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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, February 11, 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 by Jim Brown K9YC, on Antenna Planning for Small HF Stations (and even larger ones) and possibly Vertical Antenna Mounting Height.

REDXA President's Report

Well here we are in the second month of the year already! I just got back from a trip to Arcata up in Humboldt county and a couple of days in Brookings, Oregon. After a January with basically no rain we got to experience 3.5 inches of the sweet nectar in OR! I was able to listen on a remote receiver based in MD to some of the K1N activity on my smart phone and have since getting home checked Club Log and it looks like several members have been able to bust the pileups. Congrats to all who have made it in the log! I am going to give it my best tomorrow! (Thurs. 5 Feb.)

I am currently taking a class in Italian at Santa Rosa Junior College to refresh my "skills" in that language. "La Bella Lingua" (the beautiful tongue). I'm doing this as my family and I will be going to Italy and Switzerland in late June/early July. Yes this means I will not be here for Field Day! :- (I definitely will make sure the equipment and such will be loaded and ready for FD but unfortunately I cannot be there this year.

As most of us know life is way too short and the opportunity came up



for us to do this trip and what can I say? I'm on my way!

73, Fred

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JANUARY 2015

by Ed, K6ELE

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM by Fred, N6YEU. Board Members present: Bill, KH6GJV; Alan, K6SRZ; Rick, N6GY; Jim, K6JS; Ed, K6ELE, Josh, W6XU

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. KG6AWX badge will be purchased by club to solve issue of badge being late.
2. An issue has occurred over using the online application form for membership. The matter was discussed and it was agreed to remove the online application form. The form can still be printed and then filled in to bring to a meeting.
3. Bill, Kh6GJV, proposed a bylaw amendment that would drop those members from the roster who have not paid dues by February 28th of the year. Dues paid after that date would require a reinstatement fee of \$10. Former members renewing after the February date would have to pay the full years dues, no proration would be made for dues. The proposal was discussed and the amendment was not approved by the board.
4. The proration of dues either quarterly or on a monthly basis was discussed and will be brought forward to the membership
5. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45:pm.

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

by Ed, K6ELE

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by the club president, Fred, N6YEU. There were 27 members and four guests: David Mitchell and his wife Nancy, Dick Wolf, and Wayne Owens. Wayne is technology chair of the Salvation Army Advisory Board of Santa Rosa.

Announcements:

David Mitchell (N5CSM), and Dick Wolf (W6ELD) were voted in as a new members.

Fred reported on the board meeting. An issue with online website application for membership was discussed. It was decided to drop the website online form for membership application.

The was some problem with issuing badges that have been paid for. Fred resolved the issue with the member.

The club sprit award was given to Ron Castro, N6IE, this year. Jim, K6JS, presented the award.

Rich, W6UDS, asked for help with antenna work for Steve, K6SAB, our newsletter editor.

The club sends its condolences to Saraj, KU6F, on the passing of her mother.

Mike, AI6II, said he had a cubical quad for sale.

The raffle was won by K6EL.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Monthly San Francisco Section News Summary

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

Treasurer Report - January 2015

by Bill, KH6GJV

REDXA TREASURER'S REPORT

12/31/14 Balance Forward \$2,885.32

RECEIPTS

Badge	66.00	
Dues 2015	190.00	
Raffle (net)	<u>90.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		346.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Badge	<u>66.49</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		(66.49)

Cashflow 279.51

1/31/15 Ending Balance \$3,264.83

Now collecting dues for 2015. Please pay early and pay often!

I have badges for KC6AWX, W6ELD, KB5LCR and N5PSM. You can pick 'em up at the meeting.

See you at the meeting!

73,

Bill "GJV"

REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events:

by Doug, WW6D

Feb 11	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Feb 14-15	CQ WW WPX RTTY
Feb 21-22	ARRL International DX CW
Feb 28-Mar 1	NA QSO Party RTTY
Mar 7-8	ARRL International DX SSB
Mar 11	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Mar 28-29	CQ WW WPX SSB
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

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