

SUNSPOTS



REDWOOD EMPIRE DX ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 750834, Petaluma, CA 94975

A DX and Contest-minded Amateur Radio Club serving the California coast north of the Golden Gate Bridge

VOLUME 37

NUMBER 7

JULY 2016

CLUB OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT:

Bill Sirvatka, WX6B
PO Box 3602
Santa Rosa, CA 95402
billys95404@yahoo.com

VICE PRESIDENT:

Gabe Krupa, KJ6AZU
PO Box 750273
Petaluma, CA 94975
kj6azu@bluekelp.com

SECRETARY:

Ed Essick, K6ELE
90 Coleman Drive
San Rafael, CA 94901
e.essick@comcast.net

TREASURER:

Bill Zaner, W6IYS
4661 Valley Quail Lane
Santa Rosa, CA 95401
w6iys@arrl.net

DIRECTORS:

Alan Eshleman, K6SRZ
210 Nila Mae Way
Penngrove, CA 94951
H (707) 665-5790
doctore@well.com

Josh Fiden, W6XU
4590 Timber Lane
Occidental, CA 95465
H (707) 874-3940
w6xu@arrl.net

Fred Leoni, N6YEU
9627 Westside Road
Healdsburg, CA 95448
H (707) 431-8202
n6yeu@aol.com

CONTEST CHAIRMAN:

Jim Selmi, K6JS
7470 Monique Place
Rohnert Park, CA 94928
H (707) 664-9769
jselmi@hotmail.com

WEBMASTER:

Doug Bender, WW6D
3638 Hemlock Court
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
H (707) 526-5131
ww6d@aol.com

EDITOR:

Steve Bertsch, K6SAB
673 Plum Street
Novato, CA 94945
H (415) 898-5159
sabertsch@gmail.com

Visit our Web Site at <http://www.redxa.com/>

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, July 13, 2016 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 Ross, our guest presenter, and he'll entertain us with his experience during the Chesterfield Dxpedition.



REDXA President's commentary

Hello Everyone and I hope you all enjoyed the 4th with family and friends. Well first of all, thanks to all of our dedicated Field Day hams who stepped up to the task of setting up a new venue in Petaluma and giving it their best. This was my first REDXA field day event and it was impressive. I enjoyed the location and accommodations and I hope it proves to be a good future spot for us if we decide to eliminate the old Marin site. I do have to admit that it requires a lot of work to set this up and I appreciate all of the hard work and dedication that went into this yearly event. It also made me realize that some of the work is just too difficult for the older hams and that we must do what we can to recruit some younger folks into this hobby to help carry the torch of future events. If you threw in the heat factor it was amazing that no one keeled

over from heat exhaustion during set up or take down. So thanks again for making this REDXA event so special and for being competitive. I felt the love!

As I write this introduction I notice the SSN is 23, SFI is 77, A=4 and the K= 1. This is rather sad for those of you who chase DX and had the opportunity to log in all of those great Dxpeditions earlier in the year. I just read an article that it's not going to get any better for years to come and this is the challenge we face as we pursue our DXCC and honor roll contacts. It's been awful quiet and we will have to make the best of these conditions or I'll have to work you on the repeaters. As I had the opportunity to visit some new ham locations I am pleased to see repairs being made, new beams going up and that you haven't lost interest in the hobby quite yet. Perhaps this will give us the time to experiment with new equipment, bands, modes or programs prior to our October QSO party. Hang in there and explore some new facets of this hobby.

Lastly I look forward to seeing many of you again July 13th. Ross will be our guest presenter and he'll entertain us with his experience during the Chesterfield Dxpedition. We've backed down from the more technical lectures and this should be another great story to listen to. Ron N6IE will update us on some of the field day stats and as usual another fine night to socialize with our fellow hams and catch up on any new stories from the ham community.

Best wishes to all!
WX6B

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JUNE 2016

by Ed, K6ELE

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

JUNE MEETING MINUTES

by Ed, K6ELE

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by the club vice president, Gabe, KJ6AZU

Announcements:

Bill, W6IYS, gave the Treasurers report. He told those who have charges for field day to keep receipts for reimbursement.

Ron, N6IE, our Field Day captain reviewed the Field Day location. Setup will start Friday 6/24 at 11AM. Lunch will be provided Friday for those who setup for FD. Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast to be prepared by MARS club. Signup for radio shifts either at site or by email to Ron. One hour shifts for day and two hour for night operation. Logging is with N1MM+. CW station will use CW Skimmer. Logging program has check log for valid call signs. We are 2A class for event.

The raffle collected \$60 for the club.

Program:

The vice president introduced Bob, N6VT, who made a presentation on Waterfall Displays for Contesting and DXing. The presentation is available on his website <http://k9yc.com/publish.htm>

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Bal. Brt. Fwd.	6/1/16			<u>\$4,062.63</u>
Receipts				
	Raffle (net to Club)	\$60.00		
	Total receipts		<u>\$ 60.00</u>	
Disbursements				
	Speaker 's Dinner	\$25.00		
	Annual Liability Insurance	\$300.00		
	Total Disbursements		<u>\$325.00</u>	
Cash Flow			.	<u>(\$265.00)</u>
New Bal. 6/30/16				<u>\$3,797.63</u>

Monthly San Francisco Section News Summary

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

REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events: by Doug, WW6D

Jul 13	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Jul 16-17	NAQP RTTY
Jul 30-31	RSGB IOTA Contest
Aug 6-7	NA QSO Party, CW
Aug 10	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Aug 13-14	WAE DX Contest, CW
Aug 20-21	NA QSO Party, SSB
Sep 3-4	All Asian DX Contest SSB
Sep 10-12	ARRL September VHF Contest
Sep 14	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Sep 24-25	CQ WW DX, RTTY
Oct 1-2	CALIFORNIA QSO PARTY
Oct 12	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Oct 29-30	CQ WW DX, SSB

Refer to <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more contest information

WORLDWIDE DISTRIBUTION



**HAM
RADIO
OUTLET**

Nick Scotto
Manager
AK6DX

2210 Livingston Street
Oakland, CA 94606
(510) 534-5757 • 877-892-1745
(510) 534-0729 Fax
oakland@hamradio.com

ANAHEIM, CA • ATLANTA, GA • BURBANK, CA • DENVER, CO
NEW CASTLE, DE • OAKLAND, CA • PHOENIX, AZ • PORTLAND, OR
SALEM, NH • SAN DIEGO, CA • SUNNYVALE, CA • WOODBRIDGE, VA

673 Plum Street
Novato, CA 94945

MEETING: JULY 13, 2016



