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FACTS ABOUT THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX FOUNDATION

The Northern California DX Foundation was founded by Vince Chinn, K6KQN, and a group of DXers in 1972 for the purpose of assisting worthwhile amateur radio and scientific projects with funding and/or equipment. While the words, "Northern California" still appear in the title, it should be emphasized that activities of the Foundation are now international rather than regional.

All Foundation business and DX support activities are under the direction of a Board of Trustees and advisors, most of whom are holding, or have held, responsible positions in the business and/or academic world. Everyone in the governing body and support groups is also an active amateur. All are ardent DXers with the Honor Roll well represented. The Foundation is approved by IRS as a bona fide non-profit organization. There is no paid staff and no Foundation officer, advisor or consultant receives salary or compensation in any form.

FOUNDATION FUNDING:

At its inception, NCDXF was fortunate to be the recipient of a substantial capital donation from Lee Shaklee, W6BH. The capital from this donation is safely invested and the income (approximately $10,000 per year), plus contributions from members, provide the funds available to be spent each year for Foundation-supported DX and scientific activities. With this conservative protected investment policy the importance of the initial and follow-up donations by members to long term Foundation activities is apparent. The Foundation is classified by IRS as a Private Operating Foundation as defined in Code Section 4942(1)(3). NCDXF qualifies under IRS Code 501(c)(3).

APPLICATION PROCESSING:

All DXpedition plans and assistance applications are reviewed by the Trustees monthly. In planning a DXpedition where Foundation financial assistance is being solicited, allow at least two months lead time for action. Instructions for providing the information required for decision are available on request.
Requests for QSL support can generally be handled in a relatively short time provided that complete information is supplied. All requests for financial support should be directed to NCDXF, P.O.Box 2368, Stanford, CA 94309.

EQUIPMENT DONATIONS:

Equipment donations by members are encouraged but are accepted only on the basis that the item is in good working condition. Such donations from U.S. Taxpayer Members are tax deductible at fair market value.

MEMBERSHIP:

Everyone is invited to join NCDXF. As explained previously, donations by the membership constitute an important part of Foundation income. In addition to funds expended for direct DX activities and the on-going Beacon program, postage for general and overseas correspondance and costs of essential literature represent a substantial expense. Printing and mailing costs for the NCDXF Newsletter are another major expense item. For the Foundation to balance income with outlay, a contribution of $25 US (or its equivalent in IRCs), is suggested for initial membership. A yearly renewal of $10 US will continue to bring the highly informative NCDXF Newsletter. However, the Foundation does not want to deny membership to anyone because of financial hardship. Those wishing to become members who cannot send the full suggested amount should send what they can.

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All members receive a handsome 8-1/2 x 11" membership certificate in full color, a truly fitting adornment for the wall of every ardent DXer.

NCDXF LOGOS:
All members are encouraged to display the NCDXF logo on their QSLs. Camera-ready logo artwork is available to members without charge. Requests should be directed to the NCDXF Secretary.

SLIDE PROGRAMS FOR CONVENTIONS/CLUB MEETINGS:
The Foundation has collected and continues to collect, a considerable number of slide programs which depict many of the most prominent DXpeditions. Sets of slides have been made available for loan to over 100 radio clubs, conventions, etc., worldwide. Consultant Jo Clarke, WB6ZUC, has expended a great amount of time and effort in bringing this program to its present successful level. Recognition must also be given to the Blooms, Louese, KA6ING, and Larry, KD6XY, along with Patty Winter, N6BIS, who have also made valuable contributions to the program.

THE NCDXF BEACON PROGRAM:
As a service to its members and to the amateur community at large, the Foundation maintains a series of beacon stations which operate sequentially on 14,100 kHz to provide a valuable check on band conditions. Each of the listed stations transmits at the time, and in the sequence shown, with initial transmission at 100 watts. Power is reduced in 10 dB steps to 10, 1 and 0.1 watts with signoff and ID again at 100 watts. The 10 dB power steps are precise and are useful for "S" meter calibration in addition to their value in judging band conditions. The entire system was designed and built without engineering or labor cost by Foundation members including the late Cam Pierce, K6RU, Dr. Dave Leeson, W6QHS and advisor Jack Curtis, K6KU. Al Lotze, W6RQ has done a truly outstanding job in coordinating efforts and in capably handling the large amount of correspondence and QSLs that the Beacon system prompts.

BEACON LISTINGS:

STATION:	LOCATION	TIME	STATION	LOCATION	TIME
4U1UN/B	United Nations, NYC.	00:00	OH2B	Espoo, Finland	00:05
W6WX/B	Stanford University, CA	00:01	CT3B	Madeira Island	00:06
KH6O/B	Honolulu Com. Col, HA	00:02	ZS6DN/B	Transvaal, So. Africa	00:07
JA2IGY	Tokyo, Japan	00:03	LU4AA	Argentina	00:08
4X4TU/B	Tel Aviv University	00:04			

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The intent of this brief outline has been to point out some of the many activities of NCDXF and of a group of DXers who have given unselfishly of their time and efforts over many years for the direct benefit of amateur radio in general and of the DX fraternity in particular.

DO YOUR SHARE. JOIN UP!