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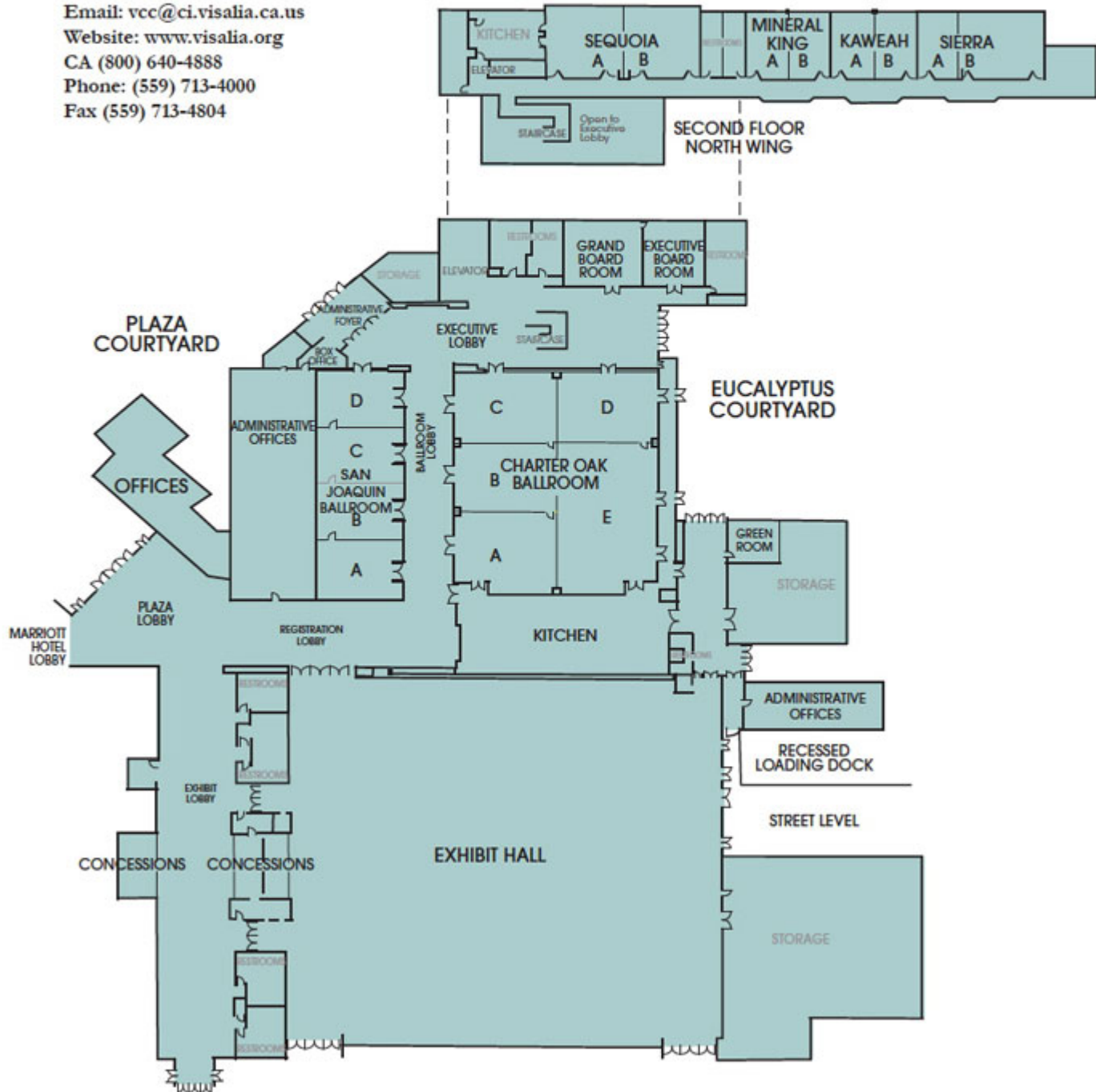
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AGENDA

Session ‘A’: San Joaquin Ballrooms ‘A’ and ‘B’

Time	Speaker	Topic
8:00 – 9:00	Wayne Mills, N7NG	Best Practices for DX and DXpedition Operating
9:00 – 10:00	Ned Stearns, AA7A	DX Station and Antenna Considerations
10:00 – 10:10	Break	
10:10 – 11:00	Bob Locher, W9KNI	Getting them in the log: Effective On-Air Techniques
11:00 – 11:50	Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA	Propagation
11:50 – 12:00	Q&A	

Session ‘B’: Charter Oak Ballrooms ‘C’ and ‘D’

Time	Speaker	Topic
8:00 – 9:00	Don Greenbaum, N1DG	Your First DXpedition: What to Expect
9:00 – 10:00	Curt Wilbur, K7CU	DX Awards [Beyond DXCC]
10:00 – 10:10	Break	
10:10 – 11:00	John Eisenberg, K6YP	Successful QSLing
11:00 – 11:50	Rich Holoch, KY6R	DXCC Honor Roll in One Solar Cycle (A Little Pistol Adventure)
11:50 – 12:00	Q&A	

