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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, December 9, 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 our Holiday Party and Raffle!

REDXA President's Report

Well here we are, the end of 2015 already! Is it just me or are the years going by faster and faster? We enjoyed a visit by my daughter and family for Thanksgiving and we will be going to West Virginia for Christmas for the first time. (This will be AFTER our holiday party, hi!).

Unfortunately no one has come forward to offer to be president for 2016. I am not sure what to do in this situation but hopefully things will work out before or at the meeting. I have been lax in getting on the phone and verbally "twisting arms" but one can only dedicate so much time.

Several of our members have been enjoying some success in various contests. I spent minimal time in CQWW-CW thinking the conditions were poor at best. I found out later things weren't that bad. Time to check my coax??

REDXA will be downsizing our raffle for Dec. There will be some good prizes but we will be cutting back on the small items: (frequency

maps, coffee mugs, caps, MFJ and HRO catalogs, etc. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible attend this annual fun evening.

Take care and CU there.

73, Fred

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOVEMBER 2015

by Ed, K6ELE

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

by Fred, N6YEU for Ed, K6ELE

(1) President Fred-N6YEU welcomed all in attendance

(2) Treasurers Report by Bill-W6IYS (I did not write down figures)

(3) Old Business

a. The Begali key for K6SAB is to arrive Saturday. Thanks to all who donated!

b. Fred reported on the joint NCCC,MLDXCC,REDXA and PL259 clubs in Fairfield on Oct. 31

c. Ron-N6IE gave a summary of this year's Field Day

d. Fred mentioned we still have a few club golf shirts available for purchase.

(4) New Business

a. when entering the Sweepstakes contests should use: Redwood Empire DX Assn as club not REDXA or other variation.

b. Holiday party ideas from anyone?

c. Nominations for the annual "Spirit Award" will be accepted

d. REDXA will be emphasizing participation in the ARRL 10 Meter contest in Dec.

(5) Election

The club election was held with the following results:

President- No one ran

Vice-president- Gabe-KJ6AZU

Secretary- Ed-K6ELE

Treasurer- Bill-W6IYS

Director-Josh-W6XU

Director Alan-K6SRZ

(6) Raffle

The raffle brought in \$138.00 (\$69 to club and \$69 to winner) I neglected to write the winner down.

(7) Program

The program was presented by Stu-K6TU about his remote station he is building with Kevin-K6TD on Mount Umunhum southwest of San Jose titled: "Pinch Me I Must be Dreaming".

(8) meeting adjourned around 9 p.m.

respectfully submitted by Fred N6YEU (acting secretary)

REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events:

by Doug, WW6D

Dec 9

*** REDXA Holiday 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.

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|--|--------------------------|----------------|--|------------------|-------------------|
| Bal Brt. Fwd | 11/1/15 | | | | <u>\$4,023.05</u> |
| Receipts | | | | | |
| | Raffle (net to Club) | \$69.00 | | | |
| | Dues | \$ 325.00 | | | |
| | Total receipts | | | <u>\$ 394.00</u> | |
| Disbursements | | | | | |
| | Dinner for Guest Speaker | \$25.00 | | | |
| | Special Project (K6SAB)* | \$328.00 | | | |
| | Badge | <u>\$20.37</u> | | | |
| | Total Disbursements | | | <u>\$373.37</u> | |
| Cash Flow | | | | | |
| | | | | . | <u>\$20.63</u> |
| New Bal. 11/30/15 | | | | | |
| | | | | | <u>\$4,043.68</u> |
| *Project complete. Encumbrance removed; balance to operating account. See Oct, 2015 report | | | | | |

Monthly San Francisco Section News Summary

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

MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

Please remember that 2016 dues are delinquent if not paid by December 31, 2015. I'll be happy to take your check, money order, cash or a note on your car at the next club meeting. Dues are \$20.00 for regular members; \$25.00 for a family membership and \$12.50 for full time students under the age of 18. If you prefer you can mail your check to REDXA,, P.O. Box 750834, Petaluma CA 94975-0834. ,Make your check out to REDXA.

Remembering to pay your dues can be a nuisance so you might consider paying a year or two in advance. A number of members pay two or three years in advance and avoid the hassle of writing a check every year. Give it a try.

Bill, W6IYS
Treasurer.

