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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 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 a choice of 5 DVDs! Those in attendance can pick a couple to watch. We have: 1. FT5GA-Glorioso DXpedition, 2. 6O0CW Somalia DXpedition, 3. TT8TT Chad DXpedition, 4. TN2T Republic of Congo and 5. Navassa Island DXpedition from 1992. There should be a couple we can all agree on, hi!

REDXA President's Report

It looks like we are going to have a bit of a lull in DXing as far as I can see. After the K1N-Navassa excitement and the E30FB-Eritrea group along with 9Q0HQ and 7QAA which kept us busy there doesn't seem to be anything really interesting coming up soon.

The International DX Convention in Visalia will soon be upon us. (April 17,18 and 19) Many of us will be attending as this is always great fun. You can probably still register but lodging will be a problem. REDXA has had some big winners recently in the raffle bringing home some high ticket items such as transceivers. The odds are much better than the California Lottery. My appeal for a volunteer to coordinate dinner table reservations went unheeded so basically we are on our own or maybe we can put something together after we arrive.

I would like to thank Bill Zaner-W6IYS for offering to assume the position of REDXA treasurer. The board unanimously approved him. Unfortunately he will not be in attendance at the April meeting due to a previously planned trip to Washington state to visit family.



I think that all who attended last month's meeting experienced a very nice program. John-K6MM did a fantastic job with a presentation on K1N-Navassa Island DXpedition. Thanks John!

With that all I can say is I'll be looking forward to our gathering Wednesday April 8. As always bring a lie or two about your DXing prowess, hi.

Take care and 73, Fred

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MARCH 10, 2015

by Ed, K6ELE

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Fred, N6YEU. Board Members present: Bill, KH6GJV; Alan, K6SRZ; Rick, N6GY; Jim, K6JS; Ed, K6ELE, Josh, W6XU

New Business

1. Fred, N6YEU discussed the issues surrounding the club treasurer position. At a previous club meeting and by email, the treasurer, Bill, KH6GJV had discussions with several club members about payment of dues. Several members said they had paid dues by cash, but were not listed as paid for 2015. Bill said that all dues collected were recorded in a receipt book and a receipt was given to the club member. Fred was asked by several club members to discuss the dues issues with the Bill.

2. One club member decided to quit he club over the dues issue. Fred stated that his statement about Bill was a reaction to the member concerns and he should have tempered his response to Bill.

3. Another concern that was discussed related to the application for new membership and the process that needed to be followed. The bylaws now require a prospective member to submit an application and attend a club meeting for membership consideration.

4. Bill announced that he was resigning as treasurer and would remain in the position until a replacement was named.

5. Discussion followed about the duties of the treasurer, the process of collecting dues, and membership termination for nonpayment of dues. Board

members agreed that the bylaws should be reviewed and possibly revised to better define the officer positions in the club. Board members agree to submit bylaws of other clubs for discussion at a future board meeting.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

MARCH MEETING MINUTES

by Ed, K6ELE

Boulevard Café, Petaluma

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by the club President, Fred, N6YEU.

Announcements:

Fred announced that at the board of directors meeting on 3/10/15 that Bill, KH6GJV resigned as club treasurer. Fred said that issues have arisen over the collection of dues and membership. Bill will continue until a replacement is appointed.

Fred announced that the board of directors will review our bylaws for updates to our officer positions and responsibilities.

Fred said that antenna work was needed on the tower for our newsletter editor Steve Bertsch, K6SAB. Rich, W6UDS will coordinate the rental of a lift to make the necessary repairs. Several members volunteered to help with the repairs.

Fred suggested that we should consider having a club competition for various contests.

Fred discussed locations for the joint meeting this summer with the Motherload DX club. Rio Vista and Fairfield were mentioned.

Alan, K6SRZ, announced the awards by the NCCC for 2015. Ron, N6IE got the award for "first to 58". Fred, N6YEU got second place award for county expedition for NAQP. Alan, K6SRZ got awards for "operating excellence CW" and 500K points in the NAQP. Josh, W6XU said that he received a KB 2500 award".

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm for the program of the evening. K1N - 2015 Navassa Island DXpedition by John K6MM. John presented a very interesting overview of the DXpedition and its operation.

Treasurer Report - March 2015

by Bill, KH6GJV

REDXA TREASURER'S REPORT

2/28/15 Balance Forward		\$3,473.33
RECEIPTS		
Dues 2015	200.00	
Raffle (net)	117.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		317.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
Awards (CQP 2014)	60.00	
Guest Meals	24.50	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		(84.50)
Cashflow		232.50
3/31/15 Ending Balance		<u>\$3,705.83</u>

I have badges for KC6AWX, KB5LCR, N5PSM and N6TQ. You can pick 'em up at the meeting.

