

# THE NUGGET



## The Newsletter of the Mother Lode DX/Contest Club

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### 2019 Dues Reminder

Please pay your dues for 2019. Dues are \$20.00 individual/\$30.00 family and may be paid via PayPal to [MotherLodeClub@gmail.com](mailto:MotherLodeClub@gmail.com). Use the Friends and Family option.

Cash or Check - Give to a club officer at a meeting, or mail to Tyler Laursen K6TLR, 3141 Rushall Ct, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

### From the President NJ6G

This is my last letter as President of the club. I want to thank all of you who provided your support to the club, and to me, over the past few years. When I raised my hand in Nov 2015 to volunteer as VP I had no idea that I would be thrust into the President's role only 9 months later, in August 2016.

Since then we've added many new members, switched the general and board reflectors to a new platform, started an NCAL-focused DX spotting reflector, won the ARRL November Sweepstakes two more times, navigated the CQP rules changes to hopefully come out a category winner this year, added an outgoing

bureau QSL card benefit to our members, established a Facebook presence, started holding raffles on occasion to bolster our funds, and worked closely with NCCC to provide mutual support in our common goals. For the past couple of years we've also set up information tables at Visalia and Pacificon to get the word out about our club. Those are free, and while they may not draw in many new members it does help get our name out there and promotes contesting. You'd be surprised at how many hams there are who don't know what

### Next Meeting

Next meeting is Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
11:30 AM – Country Café in Lockeford  
18700 N Hwy 88 next to Chevron  
Final meeting of the year! Officer elections, raffle, and ARRL November Sweepstakes discussion.

*We are always on the lookout for new places to hold our meetings, or for volunteers to help make arrangements. Please contact the Activities Chair, Vina K6VNA if you can help out! [vina@sign-tek.com](mailto:vina@sign-tek.com)*

DXing or contesting is all about. Sit at the table for a while and you'll see what I mean.

On the CQP front, I don't have a lot to report. We decided in September that we would enter the large club category, and found out later that SCCC would be entering the medium club category. By all appearances it looks as if we would have lost to them again if we had both entered as medium, they just have the ability to rack up major points through their contest stations and location. We don't yet know what the result would have been if we both entered the large category. Since we were probably uncontested in our category this year (as was NCCC it seems), we both should come away with victories of a sort. The one really positive thing I can say about this is that every one of your points was counted. From the littlest pistol to the biggest gun you all contributed and your points can be seen in that total score when it's announced. I can't thank all of you enough for your support, whether it's butt in chair time at your home QTH, helping to set up county expedition stations, or elmering newer contesters.

## **New Members**

Please welcome the following new members!

**Cecil Rendon – KK6QXQ**

Stockton, CA

**Gayle Rendon – KK6RAO**

Stockton, CA

**Georgia Thompson – KM6VDQ**

Stockton, CA

There are a couple of things that I wanted to see happen that didn't during my tenure, and hopefully these can be looked at by the next board. First, I'd like to see us get some club t-shirts. Second, we should take a look at our club website to see if we can incorporate the roster to make it easier for members to check their dues status, or for prospective members to join.

Next up is the ARRL November Sweepstakes, beginning with the CW portion this weekend (Nov 3-4) and concluding with SSB a couple of weeks later. Bob Hess W1RH will be keeping track of our log submissions, so please run your points past him so we can stay under the 50 log combined limit for our category. Good luck!

The last meeting of the year will be held on November 10th beginning at 11:30 AM at the Country Cafe in Lockeford, 18700 N Hwy 88 next to the Chevron station. Unlike previous meetings at this restaurant, we will have the entire breakfast and lunch menu available to us. I am requesting RSVPs though so we can give them a good idea of how many to expect. We will be holding a raffle at the end of the meeting, please dig through your cabinets and boxes for anything you'd like to donate. It doesn't have to be ham gear. This is a major fundraiser for us for our awards meeting in January. So far the donated prizes include a Baofeng HT, ARRL calendars, an oscilloscope, a vehicle backup camera, a straight key, an MLDXCC clock, and a number of other items. See you there!

73, Dennis NJ6G

## **From the VP NC6R**

Did you get an opportunity to participate in the "CQ WW DX" contest? I wasn't able to put in the amount of time I have in the past, but was still rewarded with two (2) ATNO. Both 7Q6M (Malawi) and Z23MD (Zimbabwe) are now in the log. Another treat was working Reunion Island during the contest.

