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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, May 10, 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 speaker, Michael Zurch DG1CMZ/W6. Michael's presentation is on, "Remote DXing - Recent Developments and Solutions".



REDXA President's commentary

I thought our meeting in April was great! Eric from Elecraft did a superb job and he hid his new amplifier product from us all! Almost a record attendance and of course that makes both myself and Daniel the owner very happy! The bands haven't been all that exciting so again we have time to get those new towers up, practice our CW, sell some of our useless gear and enjoy the record heat wave that has followed our record setting rainfall. I'm also very happy when we get new attendee's to show up at our meetings. There are lots of hams out there in Sonoma/Marin County that could benefit from joining our club and meeting the guys. So please reach out to your ham friends and extend them an invite to attend our monthly meetings. We are an elite group of guys in very specialized niche hobby and we should stick together for

fun and education. Thanks to our members for making these meeting great and bringing added value to REDXA!

As a side note Rick N6GY is still hanging in there after his major stroke. His left side is not too functional at this time and he's having to learn how to get vertical again. He should be returning to Santa Rosa around May 12th and we wish him the best for a full recovery. His wife Kathy has been instrumental in getting him through his recovery and back on his feet... So thank-you Kathy.

Lastly we have a new speaker this month, Michael Zurch DG1CMZ/W6. Michael's presentation is on, "Remote DXing - Recent Developments and Solutions". He has spoken to other clubs in the Bay Area and this should be another enlightening topic for us HF folks!

So I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible and in the meantime be well!

WX6B Pres. REDXA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING APRIL 2017

by Rick, N6GY

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

APRIL 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 said that Rick was doing well and was anticipating returning to a local hospital in the near future,

Treasurer Bill Zaner (W6IYS) gave the monthly financial report. He reported that the club now has a balance of \$3,452 in the bank with no expenditures occurring during the month of March.

Doug Bender (WW6D) notified the membership that he had been contacted by Jim Robinson's (KE6UER-SK) widow that she intended to sell Jim's truck. Doug said he would post the matter on the website so that anyone interested could obtain details.

President Bill (WX6B) introduced Joe Olsen (AA0BV) who was attending the meeting as a guest and was considering joining REDXA.. Joe gave a brief history of his ham radio interests including his activities in SOTA (Summits on the Air).

President Bill introduced the speaker for the evening, Eric Swartz, (WA6HHQ) founder of Elecraft. Eric, who had spoken to the club recently about the technical attributes of various Elecraft products, delivered an interesting presentation reviewing his own personal history and that of the company he founded. He also discussed the principles that guided the growth of the company, some important rules for "start-up" ventures and some hints on things not to do when entering into retail electronic equipment development and sales. Following his presentation he took questions from the members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events:

by Doug, WW6D

May 10	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
May 19-21	Dayton Hamvention 2017
May 27-28	CQ WW WPX CW
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

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

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

Monthly San Francisco Section News Summary

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

Bal. Brt. Fwd.	4/1/17				<u>\$3,452.08</u>
Receipts					
	Raffle (net to Club)	\$ 111.00			
	Dues	\$ 35.00			
	Badge (AA0BV)	<u>\$22.00</u>			
	Total receipts			<u>\$168.00</u>	
Disbursements					
	Guest Dinner	\$25.00			
	Palmgrens Engravables	\$ 20.34			
	Total Disbursements			<u>\$45.34</u>	
Cash Flow					\$ 122.66
Balance 4/30/17					<u>\$3,574.74</u>

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