

We'll be ZOOMing for our June meeting.

Time 7:00 PM

June 10 (Wednesday)

ZOOM meeting number 917
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ZOOM



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Meeting Announcement

We'll be meeting on-line via ZOOM. See the details elsewhere in this issue. Nobody has confirmed for a program so we may have to entertain ourselves



REDXA President's Commentary

Hello everyone. I hope this finds everyone safe and sound. I just worked my first KH6 on 6 meters FT8. I know I've missed some great openings recently, but still it's fun to chase the DX. I've worked 2 more KH6's as I'm writing this.

I had a fun time in the CQWW WPX contest. I made about 600 Q's using my K6 call. There were a few good EU open-

President's commentary (cont.)

ings too. I missed a lot of primetime during the contest due to other obligations, but it's a good pastime during this pandemic.

I'm still working on a presentation for Wednesday and I'll send out the Zoom meeting information ASAP.

.The Zoom meeting will be at 7PM Wednesday June 10th.

I'm also trying to get access to a full Zoom account through work. This might be something the club should purchase during this pandemic.

REDXA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Redwood DX Association

Time: Jun 10, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Field Day is coming, though in a very different form this year. I hope we can discuss plans for REDXA participation (or not) at our June 11 ZOOM meeting. Note that these intrepid folks are keeping a 6' distance but not wearing masks. To be fair, they still have 20 years until the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918. They have even more time before reaching their goal of putting KL7 on the air for Field Day.



Temporary Rule Waivers Announced for 2020 ARRL Field Day

05/28/2020

With one month to go before 2020 [ARRL Field Day](#), June 27 – 28, the ARRL Programs and Services Committee (PSC) has adopted two temporary rule waivers for the event:

1) For Field Day 2020 only, Class D stations may work all other Field Day stations, including other Class D stations, for points.

[Field Day rule 4.6](#) defines Class D stations as “Home stations,” including stations operating from permanent or licensed station locations using commercial power. Class D stations ordinarily may only count contacts made with Class A, B, C, E, and F Field Day stations, but the temporary rule waiver for 2020 allows Class D stations to count contacts with other Class D stations for QSO credit.

2) In addition, for 2020 only, an aggregate club score will be published, which will be the sum of all individual entries indicating a specific club (similar to the aggregate score totals used in ARRL affiliated club competitions).

Ordinarily, club names are only published in the results for Class A and Class F entries, but the temporary rule waiver for 2020 allows participants from [any Class](#) to optionally include a single club name with their submitted results following Field Day.

For example, if Podunk Hollow Radio Club members Becky, W1BXY, and Hiram, W1AW, both participate in 2020 Field Day — Hiram from his Class D home station, and Becky from her Class C mobile station — both can include the radio club’s name when reporting their individual results. The published results listing will include individual scores for Hiram and Becky, plus a combined score for all entries identified as Podunk Hollow Radio Club.

