

NCJ: Passing the Torch



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K9LA's Term

- May/June 2002 through Nov/Dec 2007
- 12th NCJ Editor
 - K0TO, W0RTT, K5ZD, K5RC, W2GD, K7GM, K8CC, N5KO, AA5B, NN1N, K7BV
- Took over from K7BV when he went to HQ
- Covered both WRTC2002 and WRTC2006
- Many antenna articles – they are popular!
- Personal favorites
 - Feature: K9DX's 160m array
 - Cover: W5LL's photo of a snowman reading NCJ

Thanks To . . .

- All the HQ personnel
 - NCJ Managing Editors
 - AA1GW, WB8IMY, N4QX, W1ZR, K1SFA, N1RL
 - Maty, Shelly, Cathy
- Columnists, Contest Managers, Regional Editors, and Website Manager
- Contributors
- Readers

.....And Thanks to K9LA

- 5 years of quality issues of NCJ
- Extremely helpful during my transition
- Continues to
 - Write Propagation Column
 - Help find articles
 - Give advice

NCJ Going Forward

- Continue quality feature articles
- Continue existing columns on CTT&T, Software, RTTY, VHF, Propagation, Workshop Chronicles, Profiles
- Address needs of new contester
 - New Contesting 101 Column by K4RO
 - Continue “Contesting on A Budget” column

Discussing Contest Issues in NCJ

- Internet is more timely but is subject to verbosity, arguing, and flaming
- NCJ provides an opportunity to provide reasoned discussion on both sides or major issues
- Some of the columns, like CTT&T, already do this to some extent
- Letters to the Editor are welcome !

Sprints and NAQP

- NAQP and Sprints continue to be popular
- Activity staying steady and even increasing despite propagation
- Contest results will continue to be printed in NCJ as well as on NCJ Web Site
- Thanks to contest managers
 - WA7BNM, N6TR, K4WW, K4MA, and W0YK

RTTY Sprint Rule Change

- RTTY Sprint currently allows legal dupes if 3 Qs (in each log) have been made between each dupe
- Advantage: More stations to work
- Disadvantages:
 - Doesn't quite "feel like" a Sprint
 - Susceptible to abuse
- Beginning with October 2008 RTTY Sprint, legal dupe rule will be dropped !
- N1MM , Writelog, and Wintest should be ready

NCJ Articles Welcome!

- Especially popular
 - Contesting Antenna Design
 - Station design
 - DX Contest stories
- New contest technology
- Other ideas welcome
 - ncjeditor@ncjweb.com or Aldewey@arri.net
 - New columns