

SUNSPOTS

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, August 12, 2017 at Boulevard Café & Grill, Petaluma.
If you need directions please call one of the club Officers

6pm— Social Hour in the Lounge
7pm — Dinner and Meeting
8pm -- Program

PROGRAM: Jordan Heichman, WC6J, will be presenting "How You Can Participate with Summits on the Air," along with examples of "How To Successfully Operate Portable from Mountaintops with SOTA." Jordan is the Northern Sierra Nevada Regional Manager for Summits on the Air and he has been an avid Activator for many years. He regularly operates portable from remote mountaintops using phone and CW. Jordan often experiments with building radios and antennas for portable use. He is also the current Vice President of the El Dorado County Amateur Radio Club.



REDXA President's Commentary

...This is an abbreviated "Sunspots" for August. Your editor anticipates a larger, well-illustrated issue next month. As always, your contributions are needed to make "Sunspots" an interesting read.

Apropos of this month's presentation, check out WC6J's QRZ page for some of the flavor of SOTA.



REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events

by Doug WW6D

Aug 14 * *REDXA Monthly Meeting*

Aug 17-18 North American QSO Party SSB

Aug 24-26 Hawaii QSO Party

Sep 11 * *REDXA Monthly Meeting*

Sep 14-16 ARRL September VHF Contest

Sep 28-29 CQ WW RTTY

Oct 5-6 California QSO Party

Oct 9 * *REDXA Monthly Meeting*

Oct 18-20 PACIFICON

...and here's a new contest: Announcing the first World Wide Digi DX Contest.

This is a new event, devoted largely to the FT4/8 modes that are taking ham radio by storm (grumble-ed.) The contest is a collaboration between the World Wide Operators Foundation (WWROF) and the Slovenia Contest Club (SCC).

The contest starts Saturday August 31 1200 UTC and lasts for 24 hours. Full rules and details can be found at <https://ww-digi.com>. The page has links to Ed, W0YK's, recent webinar that discusses the contest and strategies. Scoring will be distance-based and grid fields (NOT grid squares).



JULY MEETING MINUTES by Doug WW6D, Secretary

Vice President Roger Cooper, N3RC, called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm, July 10, 2019 at the Boulevard Cafe, Petaluma, CA. In attendance were 25 members and guests.

Minutes and treasurer's report from the previous meeting were approved as published in Sunspots.

Roger thanked Alan K6SRZ for his continued efforts in keeping the Sunspots Newsletter going.

Old Business. Roger called on Ron N6IE to provide a summary of Field Day. Here's what he reported: Beautiful weather and a wonderful cooperative effort with the Marin ARS. In addition to the 2 towers with SteppIR beams, the BigIR Vertical really played well, especially on 10 meters. FT8 was used for the first time on Field Day and netted 248 QSOs. The trusty K3 belonging to Jim K6JS failed within the first few hours [see photo elsewhere in this issue] but was replaced after Alan K6SRZ drove all the way back to his home QTH to retrieve his venerable Yaesu FT-1000MP. The big surprise this year was the appearance of Al K6RIM who helped with the CW effort. Overall, with bonus points, the two club effort garnered 7436 points. Thanks to all who participated including the pre- and post-loading of the FD towers and antennas stored at Fred N6YEU's QTH. Trailer was provided by Bill WX6B.

