to nil. I do plan to operate the Radiosport contest..

Hope to see everyone at the July meeting.

73, TREE

## SCCC NOTES

The May meeting was attended by Dick, N6AA and XYL Deloris, Hank, W6SX and guest Peter from Australia (not a ham) and myself. This was the third meeting I have attended since joining and each has been poorly attended. I have also noticed that very few of the club members are really active in contests, including the major ones. Heck, I was really surprised to see how few participated in the recent CD Parties. Apparently most of us are active only for Sweepstakes, Calif QSO Party, and the Sprints.

Hank, W6SX is a former member of the NCCC and told us about that clubs meetings and contest enthusiasm. It sounded like a whole different world just a few hundred miles north. Southern California is noted for its "life in the fast lane", but apparently the northern half of the state has left us in the dust.

Dick, N6AA mentioned a suggestion he had heard to increase our meeting attendance. Namely, move our meeting date to the same day as the TRW swapmeet, the last weekend of each month. Our meeting would be scheduled for a time immediately following the swapmeet. Hence, those who often attend the swapmeet would already be out and about (and probably hungry and thirsty) and ready to meet up with the SCCC gang.

I'm ready for anything that will improve attendance, so please tell us what you would like to see done.

I recently purchased "The Contest Cookbook" written by N6DP with a little help from his competitors. In my opinion the book left a lot to be desired, and would only be

helpful to those with very little contesting under their belts. It does tell what tricks many big and little guns around the country use, although I had already tried most and have adopted those that work for me. Of course, different things work best for different people and at different locations and one cannot sit down and write a book telling what tricks are THE tricks to use. At \$5.95 for the book, you really cannot go wrong though if you buy the book and agree with my opinion.

Welcome aboard to new member Jim Preston, WA6UFY of Santee.

Results for the 1981 California QSO Party are out. Congrats to N6TR who took top honors, N6PE who took seventh place, and AA6RX who took tenth place. Yours truly was forced to help move my brother-in-law's family up north despite being totally QRV for the contest. Also, WAEDC results are out. Entries in that one included W6AM (cw), K6NA (cw & ssb), N6ZZ (cw & ssb).

The June issue of CQ Magazine has an interesting writeup in the DX column regarding guest operators competing as single operator entries. It presents the view of K5SF whose opinion is that a guest operator must enter the multi-op category due to the fact that the combined skills of the two persons are used, one to engineer and build the station, the other to operate. It also notes that by law, a guest operator must observe third party agreements when working DX (hmmm-I'll bet few do) and that should anything go wrong during the contest--anything from a blown fuse to a blown final to major antenna repairs--repairs must be made by the guest operator ONLY! Should the station licensee help with the repairs, the contest entry becomes even more obviously a multi-op effort. The ARRL presently disagrees with K5SF. Interesting reading--I suggest you read it and think about it. An SASE to me will get you a copy.

Some of you recently renewed membership by mailing a check made out to the SCCC. Unfortunately, my bank will not accept those unless I open a separate account for the club. We do not presently generate enough cash flow to warrant that, so please make your checks payable to me, Dennis Younker. Cash sent in the mail is of course at your own risk.

The National Contest Journal has come back to life with a new editor, K7GM. He seems to have some high hopes and is off to a fine start. A new contest has been created by the NCJ, one which I feel has been sorely needed--the NA Phone Sprint! The first running will be Sept 26, one week after the CW Sprint. Logs go to K7GM for the phone, W6OAT for CW. Don't miss these! In case any of you are unfamiliar with the Sprint contests, they are four hour, three band affairs where high QSO rates are typical. And they are mucho fun. Next issue, I'll try to print rules for both phone and CW. NCJ subscriptions can be had by sending \$6 for one year to K5TM (if you don't subscribe, you should).

## UPCOMING CONTESTS

August 1           ARRL Midnight Special  
August 28-29      All Asian CW  
September 19     NA Sprint CW  
September 26     NA Sprint Phone

Sort of a little breather the next couple of months before the year end madness (CQP, two SS and CQWW contests in two months).