See you at the meeting!

73,

Bill "GJV"

Monthly San Francisco Section News Summary

Here is the link for the News Summary:
<http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=SF>

REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events:

by Doug, WW6D

Apr 8	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Apr 17-19	DX Convention - Visalia
Apr 25	VOMARC Hamfest
May 2-3	7th Call Area QSO Party
May 9-10	CQ-M Intl DX Contest
May 13	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
May 30-31	CQ WPX CW
Jun 10	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Jun 20-21	ARRL June VHF
Jun 20-21	All Asian DX CW
Jun 27-28	ARRL Field Day
Jul 1	RAC Canada Day Contest
Jul 8	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Jul 11-12	IARU HF World Championship
Jul 18-19	NA QSO Party RTTY
Jul 18-19	CQ WW VHF Contest
Jul 25-26	RSGB IOTA Contest

If you have events that you would like to have posted here, PLEASE let me know!

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

Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club
presents

HAMFEST 2015

**Saturday, April 25th,
8 am to 12 noon**

Featuring

- Swap Meet (indoor and outdoor spaces)
- Breakfast
- VE Testing Session
- Station Demos
- Fox Hunt

PLUS: special exhibit of vehicles that support
emergency communications

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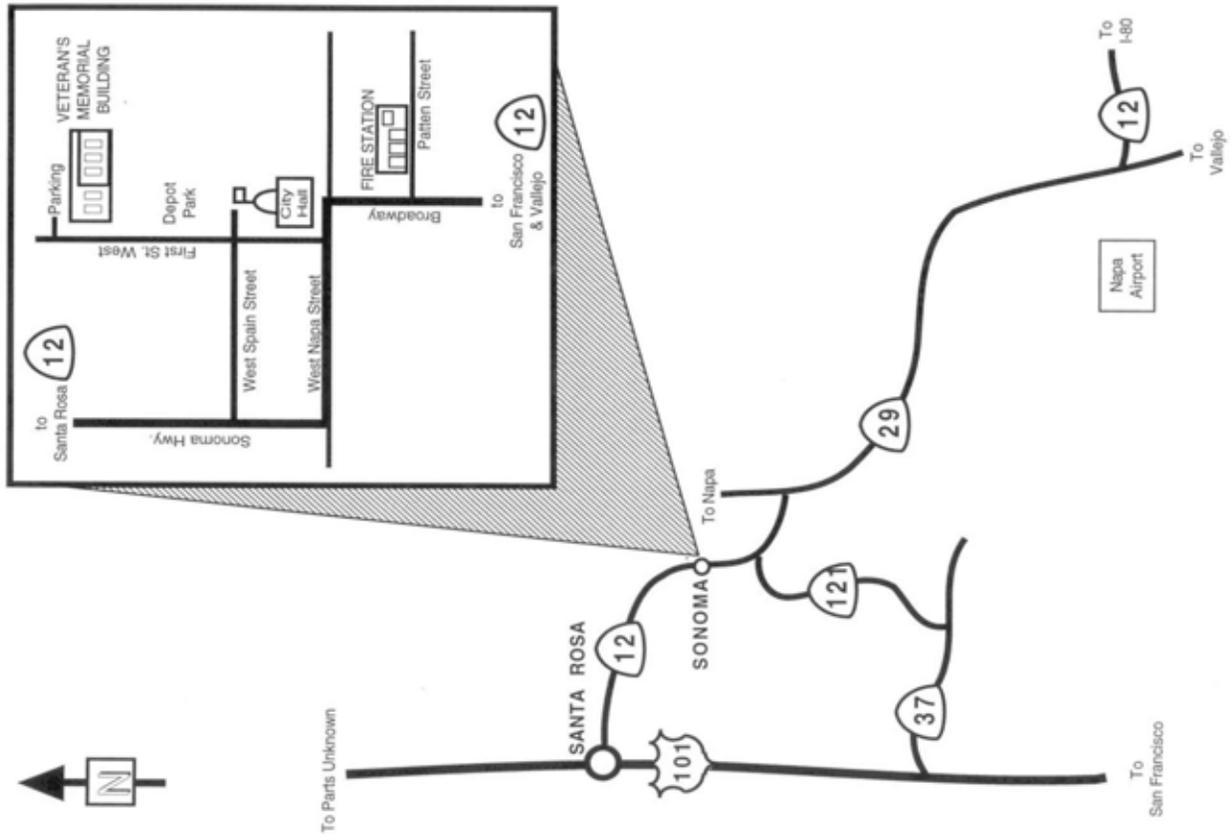


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Admission: FREE
Breakfast: \$8.00
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