

We'll be ZOOMing our next Meeting (as well as meeting in-person)

Time 7:00 PM June 8
(Wednesday)

ZOOM: meeting 845 1387 0070
PW 736958

[Here's how to join a ZOOM meeting:](#)

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84513870070?
pwd=cTczUWJyL1ZMTkd6cFowSnB0VHFZdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84513870070?pwd=cTczUWJyL1ZMTkd6cFowSnB0VHFZdz09)

There's also a direct link to
ZOOM posted at:

<http://www.redxa.com>

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Meeting Announcement

Yes, we're meeting on Wednesday June 8 at the Boulevard Café. Gathering starts at 6:00 PDT with program from W3LR at 7:00.

President's Commentary

Not much to report this month. The winner of the TX5N contest was John Miller K6MM, who operates from the South Bay but is a REDXA member who has graced us with some wonderful DXpedition presentations in the past.

For our next club competition, we'll planning be chasing (3D2RRR) Rotuma! Keep an eye open for that little island near Fiji and let's see who can grab the spots. It should be relatively easy.

Our speakers in June will be K3LR and Ron N6IE to discuss the last minute details of Field Day (ed. See Ron's notes elsewhere in this issue). I won't be attending this meeting and I'll see if I can corner someone in setting up the zoom and taking care of business.

We are also getting close to having some 6M openings so keep an eye open for those this season.

73 & Thanks, **Bill**

The next REDXA-- refreshingly free of the East Coast advantage—club competition, 3D2RRR, Rotuma. They're already on the air as I write this. The choice of suffix—RRR—suggests yet another FT8 festival.

Here's their announcement from DX News

The Team is ready to set sail from Fiji to Rotuma for about a 2-week activity as 3D2RRR. We are waiting now for a suitable weather window.

3D2EZ and 3D2SP are warming up working on CW and FT8 as SO3R (single operator 3 Radios) while other team members are making progress with final preparations. The licence and permit have been issued, LoTW already received and set.

We will run 2 x CW, 1 SSB and 5 x FT8

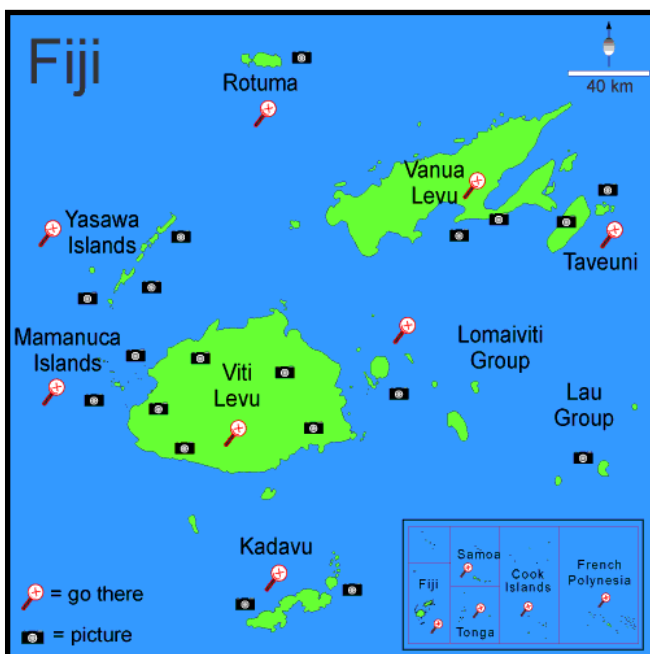
Important note!!

We will operate WSJT-X ver. 2.5 as FOX only.

This will be an experimental FT8 activity. We will operate 2 radios on same band (ex. 14.074 and 14.080 or 18.100 and 18.095 or 7.074 and 7.056 as FOX only.

You can see multiple streams sent on both freq, same band at the same time, but you will need to operate F&H to be able to get the answer.

Other software users will need to adjust to F&H if they want to call us and get replied.



REDXA/MARS Field Day Returns!

