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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, June 14, 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 Ron Castro, N6IE who will take some time to discuss our annual field day event.



REDXA President's commentary

Hello REDXA members. I hope everyone is having a great summer so far. June is a busy month for everyone including us hams. There was the UHF/VHF contest on June 10th/11th and of course Field Day which will be upon us shortly. I am excited to see new hams joining REDXA and also all of the new towers/radios that everyone is getting set up. Just off the top of my head I know Len, Alan, Roger, Terry and Jim have tower projects in the works. I can't wait until Bouvet is on the air January 2018. We can put these new toys to work and get some exciting contacts in our logs!

The bands have been relatively quiet and there's not rare DX to chase these days. TN2E wrapped up it's dxpediton and it was a tough one to

work.

As for our meeting this June, Ron Castro, N6IE will take some time to discuss our annual field day event. I suspect he will talk about set up, various stations, operators and how we can beat our score from last year. So if you haven't participated in field day and would like to run an HF station please put some time aside for this event on June 24/25th. It will be held at the Monkey Ranch in Petaluma and everyone is encouraged to jump in and make this a huge success this year! It's a great time to learn from the best.....

If time permits we will watch a great DVD from the Italian DXpedition Team and their Central African Republic trip held earlier this year.

So that's all I have for now. Hope to see as many of you as possible and make this a great meeting.

Bill WX6B

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 2017

by Rick, N6GY

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

MAY 2017 MEETING MINUTES

by Bill, W6IYS for Rick, N6GY

President Bill Sirvatka [WX6B] called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He then informed the membership that he had spoken by telephone to Rick [N6GY] who had recently been hospitalized in a San Francisco hospital as a result of a stroke. He reported that Rick was doing well and anticipated returning to more normal activities in the very near future.

Treasurer Bill Zaner [W6IYS] gave the monthly financial report. He reported that the club now has a balance of \$3,574 in the bank.

President Bill called for a vote on the membership application of Joe Olsen, [AA0BV].who had been introduced at the April meeting. Joe introduced his XYL, Nora, [KE6UVR] and both were voted into the club unanimously.

Doug [WW6D] reported that he had been in contact with Darlene, [KD6GCK] XYL of Jim [KA6UAR—SK]. He stated that Darlene wished to make a gift to the club of Jim's large 40m meter antenna. President Bill reminded members of the extraordinary effort made each year by Jim during the annual field day exercise.

Following dinner, Alan [K6SRZ] introduced the evenings' speaker, Michael Zurch [DL1CMZ/W6]. He reminded the group that our guest is a physicist doing post-doctoral work at UC Berkeley. Michael's topic for the evening was "Remote DXing—Recent Developments and Solutions". Michael first outlined his own personal and ham radio history. He then described the remote station that he and others had constructed at the Central German DX Club. This included the purchase of property, acquisition of commercial radio gear and a significant amount of homebrewing. The station is easily accessed by computer from anywhere in the world and Michael uses it regularly from his Berkeley location to work DX. Using block diagrams and photos he discussed the stations operation and problems the builders had to overcome in establishing it in 2015. He then answered questions from the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Monthly San Francisco Section News Summary

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

Bal. Brt. Fwd.	5/1/17				<u>\$3,574.74</u>
Receipts					
	Raffle (net to Club)	\$	38.00		
	Dues	\$	65.00		
	Total receipts				<u>\$103.00</u>
Disbursements					
	Guest Dinners (2)		\$50.00		
	Renew P.O. Box Rental	\$	90.00		
	Total Disbursements				<u>\$140.00</u>
Cash Flow					\$ (37.00)
Balance 5/31/17					<u>\$3,537.74</u>

Bill Pearson, K6WAP
“Silent Key”

It is with great sadness to report that Bill Pearson, K6WAP, became a Silent Key. Bill was one of the original four members who started REDXA and he has been my Elmer since 1973 when he helped me get my Novice ticket. Physically, it is very difficult for me to travel but every time I turn on my radio, I am able to travel all over the world thanks to Bill! Ham Radio is the best hobby ever and when you have an Elmer like Bill, the fun is even more amplified!

There will be a small private family service for Bill. This will take place in Roseville.

73 and good DX Bill! You will be truly missed!

Steve, K6SAB

REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events:

by Doug, WW6D

Jun 10-12	ARRL June VHF Contest
Jun 14	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Jun 24-25	ARRL Field Day
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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