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Amateur Radio at the Orange County Fair (1st Place again)



Orange County Fair - June 2011

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To Our Affiliated Clubs

If you have questions regarding your affiliation as an affiliated club with the ARRL, please feel free to contact our Affiliated Club Coordinator, Bill Prats K6ACJ and he can be reached at: k6acj-arrrl@biztek.com

Bill has some great ideas and I know he is willing to share them with your club.

California QSO Party



CQP & improving your operating skills

From an operating point of view, what do Public Service, chasing DX or working contests have in common?

They all require accurate copy of information under stress – whether the stress of the moment, the adrenaline rush of rare DX or contest pile up, you have to accurately copy and relay information.

Entering a contest either casually to give some points or as a serious effort, Contesting provides a great learning experience for information copy “under fire”.

The first weekend of October (October 1st & 2nd 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 are a “big gun” with stacked yagis and 1500 watts, or a “little pistol” with 100 watts to a vertical or a wire antenna, everyone else in the world wants to work YOU to pick up one of the 58 counties in our state.

It's a lot of fun being on the receiving end of a pile up or searching & pouncing for other states and countries.

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 really on the end of a pile up? Plan a “CApedition” to one of the rarer counties in California and the rest of the world will beat a path to your front end!

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

CQP is sponsored by the Northern California Contest Club led by the NCCC “Green” team chaired by Rick “The Rhino” N6RNO as CQP Contest Chairman. A group of NCCC volunteers help with PR, planning county expeditions and processing all the logs to score the contest.

California QSO Party

ADMIT ONE

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

October 1-2, 2011
1600 UTC Oct 1 to 2200 UTC Oct 2



**Grab a CA QSO or County
For That New Certificate!**

LoTW Triple Play
USA Counties Award
Worked All States
Worked All California Counties

Great Prizes & Awards!

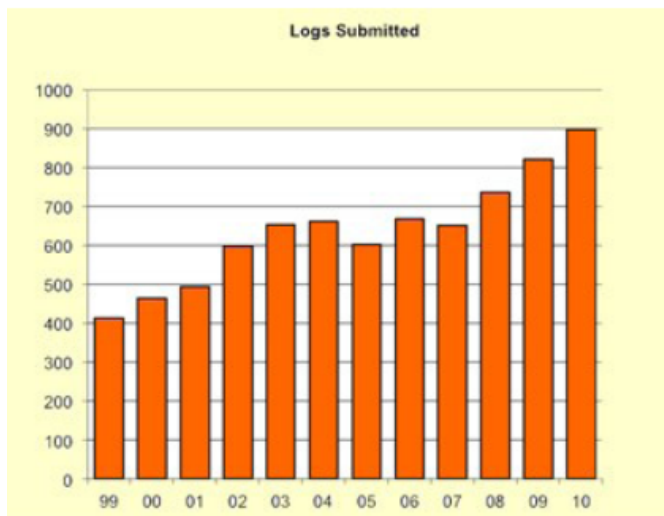
Complete Rules & Info:

www.cqp.org

Northern California Contest Club



Excellence in Amateur Radio Contesting



The last 10 years has seen a great increase in the number of logs submitted from the US, the DX world and (of course!) from California.

Last year we received just over 900 logs and with 2011 being the 45th Anniversary of CQP, we are making a big drive to get well over 1000 logs submitted.

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

Three categories are designed to encourage operation in contests:

- YL award
- Youth (< 18) award

and starting this year, a New California Contester's Award. This category is open to any operator that submits a log with at least 100 QSOs, made using either TriBander, Wire or Vertical antennas AND who have never submitted a log in any contest with more than 100 QSOs.



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!
Stu Phillips – K6TU

2012 INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION



The 2012 IDXC Kick-Off meeting was held on August 13th at Carl and Cathy Gardenias house. It was great to see the old team reassembled and some new additions! Tasks were parsed out and it looks like we will put together another top notch convention. There still have some positions open. If you are just interested in helping out even a little we need people to assist the task leaders. Operate at whatever level you like. If it is a small task that does not require convention time we have the job for you. If it is a major role, throw in your bid. You will have the full support of the committee. These are the best of the best dedicated to seeing the 2012 convention is a crowd pleaser!

Stay tuned on this page for upcoming announcements. Remember to consider the patch contest. The rules are on the next page.

Registration will begin in a few months. Keep an eye out for the preregistration forms and prizes!

Here are a few tidbits you might enjoy. We are looking into running the CW Pile Up Competition again. ST0R might be in the program mix. We will have another boat load of prizes as well as vendors to show off their wares! The shirts this year will be hot! The samples look really good and the color is wonderful (hint: It is not Bruin Blue).