For Cal QSO we were presented with a great opportunity to try out a new operating category - Multi/Single and running the MLDXCC club call, K6AO. This effort consisted of MLDXCC members Doug (WE6Z), Mike (KI6MTV) and me (NC6R) running from my QTH. Although none of us had done a Multi-Single before, we thought "what the heck, why not". Mike (KI6MTV) had never operated in a contest before, but with some coaching by Doug and I, he was soon working and logging contacts like a pro. After it was all over and the smoke had cleared (literally - blew up an amp), we wound up with 1,524 Q's in the log. The 160 "L" built just the evening before worked out well. Although lacking the optimal number of ground wires, it allowing us to gain a few additional multipliers we'd not otherwise had. Also, a big shout out to my wife Sue (K6SZQ) for all the good food! All in all, a lot of fun.

I reported in a prior newsletter that I'd purchased a receive loop from W6LVP. Once again it proved to be a valuable asset to the station. During Cal QSO we were able to use it with great results on 80 & 160 meters. You can't get them in the log if you can't hear them!

Worked any good DX lately? The VP6D has been very active and workable. I've seen postings

from many of our members of their successful contacts with them on many bands and modes.

How's your DX Marathon numbers looking? Remember even though you've worked a DXCC country before, they count as "brand new" again every year for the CQ DX Marathon. Also for those of you using the FT8 mode, those contacts count in your Marathon totals as well.

I like to urge each one of you to become involved in MLDXCC by attending meetings, submitting your DX contacts to Club Log, participating in the CQ Marathon and by contributing your contest scores. Please list your submission under the name "Mother Lode DX Contest Club". MLDXCC is a DX & Contest Club and with your support we can continue to flourish as an award winner.

Hope to see you at the upcoming meeting.

73 and Good DX,

Steve / NC6R

## **Sept 23 Meeting Minutes**

General Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2018

Mountain Mike's Pizza, Martell

Meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Dennis Moore, NJ6G. 15 members and 1 guest were in attendance.

We went around the room and each member introduced themselves.

Ken Anderson, K6RA moved to accept the minutes of the September meeting as published in the October newsletter. Chuck Tift, W6RD

seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Ken Anderson, K6RA moved to accept the Treasurer's report as published in the October newsletter. Bill Ress, N6GHZ seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The regular dues reminder was given.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee - Dennis reported that

### **Dits and Dahs**

Tom K5RC reports that W7RN, WK6I op, won North America in the 2017 JARTS RTTY Contest, SOHP. Way to go Jeff WK6I!

Dennis NJ6G picked up a KPA100 kit for his Elecraft K2/10, sounds like a good project to work on over the winter.

New Challenge counters at N6JV: LY on 6 meter EME, SV9, EA6, OX AND YJ on 160 and SV5 on 40 meters. Total on 160: 202.

*Do you have something you'd like to see here in Dits and Dahs? License upgrade? Call sign change? New equipment? Send it to the editor!*

he is the only member of this committee right now. He took a look at the roster and found 26 inactive members, which need to be reviewed.

Awards Committee - Rich Cutler, WC6H agreed to serve again as committee chair, and Dennis announced that Vina Moore, K6VNA will also serve on the committee. Awards are scheduled to be given out at the January meeting.

Old Business:

Dennis reported that he and Vina will be at Pacificon October 20th - 22nd, and that we will have a membership table set up there. He encouraged those who might attend to come and spend a little time at the table.

Dennis reported that it appears as though we will win the Large Club category for the recent CQP contest; Southern California Contest Club (SCCC) entered the Medium Club category, which they will most likely win. Dennis reminded members that they have until 10/22 to submit the logs, and requested that members also add their scores at 3830scores.com in order for us to get an idea of the participation by our members.

New Business:

Everyone was reminded that ARRL November Sweepstakes is coming up - November 3rd for the CW portion and November 17th for the SSB portion. We can submit 50 logs maximum between the two portions. Bob Hess, W1RH volunteered to serve as log flogger.

Officer Nominations were opened for the upcoming year. Those nominated were:

- President - Steve Allred, NC6R nominated by Bob Hess, W1RH
- Vice President - Bob Hess, W1RH nominated by Steve Allred, NC6R
- Secretary - Sue Allred, K6SZQ nominated by Bob Hess, W1RH
- Treasurer - Tyler Laursen, K6TLR nominated by Bob Hess, W1RH
- Director -
- John Kozusko, WD6EIW nominated by Dennis Moore, NJ6G
- Chuck Tift, W6RD nominated by Bill Ress, N6GHZ

- Jim Siefertling, WB6BET nominated by Dennis Moore, NJ6G
- Rick Casey, W6RKC nominated by Steve Allred, NC6R
- Doug Murray, N6BU nominated by Steve Allred, NC6R
- Dennis Moore, NJ6G nominated by Bob Hess, W1RH

Steve Allred, NC6R moved to close the nominations; motion died for lack of a second.

