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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at Mister McGoo's Restaurant, 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 given by our President, Alan K6SRZ. The topic is DXpedition Medicine.

REDXA President's Report

Well, I've survived my first month as REDXA President. As mentioned before, the hard part of the job will be to line up an entertaining series of programs. For February, the program will be yours truly. My topic is DXpedition Medicine. I plan to share some interesting stories that other physician-hams have shared with me and to discuss how to plan a medical kit for a DXpedition.

I'm getting more settled into the new Penngrove QTH. The January 4 storm did considerable violence to my temporary antenna farm. The 80 M sloper snapped. The 160 inverted L became snarled in a tree branch and my tribander showed an infinite SWR. The good news is the damage has been repaired and I'm gathering the plans and tools to put up a permanent tower.

I'm grateful to the REDXA gang for making me so welcome and for pointing me toward the resources of my part of Sonoma County. After three months of pleading the PG&E to do something about a pole that puts out 20 over 9 signal on 20 meters, the PG&E's telecom unit paid me a visit. The pole has now been isolated. When it will be fixed is anyone's guess.

Please let me have any suggestions or leads for future programs. I'll see you all at Mr. McGoo's the day before Valentine's.

73, Alan/K6SRZ

Treasurer Report

by Jim, K6JS

REDXA TREASURER'S REPORT

12/31/07 Balance Forward		\$2,578.31
INCOME		
Badges	12.00	
Dues 2008	569.00	
Misc-NCCC PayPal	22.00	
Raffle	97.00	
TOTAL INCOME		700.00
EXPENSES		
Badges	27.34	
Meals-inc NCCC PayPal	44.00	
Office Supplies	1.71	
Postage	33.62	
TOTAL EXPENSES		(106.67)
1/31/08 Ending Balance		<u>\$3,171.64</u>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JANUARY 2008

by Doug, WW6D

NO MEETING SCHEDULED.

Monthly San Francisco Section News Summary

Here is the link for the News Summary:

<http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=SF>

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

by Doug, WW6D

President Alan K6SRZ called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, January 9, 2008 at Mr. McGoo's Restaurant, Petaluma, CA. In attendance were 36 members and guests. Visiting us this evening were many members of the Northern California Contest Club. Since we had a large group, everyone went around the room and introduced themselves.

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the December meeting and Treasurer's report as printed in Sunspots. Motion was seconded and passed.

There was no old business.

New business. Treasurer Jim K6JS announced that dues are due -- \$20. Please send in right away to save the club postage.

Matt Ilonummi KE6LPO was introduced and approved as a new member of the club.

It was noted on a sad note by Fred N6YEU that long time member Benny K6BIA had recently become a Silent Key; a moment of silence was observed.

At this point, the "gavel" was turned over to the NCCC President Bob N6WG who conducted the NCCC meeting.

Fred N6YEU then ran the REDXA raffle. \$97 was collected. An additional prize of the 2008 ARRL Handbook was added to the "kitty" by Bill KH6GHZ. The first ticket drawn was Doug's (WW6D) who chose the Handbook. The second ticket was that of Josh W6XU who donated his share of the proceeds (\$48.50) back to the club. Thank you, Josh!

The program for the evening was a very relevant and technical discussion of Coaxial Baluns presented by NCCC member Jim Brown K9YC. The primary focus of the talk was on the elimination of common mode current on an antenna feedline which can affect the radiation pattern of the antenna itself. Jim showed how to inexpensively make your own balun using easily obtainable ferrite beads and other materials.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Contesting and DX News

by Doug, WW6D

Please send me your reports! Also, note any recent awards or endorsements you may have received. Your activity spurs on more activity!

ARRL RTTY Roundup

Call	Class	Qs	St/Prov	Ctys	Score
K6CTA	MSHP	256	49	18	17,822
N6OJ	SOLP	976	58	20	76,128

North American QSO Party, CW

Call	Class	Qs	Mlts	Score
K6CTA	SOLP	204	38	7,752
K6RIM	SOLP	768	201	154,368
K6SRZ	SOLP	347	123	42,681
K6UM	SOLP	208	105	21,840

North American QSO Party, SSB

Call	Class	Qs	Mlts	Score
K6SRZ	SOLP	644	136	87,584
N6ZFO	SOLP	36	20	720

Stew Perry 160 meter Contest

Call	Class	Qs	Score
W6OSP	SOHP	107	469
K6SRZ			882

North American Sprint, CW

Call	Class	Qs	Mlts	Score
K6SRZ	SOHP	196	39	7,840

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