Speaking of SS, I leave you with Tree's thoughts on the Phone version.

73, Dennis

### DUPES AND CALLSIGNS THE HIDDEN CONNECTION by N6TR

Keeping a dupesheet during a phone Sweepstakes contest has never been my idea of how to spend a weekend. I did manage to do it once in 1980, but didn't feel the effort was worth it. My statistics for the past three years are shown for reference:

YEAR	QSOs	DUPES	SCORE	%
1979	1800	72	1728	4.0
1980	1701	68	1633	4.0
1981	2048	152	1896	7.4

As you can see, 1981 was a painful year to swallow. I have done some research to investigate why this happened and feel I have reached some valuable conclusions.

I kept a running dupe sheet in 1980. You may well ask why the dupe rate stayed the same as 1979. The answer is the callsign. In 1979 I used N6TR and in 1980 and 1981 I used KB6I. I feel there are reasons why this would make a difference.

Over the past five years, N6TR has been heard in most of the stateside contests. However, 89 of my 152 dupes in 1981 were with people that had less than 200 QSOs. These people are probably not active enough to know the call. I know that I don't recognize many of their calls.

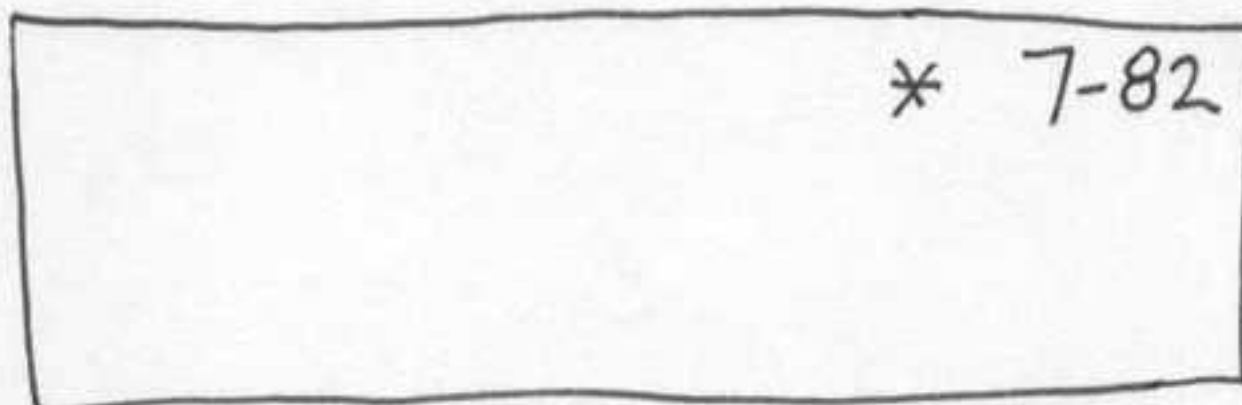
I feel the main reason for the difference is the phonetics that were used. It is hard for me to come up with phonetics for KB6I that will stick in someone's brain. I did think of one, but it was too difficult to say in a high rate situation. N6TR lends itself nicely to some good ones that can be said easily.

To prove my point, W5YD (yellow dog) tried to dupe me in the 1981 Phone SS--SORRY worked before. Another approach someone used was a tone burst at the end of his transmissions (an increasingly popular trick-ed.). It may have worked for him, but only one person can do that

successfully in any one contest.

This difference in callsign phonetics was enough to offset using a dupesheet in 1980 and responsible for nearly doubling my dupe rate in 1981 over 1979, where the only difference was callsign.

Maybe this year I'll try N6 Turkey Radio and keep a dupe sheet. If my theory holds, the dupe rate will go down to two percent. I'll let you know if it works.



TIME TO RENEW?

CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL.  
IT INDICATES EXPIRATION  
DATE. ONE ASTERISK (\*)  
INDICATES RECENT EXPIRATION  
OR YOU ARE ABOUT TO. TWO  
ASTERISKS MEANS YOU'RE WELL  
PAST EXPIRATION AND THIS  
MAY BE YOU'RE LAST ISSUE!