Speaker Biographies

Session 'A'

N7NG

Wayne Mills, N7NG, began DXing seriously in the fifties and continued to chase countries and participate in contests at home until he was asked one day to participate in a DXpedition to Clipperton Island. That was in 1984, and it was the start of a long period of DXpeditioning and contesting off-shore. DXpedition trips include FOØXX (2), ZL9, XF4L, 3D2AM, ZA1A, BV9P, BS7H, XZ1A, TXØDX and many others on all continents. Contest efforts began in Aruba in 1988, and went on to V51Z, 4U1ITU, ZL, XZ, PT5 and more. Four years as DXAC Representative and DXAC Chairman from the Rocky Mountain Division was followed by seven years in Newington as the head of the Membership Services Department in charge of Awards and Contest.

Wayne has written a number of articles for QST, How's DX and the ARRL Operating Manual. He is also the author of DXpeditioning Basics, an operating manual for DXpeditioners, originally published by INDEXA and the ARRL, now available free at <http://www.dxpeditioningbasics.com>. He is currently writing a DXing book for ARRL that should be out in early 2013.

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AA7A

Ned Stearns, AA7A, was first licensed in August 1963 at age 12 in Warren, OH. After receiving his Technician license in 1964, he operated primarily on VHF AM using home brew transmitters built from WW II surplus hardware and low-budget receivers. Ned moved to Phoenix, AZ in 1974 and caught the DX bug after running into a number of local hams. He was the first member of CADXA to conduct a DXpedition in 1979 to VP2A (AA7A/VP2A).

Over the course of Cycle 22 and 23, Ned managed to collect a number of operating achievement awards including Top of the Honor Roll, 5BWAZ, Satellite DXCC, and the first ever 11-band DXCC (160 through 2 meters, inclusive).

Beginning again in 1999, he participated in DXpeditions to Rodriguez Island, 3B9R and the Kingman Reef DXpedition, K5K in 2000. On this adventure, he convinced the DXpedition team to use the previously untested Vertical Dipole Array. The startling success of this antenna system on this expedition paved the way for most following island DXpeditions.

In 2005, Ned joined the world-renowned VooDoo Contest Group in their annual trek to Africa to participate in the CQWW DX CW contest from Mali as TZ5A. Since, he has continued to travel to West Africa yearly for the CQWW CW contest. He has been the station designer and is now the team co-leader of the VooDoo Contest Group. Recently, he has developed ultra-light antenna designs and support structures that support the deployment of fully-capable contest/DXpedition systems that fit within airline baggage weight and size restrictions.

Ned is currently employed as Electrical Engineer at General Dynamics where he is a Member of the Technical Staff. He designs, deploys, tests and develops maintenance methods for nationwide tactical communication systems for US Government agencies.

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W9KNI

Bob Locher, W9KNI, was born in 1942 and raised in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He was first licensed in 1956 as KNØHGB. Bob has the unique distinction of having his novice license test administered and signed off by Art Collins, WØCXX, a family friend who introduced Bob to amateur radio.

Bob was fascinated by DX from the start; his first significant DX was JA1ADN. As a Novice, Bob earned the Worked All Continents award and was the fourth Novice to do so. He upgraded to General Class and continued to chase DX, primarily on CW.

After a few years off the air thanks to school, family and job distractions, Bob became active again with a new call, W9KNI, reflecting a new QTH in northern Illinois, and started chasing DX again. Bob became a member of NIDXA until 1994 when he followed a long held ambition and moved to the west, where he has continued chasing DX.

Bob was co-founder of Bencher, Inc., maker of CW Paddles, Skyhawk yagis and Butternut antennas. Bob also founded Idiom Press, which is now owned by his son Rob W7GH. Bob was the inspiration for the renewal of the CQ DX Marathon annual DX chase. Bob is on the DXCC Honor Roll for CW and mixed.

Bob is the author of two books, "The Complete DX'er" and the recently published "A Year of DX," as well as numerous articles in amateur radio magazines. In 2009 and 2010 Bob was the world wide winner of the CQ DX Marathon. In 2010 Bob was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame.

Bob is married to the ever patient Judy, and has three children. He now raises antennas on a 20 acre parcel near Grants Pass, Oregon.

K9LA

Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA, was licensed as WN9AVT in October 1961. He upgraded to General in May 1962 and became WA9AVT. In 1977 he selected K9LA when the FCC offered 1 x 2 call signs to Extra Class licensees.

Carl enjoys propagation, DXing, contesting (he was the Editor of The National Contest Journal from 2002-2007), and antennas. He is an MSEE from Purdue, and professionally he is an RF design engineer with Raytheon (formerly Magnavox).

Carl's primary expertise is propagation.