CQP – California QSO Party – October 3 2015

| Call | Sta. | Ops | Class | CW Q's | SSB Q's | Mults | Time | Score |
|-------|-------|-------------|-------------|--------|---------|-------|-------|---------|
| K6S | K6SRZ | KU6F, K6SRZ | MSfixed(HP) | 885 | 1009 | 57 | 24:22 | 266,361 |
| N6IE | | | SOAHP | 660 | 1123 | 58 | 22.7 | 280,488 |
| N5UJ | N5UJ | NM6E | SOAHP | 30 | 120 | 44 | 12 | 14,520 |
| N6YEU | | | SOExp(LP) | 229 | 127 | 49 | 8.6 | 46,109 |
| N6TQ | | | SO(HP) | 431 | 0 | 87(?) | 7.0 | 112,491 |
| K6RIM | | | SO(HP) | 514 | 155 | 56 | 9.6 | 103,712 |
| W6EU | | | SO(HP) | 330 | 0 | 55 | | 54,450 |
| K6V | K6ELE | K6ELE | SO(HP) | 0 | 440 | 98(?) | 9:55 | 43,400 |
| K6JS | | | SO(LP) | 688 | 207 | 57 | 23:08 | 141,246 |
| K6CTA | | | SO(LP) | 159 | 0 | 49 | | 23,373 |

ARRL Sweepstakes CW – November 7 2015

| CALL | Class | QSO's | Sections | Time | Score |
|-------|---------|-------|----------|-------|---------|
| N6YEU | SOLP | 415 | 81 | 15 | 67,230 |
| K6CTA | SOLP | 86 | 40 | 2:15 | 6,880 |
| K6SRZ | SOHP(U) | 1103 | 83 | 22:27 | 183,098 |
| K6RIM | SOHP(U) | 525 | 83 | 13.8 | 87,150 |
| K6JS | SOLP(U) | 523 | 83 | 21:29 | 86,818 |
| N6ZFO | SOLP | 899 | 82 | 21.5 | 147,436 |

ARRL Sweepstakes SSB – November 21 2015

| CALL | Station | Ops | Class | QSO's | Sections | Time | Score |
|------|---------|-------------|-----------|-------|----------|-------|---------|
| W6PZ | K6SRZ | KU6F, K6SRZ | Multi(HP) | 1464 | 83 | 23:48 | 243,024 |
| N3RC | K9YC | N3RC | SOHP(U) | 708 | 81 | | 114,696 |

CQ WW CW – November 28 2015

| Call | Class | Qso's | Zones | Countries | Score |
|-------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|
| K6JS | SOAB(A) HP | 301 | 101 | 169 | 225,720 |
| K6SRZ | SOAB(HP) | 579 | 128 | 259 | 623,070 |
| K6RIM | SOAB(A) HP | 320 | 87 | 224 | 272,125 |
| K6ANP | SOAB(A) HP | 329 | 116 | 222 | 315,017 |

CQ WW SSB – October 24 2015

| Call | OP | Class | Qso's | Zones | Countries | Time | Score |
|-------|-------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|
| K6RIM | | SOAB(A) HP | 116 | 53 | 94 | | 5,864 |
| A16II | | SOAB HP | 96 | 40 | 54 | | 24,346 |
| W6PZ | K6SRZ | SOAB(A) HP | 492 | 94 | 189 | 14:26 | 387,144 |
| K6ELE | | SOAB(A) HP | 170 | 38 | 86 | 8:00 | 57,908 |
| K6RIM | | SOAB(A) HP | 116 | 53 | 94 | 3:26 | 45,864 |

CQ WW RTTY – September 26 2015

| Call | OP | Class | Qso's | ST/Prov | Zones | Countries | Time | Score |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| K6RIM | | SOAB HP | 143 | 43 | 58 | 33 | 3.9 | 42,344 |
| AI6II | | SOAB HP | 237 | 42 | 62 | 32 | | 32,232 |
| N5UJ | NM6E | SOAB HP | 38 | 19 | 22 | 18 | 12 | 4,248 |
| K6CTA | | SOAB(A) LP | 135 | 56 | 50 | 27 | | 30,457 |
| K6MM | | SOAB(A) LP | 81 | 25 | 49 | 34 | 4 | 20,628 |

Apologies to folks I missed. I trolled the NCCC and 3830 contest scores databases and the REDXA yahoo reflector and my personal email to gather these stats.



