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NEXT MEETING IS: POTLUCK/BBQ at W6AM world renown antennae Ranch on
22 MARCH at 12 noon. Don't miss this last opportunity to see the
RANCH before it is dis-assembled and only a memory. *SEE ARTICLE
ON MEETING ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE OF SCCCORE!

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TALK IN FREQUENCY Southern Calif. DX Rpt'r 145.48

AVAILABLE CONTEST ACTIVITIES DURING NEXT TWO MONTHS

MAR 15-16 Bermuda Contest

MAR 29-30 CQ WW WPX SSB

APR 26-27 Swiss Helvetia Contest

MAY 10-11 USSR CQ-M Contest

May 24-25 CQ WW WPX CW

SCCC PLANNED EFFORTS

North Counties Group

Swiss Helvetia Contest

USSR CQ-M Contest

North Counties Group

BE RADIO ACTIVE, OPEN YOUR STATION TO GROUP EFFORTS, JOIN IN THE FUN: ; ;

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Let me begin my first President's Report with a note of thanks to all the
members for unanimous support at the January meeting. I am looking forward to
a successful and productive term of office as President of the Southern
California Contest Club. Also, another thank you to our outgoing President
Dennis, N6E1. His work for the Club has given us a lot of glue with which to
stick together in recent years. Through Dennis' leadership, our list of
active, club attending members took a great leap.

I have spent some time reviewing the survey which was at the bottom of the
bulletin in the last issue. We got eleven of them back, and the results are
interesting but I think they require further study by the Board of Directors.

Everyone tends to agree on some things. For instance, everyone wants some
kind of yearly function, with some specifying a BBQ and others specifying
Field Day, or both. The same questionnaires were sharply divided regarding
Club Aggregate Competition - i.e., which contests, how many, etc. I expect
the Board will meet before the March 22nd meeting, and design a more
comprehensive questionnaire and a member activity form, so we get a better idea
of the things everyone does, and the things everyone wants to do. These forms
will be passed out and collected at the March 22nd meeting.

Did I say March 22nd meeting? That meeting will be for most of you the very
last opportunity to visit the W6AM Rhombic Farm while it still exists. On
this day, 22 March, everyone will head up into the hills of the Palos Verdes
Peninsula, to that world-renowned ham radio station, bringing with them lots
of good things to eat and drink, thereby fulfilling an almost unanimous desire
of the membership for a pot-luck/BBQ. Jim Neijer, N6TJ, who presently lives
at the ranch, has agreed to make his home available to the SCCC for this club
meeting. It promises to be a good one!

One last thing. I am looking for some hearty soul to replace me as Los
Angeles Area Coordinator. I will be approaching a few of you about it, I'm
sure. If anyone has an overwhelming desire to step in, please make it known
to me - your interest will be welcomed and appreciated.

That's all from ARS WA6OTU - I'll see everyone who can make it to W6AM and the
meeting/BBQ/Potluck on 22 March.

73's Mark

SCCC NOTES

The bands have been somewhat sub-standard but the die-hards are still plugging
away. See the SCORES page elsewhere for the efforts since the last SCCCORE.

N6VR is open for interested contesters for this year's WPX effort and N6ADI is
coordinating the effort if any interest is shown. The bumper of it is that CQ
blew it! WPX phone contest is EASTER WEEKEND so I guess only the heavies will
be doing battle this year due to this significant conflict with a holiday
weekend. I would estimate a 3% decline in activity here in the states due to
the weekend it is being held. The results are out from last year's effort and
the North Counties Group of the SCCC took California and 6th in the US in the
multi-single category using NS6X from the N6VR hill-top in Ojai. Call N6ADI
and join the winning team this year, (805) 649-3339!

DON'T FORGET THE 22ND OF MARCH MEETING AT W6AM'S FARM. DON'T MISS THIS LAST
OPPORTUNITY TO CHECK OUT THE WORLD FAMOUS STATION AND BRING NEW POTENTIAL
MEMBERS FOR FUN IN THE SUN AND A VIEW OF AN AWESOMELY RAD HAM STATION.....

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IF YOU DIDN'T TAKE THE JANUARY MEETING YOU WERE MISSED BY THE MULTITUDE THAT DID. Maybe we'll see you at the next one!

