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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, August 12, 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 The latest from Elecraft, Including Inside the Elecraft K3S
- New K3S features and inside the technology behind the K3S performance improvements
Speaker: Eric Swartz - COO and co-founder, Elecraft.

REDXA President's Report

It sure seems that DX is in the summer doldrums. For me it seems the bands are basically dead during the day and sometimes things pick up at night but not much. I have been turning on the rig less and less lately. I sure hope conditions improve this fall.

I just had a visit from my daughter and family less than one month after having traveled to Italy with them. My step granddaughter who didn't make the Italy trip came along. She is almost 13 and became fascinated by CW. She was learning letters and numbers like crazy but had to go home. I am going to encourage her to continue with her learning. The little 5 year old was picking up a few letters and got a kick when I told her what letter she sent. Good fun.

I also want to remind you that CQP will be here Oct.3 and 4. This year will be the 50th CQP and the powers that be are planning on making it a special one. As always I want to encourage all of you to participate at whatever level you care to operate, from casual to all out effort. All scores help and maybe, just maybe, we can manage to win the



club competition. We know REDXA is the best club and it's time to prove it to the others!

I hope to see most of you at the meeting. It's a good place to catch up with others and maybe hear some good DX stories or at least stories of recent travels or adventures.

73, Fred

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JULY 2015

by Ed, K6ELE

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

JULY MEETING MINUTES

by Ed, K6ELE

Meeting held Petaluma, CA - July 8, 2015

President Fred-N6YEU opened meeting at 7:10pm.
One visitor was present: W6ICM-Ozzie

Treasurer's Report was given by Bill-W6IYS (but I neglected to write down the numbers read).

Old Business: Fred reported the plaque we have been discussing was ordered but not ready before meeting.

New Business: Chuck-N6OJ reported that Gordon-K6PT will be back in August for a visit from his qth in XE land. Radio station KPH will be having "Night of Nights" Sunday July 12.

Program: Ron-N6IE gave an excellent power point presentation on this year's Field Day and Alan-K6SRZ showed a video of one of our Field Days a couple of years ago that he shot and edited which brought back memories and had some shots of Bruce-W6OSP.

The raffle brought in \$124.00 (\$62 to the club and \$62 to the winner which I didn't write down, oops.)

Meeting was adjourned sometime after 9:00pm.(?)
Submitted by N6YEU in place of Ed-K6ELE who was absent.

REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events:

by Doug, WW6D

<i>Aug 12</i>	* <i>REDXA Monthly Meeting</i>
Aug 15-16	NA QSO Party SSB
<i>Sep 9</i>	* <i>REDXA Monthly Meeting</i>
Sep 26-27	CQ WW DX RTTY
<i>Oct 3-4</i>	<i>California QSO Party – 50th year</i>
<i>Oct 14</i>	* <i>REDXA Monthly Meeting</i>
Oct 16-18	PACIFICON Pac Div Convention
Oct 24-25	CQ WW DX SSB
Nov 7-9	ARRL Sweepstakes CW
<i>Nov 11</i>	* <i>REDXA Monthly Meeting</i>
Nov 21-23	ARRL Sweepstakes SSB
Nov 28-29	CQ WW DX CW

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.

Treasurer's Report
July 2015

by Bill, W6IYS

Bal Brt. Fwd	7/1/15				<u>\$3,927.34</u>
Receipts					
	Raffle (net to Club)	\$62.00			
	Total Receipts			<u>\$62.00</u>	
Disbursements					
	Field Day (Food)	\$84.13			
	Field Day (Site costs)	\$250.00			
	Annual Liability Insurance	<u>\$300.00</u>			
	Total Disbursements			<u>\$634.13</u>	
Cash Flow					
					<u>-\$572.13</u>
New Balance	7/31/15				<u>\$3,355.21</u>

Monthly San Francisco Section News Summary

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

October 14, 2015 (2nd Wednesday) -- Monthly Meeting -- "The Origins of Silicon Valley: Roots in Ham Radio"

-- Paul Wesling KM6LH will give his talk from last summer's ARRL Centennial Convention in Hartford, CT.

Paul Wesling KM6LH will give his talk from last summer's ARRL Centennial Convention. The story goes back to local Hams trying to break RCA's tube patents, the sinking of the Titanic, Naval ship communications requirements, World War I, Fred Terman and Stanford University, local invention of high-power tubes (gammatron, klystron), WW II and radar, and the SF Bay Area infrastructure that developed – these factors pretty much determined that the semiconductor and IC industries would be located in the Santa Clara Valley.

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