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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, September 10, 2014 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 on SOTA:Summits on the Air, presented by Fred/K6DGW. This is similar in form to the IOTA Program but the object is to operate from mountain tops rather than islands.

REDXA President's Report

Well fall definitely feels to be in the air. With the passing of summer hopefully we will be seeing improved propagation. It is less than one month until the California Qso Party and I trust each of you will participate for REDXA at some level, from casual effort to full blown operation. A few of us will be doing our annual county expeditions to various areas around the state. I have been pleased with our effort the past couple of years and hope we can send a few more logs, especially from newer members. A new club CCCP has reared it's ugly head and are going to give both us and MLDXC a run for the money. We need to slap them down, hi!

As some of you know I participated in the Hood to Coast running relay in Oregon. Starting on the slopes of Mt. Hood and finishing at Seaside. Our team of 12 were all over 60 and did well. I met several hams who were helping with communications for the event which was appreciated.

It might be a bit early but I would like to plant the seed as to nomina-



tions for the annual "Spirit" award. Any suggestions as to who should receive this year's award will be gladly accepted.

Daniel, the owner of the Boulevard Cafe has offered to come up with different items for our dinner menu if we are getting tired of the usual offerings. He can do a shrimp dish, some kind of Mexican or pretty much anything within reason. Any suggestions?

I am hoping to see most of you at the meeting this month.

Take care and 73, Fred

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AUGUST 2014

by Ed, K6ELE

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

by Ed, K6ELE

A webinar on the WRTC contest was shown before the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 by the club president, Fred, N6YEU. There were 19 members and 3 guests in attendance.

Old Business:

Fred still has several antennas for sale and will put them on the REDXA reflector. The 2 meter rig is still available.

Ron, N6IE, recapped the field day operation. The final score for the club was 9040 points. He suggested for next year that we get an elected official to attend, have another GOTA station, and possibly a VHF/UHF station. More operators would help improve our scores next year.

New Business:

A motion was made to pay for the unpaid dinner from a previous meeting. The motion was carried and the restaurant will be reimbursed \$24 from the club. Members were asked for suggestions for changing the menu options. Anyone with suggestion

can contact the club president.

Doug, WW6D had a bandpass filter he offered the club for \$250. It was decided that there was not a need for the filter for field day operations.

Bill, KH6GJV asked members to fill out the petition in support of HR-4969, the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014.

The raffle took in \$82, \$41 was won by Doug WN6D. Bill donated two ARRL Centennial coins for the raffle.

Club Presentation:

Tom, K5RC, made a presentation on the Nevada superstation operation for the ARRL W1AW Centennial celebration.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Treasurer Report - August

by Bill, KH6GJV

REDXA TREASURER'S REPORT

7/31/14 Balance Forward		\$2,338.95
RECEIPTS		
Raffle (net)	41.00	
Shirts & Hats	<u>48.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		89.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
Guest & Lost Meals	<u>51.00</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		(51.00)
8/31/14 Ending Balance		<u><u>\$2,376.95</u></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

Sep 10	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Sep 27-28	CQ WW DX RTTY
Sep 27-28	Texas QSO Party
Oct 4-5	California QSO Party
Oct 8	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Oct 10-12	PACIFICON 2014
Oct 25-26	CQ WW DX SSB
Nov 1-3	ARRL Sweepstakes CW
Nov 12	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Nov 15-17	ARRL Sweepstakes SSB
Nov 29-30	CQ WW DX CW
Dec 5-7	ARRL 160-meter Contest
Dec 10	* Holiday Party and Raffle
Dec 13-14	ARRL 10-meter Contest
Dec 21	ARRL Rookie Roundup CW
Dec 27-28	Stew Perry Topband Challenge
Dec 31-Jan 1	Straight Key Night

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

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

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MEETING: SEPTEMBER 10, 2014



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