

# SUNSPOTS



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## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**Wednesday, June 8, 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 T.V. Bob, N6TV giving a presentation on: "The Advantages of Waterfall Displays for Contesting and DXing".**



## REDXA President's commentary

Hello REDXA and welcome to summer... Is it just me or is it indeed very quiet on the radio lately? Well I'm very happy that we've got a new place for field day and I'm looking forward to dropping in and giving it my best shot. Thanks to all of you for the hard work and dedication it took to find a place at the last minute.

Well here's the line-up for our next few meetings this summer/fall. In June we have T.V. Bob, N6TV giving a presentation on: "The Advantages of Waterfall Displays for Contesting and DXing". I thought the timing might help us for Field Day/Cal QSO Party...

In July I have Ross K6GFJ giving a presentation on Chesterfield Island

from his October 2015 trip.

September I grabbed Jim Coletto N6TQ who was part of the Heard Island team and he'll present his Dxpedition as well.

Lastly, I'm still awaiting a response from Ed Munn and Paul N6PSE to commit to their talks.

Got some great stuff lined up and I don't think I'll see the glazed look in your eyes like the technical talks we've had this year.

So there ya go. I will be on the Island of Eleuthera by the time you get this email and will miss out on the June meeting. I suspect Gabe and the rest of the group should have no problem running the show in my absence. So best of luck to you all and I hope to see you during our Field Day event. If I see any antennas on the Island I will knock on the door and try and make contacts from C6-land. If the Dora-do/Tuna or Wahoo are biting then all bets are off and I'll be doing my best to land some fish for dinner... If fishing is lousy I'll have one of those fancy drinks with an umbrella in it...

Best fishes!  
WX6B/C6

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 2016**

by Ed, K6ELE

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

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### **MAY MEETING MINUTES**

by Ed, K6ELE

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by the club president, Bill WX6B. Several members are returning to the meeting, W6WR, WA7GOL, and guest KI6REQ.

#### **Announcements:**

Bill, W6IYS, gave the Treasurers report. Balance is \$4632.

Ron, N6IE, our Field Day captain announced that we have a new location for Field Day, the Money Ranch near Petaluma. He did a propagation study on the site and said that it has about a .5dB advantage over the previous location. He went over scoring for FD and the bonus points available including youth participation, social media, and safety officer. Setup will start Friday 6/24 at 10AM. Operation starts on Saturday 6/25 at 11AM. Those interested in operation can sign up at the location or email Ron in advance. Members can view the PowerPoint presentation Ron has for the new site from our website.

#### **Program:**

The president introduced Jim Brown, K9YC, who made a presentation on Power, Grounding, Bonding and Audio for Ham Radio. This presentation is available on his website <http://k9yc.com/publish.htm>

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Bal. Brt. Fwd.	5/1/16				<u>\$4,633.00</u>
Receipts					
	Raffle (net to Club)	\$80.00			
	Dues	<u>\$ 30.00</u>			
	Total receipts				<u>\$ 110.00</u>
Disbursements					
	Speaker 's Dinner	\$25.00			
	Speaker's Lodging	\$109.37			
	Field Day Site Rental	\$450.00			
	Refund Dues overpayment	\$10.00			
	Annual P.O. Box Rental	<u>\$86.00</u>			
	Total Disbursements				<u>\$680.37</u>
Cash Flow				.	<u>(\$570.37)</u>
New Bal. 5/31/16					<u>\$4,062.63</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

<b>Jun 8</b>	* <b>REDXA Monthly Meeting</b>
Jun 11-13	ARRL June VHF Contest
Jun 18-19	All Asian DX Contest CW
Jun 25-26	ARRL Field Day
Jul 1	RAC Canada Day Contest
Jul 9-10	IARU HF World Championship
<b>Jul 13</b>	* <b>REDXA Monthly Meeting</b>
Jul 16-17	NAQP RTTY
Jul 30-31	RSGB IOTA Contest
Aug 6-7	NA QSO Party, CW
<b>Aug 10</b>	* <b>REDXA Monthly Meeting</b>
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
<b>Sep 14</b>	* <b>REDXA Monthly Meeting</b>
Sep 24-25	CQ WW DX, RTTY

## **REDXA/MARS Field Day 2016**

### **Ron N6IE, Field Day Chairman**

As many of you already know, after several wonderful years doing our joint Field Day effort with the folks at the Marin Amateur Radio Society, our traditional venue, the Marin Rod & Gun Club gave us the 'heave-ho' just weeks before this year's event. This was not a result of anything we did wrong, but rather that they got an offer for a lot of money to rent the area to a commercial business entity to store large vehicles that would preclude our use of the property.

This set off a panicked search for a property that would give us the land to deploy our antennas, not too far from Marin or southern Sonoma county, that was easily accessible 24/7, that looked like it had at least fair propagation to the east with no substantial man-made noise, reasonably nice microclimate and not attract too many 'looky-loos'. That's a lot of criteria, and with the value and scarcity of real estate in the region, and given the last-minute nature of the problem, finding a venue was a challenge!

After brainstorming ideas and combing Google Earth for hours, we finally had a breakthrough. An old friend of Alan, K6SRZ, has a ranch that is 'rentable' by entities such as ours for events. There is a nicely refurbished barn for our equipment and operations area, plenty of room for antennas and parking and it's conveniently located right on the Sonoma-Marin border. All the information about the dates and the location, along with the Power-Point I showed at our May meeting is on the REDXA website.

At this month's meeting, I will make a short presentation with pictures and plans for the event and I can answer any questions that any of you may have. I hope to see you all at this year's Field Day event, the weekend of June 24-26!

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