PRESENT AT JANUARY 25th MEETING

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| W6GC | N6TJ | N6VI |
| WA6OTU | W6HX | NNCU * |
| N6JW | KB6UF * | KA6ZVH |
| W7CB * | W1IQS * | W6HAL* |
| KB6BIT | K5KT | N6VR |
| NIGW | K6GXO * | N6NW |
| N6GTS* | NE6I | N8BJQ |
| N6NI | AA6RX | N6ADI |

* NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED AT THE MEETING

The new slate of OFFICERS were voted in unanimously and numerous discussions were held regarding the questionnaire on the ballot. Other topics discussed were Contest Advisory Committee suggestions, possible UHF/VHF yearly effort and the possibilities of Field Day.

Our out-going President NE6I was given a plaque in recognition of his enduring almost 3 years as the motivational force behind the SCCC and for doing so religiously. A BIG HAND for Dennis, NE6I!

Board member and SGT at ARMS N6TJ, Jim, recruited SEVEN new members into our ranks. Thanks Jim and WELCOME NEW MEMBERS shown above.

The meeting was one of the largest in quite a long time with 24 contesters present and judging by the bar tab everyone had a great time.

If everyone currently on the roster continues with the club we will have over 60 contesters in our club as of this printing.

SAN DIEGO AREA REPORT by Chas Oakes W6UQP

Not much to report area wise, except Rick N6ND still ironing out station and QTH move and I was asked by Rusty, W6OAT to help out with coordinating counties for the "Great Armadillo Run of 1986" as in October QST --- I sort of figure that this is the most insane idea I've ever heard of and that SCCC should call a short truce with our rivals to the north for this worthwhile cause. In fact, my old friend WB6VS and I will be venturing into the desert wilderness by Salton Sea for both weekends to activate Imperial County! Idiots, we are ---

I heartily encourage all SCCC ers to get on and make their County heard from! More next time.

73 CHAS W6UQP

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be a potluck and BBQ lunch at the W6AM Phonetic Farm on Saturday, March 22nd at 12 noon.

If your suffix starts with:

- A-G
- H-N
- N-T
- U-Z

Bring:

- Thirst quenching Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks
- Beverages of all sorts winnies, burger?
- Salads, vegetables
- Desserts and other goodies

Bring enough of your item to feed 6-8 persons (assuming 0.5-1 extra person per club member) and also bring your friends favorite garnishes and (not necessarily your favorite) service.

This meeting will be an opportunity for many of us to take in the grandeur of W6AM for perhaps the last time. The station probably won't be around for much longer. Every member of this club is encouraged to attend this meeting. The questionnaire to be passed out, filled out, and returned at this get-together will serve as the basis of our goal setting for the next two years. please also invite any contest-oriented non members you may wish to get into the club. Visiting the rhombics can be very inspirational, and might just provide the motivation needed to get these perspective members to join our ranks.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY



W6AM

The Wallace Radio Ranch and Rhombic Farm, is 10 miles from Lumberton, the W6AM residence, and 20 miles from down town Los Angeles, on a 1500' foot hill, on a peninsula, overlooking the Pacific Ocean, 2 miles away. Henry, 7K, 755-A, 51J, 362 Counties confirmed, 41 OXCC, WAC charter member, WA2 CW and Phoenix, WACE #1.

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NORTH COUNTIES AREA REPORT by N6ADI

Not too much going on here in North Counties. Normally we would be gearing up for the WPX phone contest but do to the fact that CO has it on EASTER WEEKEND we feel it will be very hard to put together our normal Phone Multi-single crew so N6ADI will probably go single band unless all of you call me and say lets do it, then we will go multi-single again. I doubt that this will happen though. N6VR is still working on the feed system and switching network for his two 3/8 wave 80 mtr verticles. If you want to join the WPX crew call N6ADI, other wise we will be doing WPX CW in May and are looking for your help. CU at the DX convention.

GRACE COUNTY REPORT by Kurt N1GW

I hope everyone survived the fall season. I operated at W6D M/S for both modes of CW. We had Tom (EM6K) for a third op during phone, and Art (K6XT) for CW. The 90+ SP for phone was a pleasant surprise and the old preparation for CW was interesting at best. I really enjoyed the 40M opening to Europe all night long. It's a refreshing change to have garden variety Europeans trying to dip you (JW0A) 3 times. One of the surprise openings on CW was VS6 on 15M long path at 16:00. We were able to avoid Mr. Murphy and everything at Rick's station worked well enough to top 2 million on both modes. I hope the rest of you had as much fun. K6JA (Glen) went single AB on CW for about 1.3 meg. W6VA (Jim) went 15M single band for about 500K and N6NI (Tom) guest op'd at W6MGB on 80M single band phone.