Friday, June 24th – Sunday June 26th

After two years of COVID lockdown, we're back, live and in person with Field Day at the Marin Rod & Gun Club! As we have done the past, this will be a joint effort with our friends at the Marin Amateur Radio Society with setup beginning at 10:00 am Friday and operating from 11:00 am Saturday until 11:00 am Sunday. Take down usually starts around 9:00 am on Sunday and wraps up around 1:00 pm. There are special COVID requirements this year and although we announced earlier that all participants will need to show proof of vaccination, *this is no longer the case*. I will go over more details at the next meeting. The big question is:

Will this be our last Field Day?

I realize folks are getting older, moving away, losing interest, etc., and over the years we have seen our participation numbers dwindle. It's been suggested that we do only a 'cut down' version of our usual effort, and if we don't get a good turnout for setup on Friday, we might just do that, although that is not my preference. If participation is low, it might make sense to make this our last Field Day event as a club, ***but that is all up to you, the members!***

For us to make a good showing in this year's event, we need the following volunteers:

Transportation Captain: A person who has a pickup truck and can deliver a trailer to Fred's house the weekend before the event when we will load it, then drive it to the event site Friday and back to Fred's on Sunday. If you can round up a trailer, great, but we have the funds to rent one. GVWR about 3,600 lbs.

CW Station Captain : Since Alan will be travelling that weekend, we need someone who can take responsibility for the CW station's setup, operation, staffing and takedown. We will supply the equipment...we just need someone who can set up on Friday and stay a portion of the weekend to oversee the station.

FT8/4 Captain: Someone who can take responsibility of setting up, operating, staffing and takedown. You will need to be familiar with N1MM and WSJT-X. I will help with the 'tech' part and supply the equipment...we just need a person who can "get 'er done".

Security Captain: Someone with a camper who can stay over Friday night and make sure nothing gets stolen.

Safety Captain: Keep an eye out to see that we are following the ARRL Safety Checklist to ensure we have a safe Field Day, as well as get us 100 extra points.

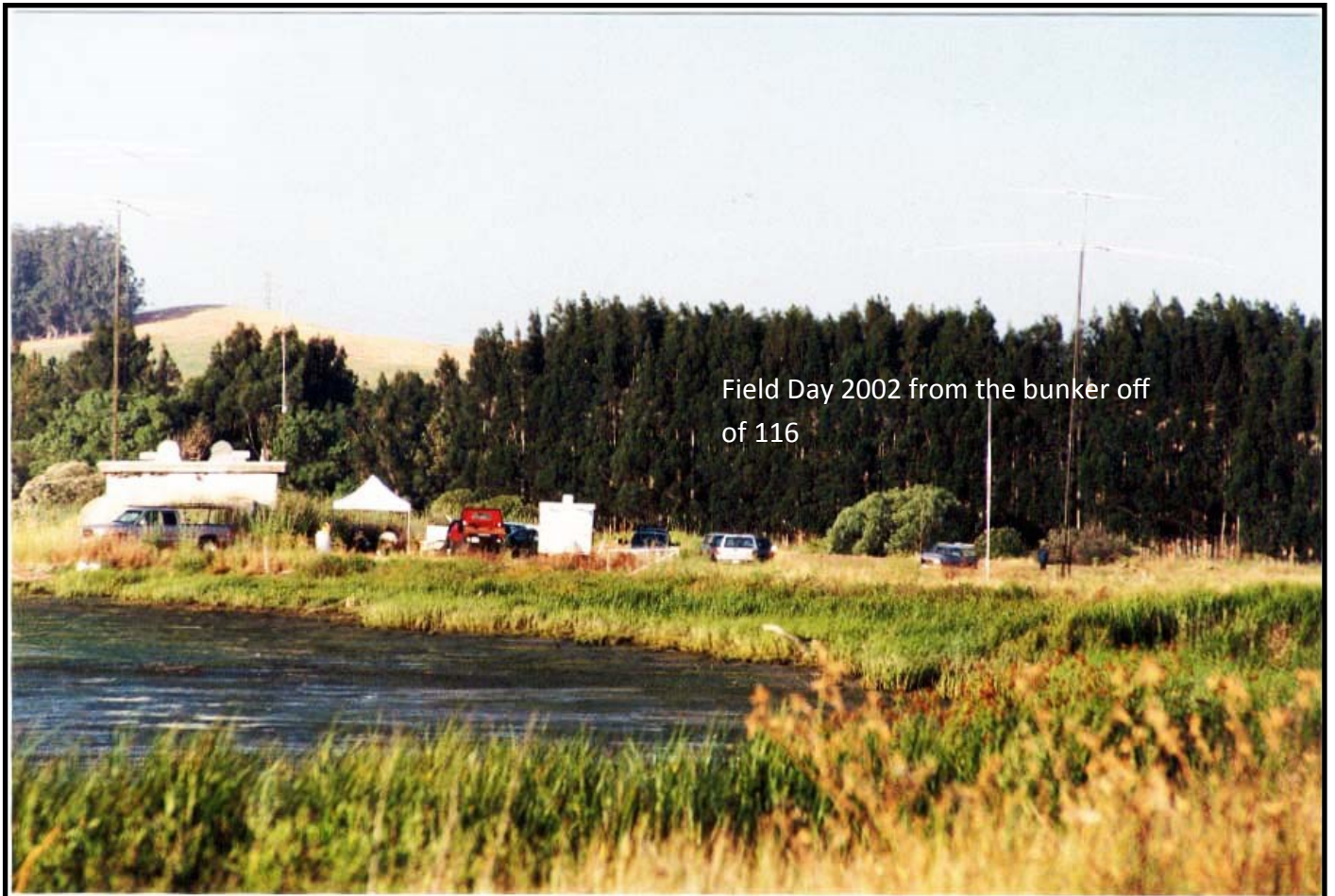
Team Vertical Captain: Someone who can round up two or three helpers and erect our BigIR vertical on Friday, set out the 16 ground radials we will use this year, run the cables to the connection board and shack, then supervise breakdown and packing on Sunday.

