

# SUNSPOTS



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## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**Wednesday, July 12, 2017** 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 who will stop by and give us a 90 minute presentation on power and grounding. It's different from the RF grounding talk from last year.**



## REDXA President's commentary

Hello REDXA! Field Day has come and gone and this month Ron will update us on the outcome from all the hard work that members do to make it possible... It's my understanding that in 2018 we will be back in Marin but this was a nice venue for lots of folks in the north bay. We also dodged the bullet with the heat wave and because of the fog some had to pack on the jackets!

I am pleased to announce that we now have booked presentations to finish up the year. This month Jim Brown K9YC will stop by and give us a 90 minute presentation on power and grounding. It's different from the RF grounding talk from last year. I am also excited that Dr. Dave Leeson and his wife will visit us in September to talk on antenna's,

propagation and terrain. He's currently on his way to Austria to give this talk and some of you know Dave from his DXpedition team on the Galapagos for many years.

You can get a private preview of the slides ppt at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/gr91rlhssqjyiv/Ionospheric%20Radio.ppt?dl=0>

So I'm excited to have him coming and we now have 2017 booked through December!

So that's about it for now. I know the band conditions are trending down and I suspect we'll have to hang around 40/80/160 or repeaters... Let's get those new towers/antenna's up in the air for 2018 when we have some great new dxpeditions to Bouvet and Baker/Howard Islands in the works.

Hope everyone had a great 4th of July and still have all of their digits...

See you soon,

Bill WX6B

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JUNE 2017**

by Rick, N6GY

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

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## **JUNE 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

by Bill, W6IYS for Rick, N6GY

President Bill (WX6B) called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. He introduced a guest, Adam (N9ZZZ), He then introduced two new applicants for membership: Tony (W6XZZ) and Steve, (K6ETA). A motion to accept both for membership in REDXA was made by Rick (N6GY), seconded by Fred (N6YEU) and carried unanimously. President Bill (WX6B) welcomed Rick (N6GY) back to the group following his recent stay in the hospital. He then quickly reviewed several future meeting presentations he was arranging for the group. Finally, he

asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Bill (K6WAP-SK) who passed away recently and was a founding member of REDXA.

Bill (W6IYS) gave a brief Treasurer's report and reminded members to obtain receipts for any expenses they may incur for Field Day.

Ron (N6IE) then gave an extensive report on preparations for the upcoming Field Day event. and encouraged all to participate. He covered logistics, equipment, timetables for operation, scoring issues, and directions to the site. He stated that set-up for Field Day would take place at the site (Monkey Ranch) on Friday, June 23 at 10:00 A.M. He encouraged all members to help in the setup. Fred (N6YEU) announced that he could use some assistance loading the Field Day gear onto the trailer. He asked for volunteers to assemble at this home on Sunday, June 17, at 9:00 A.M. to help with this task.

President Bill (WX6B) adjourned the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

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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>

Bal. Brt. Fwd.	6/30/17				<u>\$3,537.74</u>
Receipts					
	Raffle (net to Club)	\$	30.00		
	Dues	\$	30.00		
	Cash Gift		<u>\$10.00</u>		
	Total receipts				<u>\$70.00</u>
Disbursements					
	Coax Repair Party Supplies		\$11.50		
	Office Supplies	\$	6.48		
	Annual Liability Insurance	\$	300.00		
	Total Disbursements				<u>\$319.78</u>
Cash Flow					\$ (247.98)
Balance 7/1/17					<u>\$3,289.76</u>

## REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events:

by Doug, WW6D

Jul 8-9 IARU HF World Championship  
**Jul 12** \* **REDXA Monthly Meeting**  
 Jul 15-16 North American QSO Party RTTY  
 Jul 29-30 RSGB IOTA Contest  
 Aug 5-6 North American QSO Party CW  
**Aug 9** \* **REDXA Monthly Meeting**  
 Aug 19-20 North American QSO Party SSB  
 Sep 2-3 All Asian DX Contest  
 Sep 9-10 ARRL Sep VHF Contest  
**Sep 11** \* **REDXA Monthly Meeting**  
 Sep 23-24 CQ WW DX RTTY  
 Oct 7-8 California QSO Party  
**Oct 11** \* **REDXA Monthly Meeting**  
 Oct 20-22 PACIFICON 2017  
 Oct 28-29 CQ WW DX – SSB

Nov 4-6 ARRL Sweepstakes CW  
**Nov 8** \* **REDXA Monthly Meeting**  
 Nov 18-20 ARRL Sweepstakes SSB  
 Nov 25-26 CQ WW DX - CW

If you have events that you would like to have posted here, PLEASE let me know!

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