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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, August 10, 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 Jim Colletto who was our man on the Heard Island Dxpedition.



REDXA President's commentary

Hello REDXA members and fellow hams. Welcome to August and the doldrums of summer... If it wasn't for NPOTA or an opening on 6 meters I might not see any postings on DX Watch at all. I find myself doing more yard work, projects and repairs than sitting behind the microphone where all good hams belong. I guess this is what they mean when they talk about the solar cycle heading in the wrong direction!

Well don't despair. This creates the opportunities to put up new antennas/towers, learn new logging programs, study the code or investigate new avenues of the hobby. I seem to find plenty of things in amateur radio to keep up my interest. I enjoy the fellowship of being with other hams and helping them get sucked into this hobby like the rest of us. I

occasionally climb towers, roofs and tall buildings to get those antenna's strung up and in place for some other. So take the time to get ready for the next contest, dxpedition or aspect of amateur radio and keep pursuing the plethora of things to learn.

Speaking of contests I will once again remind everyone that October 1st will be here before we know it. This is the weekend of the California QSO Party and I want to make sure that we discuss our strategy for this contest. I'd like to find out who's participating, what counties will we represent and who's available to invite fellow hams to our QTH's to learn and enjoy this yearly contest. I would love nothing more than to beat our past scores and take home the prize this year. Since things are slow maybe we can set that weekend aside to maximize our scores and go all out! It's been awhile since I sat in the chair and did nothing but log in calls and handle a nice pile up. So let's reserve that weekend to avoid all family, friends, spouses and celebrations so we can lock ourselves in the shack and do what normal people don't do.

Last of all we have another great presentation this month by Jim Colletto who was our man on the Heard Island Dxpediton. I barely remember pulling an overnigher and screaming out my call sign until they answered me. How much fun did we have chasing that one?!!

So I look forward to meeting Jim and seeing as many of you as possible.

p.s. The Bruce Butler Memorial Tower is almost ready to go vertical and it's been an interesting ride getting that 72 foot U.S. Tower ready for final boarding...

Best DX,
Bill Sirvatka
WX6B/Pres. REDXA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JULY 2016

by Ed, K6ELE

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

JULY MEETING MINUTES

by Ed, K6ELE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Bill Sirvatka (WX6B). He introduced two guests; Ross (K6GFS) is was the speaker for the evening and Tony (K6BV). He noted that both are well known DXer's and officers of the Northern California DX Club.

Bill (W6IYS) gave the Treasurers report for the month of June 2016. Ron, (N6IE) then reviewed aspects of the recent Field Day operation and commented on several items that might be improved upon at next year's Field Day. Bill (W6IYS) reported on Field Day expenses incurred by the club. The total cost to the club for this activity was \$653.94

President Sirvatka then turned the meeting over to Ross for his presentation of the TX3X 2015 DXpedition to Chesterfield Island. Using a slide show Ross described the travel arrangements, various pre and post trip issues, and the on-the-air operation of the dxpedition.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted

Bill Zaner (W6IYS)
n,b, Secretary Ed (K6ELE) unable to attend

Bal. Brt. Fwd.	7/1/16			<u>\$3,797.63</u>
Receipts				
	Raffle (net to Club)	\$51.00		
	Total receipts		\$ 51.00	
Disbursements	Field Day - Food	\$102.63		
	Field Day -Portable Toilet	\$247.06		
	Speaker 's Dinner	\$25.00		
	Total Disbursements		\$374.69	
Cash Flow				(\$323.69)
Balance 7/31/16				<u>\$3,473.94</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

Have an event for the calendar? Let me know!

Aug 10	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Aug 13-14	WAE DX Contest, CW
Aug 20-21	NA QSO Party, SSB
Sep 3-4	All Asian DX Contest SSB
Sep 10-12	ARRL September VHF Contest
Sep 14	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Sep 24-25	CQ WW DX, RTTY
Oct 1-2	CALIFORNIA QSO PARTY
Oct 12	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Oct 14-16	PacifiCon 2016 (Info: pacificon.org)
Oct 29-30	CQ WW DX, SSB
Nov 5-7	ARRL Sweepstakes CW
Nov 9	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Nov 19-21	ARRL Sweepstakes SSB
Nov 26-27	CQ WW DX, CW

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