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From the Prez . . .

Rob, WA3IHV

Like clockwork, 6 meters has come alive associated with the summer solstice. The band is most active for the month before and after the actual Summer Solstice (June 21, 2026). Here in SoCal, we have modest openings to the north-west and the Midwest. On the east coast, they have experienced "jaw-dropping" openings to Europe!

Field Day is coming up the weekend of June 27-28. Although we are not participating as a club, try to join one of the local groups (see Field Day Station Locator at arrl.org website). Alternatively, operate from home and support the clubs around the country operating FD.

The BASH is rapidly approaching on July 19, 2026 starting at 1 PM at San Dieguito Park (Area 4). Kindly RSVP to me WA3IHV@gmail.com or SMS (760) 522-8688 so that we can get a headcount for the caterer.

On June 4, a spam email was sent from Rob Reichman, requesting money via Zelle or Venmo. This was a SCAM! The SDDXC will never request monies for payment to vendors. Secondly, the email address of the origin was in Brazil! I was in 3-land visiting family in Philly but not in Brazil, HI HI. Do not respond to these emails and BEWARE!

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73, celebrate the summer solstice, Happy Father's Day

and as always Good DX

Rob, WA3IHV

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SDDXC YouTube Channel

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Board Meeting Minutes

Bob, W6ACU



SDDXC Board Meeting June 8th 2026

The meeting was called to order by our President, Rob Reichman, WA3IHV at 7:00 PM

All members were in attendance except Steve Handrop.

501(c)(3) -Rob briefed us on the latest developments regarding our filings to obtain the 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. Papers have been refiled as we better know the requirements and we are now awaiting a response. Everything seems to take more time than expected!

BASH – Everything is set for Sunday July 19th at San Dieguito Park. RSVPs have been slow coming in and we will be sending more announcements. Our new 80th Anniversary Patches will be distributed to attendees!

Club Historian – Rob is planning to personally discuss this position with several potential candidates.

Call Sign License Renewals – Thanks to a macro program that Bud Hennessy wrote, our internal membership spreadsheet is now tracking the expiring licenses/call signs of members. This month Bob L contacted three members as a courtesy to remind them.

Treasurers Report – Reported separately in the bulletin. The Board authorized our Treasurer to go back to Zoom and take out a one year subscription to Zoom. Jim reported that four people are not current in their dues and arrangements are being made to individually contact them based upon their circumstances.

Web Site – Jim pointed out that the membership list and some of the wording of the site has not been recently updated. Bob L agreed to take care of that.

The meeting was closed about 8:00 PM.

Bob, W6ACU



Secretary's Report

Bob, W6ACU



SDDXC Meeting Minutes May 2026

The May meeting was brought to order at 6:30 PM at Elijah's Restaurant by our President, Rob Reichman, WA3IHV.

There were fourteen people in attendance and six more on line.

The guest speaker was Jason Goldsberry (CE3/N5NU) presenting on the fusion of POTA (Parks on the Air) and contesting. Jason shared his extensive experience operating portable in Chile. He covered 14 key points for successful portable operations including equipment selection, power sources, antenna choices, and logistics planning. He detailed his recent ARRL sideband contest performance, making over 750 QSOs on 10 meters from a single park location using a homebrew four-element OWA yagi antenna. The presentation included practical insights about operating from remote locations, power management challenges, and propagation conditions unique to Chile.

Following the main presentation, club members discussed housekeeping items including the incorporation amendment to change from a non-profit mutual benefit corporation to a public benefit corporation, and upcoming events including Field Day and a World Cup special event station operation.

The meeting ended about 8:00 PM.