Dennis mentioned that we are also looking for a Nugget Editor; many gave Dennis kudos on the newsletter and encouraged him to consider continuing on as Nugget Editor.

#### Recent club/member awards and DX bragging

Bob Hess, W1RH announced that he had finally gotten the cards checked to be awarded 5 Band DXCC.

Chuck Tift, W6RD proudly announced that he finally got "The Monk" (Mount Athos).

Steve Allred, NC6R announced that finally got the elusive Zone 34 and is in progress getting WAZ checked. He mentioned that the link in the newsletter to the ARRL certificates revealed to him that he had 3 new certificates.

Jim and Emelia Sierferling commented that they too used the link and found 32 new certificates!

Dennis Moore, NJ6G made cw contact with ZD9 - Tristan De Cunha.

#### Member Reports on Recent Contests/Events:

Norm Wilson, N6JV announced that he did very well in the CQ WW RTTY contest, possibly placing # 1 for all of California.

Steve Allred, NC6R announced the following contest results:

ARRL DX Contest - Single Op, HP Phone - 1st SV Section, 2nd Pacific Division

2017 Sweepstakes - Single Op, HP Phone - 1st SV Section, 8th Pacific Division

10 meter Contest - Single Op, Phone Only, HP - 1st SV Section, 8th US

#### Member Reports on New Equipment:

Rich Cutler, WC6H just obtained a Yaesu FTDX5000.

#### New Member Applications

The following were proposed as new members and approved by the membership:

KK6QXQ - Cecil Rendon

KK6RAO - Gayle Rendon

KM6VDQ - Georgia Thompson

#### Upcoming Events:

Makrothen RTTY - Exchange is grid square - October 13 - 14. This is a NCCC Focus Contest

Pacificon - October 20th - 22nd in San Ramon

CQ WW SSB DX - October 27th - 28th

ARRL November Sweepstakes - CW - November 3rd - 4th

#### DX News:

VP6D Ducie Island will be on the air starting next weekend.

Refer to NG3K.com for current DX operations

#### Next Meeting:

Will be held November 10th at the Country Cafe in Lockford. We will be having elections and a raffle.

Steve Allred, NC6R moved to adjourn the meeting, and Bill Riss, N6GHZ seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Bob Hess, W1RH did a presentation on the K6T CQP County Expedition to Tehema County.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Allred, K6SZQ - Secretary

**From the Treasurer K6TLR**

MLDXCC - October  
2018  
Treasurer's Report

Oct 1 Balance		2108.54
Income:	Dues – KI6YYT, WB6BET	30
	Dues – AE6Y	20
	Dues – K7QDX	40
Expense:	CQP Plaque Sponsor	-60
Oct 29 Balance		2138.54.54

Tyler Laursen  
K6TLR  
MLDXCC Treasurer

**Paying Dues:**

The Dues period runs from Jan 1 to Dec 31. This is a change from last year. If you paid dues through 6/30/2018, those dues have been extended through the end of this year.

Beginning Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, dues are \$20.00 individual, \$30.00 family

Paypal – Send to:MotherLodeClub@gmail.com. Use the Friends and Family option.

Cash or Check - Given to a club officer at a meeting. Or mail to K6TLR, 3141 Rushall Ct, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**VHF Contest Win!**

Submitted by John Lee K6YK

John K6YK and Dave N6LHL took 1<sup>st</sup> Place Sacramento Valley Section and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Pacific Division for their efforts in the 2018 June VHF Contest. Outstanding!



**November Raffle**

We will be conducting a raffle at the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, please bring something for the table to help support the club!

## **W6SR On the Move**

Submitted by Rick Samoian W6SR

We moved into our new home on October 12th. We had to move twice in five weeks, waiting until the new place was vacant. Yuck!

Lots of stuff still in boxes, and Karen is having some remodeling done. So everything is still a mess, the painters here now. I have been working in the garage trying to set-up a work bench and clear-out boxes so we have room to park more than just the Corvette inside. I still have a lot of digging-around before I find all my radio stuff.