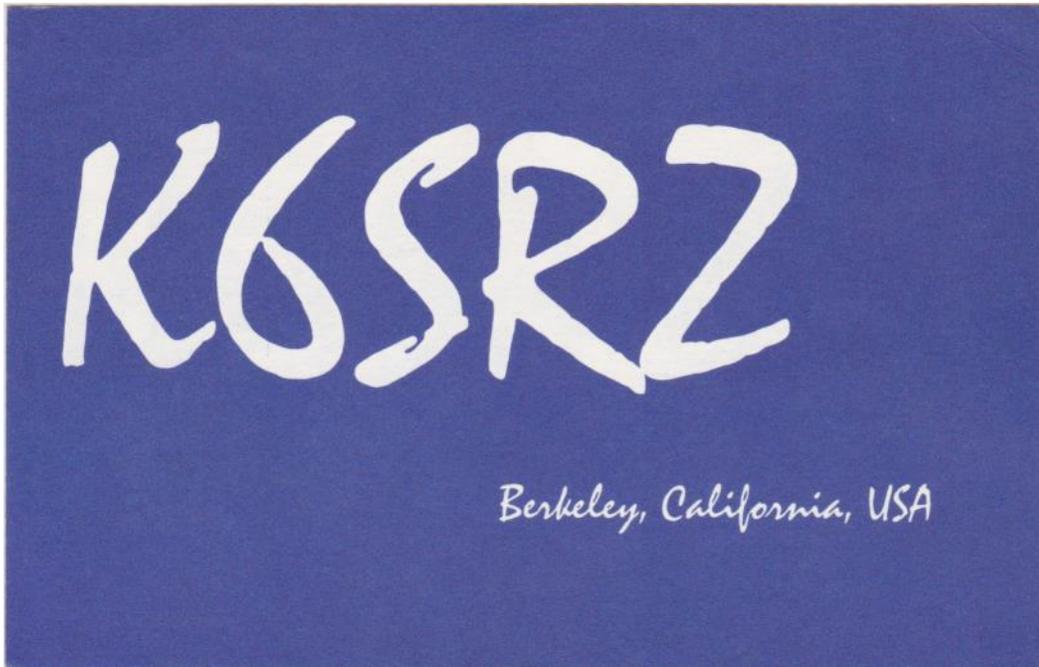
New Business. The Sunspots editor, Alan K6SRZ, announced that he will be taking a break next month from publishing the newsletter. But please keep sending him material including photos (JPG format) and other articles for publication in September.

Program was presented by Jim K6JAT, our ARRL Pacific Division Director. He outlined many of the challenges facing the League in the coming years and solicited our help in guiding his efforts.

The raffle sales were not held; however Rick N6GY donated \$20 to the club. Thank you Rick!

Adjourned at 8:55 pm.





From before your editor moved to Pennngrove. Extra credit if you guess whose QSL card he was trying to copy.



Field repairs of an ailing K3 at the CW position at Field Day





Chileno Valley

Again, nothing to do with ham radio except that—like REDXA—Chileno includes Marin and Sonoma Counties.



Recent Contest Scores collected by K6JS

NAQP CW August

K6MM	Single Op LP	2.5	124	37	4,588
K6JS	Single Op LP	3:00	156	48	7,488
K6RIM	Single Op LP		202	80	16,160
N6IE	Single Op LP	7	330	123	40,590
N3RC	Single Op LP		472	125	59,000
K6SRZ	Single Op LP	9:57	771	125	96,375
N6ZFO	Single Op LP	9:45	644	156	100,464

NAQP RTTY

<u>CALL</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>QSO</u>	<u>MULT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
N6IE	Single Op LP	10	494	116	57,304
K6SRZ	Single Op LP	2.5	78	42	3,276
K6MM	Single Op LP	0.5	36	26	936

CQ WW VHF

<u>CALL</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>BAND</u>	<u>QSO</u>	<u>MULT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
N6ZFO	SOSB/6 HP	3	6M	25	16	400
N3RC	SOSB/6 LP		6M	13	12	156

IARU HF World Championship

<u>CALL</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CW-Q's</u>	<u>PH-Q's</u>	<u>ZN</u>	<u>HQ</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
K6SRZ	SOABCW HP	12	752	0	59	24	202,271
N6IE	SOAB(A)CW HP	7:40	417	0	69	36	127,785
K6MM	SOAB(A)Mixed HP		378	39	37	23	66,180
K6RIM	SOAB(A)Mixed HP		73	10	26	8	8,126

DLDX RTTY

<u>CALL</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>QSO</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>MULTS</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
N6IE	SOAB-6 HP	3	110	790	52	41,080

RAC DAY

<u>CALL</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CQ Q</u>	<u>PH Q</u>	<u>CW MULT</u>	<u>PH MULT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
K6MM	SOAB HP		48	2	10	2	3,768
K6SRZ	SOAB HP	14	381	314	29	18	201,442