A recording of the May 2026 meeting can be found on our YouTube Channel at:

[May 2026 Meeting of the San Diego DX Club with presentation by CE3/N5NU backpack operation in Chile](#)

Bob, W6ACU



SDDXC SUMMER BASH

**WHERE: SAN DIEGUITO PARK
1628 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE
DEL MAR, PARKING AVAILABLE
PICNIC AREA #4**

WHEN: SUNDAY JULY 19, 2026 – 1:00PM

COST: FREE



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BBQ BONELESS CHICKEN
COLESLAW, POTATO SALAD
CORN ON THE COB
CORN BREAD
CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES
BROWNIES
SOFT DRINKS, WATER
BYOB BEER/WINE**

PARKING: \$5/CAR FOR ALL DAY

(FREE Senior parking if over 62)

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SDDXC Treasurer's Report

Jim, K6SMT



May 2026 REPORT FIGURES (Full Month)

BEGINNING BALANCE 4-30-2026: \$3,504.26

INCOME:

\$275.00 (Refund from IRS Form 1023-EZ first submittal)

\$0.01 (US Bank Interest)

EXPENSES:

\$200.00 (ARRL Insurance Renewal)

CASH BALANCE 5-31-2026: \$3,579.27

Jim, K6SMT

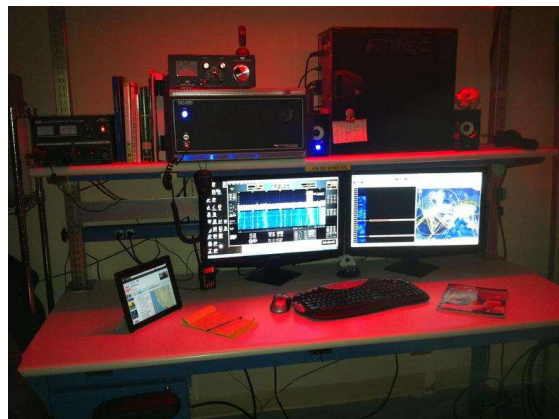
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<https://www.sddxc.org/docs/newslist/>

SDDXC Meeting June 24, 2026 Meeting Program

Bud, AE6BH



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SDDXC Contest Results

John, K6AM



2025 ARRL SWEEPSTAKES CW CONTEST

CLASS	CALL	SCORE	QSO'S	MLTS	FINISH
SOU - HP	N5ZO	184,280	1,084	85	#1 SW DIV, #2 US/VE
SO - HP	K6AR	156,704	944	83	#2 SW DIV
MS - LP	<u>NX6T</u> @WA6TQT (ops K4RB K6PO N6CY N6KI WM6Y WQ6X)	147,336	877	84	#1 US/VE
SO - LP	N7CW	117,936	702	84	#2 SW DIV
SO - LP	AI6O/0	70,240	439	80	#1 MW DIV
SOU - HP	NC6K/0	50,086	317	79	#4 RM DIV
SO - HP	NE6I	26,004	197	66	#6 SW DIV
SO - HP	K6NA	16,560	138	60	#7 SW DIV
SO - HP	W6JBR	2,320	40	29	

2025 CQ WORLDWIDE CW DX CONTEST

CLASS	CALL	SCORE	QSO'S	MULTS	FINISH
MS - HP	N1DE (ops K6PO KI6RRN KY7M N7NR WM6Y)	6,915,480	3,304	744	#5 ZONE 5
SO - HP (10)	CW5W (N5ZO)	2,021,172	4,065	172	#2 WORLD #1 ZONE 13
SO - HP	N7CW	1,947,135	1,499	479	#2 ZONE 3
SA - HP	N6CW	1,035,984	853	452	
SO - HP	K6NA	909,312	863	384	#6 ZONE 3
SO - HP (15)	W6YA	437,270	1,069	146	#3 ZONE 3
SA - HP	N6KI	228,833	316	293	
SA - HP	K6ZH	97,344	253	144	
SA - HP	W6JBR	35,600	131	100	

John, K6AM

From the Editor

Bob, K9RHY



The Long Wait: *Why the DXCC List Has Gone Quiet*



For many of us, the history of DXing can almost be told through the steady rise of the ARRL DXCC entity count. In the early decades, the list grew dramatically as colonies became nations, borders shifted, and isolated territories gained political recognition. The graph of active entities reads almost like a geopolitical history lesson. But during the last decade, something unusual has happened: the line has nearly stopped moving.

