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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at Mister McGoo's Restaurant, 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 feature Bruce W6OSP's preliminary first-hand report on the very successful K4M DXpedition to Midway Island. Alan will be showing an advance copy of the K5D Desecheo Island Dxpedition video. A new slate of officers will be elected.

REDXA President's Report

First, my thanks to all who made Field Day 2009 such a rousing success. Results published in the December QST shows W6KB with a total score of 10,010, placing us ninth in the national 2 A category out of a total of 502 logs received and counted. Special thanks to Jim, KE6UAR, our Field Day Coordinator.

Our November meeting will feature Bruce W6OSP's preliminary first-hand report on the very successful K4M DXpedition to Midway Island. I'll also be showing an advance copy of the K5D Desecheo Island Dxpedition video. And—most important—this is the meeting at which we elect the slate of officers who will guide the club through the next year and beyond.

The following members have agreed to stand for election.

President: Ron Castro N6IE
VP: Josh Fiden W6XU
Secretary: San Smith N7PIB
Treasurer: Jim Selmi K6JS
Directors: Bob Magnani K6QXY, Wally Pugh N6AD, Alan Eshleman K6SRZ



Doug, WW6D, will continue his work as Web master and Contest Chairman. Jim, KE6UAR, will also be continuing as Field Day Coordinator.

We are entering the peak of the amateur radio contest season. As if to celebrate this fact, my own ham shack desktop computer suffered a total meltdown after a virus attack. I have resurrected my ancient IBM laptop, loaded WriteLog, and am ready for action with fingers tightly crossed. This afternoon I will start dropping my vertical wires for 80 and 160 M and replacing them with dipoles for 40 and 80 meters.

The virus attack still remains a mystery. I consider myself a pretty aware computer user. I use anti-virus software, avoid Internet Explorer, and delete any incoming email that I'm not sure about. It didn't help: all of a sudden a very innocent looking Web page advertising virus protection popped up and announced that my machine was riddled with viruses. All I needed to do was "click here" and I could pay for their wonderful service that would clean my machine. I didn't bite, but it was too late. I couldn't close the Web page, I couldn't launch any other applications, and I couldn't even turn off the computer without unplugging it.

These malignant viruses I have since learned originate somewhere offshore and are pretty well known in the computer security community. I'm hoping that I can restore the computer. If not, I will take this as a message from the gods to (1) get a MAC and (2) learn UNIX.

Logbook of the World continues to be a great resource. In the space of a few weeks I've seen my confirmed entity total on 160 go from 78 to 101. I sent my application and a few cards for 160 M DXCC off to Newington last week and already the LOTW Web site says I've been awarded the certificate. This was so fast that the "DXCC applications received" list has yet to show K6SRZ!

Besides ham radio, the big news at my QTH has been the birth of six puppies to Annie the Dawg. They are 5 weeks old, amazingly cute, and often demanding. Yesterday—at 3 a.m.--they woke me up with their squeaky barks. After I staggered out to clean the whelping box and dish up a helping of dental-soft puppy food, I switched on the radio to find TX3A (Chesterfield Islands) calling CQ on 160 and within minutes they were in the log. Thanks pups! Here's a video I did of the pups:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4amuJChEAzo>

I'll see you all at Mr. McGoo's on November 11, but before that I hope to see you all on the air for Sweepstakes. CW Sweepstakes starts at 0100 Pacific Time on Saturday the 7th and continues until 1900 Pacific Time on Sunday. Things can get really slow

on Sunday afternoon so even if you aren't competing please get on and give us a quick QSO. If you are competing, please consider marking your entry for the Northern California Contest Club to help in our quest for first place in the club competition. NCCC dues are voluntary. To join, go to <http://www.nccc.cc/membership.html>

Last year, after a string of five straight victories, NCCC had to settle for second and relinquish the gavel to the Potomac Valley Radio Club. This is the year to take it back.

