

# SUNSPOTS



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## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**Wednesday, January 14, 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 our very own Bill Hillendahl-KH6GJV on the ARRL. The video presents a very nice, detailed timeline of the progression of Amateur Radio in the United States and points out that after WW1, if not for HPM and others, if the Navy had it's way, there would be no Amateur Radio.

## REDXA President's Report

Well here we are. It's already January and the start of a new year. I am looking forward to my second year as your president (I think). I believe in putting back into one's activities as much as received so I am glad to help do my part for REDXA as I am sure most of you feel the same. I will do my best to continue the fine legacy of REDXA. Many of us are getting a bit "long in the tooth" and our activities of all types are probably not as vigorous as they once were. The one good thing about amateur radio is one can enjoy it even to quite advanced age. You don't have to be able to run a marathon to key the mic or pound brass, hi!

This year I will attempt to arrange interesting and informative programs but it will take help also. Any member who would like to do a presentation or who could offer a lead to someone who can, will be greatly appreciated.

I would like to see participation improve at Field Day this year. It seems to me that the overall numbers of members who participate (even if only to drop by and say hi) seems to be less each year. Any ideas as to



what it will take to increase participation?

The other activity we have traditionally been active in is CQP. This year will be the 50th California QSO Party and it should be a good one. As the somewhat "CQP Chairman" I feel I have not stirred the pot enough to encourage participation as best as I could have in the past. We have had some good year's and I appreciate each and everyone who has participated at whatever level but I really think this would be a good year to give it our all for CQP. We may never win the club trophy but we could definitely make the others nervous!

The exiting news is that Navassa Island/K1N will soon be active in early Feb. Many members need this for an all time new one. Good luck to all! Later in the year Bouvet/3Y0 is in the planning stages. I personally am quite interested in this one.

I'm looking forward to the meeting. I was happy with the Dec. meeting even if many members couldn't make it due to bad weather. While we didn't have a large amount of raffle prizes, what we did have was good. Thanks to N6GY, KH6GJV and W6FSK for their donations also.

Take care and 73, Fred

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DECEMBER 2014**

by Ed, K6ELE

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

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## **DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

by Ed, K6ELE

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by the club president, Fred, N6YEU.

Announcements:

Fred announced that W9KNI a former member of the club is looking for a person to act as awards distributor for the DX marathon.

N6CQ, Jim Colletto asked if the club would like to consider sponsoring a plaque for local contests. Fred suggested we take this up at a later date.

It was suggested that we show on the website roster who has paid.

K1N emailed us asking for a donation for a dxpedition. Fred stated that it is our policy to donate to the NCDXC, however he said he would mention it to club members.

The annual spirit award nominating committee has selected someone for the award and it will be announced at the next meeting.

Several members donated raffle items for the holiday party raffle

Since this meeting was the annual holiday party and raffle, no other club business was conducted.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

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## **Monthly San Francisco Section News Summary**

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

## Treasurer Report - October

by Bill, KH6GJV

### REDXA TREASURER'S REPORT

11/30/14 Balance Forward		\$2,825.71
RECEIPTS		
Dues 2015	255.00	
Raffle (net)	310.00	
Shirtd/Hats	28.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		593.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
Awards	21.65	
Badge	38.24	
Guest Meal (Nov)	23.50	
Raffle	450.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		(533.39)
Cashflow		59.61
12/31/14 Ending Balance		<u>\$2,885.32</u>

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

I have badges for K6RIM and N6TQ.

See you at the meeting!

73,

Bill "GJV"

## REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events:

by Doug, WW6D

Jan 10	NA QSO Party CW
<b>Jan 14</b>	<b>* REDXA Monthly Meeting</b>
Jan 17	NA QSO Party SSB
Jan 23-25	CQ 160m Contest CW
<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>* REDXA Monthly Meeting</b>
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
<b>Mar 11</b>	<b>* REDXA Monthly Meeting</b>
Mar 28-29	CQ WW WPX SSB
<b>Apr 8</b>	<b>* REDXA Monthly Meeting</b>
Apr 17-19	DX Convention - Visalia

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.

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