This place is located in 4 Seasons El Dorado Hills, a 55+ community with restrictions, but I'll figure-out a way to get OTA. C U all at the November meeting.

## **WE6Z Pacificon Report**

Submitted by Doug Phillips WE6Z

Mike KI6MTV, Ed KI6R, and I went down to Pacificon on Sunday. We got to the swap bright and early. Lots of cool radio gear was there. It was fun stopping by and seeing Norm N6JV's mobile tube display. I picked up a Johnson Kilowatt Matchbox, a couple rotors, some L network matching components, door knob capacitors, and a stepper motor. Lots of fun was had. It was great to see a bunch of MLDXCC members there.

The highlight of the show was at the Elecraft booth, where WA6HHQ demonstrated the K3/0 to me by making a contact with VP6D on 20 meters.

Now that I have the components to build a matching network, I am hoping to have my 160 meter vertical completed in a month or so.

## **NJ6G Pacificon Report**

Submitted by Dennis Moore NJ6G

Vina K6VNA and I arrived Thursday night so we could get a parking spot and didn't move the truck until Saturday night. Apparently a wise move because all weekend I was hearing from folks who had to park at Target.

Friday was spent killing time until the main vendor halls opened at 3:00 PM. I didn't really see anything of interest in the antenna forum so didn't participate. At 3:01 I was standing in line at the Elecraft booth, 5<sup>th</sup> in line to get the new AX1 antenna for my KX3. I had spoken to Eric WA6HHQ a bit before and he said they were only bringing 20. They sold out fast. I was hoping that Yaesu would have their new FT-101 on display but no luck. Rep said to expect it for sale in January, and it is designed to fill the gap between the FT-3000 and FT-5000. On the VHF side they had their new FT-4 HTs on display. These are designed as their entry-level HT to compete with the Baofengs (although no grey area regarding legality ☺). The dual-band FT-4XR runs about 100 bucks, which coincidentally was the amount of the Yaesu gift certificate I won in the raffle. New HT on the desk!

I also picked up a Bioenno 1215 battery and a Powerwerx battery box, then got a call from the raffle group that I had won a grand prize. Turned out to be a 125W solar panel from Bioenno. How fortunate that I had something to use it with! On a funny side note regarding raffle grand prizes, I saw that Elecraft employee Scott AF6RT won an Elecraft RF signal generator. It was my weekend for prizes, as I also picked up two MFJ speakers and a PSK31 book, while Vina won a nice necklace from Premier Designs Jewelry in the last chance drawings at the end of the show. Vina bought me a couple of

accessories for my Buddipole, a rotor and the 80m coil. Can't wait to give those a try.

In the swap meet, I ended up with some large coils that I'm going to experiment with on my 43' vertical to see how well they work on 160M, and I got a box of element mounting plates I can use on homebrew dipoles made from fishing rods.

Our MLDXCC information table was fun, set up right between NCCC and NCDXC. Lots of people came by to chat and learn about contesting, and it allowed a nice place to hang out and eavesdrop on antenna issues, toroid discussions, contesting software, you name it.

One thing I was dreading was the overpriced hotel food, but it turns out that the restaurant has very reasonable breakfast, lunch, and dinner buffets. We did venture out Thursday night and Saturday night for a little variety but other than that we were perfectly satisfied with what the hotel had to offer.

## **Martell Meeting**

Submitted by Norm N6JV



## **Club Log Standings**

### **Overall**

1	N6JV	Norm Wilson	255
2	K6YK	John Lee	212
3	NJ6G	Dennis Moore	189

### **CW**

1	N6JV	Norm Wilson	205
2	K6YK	John Lee	203
3	NA6O	Gary Johnson	133

### **Phone**

1	NC6R	Steve Allred	167
2	NJ6G	Dennis Moore	120
3	K6YK	John Lee	119

### **Data**

1	K7QDX	Michael Steiner	166
2	N6JV	Norm Wilson	141
3	NJ6G	Dennis Moore	129

*Club Log Standings are based on worked entities during the calendar year.*

## **Tube of the Month N6JV**

### **3-500Z**

In the 1950s, hams were starting to have available new equipment made for the amateur market. Military surplus gear was still popular, but SSB was creeping into the bands and eventually replaced AM altogether. New tubes that would perform better than the old triodes were being developed for the newly developed ham amplifiers like the Heath SB-220 and the Drake L4B. The 3-500Z was small and could be mounted in a smaller package than earlier tubes. They were zero bias, and with a



dissipation of 500 watts, were ideal for amplifiers designed for an input of 1000 watts. Cooling of these amplifiers was less than ideal and the power supply was near maximum capacity, but the tubes could be pushed a bit if the operator's conscience wasn't burdened when stretching the FCC rules. The SB-220 would put out 1200 watts, but not for long and

duty cycle is considered. They get very hot on "key down" applications like RTTY or JT65A. Tubes sockets were designed to apply maximum pressurized air to the base seals; otherwise the solder will melt out of the filament pins.