The current total has essentially flatlined around 340 active entities. No exciting additions. No major deletions. No sudden appearance of a rare new prefix sending the DX world into frenzy. For DXers who grew up during eras when new entities appeared every few years, the silence feels strange — and, frankly, a little boring.

So what happened?

The answer lies in the fact that the “easy” entities are already gone.

During the twentieth century, the DXCC program benefited from enormous geopolitical instability. Colonial empires dissolved. African nations gained independence. The Soviet Union fractured. Yugoslavia split apart. Pacific islands changed administrative status. Each political earthquake created opportunities for new DXCC entities.

The period from roughly 1960 through the early 1990s was a golden age for entity growth. Entire blocks of countries emerged onto the air almost overnight. Operators who lived through the breakup of the USSR or Yugoslavia remember the excitement vividly. Suddenly there were new prefixes, new QSL routes, and new “most wanted” entities appearing everywhere.

But history eventually calmed down.

Today, the world map is comparatively stable. International borders are more rigid, colonial possessions are fewer, and the political appetite for self-determination movements has diminished in many regions. The modern international system strongly favors preserving existing borders rather than creating new sovereign states.

That matters because the DXCC rules are intentionally conservative. ARRL does not create entities simply because an island is remote or culturally unique. There must be a clear legal or political basis. The program depends on objective criteria, not merely “interesting places.”

In practice, this means new entities usually require one of four things:

- A new internationally recognized country
- A territory separated politically from its parent nation
- A significant change in sovereignty

A qualifying geographic separation under DXCC rules

Those events have become rare.

The modern world also contains fewer “administrative surprises.” Decades ago, obscure territorial arrangements sometimes went unnoticed until someone realized they qualified under DXCC criteria. Today, satellite imagery, instant communications, online databases, and highly informed DX committees mean virtually every possible qualifying territory has already been examined.

In other words, there are few hidden gems left.

Another reason for stagnation is that governments themselves are less interested in maintaining tiny overseas territories as distinct political units. In many cases, the trend has gone the opposite direction: consolidation and administrative simplification. From a DXer's perspective, this is deeply unfortunate. From a bureaucrat's perspective, it is efficient governance.

There is also the uncomfortable reality that many potential future entities would likely emerge only through war, separatist conflict, or political collapse. While DXers enjoy the excitement of a "new one," nobody genuinely wishes for geopolitical chaos simply to create another slot on the DXCC Honor Roll.

Ironically, some of the most likely future additions would come from places most governments are actively trying to prevent from becoming independent.

So where could future entities realistically come from?

A few possibilities are occasionally discussed around the DX community:

1. Territories Seeking Greater Independence

Places such as New Caledonia, Greenland, or various island dependencies periodically discuss expanded autonomy or independence. If sovereignty changed significantly, DXCC implications could follow.

2. Political Breakups

While less common today, nations can still fracture. Regions with strong separatist movements occasionally resurface in international headlines. However, most such movements face enormous political resistance.

3. Antarctic or Remote Territory Changes

Though unlikely, changes in treaty structures or governance arrangements involving remote territories could someday affect eligibility.

4. ARRL Rule Changes

This may actually be the most realistic path.

Some DXers believe the ARRL could eventually modernize the entity criteria themselves. There are arguments that certain remote island groups, autonomous regions, or geographically isolated territories deserve separate status even without full political independence.

But this is controversial.

The ARRL has historically resisted "inflation" of the DXCC list because credibility matters. If entities become too easy to create, the prestige of DXCC could weaken. The organization wants the list to remain meaningful and objective rather than arbitrary.

Still, pressure may slowly build.

Why?

Because DXing itself is changing.

Younger operators often approach amateur radio differently than earlier generations. Many are more interested in portable operations, digital modes, POTA, SOTA, contesting, or technical experimentation than simply accumulating countries. Meanwhile, older DXers who spent decades chasing new entities increasingly find themselves staring at a static Honor Roll landscape.

The absence of new entities changes the emotional rhythm of DXing. Part of the magic historically came from unpredictability — the idea that somewhere, somehow, a completely new country might suddenly appear on the air.

