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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at Carrow'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 be the change of guard, Spirit Award, and prize drawings at the Christmas party!

DE RICH W6UDS

As this is my last column as President I want to take the opportunity to thank the Board of Directors, committee chairs and membership for the support that they gave me this year. Without their support and enthusiasm, REDXA would not be the well-known and popular club that it is. I would like to recognize Steve Bertsch, WA6YFD, who has done a remarkable job as editor of the Sunspots over the past few years. Thanks also to Bill Pearson, K6WAP, who has given his assistance in the publishing of the Sunspots.

I consider it a privilege to have served as President this year and I have no doubt that the Club is in very capable hands with the upcoming slate of Officers and committee members.

I hope to see you at the Christmas party on the 17th. We will have very substantial prizes and gift certificates so don't miss it!

Vy 73, Rich

Club Call

W6KB

Treasurer Report

by Gordon, K6PT

REDXA TREASURER'S REPORT

10/31/03 Balance Forward \$3,157.36

INCOME

Badges	20.00	
Dues	400.00	
Raffle	34.00	
Visalia Raffle	825.09	
TOTAL INCOME		1,279.09

EXPENSES

Awards	34.75	
Badges	17.11	
Christmas	200.00	
Guest Meals	15.00	
Sunspots	3.44	
TOTAL EXPENSES		(270.30)
11/30/03 Ending Balance		<u><u>\$4,166.15</u></u>

Club dues are due. The roster for 2004 will be published on Feb. 15th. Any unpaid members will not be included in the roster.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING December 3, 2003

by Marilyn, N6VAW

NO MEETING HELD.

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

by Marilyn, N6VAW

We had one guest, Kurk Radford, K6RAD, who also joined. Kurk lives in Cotati. His special interest is making wire antennas and learning more about CW contesting. Welcome, Kurk!

Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved as published in the most recent Sunspots.

Old Business:

Dues:

Dues for 2004 are due now. The REDXA policy established by the BOD follows:

After February 15, 2004, there will be a reinstatement fee of \$5 should dues not be paid by that date. The 2004 roster will be printed and distributed at that time, therefore members paying after that date will not be on the roster. The secretary and treasurer spent a lot of time in 2003 trying to collect dues. We hope our new policy will solve that issue.

Convention stipend:

Rich announced that REDXA received \$825.09 for our participation in the 2003 DX Convention. Since this is less than our anticipated amount, this outgoing BOD will write a letter to the NCDXC. It will state that should we be asked to participate in 2005, we should negotiate a minimum amount.

New Business:

Here are your new Officers and Board of Directors for 2004!

President, Fred, N6YEU
Vice President, Dave, W8NF
Secretary, San, N7PIB
Treasurer, Gordon, K6PT
Director, Chuck, N6OJ
Director, Mike, K6PUD
Director, Rich, W6UDS

Christmas Raffle:

- A limit of \$25 will be placed on the purchase of raffle tickets
- One prize per person

Instead of having many, small prizes, some donated by vendors, this year recipients of the raffle prizes will be given gift certificates from HRO of approximately \$100 to \$300. Also, there will be 7 or 8 hands on prizes. \$1,200 has been budgeted for Christmas Party raffle prizes.

Announcement:

Bill Hillendahl, KH6GJV, stated that he has a slide show he will be able to present to us next year, showing us his trip and tour of League Headquarters. Also, he added the importance of our writing snail mail to our representatives advocating the protection of our spectrum. It is so important to address the problem of our losing our frequencies, specifically through the BPL now being considered. It should be noted that 4 watts into BPL would cause interference. In that case, hams will be the losers.

Program:

San, N7PIB, presented us with a fascinating slide show of his trip and operation to St. Helena including a seven-day boat trip to Ascension Island.

Raffle:

Fred officiated at the raffle making \$34 for REDXA.

Dues are Due!

Dues are due now; they are \$20 a year; they are overdue after February 15; at that time there will be a reinstatement fee of \$5 and the published roster will be final on that date. You can pay your dues at the monthly meeting or send them to the REDXA PO Box address located on the front page of the newsletter.

Contesting News

by Doug, WW6D

With both Sweepstakes events and the last CQ World Wide over for the year, it's time to take a more leisurely approach. If your holiday plans are to stay home and relax on New Year's eve, why not blow the dust off of that old hand key and put it to use on Straight Key Night. A great opportunity to relive those old days.

Hope you all have a great holiday season and Best DX to all!

ARRL Sweepstakes CW

Call Category Qs Mlts Score
W6XU SOHP 765 79 120,870
KE6ZSN SOHP 497 76 75,544

California QSO Party

Call Category Qs Mlts Score
KE6ZSN SOHP 1428 58 183,280

ARRL Sweepstakes Phone

Call Category Qs Mlts Score
K6LRN SOHP 711 78 110,916
K6TKD SOHP 99 32 6,336
N6YEU SOLP 345 73 50,370
K6RIM SOHPUL 1238 80 198,080
KE6ZSN SOHP 741 75 111,150
K6UM SOLP 371 74 54,908
N6ZFO SOHP 501 76 76,152

CQ WorldWide CW

Call Category Qs Zones Ctrys Score
K6RIM SOABHP 502 118 294 569,384
K6LRN SOABHP 558 131 257 584,716
K6UM SOABLP 441 69 87 68,796

ARRL June VHF QSO Party

Call Score QSOs Mult Class Section
K6UM 17,304 168 103 A SF 1st Place SF,
Class A!

California QSO Party (CQP) Logs Received CA Contest Clubs

Note from Al Maenchen, AD6E.

The 2003 California QSO Party (CQP) logs received are now listed on the web.

Please check your claimed score at
<http://www.cqp.org/results/2003/LogsReceived2.pdf>
Of course this is your claimed raw score, before log checking and rescoreing.

If you sent in your log but it isn't listed let AD6E know ASAP !! Also, if you want your score to be credited to a club and none is listed, let AD6E know.

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73, Don

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