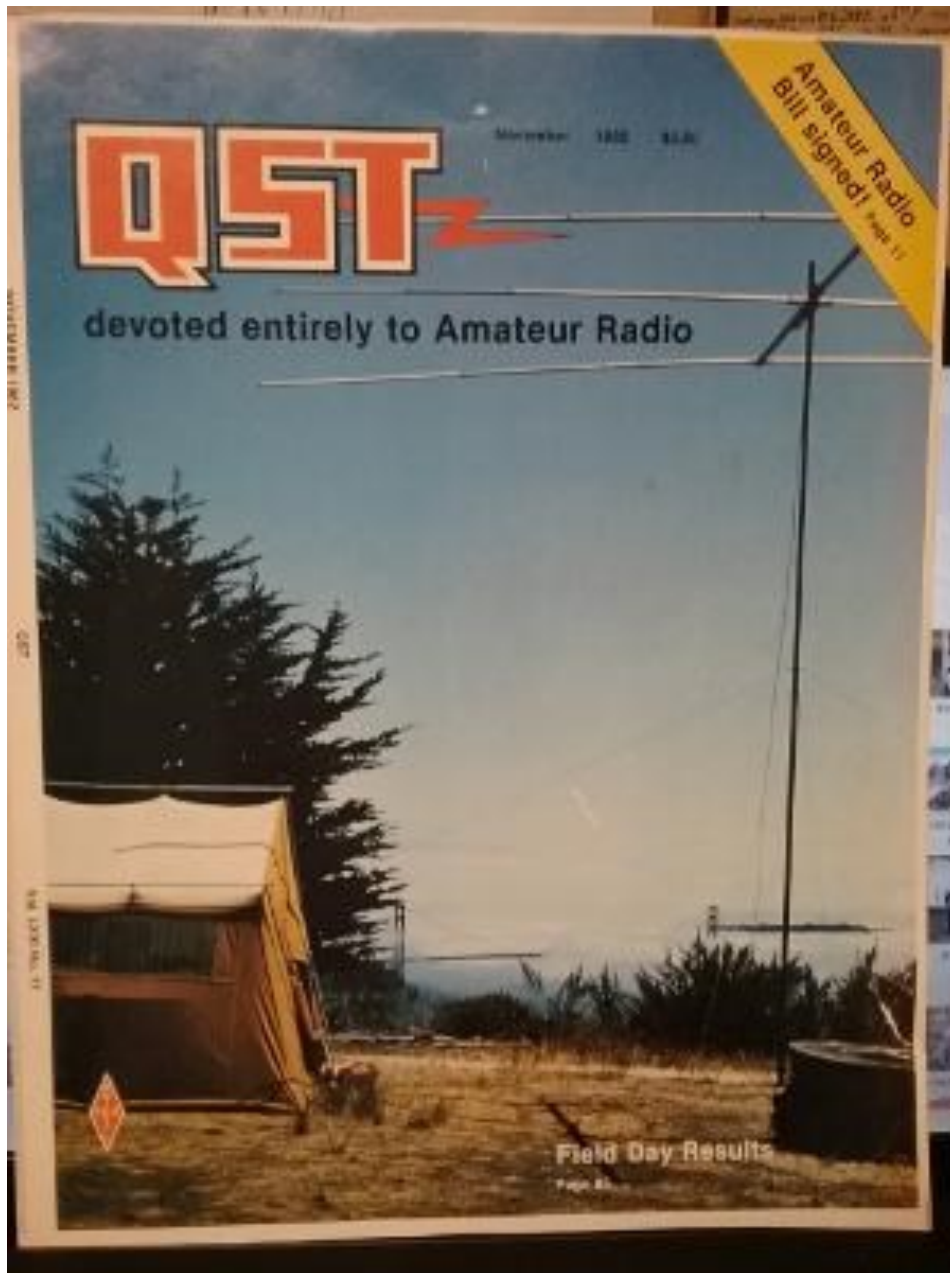
The temporary rule waivers were adopted by the PSC on May 27, 2020.

ARRL Field Day is one of the biggest events on the amateur radio calendar, with over 36,000 participants in 2019, including entries from 3,113 radio clubs and emergency operations centers. In most years, Field Day is also the largest annual demonstration of ham radio, because many radio clubs organize their participation in public places such as parks and schools.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many radio clubs have made decisions to cancel their group participation in ARRL Field Day this year due to public health recommendations and/or requirements, or to significantly modify their participation for safe social distancing practices. The temporary rule waivers allow greater flexibility in recognizing the value of individual and club participation regardless of entry class.

[ARRL is contacting logging program developers about the temporary rule waivers so developers can release updated versions of their software prior to Field Day weekend. Participants are reminded that the preferred method of submitting entries after Field Day is via the web applet. The ARRL Field Day rules include instructions for submitting entries after the event. Entries must be submitted or postmarked by Tuesday, July 28, 2020.](#)

The ARRL Field Day [web page](#) includes a series of articles with ideas and advice for adapting participation this year.