That sense of discovery has diminished.

Yet DXing is unlikely to die from DXCC stagnation. In many ways, the challenge has simply evolved. Rare DXpeditions remain incredibly difficult. Propagation continues to surprise us. Technology changes operating strategies. FT8 has revolutionized access to weak-signal paths. Solar Cycle 25 has reopened bands many operators thought were fading away forever.

And perhaps most importantly, DXing has never really been only about the numbers.

The best operators understand that the real reward is still the thrill of hearing a weak signal emerge from noise, the patience of mastering propagation, and the connection with distant people and places through radio alone.

Still, it would be nice to get a new one once in a while.



Bob, K9RHY

PRESS RELEASE

Welcome and come learn more about Ham Radio!

Poway Amateur Radio Society (PARS) will be demonstrating Field Day on June 27-28 starting at 11:00 AM at the Kohl's parking lot near In N Hamburgers at the corner of Scripps Poway Parkway and Community. Just look for the signs and the antennas.

Field Day is ham radio's open house as well as the most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. Hams throughout North America will set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our communities and our nation.

More than 40,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills all in a single event. Field Day has been an annual event since 1933, and remains the most popular event in ham radio.

See you between Kohl's and In-N-Out Hamburgers on June 27nd. Introduce yourself to one of the club members and we'll show you around the site.

For more information contact Dave Haessig at Poway_Hams@GoogleGroups.com or DHaessig@gotoevo.com.

Sincerely,

Gayle Olson-Binder K6GO, Publicity Chair



SDDXC Zoom Meeting Login

San Diego DX Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: San Diego DX Club's Personal Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2504054238?pwd=2HMK4xi2Xcl7GHeQbxnjYsHhcAEfwa.1>

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Andamans VU4 Update

Dear All,

I am writing to share details regarding my upcoming preparatory trip for the VU4 DXpedition and the 49th SEANET Convention in Port Blair. This convention, held from December 18th to 20th, marks the first time in SEANET history that the event will take place there. The full DXpedition is scheduled for December 17th to 30th.

During my preparatory trip from July 22nd to July 27th, 2026, I will be operating under the special callsign VU4R. I will also be participating in the RSGB IOTA Contest from Port Blair. This single-operator operation aims to provide chasers with an ATNO (All Time New One), primarily using SSB on the 40M through 10M bands. My setup will include an Icom 7300, a 400-watt amplifier, and a vertical antenna.

For more information and further updates, please visit <https://www.dxindia.in/VU4R/>.

Club Log DX Report for May, 2026

Most active bands

Band	QSOs	% DX	Graph
160M	706	9.21	
80M	16,093	15.61	
60M	4,657	19.45	
40M	126,461	15.55	
30M	53,449	43.81	
20M	245,732	42.78	
17M	112,115	61.31	
15M	148,432	62.77	
12M	19,257	53.91	
10M	41,344	40.92	
6M	96,473	13.63	

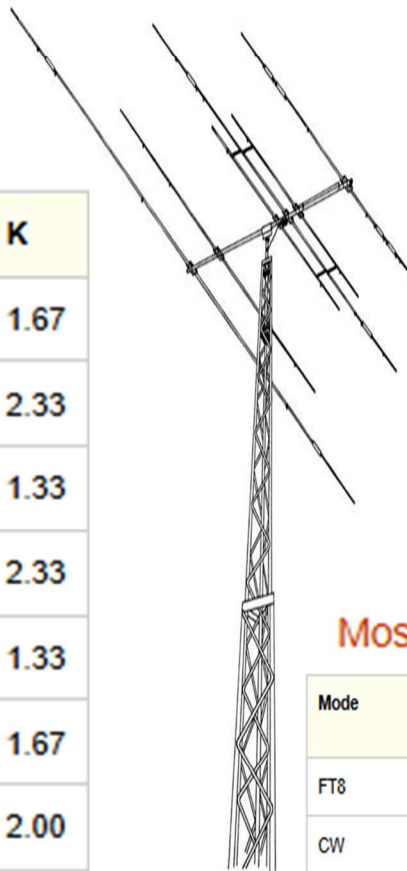
Rank	Prefix	Entity Name
1.	P5	DPRK (NORTH KOREA)
2.	BS7H	SCARBOROUGH REEF
3.	CE0X	SAN FELIX ISLANDS
4.	BV9P	PRATAS ISLAND
5.	KH7K	KURE ISLAND
6.	KH3	JOHNSTON ISLAND
7.	FT/G	GLORIOSO ISLAND
8.	3Y/P	PETER 1 ISLAND
9.	FT5/X	KERGUELEN ISLAND
10.	YV0	AVES ISLAND
11.	3Y/B	BOUVET ISLAND
12.	ZS8	PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS

