

We'll be ZOOMing our next Meeting

Time 7:00 PM December

8th (Wednesday)

ZOOM: meeting *****

Password: ***** There's

also a direct link to ZOOM

posted at:

[http: www.redxa.com/](http://www.redxa.com/)

Check your email for the "Meeting ID" and pass-word. You should have received an email with this information. If not, contact one of the club officers.



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Mee#ng Announcement

We're s(II Zooming, but the end is in sight.
November's mee(ng as usual.

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From your acting Sunspots Editor

Alan, K6SRZ, will be returning as editor for the
January newsletter. I've enjoyed the foray, but
other business calls me. Have fun.

Saraj, KU6F

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTARY

We have a slate of officers proposed which we can vote on at the December meeting:

President- Bill WX6B

VP - Roger N3RC

Secretary- Roger N3RC

Treasurer - Fred N6YEU

Director - Josh W6XU

Director - Ed K6CTA

Al, K6RIM, has done a great job of contacting members and former members and convincing them to re-up into REDXA. We should have some numbers to discuss at the Zoom meeting

At the last meeting we had a lot of support for meeting in person on the weekends. It appears we may have at least one option for that plan and we can also discuss that at the meeting.

On a personal note, we bought a new 24' RV and that has cut into the contesting a bit. I hope to do some Parks on the Air (POTA) activations soon. Have participated in POTA as non-activator in last several weeks and the activity level remains pretty high. Fred, N6YEU, was able to work over 2,000 contacts on his recent East Coast trip. If you haven't looked into the POTA program I highly recommend it for something new in ham radio.

I also ordered a Xiegu X6100, their latest SDR portable rig and its companion amp the XPA125B from Radioddit. I have not done business with Radioddit before but they get great reviews. Radioddit had Black Friday sale so saved a little. They say the X6100 will get here by 2/1/22 which is the day after I get my new K4? In the interim, I also ordered a Xiegu G1M which is in stock and only about \$ 250 since the X6100 2/1/22 date may slip. I then decided that I needed extra power for RV/POTA so spent several hours putting together a plan for a box with LiFePO4 100ah battery, charger, inverter, switches, Power-poles, monitors, etc. Then I ran into some YouTube videos on Portable Power Stations. The Chinese have created Portable Power Stations which are almost cheaper than the component parts. So I scrapped my plans and bought a BLUETTI Portable Power Station EB70S 716Wh. Should get here in next several days. I will probably sell the Xiegu G1M when the Xiegu X6100 arrives. I had a KX3 in Montana and it was a great rig so it will be interesting to see how the Chinese rigs compare.

REDXA Treasury report for November 30, 2021

Balance as of 31 October: \$3,599.73

Outgo:

Donation to Northern California DX Foundation:\$250.00

Flowers in memory of K6SRZ YL

Balance as of 30 November: \$3,272.58

Respectfully submitted,

Fred-N6YEU Treasurer

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

by Doug WW6D, Secretary

The monthly meeting was held on Zoom November 10, 2021. Social hour began at 6:30 pm, hosted by President Roger Cooper, N3RC. Formal meeting began around 7 pm. During the meeting, 15 participants were noted.

Old business: none.

New business: Minutes and Treasurer's report for October were approved as published in the Sunspots newsletter.

The agenda for this meeting:

- make plans for future meetings
- discuss nominations for officers and directors

Several restaurant suggestions had been proposed and investigated in the past by Jim Selmi, K6JS, but none had been agreed on by the membership. One idea was the possibility of just having quarterly meetings somewhere. A consensus was reached that we should strive to renew our meeting venue at The Boulevard Café in Petaluma, so Bill WX6B, Alan K6SRZ and Jim K6JS will work together in seeking an arrangement there.

Once an arrangement has been made, we can collectively make a decision on how often we meet, when we meet and the location of future in-person meetings. Tentatively, it was agreed to have a monthly meeting on Saturday around noon time, pending the results of the discussions with Daniel at the Boulevard.

In the meantime, we will continue to meet on Zoom. It was directed by a majority of participants that a direct link to the meeting be included on the website.

Roger presented the current slate of officers / directors for the 2022 year:

President: Bill WX6B
VP: Roger N3RC
Secretary: Roger N3RC
Treasurer: Fred N6YEU
Director: Josh W6XU
Director: Ed K6CTA

The election was not held at this time in that an appeal was made for others to step forward. The formal election was postponed to the December meeting.

Alan K6SRZ offered to continue to be the Sunspots newsletter editor. He will be assisted by Saraj KU6F for the time being.

Several members were concerned about the drop in membership. Al K6RIM offered to call people who did not renew. Your secretary will be providing old roster spreadsheets to help Al.

Since the December meeting will be held on Zoom, Roger will arrange for a program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events

by Doug WW6D

*Dec 8 * REDXA Monthly Meeting (Election of Club Officers)*

*Jan 12 * REDXA Monthly Meeting*



Boulevard Café & Grill

1096 Petaluma Blvd. North, Petaluma, CA

The Café is open again , including inside service. They're not able to host gatherings like our REDXA meetings yet but I encourage you to stop in for breakfast or lunch.

Please thank Daniel and his staff for their support over the past years.

REDXA's first place small club CQP plaque is prominently displayed here on the wall alongside plaques from other service clubs

We will continue Zoom meetings for the (me being; stand by.