In June 1982 Three REDXA charter members: Lyle W6WF, Paul W6XA and Ron WB6NBR sailed to Angel Island in San Francisco Bay for a Field Day Operation. This picture was taken, of their camp, atop the tallest hill on the island. Several pictures of their operation were sent to the ARRL and this one was selected. The Golden Gate Bridge can be seen in the fog.



Subject: EU on 6M

JUST a quick up date on EU [six meters] dx to date

5/18 HG2DX, HA1AD @ 1543Z

5/19 ON4GG @ 1640

5/29 IK2CHZ, HB0WR, IK3SCB

5/31 HUGE 39EUs decoded 1st pass ~ 1520Z then 15EUs decoded 2nd pass ~ 1800Z

COUNTRIES :

S59, DL, HA, OM, LZ, PA, ON, I, M0, OE, YT, G,s OK, F,s

worked DL8YHR on CW @ 1919Z.

6/1 ON4GG, F1IXQ , G8BCG @ 1528Z,

That's it so far

NEED to work SV9CVY, TK, 4O6, those would be new

BOB K6QXY

Bob continues to amaze us with his six meter prowess. Your editor has worked a little DX on 6 meters, but to see "39 EUs" decoded 1st pass boggles the mind. We are now in the middle of the Spring-Summer six meter sporadic E season. If your rig can do six meters, give it a try!



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Apropos of K6QXY's success on 6 meters, here's DX Maps for six meters. The link is shown below. It's kind of fun—especially when your own call shows up!

<https://www.dxmaps.com/spots/mapg.php?Lan=&Frec=50&ML=&Map=NA&HF=&DXC=ING2&GL=>

YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR FIRST

(It helps to have a paper log)

Taking a trip down my ham radio memory lane, I recently opened up my first paper logs. My novice call was KC6BJP (killer chili 6 big jalapeño peppers) The first qso I ever had was 30 September 1989 on 15 meter CW using my Ten Tec Century 21 running 25 watts. I worked KB0FDA in Chadron,NE I was SO nervous but we made it. It took me a couple hours to stop shaking!

The next FIRST was my first DX ever. Jun JA7SSB (SUPER SHOOTER BOY) on 26 October 1989. Also 15 meter CW. That got me hooked on DX. What a thrill!

According to my log I had 350 qsos as KC6BJP all CW with the Century 21. I then had another 223 qsos with my new call N6YEU. I then upgraded to a Ten Tec Argosy 2 a 50 Watt rig which had CW and SSB. My first sideband qso ever was with T22KY on Tuvalu.

I'm sure all of you have some good memories of your " first". Why not share them in Sunspots?

73, Fred, N6YEU

Why not indeed! Send your memories and share them with other REDXA members—ed.

Linguaphilia and Ham Radio

I have enjoyed languages for many years. My first recollection of a language other than English was hearing my nonna (grandmother) talking to me in Italian at the age of 5. Fast forward a few years to junior high school. I decided to try French. I took a couple of years and learned some but not great. I can still say a few things in French but wish I had been a better student. Around 1980, after a trip to Switzerland to visit the small village where my grandfather was born, I decided to learn to speak Italian (at least where I could hold a simple conversation). Off and on since then I have been working on improving my conversational skills. I have been to Switzerland 5 times and Italy twice and--while far from fluent—I've really opened up a whole new world being able to speak my limited Italian.

When I became a ham in 1988 I really didn't think about being able to talk to Italian speaking hams but it has turned out to be quite fun to be able to do that.

A linguaphile is someone who enjoys languages and that is definitely me. I try to know at least a word or two in other languages I may come across. I am no polyglot (speaker of multiple languages). I do know some words in at least the following languages: Italian, French, German, Portuguese, Farsi, Fijian, Finnish, Eritrean, Greek, Spanish, and Catalan.