And speaking of contests, as of today, three of the top eleven single operator scores (logs received) in the recent California QSO Party belong to REDXA members.

73,

Alan/K6SRZ

Treasurer Report (Not Updated)

by Jim, K6JS

REDXA TREASURER'S REPORT

9/30/09 Balance Forward		\$2,689.78
INCOME		
	0.00	
	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		0.00
EXPENSES		
TOTAL EXPENSES		(0.00)
10/31/09 Ending Balance		<u>\$0.00</u>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OCTOBER 2009

by Doug, WW6D

NO MEETING WAS SCHEDULED.

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

by Doug, WW6D

President Alan K6SRZ called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm, October 14, 2009 at Mr. McGoo's Restaurant, Petaluma, CA. In attendance were 17 members and guests. Guests included Devon (K6JS harmonic) and Skip AF6HC.

Alan K6SRZ requested a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting and treasurer's report as published in Sunspots. The motion was made by Ron N6IE and seconded by Jim KE6UAR. Motion passed.

Old business. None.

New business. Alan K6SRZ opened the meeting by offering a toast to Fred N6YEU in becoming a grandfather! Also, thanks to Fred (who was off visiting his new granddaughter) for all his efforts to get REDXA members on the air for the California QSO Party.

The November meeting will include the election of officers. If you would like to nominate some one, please do so then! The nominating committee has met and will present a proposed slate of officers. The program will be one of the first presentations on the K4M Midway Island 2009 DXpedition by Bruce W6OSP.

Jim K6JS and Devon conducted the REDXA Raffle which brought in a total of \$52. The winner for the evening was Bob K6QXY who took home \$26, leaving \$26 for the club.

The program for the evening was the video presentation of the Raul Island DXpedition professionally produced by James Brooks 9V1YC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Contesting and DX News

by Doug, WW6D

Don't underestimate the "old dogs"! Evidence is the recent award received by Len K6ANP for his efforts in the 2008 CQ Worldwide CW Contest. His single op assisted all band achievement was FIRST place in 6-land, 10th overall USA, and 16th overall in North America. Nice going, Len!

CQ WW SSB

Call	Category	Qs	Ctrys	Zones	Score
K6RIM	SOAB(A)HP	219	129	54	111,447

Stew Perry Top Band Contest

Call	Category	Qs	Mlts	Score
K6SRZ	SOHP	121	--	590

NA Sprint CW (September)

Call	Category	Qs	Mlts	Score
K6SRZ	SOHP	247	38	9,633
N6ZFO	SOLP	134	38	5,226

California QSO Party

Call	Category	CW Qs	SSB Qs	Mlts	Score
N6ZFO	SOLP	572	76	52	97,136
N6IE	SOHP (combined)	1529		58	211,178
K6CTA	SOLP	200	0	42	25,200
K6SRZ	SOHP	978	783	57	256,500
K6RIM	SOHP	1153	480	58	256,302
WW6D	SOLP	295	0	50	44,250
KE6UAR	SOLP	17	149	39	13,611
N6YEU	SOLP CtyExp	672	530	55	169,180
(Trinity County)					
N6AD	SOHP	639	26	56	110,264
AA6YX	SOLP	533	280	55	118,745
W6XU	?				

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Nov 7-8	ARRL Sweepstakes CW
Nov 11	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Nov 21-22	ARRL Sweepstakes SSB
Nov 28-29	CQ WW CW
Dec 4-6	ARRL 160m
Dec 9	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Dec 12-13	ARRL 10m
Jan 1	Straight Key Night
Jan 2-3	ARRL RTTY Roundup
Jan 13	* REDXA Monthly Meeting with NCCC
Jan 23-25	ARRL Jan. VHF Sweepstakes
Feb 20-21	ARRL Int'l DX Contest CW
Mar 6-7	ARRL Int'l DX Contest SSB

Monthly San Francisco Section News Summary

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