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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 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 by Ed Muns, W0YK, giving us our last presentation on RTTY which is his expertise.



REDXA President's commentary

Hello REDXA.... Well it's almost the end of the year and I would say that things went relatively well. For our November meeting we'll have Ed Muns, W0YK giving us our last presentation on RTTY which is his expertise. I've never played with RTTY until this year while chasing the new DX-pedition's and I've got lots to learn. As we all morph into different aspects of this hobby here is one that you may find intriguing. So, I look forward to this lecture and I hope everyone gets a lot out of it.

Then we come to the month of December for our annual Christmas party. At this meeting, I would like to recognize a few members for their contribution to the club and assisting fellow members in 2016. I urge anyone in this club to feel free to stand up and give Kudos to

anyone who has made this hobby “great again” and honor them with thanks and applause. I had a few plaques made up and please feel free to do the same and applaud those who have really stepped up to the plate. Without mentors or Elmer’s, we wouldn’t have the proper upbringing or etiquette necessary to advance ourselves in this unique hobby.

Lastly I’ve been blackmailed into serving the club again in 2017. My locker room talk caught up to me and in order to steer clear of bad press I’ve thrown my name in the hat for 2017. I’ve lined up a few talks already and with the help of past members I should be able to grab some more interesting folks to pay us a visit.. We’ve got Chris Tate talking on the Flex radio in Jan and I’ll be asking Jim Colletto back to talk about his DX-pedition and Elecraft as well. Anyone else with ideas please contact me.

p.s. Don’t forget to think about a nominee for the Spirit Award too!!!

73’s

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OCTOBER 2016

by Ed, K6ELE

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

by Bill, W6IYS

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by President Bill Sirvata (WX6B).

Bill (W6IYS) gave a Treasurer’s report and stated that the current balance in the bank is \$3,751. He also reminded members that we are entering the closing months of the year and that dues for 2017 would be collected beginning with the November meeting. He reported that the Club call, W6KB, was set to expire in early November 2016 and had been renewed for an additional 10 years The new expiration date is November 4, 2026.

Ron, N6IE, suggested that the club consider purchasing a co-ax crimping tool (especially useful

for Field Day activities) along with new co-ax fittings. During the ensuing discussion it was suggested that the club also purchase extra co-ax fittings and make them available to members at cost or at some modest additional amount. It was noted that the crimping tool could also be “loaned” to members on a short term basis when needed to repair their home station antennas. It was moved by Doug (WW6D), seconded by Terry (K6TER), that the club purchase the tool and sufficient connectors as outlined above. The motion was approved unanimously.

Josh (W6XU) displayed a power supply made by Delta (model DPS-1200FB) for HPE servers. It runs on 12 volts at 100 A but can be modified to operate at 13.8V. They can also be run in series to provide 48 volts. They can be obtained on eBay at approximately \$25 each. Josh was asked to post the details on the club reflector.

There was a brief discussion regarding the recent CQP contest. Alan (K6SRZ) remarked about the controversy regarding the current practice by some clubs of including contest entrants far outside their “boundaries”. He thanked everyone who participated in the contest and reminded members to file their logs with NCCC by the October 17 deadline.

President Bill introduced Mike Mertel, K7IR, founder and President of SteppIR Antennas, as the guest speaker for the evening. Mike gave a presentation outlining his various interests in Ham Radio and his development of the SteppIR line of antennas. Using slides and graphs he described the problems and solutions he and his company went through to perfect this unique antenna product. Following his presentation Mike answered questions from members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Bill Zaner (W6IYS)

(Secretary Ed Essick unable to attend)

Bal. Brt. Fwd.	10/1/16			<u>\$3,787.57</u>
Receipts				
	Raffle (net to Club)	\$54.00		
	Dues (2017)	\$100.00		
	Field Day Reimbursements	<u>\$115.38</u>		
	Total receipts		<u>\$269.38</u>	
Disbursements				
	Renew reg. REDXA.com (3 yrs)	\$119.97		
	Dinner for guest speaker	\$25.00		
	Total Disbursements		<u>\$ 144.97</u>	
Cash Flow				\$124.41
Balance 10/31/16				<u>\$3,911.98</u>

MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

It's that time of year again. We will begin collecting 2017 dues at the November Club meeting. Cash or checks—made out to REDXA—are fine. Regular members are \$20, families are \$25 and full time students under 18 are \$10. If you prefer, you can mail your check to REDXA, POB 750834, Petaluma CA 94975. Please note that if you do not pay your dues by December 31, 2016 your SWR will jump to 10:1 and your license will expire without further notice.

By the way--- paying your dues every 12 months can be a nuisance so you might consider paying a year or two in advance. A number of members pay two or three years in advance and avoid the hassle of writing a check every year. Give it a try.

Bill, W6IYS
Treasurer.

REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events:

by Doug, WW6D

Have an event for the calendar? Let me know!

Nov 9	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Nov 19-21	ARRL Sweepstakes SSB
Nov 26-27	CQ WW DX, CW
Dec 2-4	ARRL 160m Contest (CW only)
Dec 10-11	ARRL 10m Contest
Dec 14	* REDXA Holiday Party & Raffle
Dec 17	RAC Winter Contest
Dec 17-18	Stew Perry Topband Challenge
Jan 7-8	ARRL RTTY Roundup
Jan 11	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Jan 14-15	North American QSO Party CW
Jan 21-22	North American QSO Party SSB
Jan 27-29	CQ 160m Contest CW
Jan 28-29	Winter Field Day

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

Monthly San Francisco Section News Summary

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<http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=SF>

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