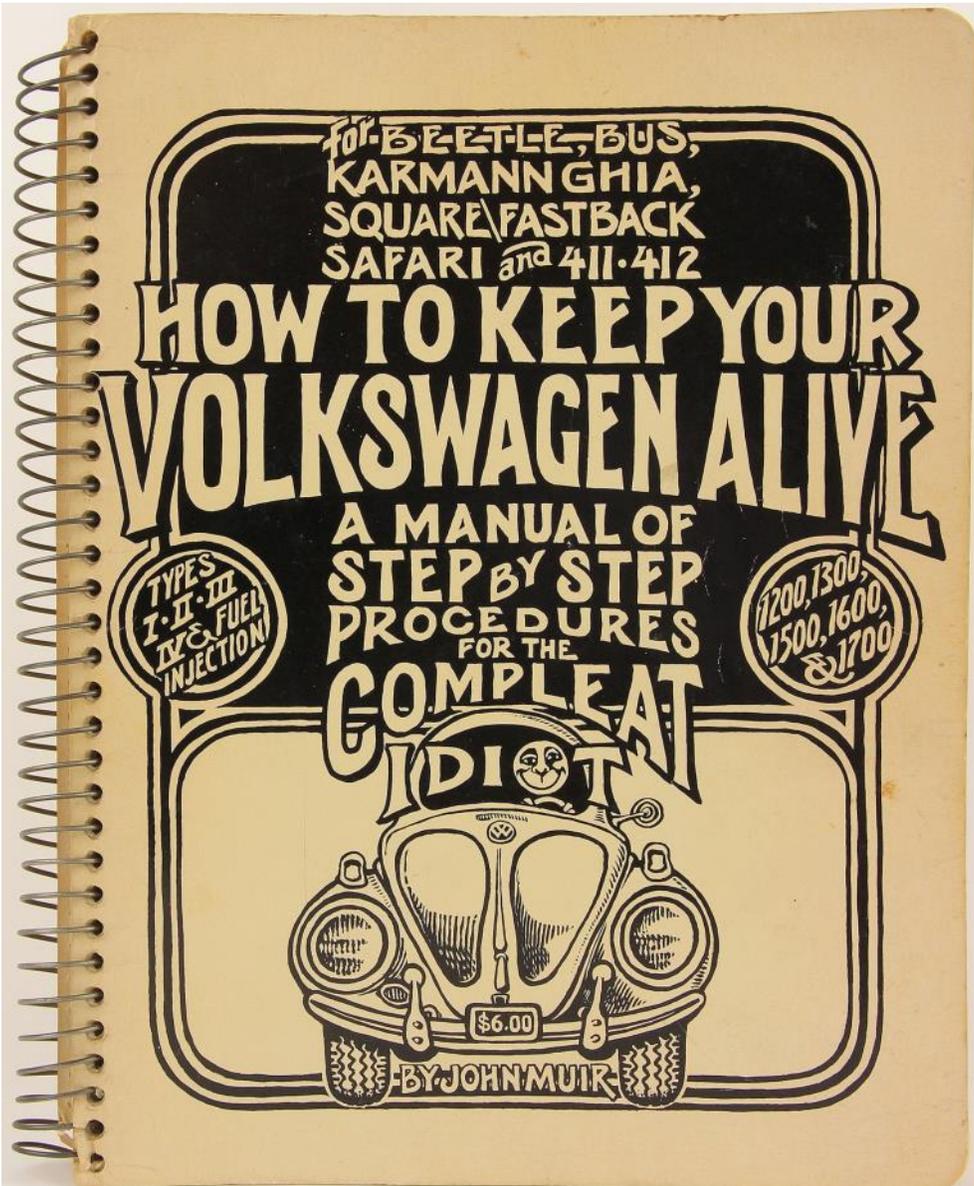
ALL ASIAN CW

<u>CALL</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>QSO</u>	<u>MULT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
K6SRZ	SOAB HP	3	147	72	11,026
K6RIM	SOAB HP		35	29	1,015
N3RC	SOAB HP		29	27	783

Contest Scores (cont.)

ARRL JUNE VHF

CALL	CLASS	TIME	QSO	MULT	SCORE
N6ZFO	Single Op HP	12	97	40	3,880
N3RC	Single Op HP		44	29	1,276
K6SRZ	Single Op HP	2:03	32	12	384
K6MM	Single Op HP		23	4	92



This doesn't have much to do with ham radio (unless you've ever operated mobile from a VW bug), but I'll bet a lot of you owned this book at one time or another. VW is discontinuing iconic beetle after 50+ years, but the book remains in print.