The 3-500Z was made by several manufacturers including Amperex and several companies in China.



**3500Z**

the aftermarket in replacement transformers was brisk among the contesters and DXers.

The 3-500Z has a mu of about 130 and can be used at full input to 110 MHz. If adequate pressurized cooling is provided, a pair of 3-500Zs can be pushed to over 1500 watts output if the



**AX3500Z**

Visit the museum at [N6JV.com](http://N6JV.com)

### **MLDXCC Focus Contests**

The following lists all contests in which MLDXCC would appreciate your efforts.

ARRL DX Phone\*  
ARRL DX CW\*  
ARRL 10M\*  
ARRL 160M\*  
ARRL November Sweepstakes  
California QSO Party

\*Proposed and approved at the November 12, 2016 MLDXCC general meeting.

Northern California Contest Club (NCCC) announced their focus contests at their August 2018 meeting. This list can be found in the Aug 2018 NCCC newsletter.

ARRL RTTY RU  
CQ WPX RTTY  
CQ WPX SSB  
CQ WPX CW

### **MLDXCC Website update**

Norm, N6JV would like to update the "member's stations" section of our website. Many of the pics are old and outdated, and many of us have moved. So please send Norm a photo of your smiley face at your station, as well a photo of your antenna system. Let's get our website current.

### **ARRL Contesting Certificates**

If you have participated in ARRL Contests by submitting your log, enter your call sign and see your available certificates. You can view and download them. The certificates show where you placed in the contest.

<http://contests.arrl.org/certificates.php>

### **MLDXCC – Outgoing ARRL Bureau**

The Mother Lode DX/Contest Club will provide Outgoing QSL Bureau services to current paid club members. The policy is as follows:

The club will cover packaging, shipping, and the \$7.00 ARRL fee. Members will be responsible for the \$1.15 per ounce fee, payable to the club. A scale will be provided at the designated meetings to weigh the cards.

Twice per year, at the March and October meetings, members may bring their outgoing cards (or have delivered by another club member) to the meeting for collection and collating.

All regulations set forth by the ARRL must be met, including:

- Members must be ARRL members to use outgoing bureau.
- Must provide proof of membership (QST mailing label, ARRL membership card)
- Cards need to be sorted according to ARRL requirements when brought to club.

The after-meeting program at those meetings would be dedicated to weighing, merging the cards, and making sure the paperwork is in order.

For more information regarding the ARRL Outgoing Bureau, please visit <http://www.arrl.org/outgoing-qsl-service>

### **ARRL Awards Checkers**

Ken Anderson, K6TA  
(DXCC, WAS, VUCC, 160M)

Rick Samoian, W6SR  
(DXCC, WAS, VUCC, 160M)

Dennis King, N6KD  
(WAS, VUCC)

## **The NOAA Solar Update**

Click the link below to display the latest NOAA solar predictions.

<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/products/weekly-highlights-and-27-day-forecast>

## **UPCOMING Events**

ARRL November SS CW – Nov 3-4

MLDXCC Monthly Meeting – Nov 10

NCCC November Meeting – Nov 10

ARRL November SS SSB – Nov 17-18

CQ WW CW DX Contest – Nov 24-25

ARRL 160 Meter Contest – Dec 1-2

For the latest contest info. click on the following link:

<http://www.contestcalendar.com/contestcalendar.html>

## **UPCOMING DX and Dxpeditions**

Click the link below to display upcoming DXpeditions.