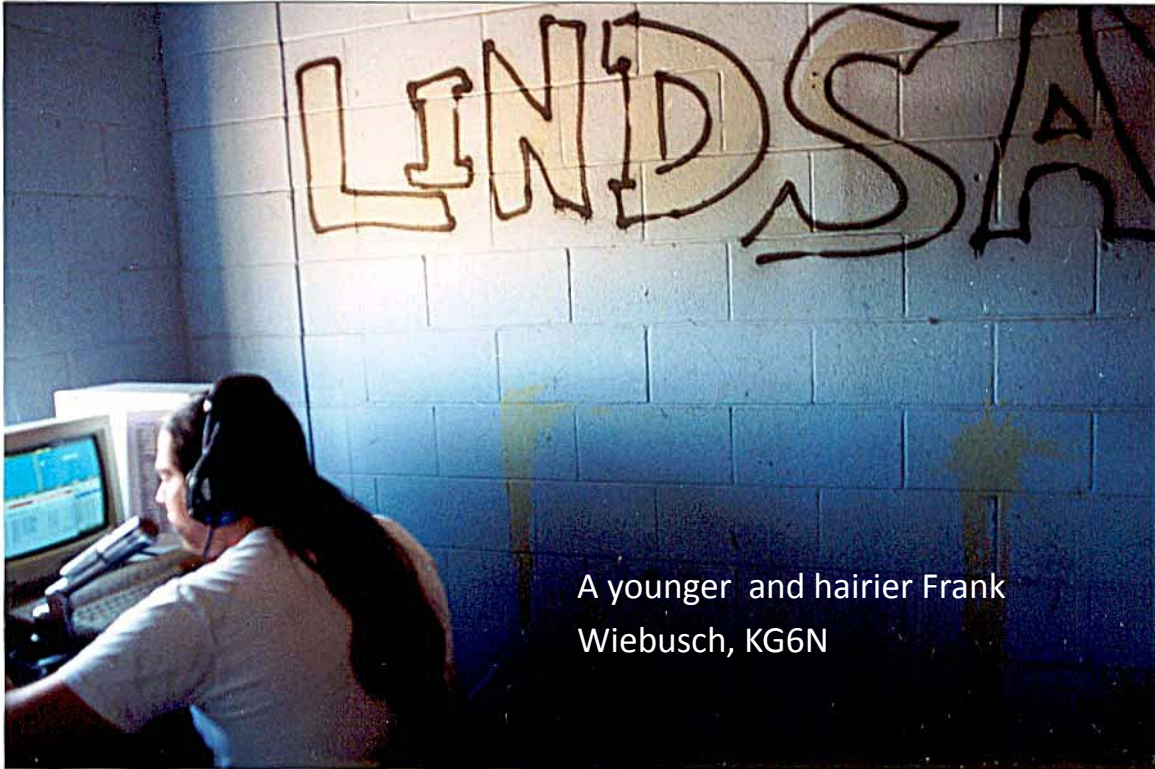
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Late Night Operators: If you're a night owl, this is for you! We have a hard time filling the Phone, CW and FT8/4 stations between 1:00 am and 7:00 am. Are you willing to take the "Late Night Challenge"? If so, I want to hear from you!