Carl is a DXCC Card Checker with the ARRL, is at the Top of the Honor Roll, and enjoys viewing extremely old QSLs (especially from deleted entities).

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Session 'B'

N1DG

Don Greenbaum, N1DG, has been licensed since 1962 when at age 11 he received the call WN2DND. He achieved DXCC before going to college and a 10 year ham hiatus for college, career, and starting a family. In 1978 he returned to the bands, upgraded to Extra class and continued his love of DXing and contesting. Today Don has worked all entities on mixed modes, and only needs P5 on CW. His mixed country total stands at 358 and he has DXCC on 9 bands and 5BWAZ. His Challenge total is 3,002.

Don has been on several major DXpeditions including VP8ORK, K4M and A52A. He has also operated as A61AD, A51DG, A73A, and /KH9, /VP9, /VS6, /BV2, /4X and /9V.

In 1997 he authored the web pages of VK0IR and posted online logs daily there that were received via ham radio satellites. It was the first major DXpedition utilizing online logs and ushered in a new era for DXers. Since then he has been webmaster for over 50 dpxpeditions.

In 2005 Don was honored at Dayton by CQ Magazine by being inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame.

In 2009 Don was one of the founding members of the CW Operators' Club (member number 2). He is also Treasurer of the Northern California DX Foundation.

Don's day job is CEO of Al Anabi Racing. He is in charge of 2 NHRA Top Fuel drag teams in the US as well as races in Qatar.

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K7CU

Curt Wilbur, K7CU, was originally licensed at age 13 in 1961 as KN1TMK in the State of Maine. He was active in CW traffic nets during high school. He was off the air during the late 60s while serving in the Navy and as a missionary in Uruguay and Argentina. He attended the University of Maine and graduated from BYU with a degree in Physics followed by an MPA. He began DXing in 1977, while living in Atlanta, thanks to an invitation to attend a meeting of the Southeastern DX Club.

Curt enjoys the DX chase and searching out challenging awards. Awards earned included 6BDXCC, DXCC Honor Roll, WPX Award of Excellence, Arabian Knights, 5BWAZ(186 zones), RSGB Commonwealth, All Africa, WAVKCA and many others. He is a member and former president of the Utah DX Association, NCDXF, and the ARRL. He is the Utah CQ Magazine awards checkpoint

Curt is married to the former Sharon Pratt and they have 9 harmonics and 18 sub-harmonics.

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K6YP

John Eisenberg, K6YP, was first licensed in 1957 as WV2EGR at age 12. He progressed through Technician and General focusing on six and two meter operation with home made equipment. John was very active through his high school and undergraduate years in Electrical Engineering at Cornell University. As a grad student John was fortunate to be a member of the Arecibo Ionospheric Observatory EME team in Puerto Rico. In 1975 family and work caused a long hiatus in ham radio activities. He was relicensed in 1998 and shortly after became an Extra Class ham. John's current call is K6YP and his interests include Dxing and designing and building his own equipment. He is a member and past President of the Northern CA DX Club and has co-chaired the Visalia International DX convention in 2007 and 2009. John has 330 countries confirmed and is waiting for a single QSL card for honor roll. Professionally John is an RF and microwave engineer. He and his wife Joan reside in Los Altos, California.

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KY6R

Rich Holoch, KY6R, has been a ham since 1973 (WA2QHN), went inactive from 1977 - 2001 and became active again (this time as a DX-er) in July, 2001. He earned 8BDXCC in the first 3 years and am at 1800 in the DXCC Challenge, and 50 towards 160M DXCC and 9BDXCC. By far, his biggest reason to be on the air is his maniacal pursuit of DXCC Honor Roll.

Professionally, Rich is a Data Architect for Macys.com – after over 30 years of being a computer programmer, DBA and database designer. Early in his career he was the 130th employee at Oracle, 30th at Gupta Technologies and 470th at PeopleSoft.

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Regional DX and Contest Clubs [there are probably more]

Arizona

Arizona Outlaws Contest Club: www.arizonaoutlaws.net

Central Arizona DX Association: www.cadxa.org

Northern Arizona DX Association: www.nadxa.org

Southern Arizona DX Association: www.sadxa.org

California

Central California DX Club: www.ccdxc.org

Northern California Contest Club: www.nccc.cc

Northern California DX Club: www.ncdxc.org

Southern California Contest Club: www.socalcontestclub.org

Southern California DX Club: www.scdxc.org

Colorado

Mile High DX Association: www.mhdxa.com

Idaho

Idaho DX Association: www.idxa.org

New Mexico

Albuquerque DX Association: www.qrz.com/W5UR

Oregon

Central Oregon DX Club: www.codxc.com

Willamette Valley DX Club: www.wvdx.org

Utah

Utah DX Association: www.udxa.org

Washington

Spokane DX Association: www.sdx.org

Western Washington DX Club: www.wvdx.org

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