Despite the conditions, SS-CW was it's usual 12 hr blast, followed by hours of boredom. I operated low power at W6KUT in the San Diego section. I ended up with 871x74. N6ND was also on low power and took the section and possibly the country with 884x74. I heard Herb (KZ6E) on low power from Orange County with some high numbers, and expect him to finish in the top ten again. K6VA went high power for 1075x74. Congratulations to WA6OTU for what looks like a top ten finish at W6AQ. During the SS Phone test K7JA guest op'd at K6NA for 1907x74 and first place.

The first part of 1986 looks like a frantic one for me. Most of my time will be lost to those who pay my rent, but I hope to make the DX contests and maybe more. I also hope to resume my quest for a more suitable QTH.

My best wishes to our new officers. I hope everyone participates and comes forward with their ideas and support. I for one would like to know what our members hope to gain or not to gain from the club. It appears to me that there is much more we could do to promote contesting in Southern California, but only if we want to.

CUNGN Kurt N1GW

1986 NA SPRINT CW WEST COAST SCORES

K6LRN	170/34	W6SSZ	244/37	K0EJ	180/32
N6TU	256/37	N6GU	109/29	N6VR	221/35
N6TR	299/39	K6CXO	66/24	W6UR	231/35 by AA6RX
N6ND	201/34	W6AQ	238/39 by WA6OTU	K7CB	207/39
K6LL	280/40	N6RO	296/38 by WA6VTF	WA7NIN	239/40
W6HAL	89/24	N16W	237/35	W6GC	43/16
N6VI	230/35 by K6Z2	K5MM	239/39	N6AA	245/36
N6BJQ	175/32	N6E1	247/35	N6CQ/3	100/24
N6AW	208/31				

APRL DX CW

W6AQ 14mhz single band 285/59
 9Y4AA Single op all band 4778/299 = 4.1 Meg. probably a winner !

1986 NA SPRINT PHONE

N6BT	260/7	W6KBZ	166/7	K6CSS	203/29
N7CB	117/23	N6RO	328/34	K6LRN	60/11
W6SZN	220/20-30	N5PA	306/40	N6JL	216/33
K6GP	285/34	N6E1	309/35 BRAVO!	N2IC	314/35
N6OU	235/27	W6OCP	136/23	K6LL	309/40
NV6Z	181/21	N6ADI	150/31	WA7NIN	278/35
N6TR/7	260/33				

Congratulations go to Dennis N6E1, not for winning, but, for finally climbing over the 300 QSO hump. Quite an accomplishment !!!!! Well Done Dennis !!

DXING & CONTESTING TIPS

THE PILE

When you have a pile-up on you always work the stations as fast as you possibly can. If a JA is tuning the band and hears a pile-up on you and you are working the stations slow he is liable to continue tuning. However, if he hears you knocking them down at a good rate he will probably join the competition.

HIGH SPEED OPERATING:

1. Always come back to a specific call even if only partial. In a pack you may only be able to pick out part of a call. When you hear the partial call say report & exchange for the contest you are in and get his call when he gives you his report. EXAMPLE: "the Zulu Alpha your 59-43, over" He will give his call and report. If possible give the whole call of the station so he knows its him you are working. If you are having trouble take a couple qso's to get things going.
2. Only give your call every 2-3 QSO's. The pack is on you and they already know your call.....
3. Make all transmissions SHORT. They don't give extra points for being polite. BRISK AND SHORT! NO good luck in the contest. No 73's. No see you later, No good DX, just your call and QRZ!
4. To keep confusion down, give the other guys call once preferably at the beginning of the exchange. No more unless he isn't sure you came back to him.
5. In european pile-ups they are not as tame or polite as the JA stations and you can work a couple at a time. When you come back to a partial call the europeans and U.S. still call and you can pick off a couple at a time.
6. Only when packs are unmanageable should you succumb to the district method. The district method causes people to tune past you and you don't want that. You want speed and volume!

A SAMPLE CONTEST QSO: "CQ Contest, CQ contest, CQ contest Alpha Kilo Six Alpha (2 times), OVER" (Keep short). You hear a partial call and reply, "Zulu Alpha 59-03 OVER". He replies "This is VS6ZA you are 59-26 OVER" and while he was giving you his report you hear HI90L, so you reply, "QSL VS6ZA, HI90L 59-03, OVER" and so it goes. If they thin out say "QRZ, Alpha Kilo 6 Alpha, QRZ" and the pack should thicken.....