Hopefully with the weak dollar a lot of international visitors will join us. Please consider the trip. We may even get a few members to host you before and after the convention. It will be an experience of a lifetime.

2012 INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION COMPETITION



The IDXC 2012 Patch Design Contest has begun! We want to see those creative juices flowing producing the best patch design ever!

The rules are simple. Have the patch design to me by November or at the Holiday Party. We will present the patches to the membership attending the party and they will vote for the winner.



Please keep the number of colors down to four or less. This reduces complexity and production costs.

The winner receives a free convention registration!

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The next southern California on-foot transmitter hunting session will take place Saturday, October 8, 2011 at Bonelli Regional Park near San Dimas. A ham radio license and knowledge of radio equipment are not required. Experts will be on hand to teach you the basic techniques of on-foot radio direction-finding (RDF). This event is open to kids and grandkids!

If you are a beginner, there will be entry-level two-meter fox transmitters, set by Joe Moell K0OV. For advanced radio-orientees, there will be a 5-fox two-meter course approaching the length of a national championship course, set by Marvin Johnston KE6HTS. An optional 80-meter fox transmitter may also be on the air.

Before the hunt, Marvin will host a session of RDF equipment building for those who have a two-meter hand-held radio or scanner, but don't have any gear for radio direction finding with it. If you register with Marvin ahead of time, he will have kits for measuring-tape yagis and active attenuators. There will be tools and soldering stations for building. If you're not an electronic technician, don't worry because there will be experts to help you. We want you to succeed! Send e-mail to Marvin (marvin@west.net) to pre-register and get more information about equipment. If you already have equipment and just want to hunt, you don't need to pre-register.

The building session starts at 9:30 AM. Please be prompt. The main 5-fox hunt begins about 10:30 AM. Hunters may start the courses at any time until 1 PM. Courses close at 3 PM.

For the advanced 2-meter course, electronic scoring will be used. If you have an "e-stick," be sure to bring it. A \$5 donation is requested for the advanced course to cover expenses related to the use of Los Angeles Orienteering Club's e-punch equipment and maps. The beginner course and the 80-meter transmitter hunt are free of charge and e-punch is not required for them.

A limited amount of radio direction finding gear will be available for loan. If you have receivers, scanners, directional antennas, attenuators, or other equipment suitable for on-foot RDF, be sure to bring it. Make sure all batteries are fresh.

Trails are primitive in some areas of the park, so wear sturdy shoes. All ages are welcome, but young children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Bonelli Regional Park is near Raging Waters, Brackett Field, and Puddingstone Reservoir. From the 57/210 freeways, take the Via Verde exit and go east through the entrance to the park. There is a per-vehicle entry fee. Go approximately 1/4 mile beyond the entrance and turn left into the parking lot for the bike rental stand. Look for the orange-and-white orienteering flag directing you to the starting area.

A map to Bonelli Park is at www.homingin.com

Ham radio talk-in will be on 146.52 MHz simplex.

<h1>The DX Store</h1> <p>Amateur Radio Equipment for DXers A Shack on the belt Free Zone</p>	<p>Website: www.dxstore.com Contact: Jim Shryne N6DHz Email: n6dhz@dxstore.com</p>	<h2>FORD Electronics.com</h2> <p>Website: www.fordelectronics.com 714 521.8080 Email: sales@fordel.com</p>
	<p>Website: www.hamradio.com Email: anaheim@hamradio.com Ph: 1 800.854.6046</p>	
	<p>Website: www.nicadladyonline.com 1 800 906.6423 Email: sales@nicadlady.com</p>	
	<p>Website: www.hiqantenna.com 1 877.373.2776 Email: sales@hiqantennas.com</p>	<h2>Local Companies That Support Amateur Radio In The Orange Section</h2>

Palm Springs Hamfest – January 28, 2012 – More information TBA – This event took place in May 2007 and was a great success. We will be keeping you posted as more information becomes available..

Events coming up in other Sections and areas:

Arizona – **Yuma Hamfest and Emergency Preparedness Show** – Feb 17 & 18, 2012 at the Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 East 32nd Street, Yuma, Arizona – If you want something fun to do and learn more than you think you already know then visit <http://www.yumahamfest.org/>

Arizona – In Arizona you will always find a Hamfest most every month – please visit www.arizona-arrrl.org or go to: <http://www.arca-az.org/arca> the site usually has a list of upcoming hamfests

International DX Convention, Visalia – April 20 – 22 2012 – This will be the 63rd Annual DX Convention. This is a delightful convention where everyone has a great time. Meet new friends and old friends from around the world or from around the corner that you may have talked to on the radio, but never met. If you are new to DXing or contesting, this is the place to be. Visit often <http://www.dxconvention.org>



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