When the opportunity presents itself I try to at least throw in a word or two in the language of the DX I am working. Obviously English is the basic language of ham radio but I feel it is nice to at least attempt to say something in the other language.

I encourage all of you to at least get online and try translate.google.com or similar to learn a few words of whatever language. In our crazy world I can't help but believe it will help bring us closer. Give it a try!

73, Fred





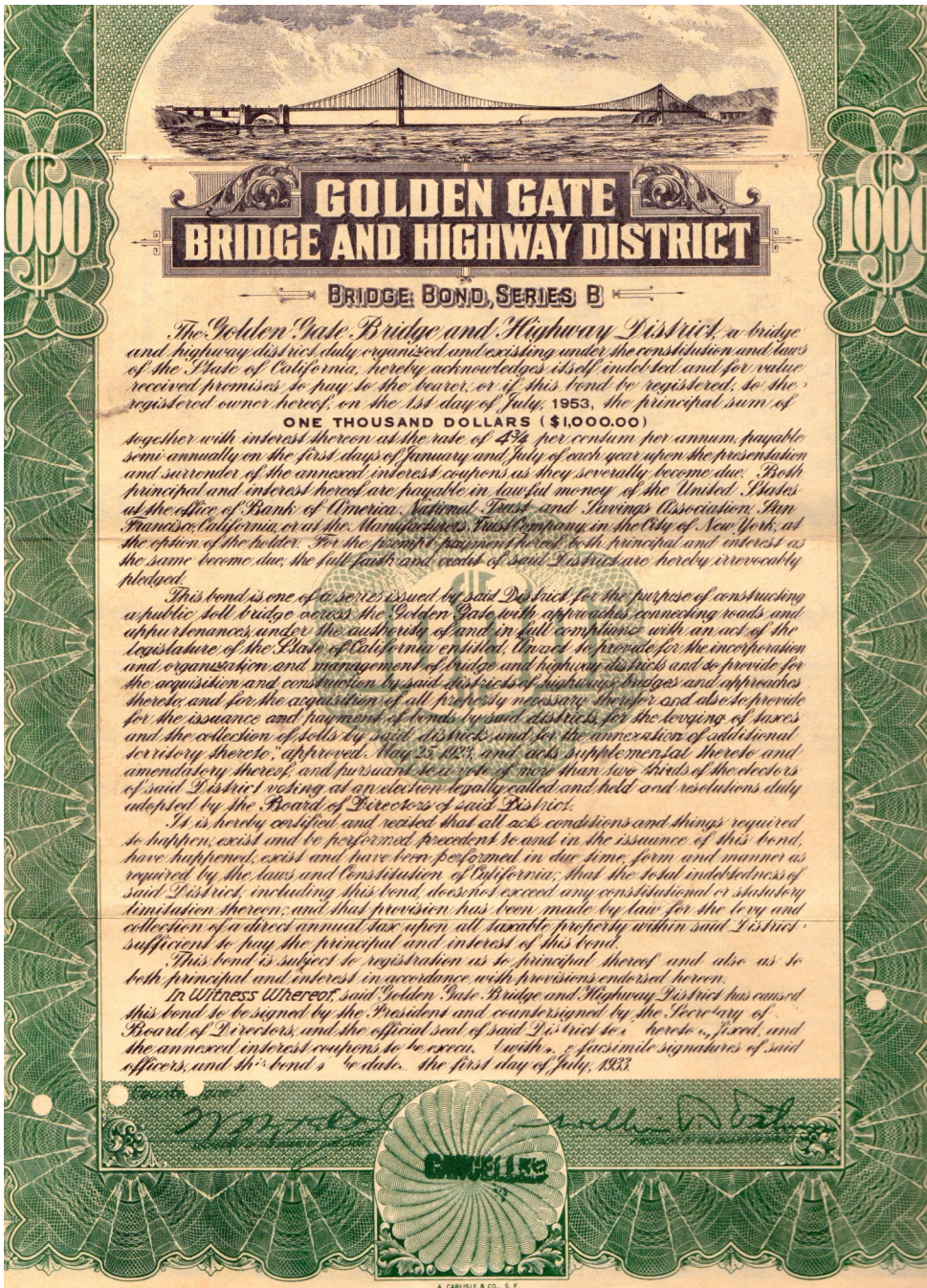
I guess only one of these pictures has a direct bearing on our hobby, but to keep things interesting I've drilled down into the "Sunspots" picture file and come up with these.