KEEPING THE FREQUENCY

When conditions are good and the band is crowded and clear spots are hard to find, don't give up a frequency you have been working. This happens when the pile gets thin. If you don't keep the pack thick you are likely to lose it to another stateside station, quickly. Here is where you throw out the ethics and get down to competition. The nice

polite operator loses the battle. You've had a frequency for 15 minutes and all of a sudden up pops a 20db over CQ a KC higher, you have every reason to be upset. What do you do?

1. Decide if you want to continue on that frequency. Has the rate been good or maybe it is time to move on and find another hole up or down the band. Depending on the case and your decision, now is the time to make noise to keep the frequency! Turn up your processor, gain and amp and call QRZ, CQ or fake a couple QSO's. Time your QRZ's, CQ's and QSO's during the time this intruder is listening and make your transmissions BRNAD. Yes, B R O A D! Sooner or later one of you will QSY! If he has established a QSO it will probably be him. But if neither of you are getting QSO's it is best to find a frequency that will be more productive, after all, you're trying to make contacts and 10 minutes of noise making with no QSO's is 10 minutes wasted.

THE BANDS AND THE SECOND OPERATOR

SECOND OPERATOR: DUPING

If you are a single operator you shouldn't have a second operator, but some of this will apply. Not enough can be said about duping and the second operator. First, it can disqualify the whole operation if your logs aren't duped. It's a great way to waste time working stations more than once. Since the computer age duping has been less of a manual problem as many single operators are using them for logging and duping and with a multi-operator effort your second operator can do it easily provided you have one in the shack. If you are limited to manual operations (non-computer) this is the ideal set up: One must start with a relatively large, flat operating position (a check sheet must lay flat so it can be easily glanced at and written on), usually log sheet on the right, check sheet on left. As a QSO is made, it is logged in on both the log and check sheet. With a little effort and adjustments to suit the operator it can be done simultaneously with logging. Most people, however, can't keep up with the check sheet when the QSO rate gets high. This isn't a great problem at this time since you are probably being called by DX stations who are working you for the first time. You are counting on them to have checked their check sheet. At once, when the rate slows or at the change of operators you should update your check sheet or PROBLEMS will arise. The next operator will work dupes. REMEMBER: The same stations worked yesterday will be here today; did you work him or did the other operator work him? With this manual method or your computer with the right software, just look!

SECOND OPERATOR RECEIVING

During slow times and when time allows the 2nd operator should be tuning the bands looking for multipliers and what action is available on alternate bands. He should also be looking on your band to spot multipliers. Everything he hears that you need is to be written on paper so the prime operator knows what is happening and where. If it is a big effort a number of listeners might be used and the contest manager kept constantly updated so he can make good decisions about changing bands and QSYing at the right times based on the inputs he receives from the listeners.....

Some of the recent multi-multi and multi-single efforts have used this often over-looked strategy to their advantage. Some have used it to stretch the rules too! By having a spotting net announcing multipliers on a pre-determined frequency. But within the rules these big operations have legally had a qso station, a multiplier station and 2 listening stations on every band. Using this concept, not too much is missed in the way of multipliers and in order to compete it must be seriously considered. The only limitation is space for antennas and number of people available for your effort!

10 METERS

When this band is open it is one of the best for rate and multipliers. In phone contests QSO's can be found over about 300 kc's of band and it is easy to have a nice clear frequency to work the weak multipliers. It is easy to keep the frequency as compared to 20 meters and the need for special skills and knowledge is helpful but not necessary to be competitive on 10 meters. Tuning from 28.5 to 28.8 will net alot of QSO's and depending on the contest some choice multipliers can often be found operating between 28.4 and 28.5 and if you can get them to listen up in the U.S. portion you can knock them off when others don't even know who you are working or where they are. Ten meters has been consistently the most productive band in recent years, productive in rate and multipliers. Worth paying attention to when open and offers some un-predictable openings both short and long path.