It's possible to volunteer for more than one of these, but I *really* want to hear from *any* motivated person who wants to help keep REDXA/MARS Field Day alive...*it's all up to YOU!* Please, if you want to help, reach out to me anytime on my cell or email:

707-696-9117 Ron@N6IE.com





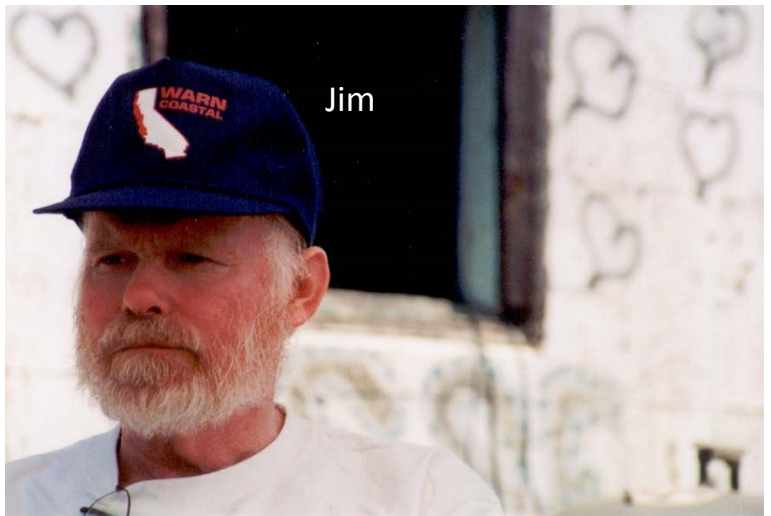
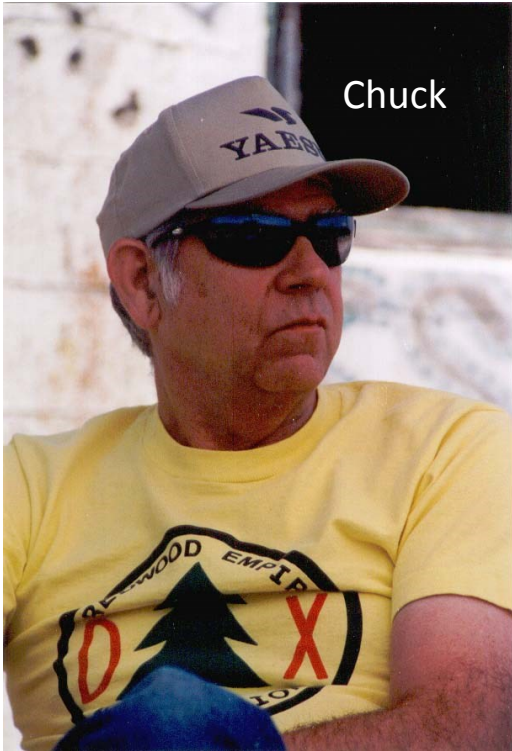
A younger and hairier Frank
Wiebusch, KG6N



More from the 2002 Field Day expedition to the bunker off of Highway 116. Apparently everybody survived raising a stack!