REDXA Honor Roll

WARC BANDS

| 30M | | 17M | | 12M | |
|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|
| W6XA | 326 | W6XA | 335 | W6XA | 327 |
| K6RIM | 319 | K6RIM | 329 | K6RIM | 294 |
| KC6AWX | 258 | N6OJ | 322 | N6OJ | 252 |
| N6TQ | 257 | KC6AWX | 307 | KC6AWX | 263 |
| N6OJ | 238 | W6SFK | 275 | N6TQ | 248 |
| W6SFK | 221 | N6TQ | 269 | W6SFK | 205 |
| K6ANP | 169 | N6YEU | 209 | N6YEU | 187 |
| N6IE | 165 | N7PIB | 167 | N6IE | 134 |
| K6SRZ | 154 | N6IE | 165 | N7PIB | 120 |
| N6YEU | 101 | K6ANP | 162 | K6SRZ | 106 |
| K6JS | 18 | K6SRZ | 143 | NGGY | 77 |
| AI6II | 17 | N6GY | 116 | K6ANP | 72 |
| K6JS/m | 10 | K6JS | 53 | K6JS | 48 |
| NGGY | 7 | K6JS/m | 45 | K6JS/m | 26 |
| | | AI6II | 45 | AI6II | 0 |

Welcome N6TQ, W6SFK adds 30 new ones

W6SFK adds 15 more. K6JS jumps in the fray

N6TQ takes over the 5th spot

ARRL DX Challenge

| | |
|--------|------|
| W6XA | 2985 |
| K6RIM | 2530 |
| KC6AWX | 2336 |
| N6OJ | 2231 |
| N6TQ | 2176 |
| K6ANP | 2131 |
| K6SRZ | 1770 |
| W6SFK | 1719 |
| N6IE | 1256 |
| N7PIB | 1123 |

N6TQ knocks K6ANP out for 5th place

160 Meters

| | |
|--------|-----|
| W6XA | 224 |
| K6ANP | 158 |
| K6SRZ | 150 |
| K6RIM | 55 |
| N6OJ | 59 |
| N6TQ | 59 |
| KC6AWX | 49 |
| N6IE | 37 |
| N7PIB | 15 |
| W6SFK | 11 |
| N6YEU | 3 |

N6TQ and W6SFK are on the board

1.5K Club

| | |
|--------|------|
| W6XA | 1689 |
| K6RIM | 1588 |
| KC6AWX | 1434 |
| N6OJ | 1420 |
| K6ANP | 1371 |
| N6TQ | 1342 |
| K6SRZ | 1124 |
| N6YEU | 1106 |
| N6IE | 1043 |
| W6SFK | 1005 |
| K6JS | 607 |
| NGGY | 148 |

W6SFK breaks the 1K barrier and K6JS passes the 600 mark

Rules for REDXA Honor Roll Listings.
Provide me with your total countries (including deleted) worked for: WARC Bands, 160 Meters, Digital modes, Mobile, 6 Meters. Add your total entities for 80,40,20, 15 and 10 for 1.5K Club. Countries do not count until HQ Awards Committee takes action and announces a start date for a new country.



Six Meter DXCC

| | |
|--------|-----|
| K6QY | 173 |
| W6XA | 130 |
| KC6AWX | 15 |
| K6RIM | 14 |
| K6ANP | 6 |
| N6OJ | 5 |
| W6SFK | 2 |

N6OJ enters the fray on the magic band



RTTY/Digital

| | |
|--------|-----|
| N6OJ | 304 |
| KC6AWX | 302 |
| K6RIM | 253 |
| W6SFK | 243 |
| N6IE | 185 |
| W6XA | 162 |
| K6SRZ | 140 |
| K6ANP | 123 |
| NGGY | 86 |

W6SFK gets 15 new ones!

Send your REDXA Honor Roll updates to:

jselmi@hotmail.com

Updated 12-02-15

Mobile DX



| | |
|-------|-----|
| N7PIB | 121 |
| K6JS | 113 |
| W6SFK | 3 |

K6JS adds 2 new ones - Vroom!

DXCC Mixed

| | |
|--------|-----|
| K6RIM | 366 |
| N6OJ | 360 |
| W6XA | 352 |
| KC6AWX | 348 |
| K6SRZ | 346 |
| N6TQ | 330 |
| W6SFK | 305 |
| AI6II | 260 |
| K6JS | 239 |
| NGGY | 232 |

K6JS adds 27 new ones

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