Active expeditions

Callsign	DXCC	Last QSO	# QSOs
FS/K9EL	SAINT MARTIN	2026-06-20 14:27	64,765
VP2MAA	MONTSERRAT	2026-06-20 14:27	153,865
3G0YM	EASTER ISLAND	2026-06-20 13:00	314
3D2USU	FIJI ISLANDS	2026-06-14 06:35	327,892
VJ2L	LORD HOWE ISLAND	2026-06-13 22:57	24,579
ZL7IO	CHATHAM ISLAND	2026-06-03 11:04	71,091
T31TTT	CENTRAL KIRIBATI	2026-06-03 07:23	183,624
RI1ANC	ANTARCTICA	2026-05-09 07:08	64,669
TX9W	MARQUESAS ISLANDS	2026-04-30 17:22	26,679
Z66SP	REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO	2026-04-28 20:35	24,457
3X3A	GUINEA	2026-04-26 07:07	40,641

Solar activity

Date	SFI	A	K
2026-06-20	111	7	1.67
2026-06-19	111	6	2.33
2026-06-18	111	6	1.33
2026-06-17	113	6	2.33
2026-06-16	117	6	1.33
2026-06-15	128	6	1.67
2026-06-14	122	13	2.00

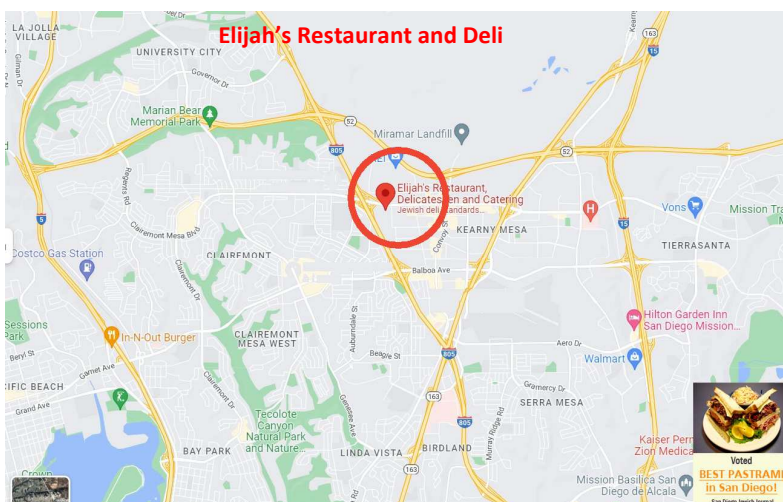
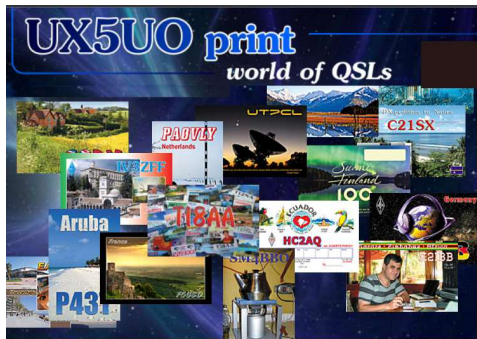


Most active modes

Mode	% Use	QSOs	Graph
FT8	73.65	650,458	
CW	9.24	81,598	
SSB	9.15	80,781	
FT4	6.49	57,359	

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