

# SUNSPOTS



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## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**Wednesday, April 13, 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 **K6RB Rob** who will be discussing **Cwops and CW academy**. In 2012, Rob inaugurated **CW Academy**. He realized that there were a lot of hams who wanted to explore the joys of CW operating but felt overwhelmed.



## REDXA President's commentary

CONGRATULATIONS. YOU'VE JUST WORKED HEARD ISLAND... I suspect a few of us have seen this joyous announcement on the DXA3 real time logging for the VK0EK online log. Kinda brings a tear to your eyes doesn't it? As I write this usual monthly diatribe both Heard Island and brother Juan are winding down. For those of you who chase DX this has been very exciting as well as challenging for us on the West Coast. For the majority of us this has been an ATNO and I'm not sure that Heard Island will be activated again in my life time. I have to say it's been so much fun and again I've enjoyed listening to many of the members getting their first confirmation for these entities. I will admit that there are two hams who pulled an all-nighter just to find themselves with bags under their eyes at 7:30

a.m. and no Heard Island contacts to log in... What a shame!

Secondly there are some of you packing your bags for Visalia this month. I have confirmed another speaker to visit us and talk about the Sandwich Island Dxpedition so if you have another lecture to listen to go there instead and see N6PSE in Petaluma. I will also contact our guy in the East Bay for a Heard Island lecture as well. Please feel free to reach out to anyone who's willing to come to Petaluma and give a talk. I'm always looking for new material and if you run into someone in Visalia grab their contact information and let me know! We also need to discuss one financial aspect with the club since we're on this topic. I truly believe that if we have someone traveling several hours to give a talk in Petaluma it's only right to offer them hotel accommodations so that they don't have to spend their own money or drive home late at night. I would suggest that we give them a \$100.00 credit towards a room to help offset their costs or travel expense. So let's make sure we discuss this in April. We can certainly afford this and it won't hurt our reputation.

Lastly we have another wonderful lecture scheduled for this month. K6RB Rob will be discussing Cwops and CW academy... Most of you know that I certainly need this intervention and I expect this evening to be of great value.

"In 2012, Rob inaugurated CW Academy. He realized that there were a lot of hams who wanted to explore the joys of CW operating but felt overwhelmed. Some of them knew Morse but were only able to copy and send at low speeds. Others had not yet learned 'the code,' but were intrigued by the mode and sought ways to learn and practice it. In response to this demand, CWops created CW Academy, and today we are teaching many newcomers and veteran hams the art of CW using a novel 'virtual' training environment that allows an instructor to work with hams located thousands of miles apart."

See you next week and no surprises! I have my mole in place...

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MARCH 2015**

by Ed, K6ELE

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

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### **MARCH MEETING MINUTES**

by Ed, K6ELE

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by the club president, Bill WX6B. Bill announced that the club made two donations, one to Club Log and one to the Northern California DX Foundation. Club Log now lists our donation. Bill introduced our guests John, K6MM and Bob Hess, W1RH NCCC president.

#### **Announcements:**

Bill, W6IYS, gave the Treasurers report. Balance is \$4471. He also noted that the club roster will go on our website. If any member wants their information suppressed, contact Doug, WW6D or Bill.

Ron, N6IE, our Field Day captain announced that we need a GOTA captain. He also said he would like a 3rd station for trainees and to send him an email if anyone is interested in helping with it. The Field Day planning session with the MARS club will take place on 4/30, 12pm, at Moylan's in Novato.

Valley of the Moon hamfest is set for 4/30 for those who want to buy or sell equipment.

#### **Old Business:**

Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

#### **Program:**

The president introduced John Miller, K6MM, who made a presentation on the 2016 Palmyra DXpedition.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Bal. Brt. Fwd.	3/1/16				<u>\$4,961.11</u>
Receipts					
	Raffle (net to Club)	\$121.00			
	Dues	\$ 40.00			
	Total receipts			\$ 161.00	
Disbursements					
	Donation to NCDXF	\$250.00			
	Donation to Clublog	\$249.69			
	Total Disbursements			\$499.69	
Cash Flow				.	<u>(\$338.69)</u>
New Bal. 3/31/16					<u>\$4,622.42</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

<b>Apr 13</b>	* <b>REDXA Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>Apr 16-17</b>	<b>Int'l DX Convention Visalia</b>
<b>Apr 30</b>	<b>Valley of the Moon Hamfest</b>
May 7-8	7QP (7th Call Area QSO Party)
<b>May 11</b>	* <b>REDXA Monthly Meeting</b>
May 28-29	CQ WW WPX CW
<b>Jun 8</b>	* <b>REDXA Monthly Meeting</b>
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
<b>Jul 13</b>	* <b>REDXA Monthly Meeting</b>
Jul 16-17	NAQP RTTY
Jul 30-31	RSGB IOTA Contest

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