Top: along the Petaluma River. Now used as a boat house for Friends of the River.

Middle: along the Petaluma-Valley Ford Road. The building is still for sale, I think.

Bottom: the entrance to the old RCA receiving station at Point Reyes. The station is activated for Marconi Day, signing K6KPH.





Again, nothing really to do with ham radio. This is a Golden Gate Bridge bond that your editor found while going through his late father's papers. I first became aware of the bridge toll sometime in the late 40's when my father would allow me to lean across and hand the toll taker the required 25 cents. My father explained that this was to pay for the bridge. "Will they stop taking quarters when the bridge is paid for," I asked. "Yes" he said (taking advantage of a naïve 4 year-old).



MAY MEETING MINUTES

by Doug WW6D, Secretary

The Zoom video conference format was used again for this month's meeting. President Jim Selmi, K6JS, called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm, May 13, 2020 and a total of 18 "participants" joined the meeting on-line.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April meeting, then seconded and approved. Another motion was made to approve the treasurer's report, followed by a second and approved. Both reports had been published in the May issue of Sunspots.

Old Business. None.

New Business. Jim K6JS reminded everyone about the change of plans for Field Day, and to read the Sunspots article to understand the latest recommendations from the ARRL. He is also working on some more speakers for upcoming meetings; details will be in the next Sunspots issue.

Jim was asked to contact The Boulevard Café and provide an update on their future at the next meeting.

Program: Our speaker for evening was John Miller, N6MM. As stated in the synopsis John provided, "In 2015, the K1N Navassa Island DXpedition was a rare opportunity to visit a small uninhabited Caribbean island managed by the Department of the Interior as a National Wildlife Refuge. For many years, its lighthouse served as a beacon for ships traveling through the Windward passage. Accessible, for all practical purposes only via helicopter, Navassa screams "Stay Away" from every corner of the island."

It was well received and John provided an interesting perspective considering our current pandemic.

Adjourned at 8:03 pm.

REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events

by Doug WW6D

Jun 10 * REDXA Monthly Meeting

Jun 26-28 ARRL Field Day

Jul 8 * REDXA Monthly Meeting

Jul 11-12 IARU HF World Championship

Aug 1-2 North American QSO Party CW

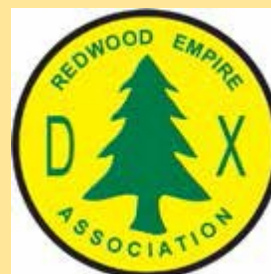
Aug 12 * REDXA Monthly Meeting

Aug 15-16 North American QSO Party SSB

Sep 9 * REDXA Monthly Meeting

Sep 12-14 ARRL September VHF

Sep 26-27 CQ WW DX RTTY



FOR SALE

Due to my circumstances I am selling the following ham stuff.
Us tower tx-455 self-supporting crank up tower and tilt fixture.
You get the tower, tilt fixture, new anchor bolts, ham IV rotor and controller.
Rotor plate, stand off arms.
\$1500.00 obo
You pick up.
Tailtwister rotor and controller for \$400.00 obo

Address any and all questions to
Terry K6TER
[527-9343](tel:527-9343)

Seems like a good deal, though I always am a bit sad to see a station taken down.

The tower extends to 55 feet.





Two more masks from Saraj, KU6F, official seamstress to REDXA