

## Editor's Ramblings

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Well, once again this is going to be a brief issue of *SCCCORE*. So far 1999 has been a combination of good news and bad news for me.

The good news has been that continually improving solar flux has produced conditions that make DX contesting from the West Coast fun once again. The bad news is that my work commitments seem to be at an all-time high, so I have less time to devote to ham radio.

I've been working on additional contest records and high scores for publication on the SCCC web site. Since the CQWW data has been up for over a year, I decided it was time to add the ARRL DX contest. This info should be up shortly and will include records and annual high scores for each section in the ARRL's Southwest Division, as well as for California. I'm a little puzzled as to why the ARRL keeps records for this contest by call area, since most of the single op awards are organized by section, division and major geographical divisions (West Coast). Ideally, I would have completed this project before the 1999 edition of the contest, but you'll now have lots of time to peruse past results to find a category for a future record-setting effort. By the way, feel free to help out by compiling this info for other popular contests — all it takes is some time with the back issues of *QST* or *CQ*. Anyone interested in doing the ARRL 10-Meter Contest?

To help make the task of compiling contest records and high scores somewhat easier, I purchased a number of the *QST*

View CD-ROMs published by the ARRL. By using these electronic versions of *QST*, I had hoped to avoid the onerous task of figuring out where I'd put back issues of *QST*. Somehow, I usually find all of the issues of a given year, except the one issue that I'm looking for! Unfortunately, I've been disappointed in the quality of the scanned images of the contest results. It appears that the resolution of the scanning process was not sufficient to clearly render the small print used to publish the individual score listings, although it is sufficient to read the text of the typical articles. As a result, my dream of replacing my paper copies of *QST* with the CD-ROM versions is on hold.

Based on the score rumors posted on the Internet, SCCCers have had a successful winter. In the ARRL DX CW contest, K6LA appears to have broken the SW Division record with 1,736,868 in high power SOAB, while W6RW lead the West Coast M2 entries with 4,302,012 points. In the SSB version of ARRL DX, KI6IM helped power the V31DX M/S operation to No. 1 with 8,232,573 points, while WA7BNM appears to have set a new W6 and SW Division low power record for SOAB with 1,060,530 points. Conditions were great for the CQWW WPX SSB Contest with N6ED leading the TS category with 4,034,085 points, NE6N (W6EEN) holding the No. 1 West Coast (No. 6 nationally) M/S score with 5,719,791 points, N6MU capturing No. 2 in the U.S. with 1,083,316 points in QRP SOAB, K6LL scoring 4,564,845 points for No. 2 in the U.S. in high power 15m SOSB, and AD6DO managing 1,512,927 points in high power 20m SOSB for No. 2 in the U.S.

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**Next Meeting: Saturday, April 10, 1999**  
**Time: Noon**

**"Under the waterfall"**  
**International DX Convention**  
**Radisson Hotel and Conference Center**  
**Fresno, California**

## SCCC Calendar

### April

9-11 Japan Int. DX Contest, 20-10m  
12 144 MHz Spring Sprint  
20 222 MHz Spring Sprint  
24-25 Florida QSO Party  
28 432 MHz Spring Sprint

### May

1-2 ARI International DX Contest  
8 902/1296/2304 MHz Spring Sprint  
8-9 VOLTA WW RTTY Contest  
8-9 CQ-M International DX Contest  
15-16 50 MHz Spring Sprint  
22-23 Texas QSO Party  
29-30 CQWW WPX Contest, CW

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