15 METERS

By far the best band for contests, offering super openings around the world and always excellent rate. Not as crowded as 20 meters and depending on the cycle offers the same choice DX without the heavy 20 meter over-crowding and stiff KW competition for frequencies. This band requires more operating skill than 10 meters but less than 20 meters. When the cycle permits, good european openings in the AM, Africa between 1700-2100z and SUPER JA runs from 2300z-0000z till the band closes. DX can be found from 21.200 up to the top of the band. Many Pacific DX countries between 21.2 and 21.275; tell them to listen up.....

20 METERS

The 20 meter band requires more special skill and knowledge than any other DX band. The reasons are: 1) 20 meters has the best around the clock propagation, 2) competition is greatest because of the number of big stations established on the band (large antennas & multi-KW) (many beyond legal limits). Historically 20 meters is the most active band in DX contests offering more multipliers and QSO's than any other band. 20 meters is the best band to hunt and peck on for multipliers and countries. Only when 20 is open to europe or the pacific/asia area's will CQ's or running a pack be possible. ON THIS BAND OPERATING SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE ARE

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THE OLD TIMER SPEAKS ON 80 METER DYING OR DO WE STAND A CHANCE by NEADI

The OLD TIMER in casual conversation with the NEW KID on the block gets a gleam in his eye when the new kid says "I have been recently spending alot of time tuning and looking for new ones on 80 meters trying for the 5900CC award having already knocked off well over a hundred on 10 - 40 meters. I have discovered that 80 meter DXing is not only challenging but very frustrating for a number of reasons. The challenging part is to get up the necessary hardware to hear and get through on 80 meters. The frustrating part is having to cope with the 80 meter DXer's with superior antennas that want to work every piece of DX they hear whether needed or not. In spending time on 80 you find the big array 80 meter DXer's working the same DX night after night while me with my small array am trying to work the guy once so I can confirm his country for DXCC. The GUNS all know each other by first and middle name because they've worked so many times. Do you think I will ever reach a hundred on 80 meters?"

The OLD TIMER takes another swig of coffee from his APRL mug and says "Well kid, I really don't have the answer to that one but I have a few suggestions that might be of some help. Basically, these 80 meter DXer's have spent alot of time and money on getting a signal out on that band and they in effect own the DX. If they are amateurs that have compassion for their fellow HAMS and realize that only a minority can put up competitive arrays then they will help them get through and then again if they don't think of the other guys they will operate in the manner you have just described. It all goes back to MAN and his behavior. If he is a good guy, he'll take time and help his fellow man and if he is not he will disregard them and continue to be the BIG KID ON THE BLOCK. 80 meters didn't used to be this way, KID. It used to be that everybody helped the other guy get through and having a big array allowed you to help the weak ones through. Used to be alot of guys on the EAST COAST that actually helped get WEST COASTERS through to EUROPE but don't hear that very often anymore since the 70's and all that warring between EAST and WEST COASTERS. Is all I can tell you is stay up all night and when the competition thins or goes to bed is when you can get through with your peanut whistle."

NEW KID says, "Hmm, I guess I'll have to give that a try because until now I've been trying to get in the packs before midnight here in California and is all I ever hear is a big pack of peanut whistles calling and the same WEST COAST 80 meter mono-band DXer's working the same DX night after night and never do they take the time to help even so much as their fellow WEST COASTERS!" "Well", comments the OLD TIMER, "is all I can tell you is to keep trying as frustrating as it might be and maybe if you are sly enough you'll be able to work that hundred and get them confirmed. You could try improving your antennae system or taking everything down and dedicate your efforts on 80 meters for a while. Then you could be like your competition and work the hundred, thousands of times too!" "Yeah, I guess thats one way to do it but I enjoy the capability of being able to get on 20 and 40 too and I'm not willing to give those two bands up, yet!" says the KID.

"KID, I worked my hundred back when the 80 meter band was full of gentlemen and we all worked together. Is all you have to do is wait for the gentlemen to return to 80 meters at the top of the sunspot cycle when all the animals are back on 20 or become sly and stay up later than they do. Just remember that they put all this metal up and want to use it as much as possible and depending on what type of guy they are they will use for the good of all or they will be DX HOGS! You can't change people and their habits very easily but you can be slyer than the next guy and thats about your only alternative at this point in the cycle." "OK, OLD TIMER" says the KID, "thanks for the advise. I'll see how late I can stay up and just keep trying. My slopers are working good but they just can't compete with those directional arrays. I'll keep you posted and maybe, just maybe, someday I'll get that hundred worked and confirmed on 80 meters, the gentlemen's band!"

