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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, November 11, 2015 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 **Stu Phillips, K6TU**, will present the planning and development of a fully remote controlled contest station that he, **Kevin K6TD** and two others have built on Mt Umunhum, 3450 feet above Los Gatos, southwest of San Jose.

REDXA President's Report

My apologies for missing last month's meeting. Thanks to Rick and others for covering for me while I was out enjoying a reunion with a couple of long time buddies out in the wilds of Idaho. It was kind of refreshing not to be tied to the "electronic dog leash" (cell phone) for over a week. I should have brought some ham radio equipment but didn't.

Just a reminder elections will be held this meeting for the 2016 year. As of today (Sat.) we are still in need of someone to run for president. Unfortunately it looks as if we are going to have to get on the phone to encourage someone to step up before Wed. All other positions have someone running and actually there are multiple members running for director positions.

Thanks to all who donated to the Begali key fund for Steve-K6SAB. The money donated was more than enough to cover the cost. We are having the REDXA logo and his call sign engraved on the "Signature" model. The key has been ordered and hopefully will be on its way soon.



I have been having some difficulties with communications with Begali but it looks as if all is ok now.

I was happy to see several members at the joint NCCC, REDXA, MLDXCC and PL 259 clubs in Fairfield. It was nice to meet some new people and to say hi to several long time friends. A good time was had by all.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the November meeting.

73, Fred

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OCTOBER 2015

by Ed, K6ELE

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

by Ed, K6ELE

MINUTES WERE NOT AVAILABLE

REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events: by Doug, WW6D

Nov 11	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Nov 21-23	ARRL Sweepstakes SSB
Nov 28-29	CQ WW DX CW
Dec 4-6	ARRL 160m Contest
Dec 9	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Dec 12-13	ARRL 10m Contest
Dec 19	RAC Winter Contest
Dec 20	ARRL Rookie Roundup CW
Dec 26-27	Stew Perry Topband Challenge
Jan 1 (GMT)	ARRL Straight Key Night
Jan 9-10	North American QSO Party CW
Jan 13	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Jan 16-17	North American QSO Party SSB
Jan 29-31	CQ 160m Contest CW
Feb 10	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Feb 20-21	ARRL International DX CW
Feb 27-28	North American QSO Party 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.

Treasurer's Report
October 2015

by Bill, W6IYS

Bal Brt. Fwd	10/1/15				<u>\$3,539.46</u>
Receipts					
	Raffle (net to Club)		\$66.00		
	Badge (W6ICM)		\$22.00		
	Dues (2015-2016)		\$ 65.00		
	Donations (encumbered)*		<u>\$ 367.00</u>		
	Total receipts			<u>\$ 520.00</u>	
Disbursements					
	Dinner for Guest Speaker		\$25.00		
	Purchase raffle tickets		\$11.41		
	Total Disbursements			<u>\$36.41</u>	
Cash Flow	10/30/15				<u>\$483.59</u>
New Bal. 10/31/2015	* includes funds encumbered for special project				<u>\$4,023.05</u>

Monthly San Francisco Section News Summary

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

MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

It's that time of year again. We will begin collecting 2016 dues at the November Club meeting. Cash or checks—made out to REDXA—are fine. Regular members are \$20, families are \$25 and full time students under 18 are \$10. If you prefer, you can mail your check to REDXA, POB 750834, Petaluma CA 94975. Please note that if you do not pay your dues by December 31, 2015 your rig(s) will no longer generate RF and your antenna will sag!

Bill, W6IYS
Treasurer.

**Joint meeting of
NCCC, REDXA, PL259 & MLDXCC
notes
October 31, 2015**

This was a meeting of members from Northern California Contest Club, Redwood Empire DX Association, Pizza Lovers 259 and the Mother Lode DX & Contest Club held at Rockville Inn on historic Highway 40 near Fairfield, CA.

The meeting was called to order about 11:30 AM by NCCC President Bob Hess. The 50 people in attendance introduced themselves. In addition, K6XX, WJ6O, N6TV, KI6OY & N6GY attended via Webex. Bob made a few comments followed by a greeting from Fred Leoni N6YEU President of REDXA.

Meeting was turned over to Stu K6TU for a slide show of the remote station he, K6TD & others are building in Santa Cruz Mountains.

The buffet lunch of Rigatoni, Chicken Alfredo, salad, rolls & coffee was served.

After lunch, REDXA President Fred said he hoped they could win CQP “one of these days”. Also gave some info on the club. Shirley Rose MLDXCC President spoke about Sweepstakes strategy and had some health advice for contesters of “a certain age group”. Stu PL259 President commented on winning SS gavel and how the group was going for 2 M points in Local Club category.

NCCC VP Steve W1SRD had some more info on SS strategy saying those who cannot fully participate should get on 40 & 80 M to help others maximize scores. Noted how a few more Qs would have made a difference in scores of competitors.

Bob urged people to get into RTTY Roundup that occurs on first weekend in January. He noted there are people available to help with setup & testing.

Carol KP4MD, new ARRL Section Manager for SV talked about dues increase coming on the first of January. She mentioned Sac Valley’s new website and the upcoming National Parks on the air program.

The meeting was then turned over to Paul Ewing N6PSE who spoke about the E30FB DXpedition of March 2015. We learned about operating from Eritrea, the other operators, conditions and some info on the country. Paul also spoke about plans for the VP8SGI/VP8STI DXpedition. Answering a question about operating from North Korea, Paul said it was ‘difficult to get meetings’ and that ‘due to anti-American attitudes’, the Polish or Spanish hams ‘may have a better chance’ of getting permission.

The names of prospective NCCC members enrolled at Pacifcon were read & voted in. They are N6KLS, AO6JY, W6PZA, K6KS, K6MKF, W6AER, AI6DR, & WB4FRQ. NR6Q who had signed up previously was voted in. W6/DG1CMZ was present & was voted in and as meeting was wrapping up, Sarla Sharma WU2SWS/VU2SWS was also voted in.

Meeting was adjourned about 2 PM.

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