



## REDXA Holiday meeting December 11

Come one and all (and bring your significant others) for an evening of great food, a special raffle and presentation of the 2019 REDXA Spirit Award.

We're meeting at the the Boulevard Café and Grill. Directions on the last page of this issue.

# SUNSPOTS

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## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 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:** It's our annual Holiday Party! Come one come all and bring your significant others for a special holiday meal, a big prize raffle, and presentation of the spirit award.



## REDXA President's Commentary

### REDXA President's Report

It's hard to believe that the holidays are upon us again. This month brings our 39<sup>th</sup> annual REDXA Holiday Party, when we invite family and non-ham friends to join us, I hope we pack the house. We forgo our regular presentation and instead have our big holiday prize raffle with HRO gift certificates and items donated by several of our club members. Be sure to get plenty of tickets. Another tradition is the naming of our REDXA Spirit Award winner for the year. This is a meaningful award that we look forward to presenting to our next deserving member. Let's all have a great time this Wednesday evening.

Looking back on 2019, in January we had Leif Svalgaard present a reconstruction of historical sunspot number series. February was our joint meeting with the NCCC, FT8 presentation by NCCC prez W6FB and a Skype with PJ5/N6YEU in St. Eustatius. In March, we had N6WM fresh off the boat from VP6D Ducie Is. In April we had a homegrown presentation from our own N6YEU on his trip to PJ5. May we had AI6VN, Rob telling us all about the new SDR receiver capability at the site of former commercial station KPH. Another homegrown presentation in June from N6IE regarding his work keeping 4 FM stations on the air during the

Redding Carr fire. July brought us K6JAT ARRL Pacific Division director. August was WC6J and his presentation on SOTA(Summits on the Air). Moving into September we had Ted KA6W on Designing HF Loops for DX. October we had Eric WA6HHQ from Elecraft fly-in for a demo. Of the new K4 transceiver (Too bad the area was in a complete PSPS during this time). November brought their challenges, but had Gary NA6O with a presentation on neighborly RFI.

I look forward to seeing you all Wednesday evening.  
73 and Happy Holidays,  
Jim, K6JS

Editor's note: It's been a hectic and compressed holiday season with Thanksgiving and Christmas/Hanukkah/Kwaanza too close together. Add the Impeachment hearings, blackouts, evacuations, and a long overdue atmospheric river and most of us haven't had time to send in those articles, photos, and commentaries for "Sunspots". Thus, this month's issue is shorter than usual. I hate to sound like a broken record, but your editor is an editor . The content needs to come from you!





**A** JOLLY GOOD WISH  
this is bringing from me,  
For the jolliest **CHRISTMAS**  
you ever did see. 



Santa at the radio—1924

Editor's note: I tried searching for ham radio-related Hanukkah pictures, but, alas everything related to "Hanukkah" and "ham" stressed that this juxtaposition would be a dietary faux pas

## November Sweepstakes SSB

Call	Class	QSO	Mults	Score
W6XU	Single Op HP	459	77	70,686
K6MM	SO Unlimited HP 3	3	18	
W6PZ-K6SRZ/KU6FM	Multi-Op HP	609	82	99,876
N6YEU	Single Op LP	148	58	17,168
N3RC	Single Op HP	472	76	71,744
W6DR	Multi-Op HP	845	83	140,270
N9YS W6DR W6WS WB6RJH				

Club members' contest scores compiled by Jim Selmi, K6JS. The scores are mostly gleaned from 3830 postings so please post your contest results there. <https://www.3830scores.com>

## CQ World Wide DX CW

Call	Class	QSO	Zones	DXCC	Score
N3RC	SO(A)AB HP	200	45	85	69,940
N6ZFO	SOAB HP	657	93	185	503,458
K6RIM	SO(A)AB HP	267	61	134	140,400
N6IE	SO(A)AB HP	430	108	233	381,579
K6JS	SO(A)AB LP	567	89	186	409,475
W6DR	SOAB HP	640	108	241	590,159
N6YEU	SOAB LP	179	48	101	72,563
K6SRZ	SOAB HP	99	52	92	38,880
K6MM	SO(A)AB HP	21	15	13	1,120

### Soapbox:

#### N6ZFO

W6JTI supplied the rare "3" zone on 10m after a QSY from 15m, which was not quite as dead. Sad that on Sun AM LP 40m Eu's were as strong as on 20m later.

#### K6JS

Little pistol station (45' x 100') Tough conditions all around. EU was very weak here on the West coast(For me). AF was booming at times.

I worked all 40 zones, finding a lonely OY CQing Sunday afternoon for Zn 40.

I enabled live scoring, which helped with BIC time and added a virtual competitive spirit.

See you all in the next one - Elecraft K3 x 2 - DB-18 @ 55', SteppIR BigIR Vertical

#### N6YEU

Challenging with low power and not the best conditions but great fun anyway! There were some super operators on the DX end very FB!