<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

## **MLDXCC Reflector**

The MLDXCC reflector is maintained at groups.io. Visit <https://groups.io/g/mldxcc>

We also maintain a spotting reflector at <https://groups.io/g/MLDXCC-Spots>

We are also on Facebook!  
<https://www.facebook.com>

## **Classifieds**

*Members are requested to review their classified ads each month for accuracy and to resubmit their ads or confirm their desire to keep it running in the next issue.*

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Dennis NJ6G has the following items for sale:

Astron RS-50 Power Supply - \$95 OBO

M2 RC2800 Rotator Controller - \$225

SDRplay RSP1 – New in box - \$80

Dennis, NJ6G [dennis@mail4life.net](mailto:dennis@mail4life.net)

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**New!** "[The Serial Box](#)" (S-BOX) by N6TV – Combination Serial Port Splitter, ACOM / Elecraft / SPE Amplifier Interface, FSK/CW/PTT keying interface, and Breakout Box

<https://www.eham.net/reviews/detail/13971>  
Serial Box



Serial Box

"[The Y-BOX](#)" by N6TV – 4-way Elecraft K3/K3S ACC port splitter, Elecraft Amplifier Interface, and Breakout Box

<https://www.eham.net/reviews/detail/13296>



#### Y-Box

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From Tom K5RC

Giving the Clubs first dibs on:

Array Solutions Custom 4-Yagi Stack Match for 15M plus Controller

Array Solutions Custom 4-Yagi Stack Match for 10M plus Controller

DX Engineering RR8-HP 8 Position Coax Switch and Controller

See <http://www.w7rn.com/for-sale-10-2018/> for details and photos

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Need QSL cards, business cards, club banners?

Contact Vina K6VNA [vina@sign-tek.com](mailto:vina@sign-tek.com)

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From Bob N6TV

I have two Alpha 87A amplifiers for sale, both in perfect working condition. I believe this amplifier is one of the finest that Alpha ever made, especially for fully silent QSK CW.

I am the original owner of the first, purchased new. It has the original Eimac 3CX800 tubes, only driven by a little old contestester on weekends

(used a few times a year). Treated with kid gloves for its entire lifetime. \$2,800 plus shipping.

The second I acquired used / refurbished from RF Concepts over six years ago (someone traded it in for a 9500). This 87A has the Alpha Max auto-tuning option installed. It also has a new blower, which was professionally installed by RF Concepts exactly 5 years ago. \$2,900 plus shipping.

Both amps are very clean, in perfect working condition, and put out full power on all bands with 45-55W drive. Both have exclusively been used in a non-smoking home, with no pets. I am happy to hand-deliver either or both to the SF Bay Area to save shipping costs. I can also bring them to the NCCC Meeting in Sunnyvale, Tuesday Oct. 9th, if you let me know in advance. 73, Bob, N6TV

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From Chuck W6RD

I have the following items for sale:

Yaesu FTDX-3000D. I have 2 of these and this is my backup one, very little use. DVR and 300Hz roofing filter options. Excellent radio. Original box, manuals and cables. \$1250.

Yaesu FT-847 160 thru 440 All Mode plus Satellite. optional CW filter. Original box and manual. \$875.

Alpha 374. Original Bandpass Alpha amp. 80 thru 10. 3 8874's. Hypersil Transformer. Grid and Plate overload protection was standard on these. Not so on later Alpha's. Easy legal limit. Light weight (54Lbs.) \$1200.

YC-257/3CPX1500A7 . Good used tube, tested by BEST Inc. KA4LBI. \$375.

I have a pair of Eimac 3-500Z's I am selling them as used, but they may be NOS. I recently tested

them in a TL-922. \$250. for the pair. Selling as a pair only.

I have lots of amplifier parts, Tubes, Sockets, Tank Coils, and transformers. Contact me for information at [w6rd@arrl.net](mailto:w6rd@arrl.net)

I can deliver to a MLDXCC meeting or arrange to meet within a reason distance of Modesto.

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## **2018 Meeting Dates**

January 27

February - None

March 10

April - none (Visalia)

May 12 – *Canceled*

June 16

July 28

Aug 25

Sep 23

October 13

November 10

December - None

*Dates are arranged to accommodate major contest dates. Meeting dates are subject to change. MLDXCC traditionally holds a mid-year combined meeting with NCCC.*

## **Area Clubs**

Northern California Contest Club -

<https://www.nccc.cc>

Lodi Amateur Radio Club -

<http://www.lodiarc.org>

Stockton Delta Amateur Radio Club -

<http://www.w6sf.org>

Pizza Lovers 259 - <https://www.pl259.org>

El Dorado Amateur Radio Club -

<http://edcarc.net>

Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club -

<http://www.w6ek.org>

Redwood Empire DX Association -

<http://www.redxa.com>

*Please contact the editor to have your club listed here!*

## **ARRL Pacific Division**

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## **2018 Officers of the MLDXCC**

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