Photos here and next page courtesy of Marilyn, N6VAW





Field Day 2002





*Pouring elevated ground anchors at the Castle Rock QTH
These are needed to get the tower guy lines higher over the drive
way 73, Bob, K6QXY*

Ed: Bob's hilltop QTH had both a world class 6M DX operation (including EME) and a commercial relay site for several public safety organizations. The entire operation was incinerated in one of Sonoma County's devastating wildfires. It's good to see how Bob is getting back in business.

Treasurer's Report

Balance on March 31: \$3,695.27

Outgo: \$350.00 (Field Day deposit to Marin Rod and Gun Club)

Income: 2 dues at \$20.00= \$40.00

Raffle from live meeting:\$37.00

Balance as of April 20: \$3,385.27

Submitted by:

Fred Leoni- N6YEU Treasurer



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| Icom IC-7800 HF Transceiver | \$3000 - \$3500 |
| Icom IC-7610 HF Transceiver | \$2400 |
| Icom SP-20 spkr | \$150 |
| Kenwood SP-930 spkr | \$70 - \$125 |
| Ten-Tec Model 307 spkr | |
| Alpha 9500 HF Amplifier | \$4200 - \$6000 |
| Expert 1.3K Amplifier | \$3650 |
| Ameritron ATR-30 Tuner | \$400 |
| Ware Node WN-2d digital wattmeter | |
| LP-100 Digital vector wattmeter | \$420 |
| Heil PR-781 desk mic and boom | \$160 - \$200 |
| Navigator TNC/Rig control | \$200 - \$290 |
| W2IHY 8 band equalizer and noise gate | \$150 |
| W2IHY 1x4 Ant switch (2) | |
| W2IHY 3x4 switch plus | \$325 |
| W2IHY iplus | |
| W2IHY EQplus processor | |
| Astron RS-70A power supply | \$230 |
| OJE PS30 SWIV power supply | |
| SEC 1235M power supply | |
| Heath Cantenna dumpy load | \$28 |
| Mosley Pro-57B HF antenna | |
| Hy-gain controller with either a Ham 4 or Trailtwister rotor | \$450 - \$700 |
| Crank up tower | |
| Butternut HF6V HF vertical (\$567 new) | \$75 - \$350 |
| Vibroplex Paddle | \$100 - \$200 |
| Bencher Key | \$100 |
| La Crosse digital desk clock | |

Mel, AB6QM, is assisting KC6AWX's widow in selling Bob's gear.

The prices , as always, are negotiable. Pick up is in Novato.

As you know, Bob was a REDXA member as well as the ARRL's Sixth District QSL Bureau manager

For any questions or offers, please contact Mel directly at:

ab6qm1@gail.com

More items for sale by K6VVA as published on the NCCC reflector

K6VVA – Antennas & Tubular Towers For Sale – 5/11/2022

For Pick-Up Only in the Morgan Hill/Gilroy (CA) area

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ANTENNAS ("New-In-Box") - Never Installed
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- 1. Hy-Gain TH2-MK3 Tribander: \$200 *** CQP Expd Yagi ???
- 2. HY-GAIN TH7DX Tribander Price: \$400
- 3. M2 (M Squared) 4-el Tribander KT34M2: Price \$600

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ANTENNAS (USED)
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- 1. Force 12 C4 Price: \$200
- 2. 40m 4-Square (95% of all antenna parts - Butternut?) Price: \$200

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TUBULAR TOWERS (USED)
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NOTE: Each of the below includes 4 bolts for the concrete base installation

- 1. U.S. TOWER MA-40 "Wilson" clone w/base & raising fixture - Price: \$800
- 2. U.S. TOWER MA-40 "Wilson" clone w/base & raising fixture - Price: \$800

Interested parties please email ONLY to: items4sale@k6vva.com (include your Callsign, Name & Phone Number !!!).



Boulevard Café & Grill
1096 Petaluma Blvd. North, Petaluma, CA

In person meetings are back at the Café!
Please thank Daniel and his staff for their support over the past years.
REDXA's first place small club CQP plaque is prominently displayed here on the wall alongside plaques from other service clubs

Evening dinner meetings are happening again. Be vaxed, be safe, and join REDXA for the next meeting on June 8

