

# SUNSPOTS



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## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**Wednesday, August 9, 2017** at Boulevard Cafe & Grill, Petaluma. If you need directions, please call one of the club officers.

6 pm — Social Hour in the Lounge  
7 pm — Dinner and Meeting  
8 pm — Program

**PROGRAM: Our Program for the evening will be us making an attempt to try our first SKYPE presentation with Tim Duffy from DX Engineering.**



## REDXA President's commentary

Hello REDXA. Well I am about to embark on a new presentation/lecture scenario for our meeting next week August 9th. We are going to make an attempt to try our first SKYPE presentation with Tim Duffy from DX Engineering. Since this is our first event with Tim Duffy it's going to be a quick introduction to DX Engineering, who Tim is and then we'll move on to some best practices regarding contesting. K3LR is a huge contest station and you should google it prior to the meeting and see exactly what those folks have going on over there. As you know it's difficult to get presenters to make the drive to Petaluma so I'm always thankful that we can get a live person to get up on stage for us. This may be the next best thing so let's give it a try and see if we can

make this work! DX Engineering is a great resource to all hams and they have grown in size and importance in the ham world. They are also instrumental in getting the Bouvet DXpedition going for January 2018. I want to thank Jim Selmi K6JS for helping me with the logistics and set up and I pray that it goes smoothly. We will be live and it will be interactive. So I hope for a good lecture and outcome for this next meeting.

I believe Ron N6IE will have a quick run down of our field day statistics prior to the talk and I look forward to catching up with everyone soon. Bill Zaner our treasurer will not be there but we will try to manage without his financial review this month.

Stay cool!

Bill WX6B

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JULY 2017**

by Rick, N6GY

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

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## **JULY 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

by Bill, W6IYS for Rick, N6GY

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Bill Sirvatka (WX6B). He asked for any operating or other personal updates from members. Several members contributed items of interest including remarks about the recent Field Day event. President Bill announced that Ron Castro (N6IE), Field Day Captain, could not attend this evening's meeting but would make a report to the membership at the August meeting. Finally, President Bill announced that Rick Sealock (NG6Y) continues to convalesce following his recent hospital stay and

has decided to sell some of his personal equipment. The sale will be administered by Gary Pinyan (N2BBB). The items will be listed on the club reflector and eventually on eBay if not sold to REDXA members. Questions should be directed to N2BBB.

Treasurer Bill Zaner (W6IYS) gave a brief financial report and reminded members who spent personal funds for Field Day to submit cash receipts as soon as possible so they can be re-imbursed for their expenditures. He urged members not to delay since we need to coordinate finances with our Field Day partners, the Marin Amateur Radio Society.

President Bill (WX6B) introduced several guests and reminded the group that the evening's guest speaker would be Jim Brown (K9YC). He also noted that he had obtained a gift certificate for Jim in recognition of his willingness to drive up from Santa Cruz to address the group.

Following dinner President Bill formally introduced the guest speaker, Jim Brown (K9YC). He reminded the group that Jim had addressed the club on several previous occasions and was a well known authority on many technical subjects of interest to Ham Radio operators. Using computer screen shots and slides of graphs, Jim then spoke on the subject "How clean (or "dirty") are our rigs; and how can we make them cleaner?" He explained how he took his measurements and offered comparisons of various commonly available commercial equipment. He also suggested tips for those interested in checking out their own equipment. Finally, he reminded the group that his web site at [www.K9YC.com/publish.htm](http://www.K9YC.com/publish.htm) contains a great deal of information on this and related subjects. Finally, he answered questions regarding his presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9: 00PM.

Bal. Brt. Fwd.	7/1//2017				<u>\$3,289.76</u>
<b>Receipts</b>					
	Raffle (net to Club)	\$	41.00		
	Cash Gift	\$	3.00		
	Dues	\$	20.00		
	Badges		<u>\$34.00</u>		
	Total receipts				<u>\$98.00</u>
<b>Disbursements</b>					
	Dinner for Guest Speaker		\$25.00		
	Palmgren (Badges)		<u>\$51.06</u>		
	Total Disbursements				<u>\$ 76.06</u>
<b>Cash Flow</b>					
					\$ 21.94
<b>Balance 7/31/17</b>					
					<u>\$3,311.70</u>

## REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events:

by Doug, WW6D

**Aug 9** \* **REDXA Monthly Meeting**  
 Aug 19-20 North American QSO Party SSB  
 Sep 2-3 All Asian DX Contest  
 Sep 9-10 ARRL Sep VHF Contest  
**Sep 11** \* **REDXA Monthly Meeting**  
 Sep 23-24 CQ WW DX RTTY  
 Oct 7-8 California QSO Party  
**Oct 11** \* **REDXA Monthly Meeting**  
 Oct 20-22 PACIFICON 2017  
 Oct 28-29 CQ WW DX – SSB  
 Nov 4-6 ARRL Sweepstakes CW  
**Nov 8** \* **REDXA Monthly Meeting**  
 Nov 18-20 ARRL Sweepstakes SSB  
 Nov 25-26 CQ WW DX - CW

**Dec 13** \* **REDXA Monthly Meeting**  
 Dec 17 ARRL Rookie Roundup CW  
 Dec 30 RAC Winter Contest  
 Dec 30-31 Stew Perry Topband Challenge  
 Jan 1 Straight Key Night

If you have events that you would like to have posted here, PLEASE let me know!

Refer to <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more contest information.

## Monthly San Francisco Section News Summary

Here is the link for the News Summary:  
<http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=SF>

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