

# SUNSPOTS



**REDWOOD EMPIRE DX ASSOCIATION**

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## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**Wednesday, May 11, 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 Jim Brown K9YC from Santa Cruz. The topic is “Power and Grounding” for ham radio applications.



## REDXA President's commentary

Helllllllloooooo REDXA! May has arrived and the DX dust has settled. I vaguely recall working EP2A in April and frankly I think I'm dealing with a case of the postpartum DXing blues. I've upped my dose of Prozac, Lithium and Thorazine which now appears to be helping me get through these very quiet times on HF. As I write this introduction I am keeping my fingers crossed and staying positive that we may secure a place for Field Day 2016. Thanks to everyone for spending their time and energy on this project and I hope to hear about a good outcome any day now.

Our speaker this month is Jim Brown K9YC from Santa Cruz. The topic is “Power and Grounding” for ham radio applications. I think this

is another very useful lecture that will ultimately help us all when we set up or revamp our stations. It may even alleviate my computer screens from blacking out when I key up my ACOM 2000A amplifier.

Jim is a retired sound system design consultant, still does technical writing and consulting on EMC, is a Fellow of the Audio Engineering Society (AES), vice-chair of the EMC Working Group of the Standards Committee of the AES and recently retired as Chair of the AES Technical Committee on EMC. He's a principal author of four AES Standards on EMC and is a contributor to the ARRL Handbook and Antenna Book. Jim also worked for WLW, WSAZ, WCAW, and RL Drake, where he tuned up some of their first TR3 transceivers. So if you want to know more about Jim go to QRZ and you'll see his extensive background.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on May 11th and my best wishes to all of our mother's out there!

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING APRIL 2016**

by Ed, K6ELE

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

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## **APRIL MEETING MINUTES**

by Ed, K6ELE

NO MINUTES WERE TAKEN

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|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Bal. Brt. Fwd.   | 4/1/16               |                 |                 | <u>\$4,622.42</u> |
| Receipts         |                      |                 |                 |                   |
|                  | Raffle (net to Club) | \$51.00         |                 |                   |
|                  | Badge                | <u>\$ 22.00</u> |                 |                   |
|                  | Total receipts       |                 | <u>\$ 73.00</u> |                   |
| Disbursements    |                      |                 |                 |                   |
|                  | Speaker 's Dinner    | \$14.05         |                 |                   |
|                  | Badge                | <u>\$18.37</u>  |                 |                   |
|                  | Total Disbursements  |                 | <u>\$32.42</u>  |                   |
| Cash Flow        |                      |                 | .               | <u>\$40.58</u>    |
| New Bal. 4/30/16 |                      |                 |                 | <u>\$4,633.00</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

- May 11** \* **REDXA Monthly Meeting**
- May 28-29 CQ WW WPX CW
- Jun 8** \* **REDXA Monthly Meeting**
- Jun 11-13 ARRL June VHF Contest
- Jun 25-26 ARRL Field Day
- Jul 1 RAC Canada Day Contest
- Jul 9-10 IARU HF World Championship
- Jul 13** \* **REDXA Monthly Meeting**
- Jul 16-17 NAQP RTTY
- Jul 30-31 RSGB IOTA Contest
- Aug 10** \* **REDXA Monthly Meeting**
- Aug 6-7 NA QSO Party, CW
- Aug 13-14 WAE DX Contest, CW
- Aug 20-21 NA QSO Party, SSB

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