## ARRL 160

Call	Class	QSO	Sections	DXCC	Score
W6DR	SO Unlimited HP	446	82	11	87,141
K6SRZ	SO Unlimited HP	400	73	10	73,123
N3RC	SO Unlimited HP	53	31	2	3,472

### Soapbox

#### N3RC

Wind storm took down Inv L

Treasurer's Report for November 2019 prepared by Bill Zaner, W6IYS, Acting Treasurer

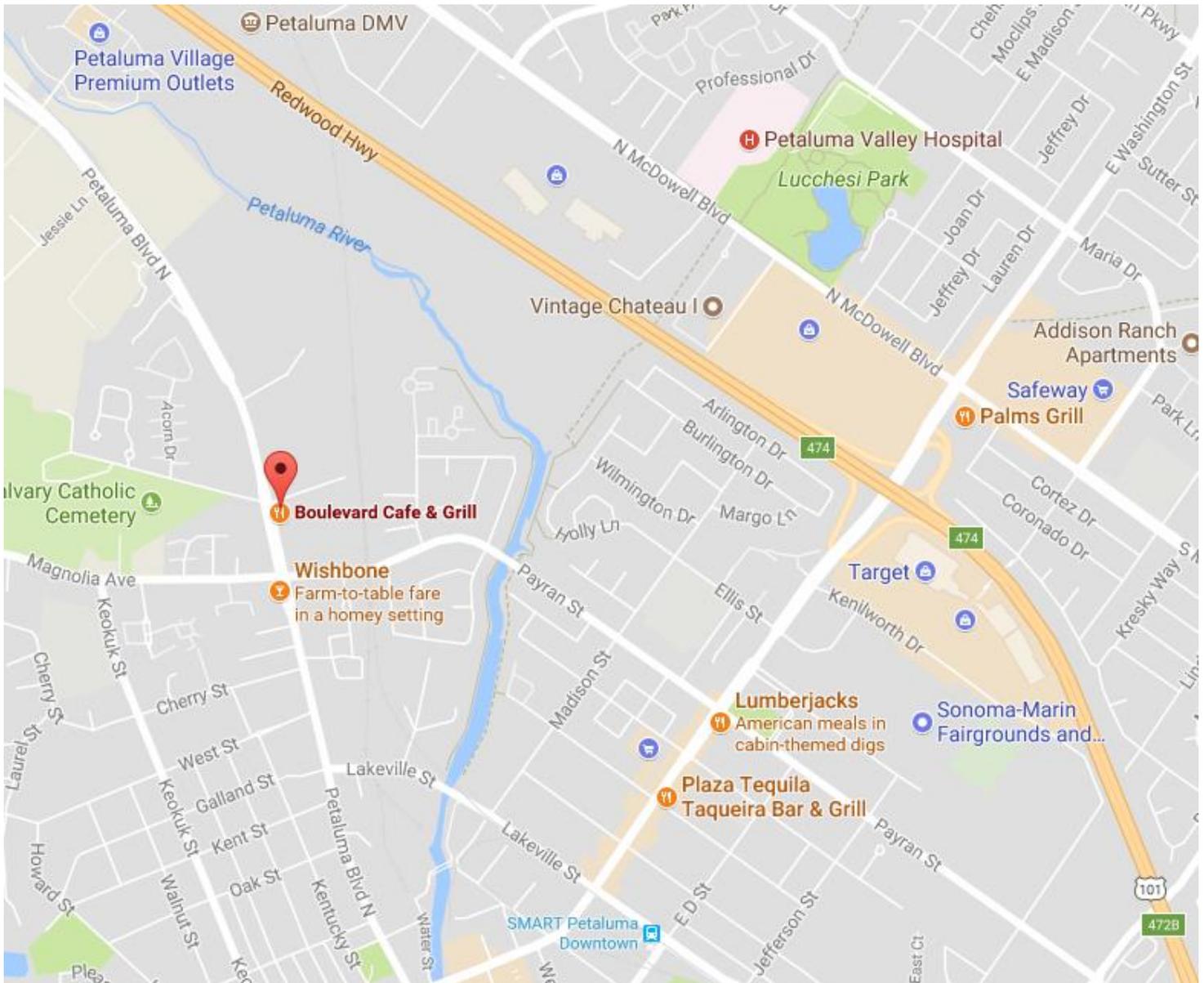
Bal. Brt. Fwd. 11/1/2019		<u>\$3,475.81</u>
Receipts		
	Dues	\$260.00
	Total Receipts	<u>\$260.00</u>
Disbursements		
	Office Supplies	\$27.16
	Total Disbursements	<u>\$27.16</u>
Cash Flow		<u>\$232.84</u>
Balance 11/30/2019		<u>\$3,708.65</u>

And speaking of treasury, dues for 2020 are now due on January 1st .  
Contact our Treasure at the next meeting or pay on-line Details at our  
Web site [www.redxa.com](http://www.redxa.com)



## Boulevard Café & Grill

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