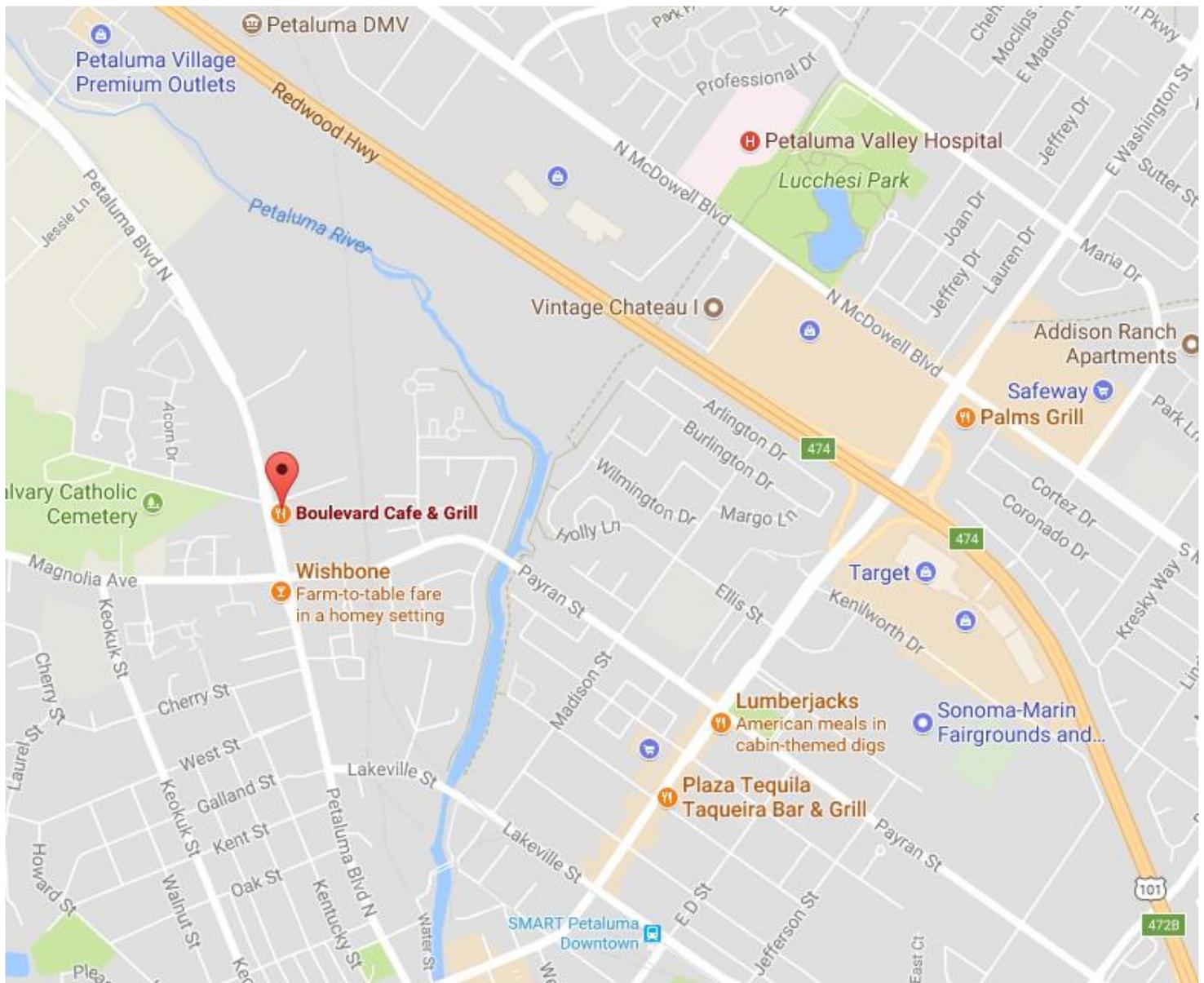
The earlier beetles had 6 Volt systems. The Web has many sites that discuss how to convert to 12 Volt systems.





Boulevard Café & Grill

1096 Petaluma Blvd. North,
Petaluma, CA



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