

# SUNSPOTS



**REDWOOD EMPIRE DX ASSOCIATION**

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## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**Wednesday, October 14, 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 Paul Wesling KM6LH who will give his talk from last summer's ARRL Centennial Convention in Hartford, CT. on "The Origins of Silicon Valley: Roots in Ham Radio"**

## REDXA President's Report

Well all I can say is CQP for 2015 is over. Thank you to all who participated at whatever level you chose. As mentioned in a previous email to the reflector my county expedition turned out to be a bit of a disaster. High winds on Saturday night forced me to seek shelter away from my site in order to feel somewhat safer. After a fitful night's sleep I returned to find everything survived but my friend's tent was collapsed and torn. I probably could have gotten set back up but not knowing if the high winds would return I decided to head home. Basically I was off the air after 8 p.m. Sat. I am disappointed in not being able to put in a full effort as I believe I was the only op in Trinity county active in CQP.

The other bad thing is I have been planning a trip to Idaho for awhile and was supposed to leave on Oct.15 but plans have changed and the trip now is leaving on Tues. the day before the club meeting. I have no control with this as I am riding with a friend and he wants to leave then. I am sure this is not the end of the world for REDXA as N6GY can take over. I am sorry to miss seeing everyone and talking CQP "war stories"



but it will have to be in Nov. I also don't like missing the program as it seems like a very interesting subject.

Good luck with the TX3X DXpedition.

73, Fred

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 2015

by Ed, K6ELE

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

by Ed, K6ELE

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by the club president, Fred, N6YEU.

### Announcements:

Al, K6RIM, said that John, K6VFR, has a SteppIr Big IR vertical for sale. He thinks its around \$900, but contact John to verify.

### Treasurer Report:

Treasurer's Report was given by Bill W6IYS. Club balance is \$3429.

### Old Business:

Fred reported the plaque we have been discussing was delivered to Steve K6SAB. The special Begali key for Steve was discussed and Fred asked him to pick out a key and we would get it for him.

The joint meeting with NCCC, MLCC, and REDXA is set for October 31st in Fairfield. At a county club location that is not identified yet.

The CQP is on October 2-3. Fred said he was going to operate from Trinity County.

Still have the old video projector for PC use. if no one in club is interested in it will sell it and funds will go to club.

The raffle was for \$175 with \$88 going to the club.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 for the evenings presentation.

### Program:

Richard Dillman, W6AWO, made a presentation on KPH the coastal radio station in Bolinas and Point Reyes National Seashore.

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## REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events:

by Doug, WW6D

<i>Oct 14</i>	* <i>REDXA Monthly Meeting</i>
<b>Oct 16-18</b>	<b>PACIFICON Pac Div Convention</b>
Oct 24-25	<b>CQ WW DX SSB</b>
<i>Oct 31</i>	* <i>Joint Mtg REDXA, MLDXCC, NCCC</i>
Nov 7-9	ARRL Sweepstakes CW
<i>Nov 11</i>	* <i>REDXA Monthly Meeting</i>
Nov 21-23	ARRL Sweepstakes SSB
Nov 28-29	CQ WW DX CW
Dec 4-6	ARRL 160m Contest
<i>Dec 9</i>	* <i>REDXA Monthly Meeting</i>
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 9-10	North American QSO Party CW
<i>Jan 13</i>	* <i>REDXA Monthly Meeting</i>
Jan 16-17	North American QSO Party SSB
Jan 29-31	CQ 160m Contest CW

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  
September 2015

by Bill, W6IYS

Bal Brt. Fwd	9/1/15				<u>\$3,429.33</u>
<b>Receipts</b>					
	Raffle (net to Club)		\$88.00		
	Badge (W9IM)		\$22.00		
	Dues (2015-Prorated)	\$	5.00		
	Dues (2016-2017)	\$	40.00		
	<b>Total receipts</b>				<u>\$ 155.00</u>
<b>Disbursements</b>					
	Dinner for Guest Speaker		\$24.50		
	Badge purchase		\$20.37		
	<b>Total Disbursements</b>				<u>\$44.87</u>
<b>Cash Flow</b>					
	9/30/15				<u>\$110.13</u>
	<b>New Bal. 9/30/2015</b>				<u>\$3,539.46</u>

### Monthly San Francisco Section News Summary

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

### October 14, 2015 (2nd Wednesday) -- Monthly Meeting -- "The Origins of Silicon Valley: Roots in Ham Radio"

-- Paul Wesling KM6LH will give his talk from last summer's ARRL Centennial Convention in Hartford, CT.

Paul Wesling KM6LH will give his talk from last summer's ARRL Centennial Convention. The story goes back to local Hams trying to break RCA's tube patents, the sinking of the Titanic, Naval ship communications requirements, World War I, Fred Terman and Stanford University, local invention of high-power tubes (gammatron, klystron), WW II and radar, and the SF Bay Area infrastructure that developed – these factors pretty much determined that the semiconductor and IC industries would be located in the Santa Clara Valley.

**\*\*Joint meeting with  
NCCC, MLDXCC and REDXA\*\***

A reminder that the October MLDXCC club meeting previously scheduled for October 10th has been changed to October 31st. This will be the BIG three club Joint meeting in Fairfield at Rockville Corners. Please RSVP to Joanna K6YL soon.

**\*\*Joint meeting with NCCC, MLDXCC and REDXA\*\***

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015

Lunch time:

11:00 AM (early start)

LOCATION:

Rockville Corners  
4163 Suisun Valley Road  
Fairfield, CA 94534  
(707) 864-4325  
[www.salvioattherock.com](http://www.salvioattherock.com)

PROGRAM:

Paul N6PSE - "DXpedition to Eritrea E30FB"  
with an update on the upcoming "VP8STI/VP8SGI  
DXpedition"

&

John K6MM - "Ham Radio: The Light Side. Why  
We Do... What We Do"

RSVP & PAYMENT:

RSVP will be required and we'll be collecting  
money for this event.

Menu and pricing tbd.

Send your RSVP's to [Secretary.NCCC@gmail.com](mailto:Secretary.NCCC@gmail.com).

See you there!

Bob kr6n

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