EFFECTIVE QSLING by NEADI

How can we get a good return rate on those most wanted QSL cards? Is there any way to cut the cost of QSLing? Are IRC's the way to go? Should I send the guy a US greenstamp? Do managers answer cards via the buro? Should I use a QSL service? These are all questions that need to be analyzed prior to sending out those QSL cards that we want answered.

Although it is expensive even compared to sending a greenstamp the time proven best way to get a super return rate on those wanted QSL's is by providing the recipient with AIR MAIL postage from his country affixed to a self-addressed envelope. This has been proven over the years by a number of DXer's. These foreign stamps are available from: DX STAMP SERVICE, 7661 Polder Parkway, Ontario, N.Y. 14519. You can get a price list by prefix for an SASE. This way gets return rates in the high 90% levels although it is more expensive than sending a green stamp. The second best return rates were with green stamps but one must consider that the recipient has to exchange the green stamp for local funds in order to buy and affix a stamp to your SAE. The third best is the IRC method which is the most costly if you buy the IRC's at the US Postal Service because they are now 80¢ each and most countries require from 2-5 IRC's for return AIR MAIL postage, with the average at 3 IRC's. To buy 3 IRC's it is now \$2.40 and with that kind of investment it is cheaper to go to the DX STAMP SERVICE and get the better return rate for less money. The fourth best method is via a QSL service like NTRQ. This QSL service is fairly good as far as return rate but if you are in a hurry your best bet is to go direct. The fifth is VIA BURO with a 50% or less return on cards sent and a year or two wait.

The price of QSLing has skyrocketed like everything else but at a greater rate. If you are going for DXCC mixed and CW and get close to 300 worked, you are looking at over \$1000. in postage, cards, envelopes and return postage. So the cost is great. If all the operators around the world would follow through and answer the cards received VIA the BURO it would help matters alot with regard to expense but of course it would be slow going. I personally know a number of managers that throw all the VIA BURO cards in the trash because they don't want to hassle boxing them up and sending them to the out-going buro at the APRL. Their explanation to me when I said I was disappointed in them was if the guy couldn't send it direct he probably didn't need it anyway. These guys will go un-named by me but their rational is wrong. The guy who QSL's VIA the BURO probably can't afford to send direct. The average cost for me as of 1986 to send a QSL card out with SAE and return postage is now just under \$2.00. That is considering that I sent a green-stamp. If I were to use one of the other methods it could be more or less. \$2.00 in most countries will easily feed a person for a day. As for IRC's, I feel that they are now out of the question based on the price. The Postal Service is charging 80¢ each for them which equates to 58¢ for handling and the 22¢ surface postage you get when you turn one in to them! You CAN'T WIN at those rates so I have totally given up on IRC's unless I find some fellow DXer that will sell them to me at 40¢, then I will use them but otherwise FORGET IT!

There is much to be considered when QSLing and picking the best route for a good return rate on the ones you send out. If it is a new one and you want it back fairly quickly try affixing air mail postage from the DX's country and notice your return rates will go up drastically! Good luck!

IRC's are available from K6VNX, one of our members, right now for 40¢ each and he only has about 300+ of them left so hurry. You can find his address on the roster in the last issue of SCCCORE!

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IRSA & YURI, VE3BMW DECLARE WAR ON CAL QSO PARTY !

It seems that Yuri, VE3BMW has declared WAR on the California QSO Party (probably the biggest QSO party in the USA). He did this in favor of putting his IRSA contest in opposition to the Scandinavian Contest (the WJAP?). Well, I never heard of the Scandinavian Contest much less participated in it. You would think Yuri would at least be loyal to his north American neighbors but I guess not:

Yuri has now switched his new IRSA contest opposite the CAL QSO Party (CQP) because of some crying from Europe. The CQP is no slouch of a QSO party with top guys making over 1500 - 2000 QSO's. I encourage you to all write to YURI, VE3BMW and let him know of your dis-satisfaction with his choice of weekends for his contest and I also encourage you to participate in the CQP even if you don't normally. NE6I is organizing a California boycott of Yuri's IRSA contest. If you agree with this please let NE6I know and lend your support to his effort in getting YURI to wise up and change the dates for his contest because the CQP will not!!!!

NOTICE: SCCC QGM PINAL CLUB TALLY -----23,584,597 points !!

(below is photo of Dennis, NE6I accepting his SCCC plaque at the January 86 meeting in appreciation for his faithful and motivational service to the club)

