

# SUNSPOTS



**REDWOOD EMPIRE DX ASSOCIATION**  
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## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**Wednesday, January 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 a MYSTERY!!!**



## REDXA President's commentary

Hello REDXA Members!

First of all I want to start off by wishing everyone and their families a Happy New Year! Somehow I get the feeling that this is going to be a very interesting year with presidential elections, Dxpeditons and El Nino to mention a few. I would also like to thank Fred N6YEU for his past service to the club as well as all the other members who have served on the board for REDXA.. It seems just like yesterday that I was the new, quiet, shy and uneducated guy in the back of the room listening to the various presentations and meeting the talented hams in the club. I'm still that same person but I'm in front of the room as your newly elected president... (I'm not sure about you but that scares the hell out

of me)...

So it's my goal this year to keep this club moving forward with great presentations, staying competitive in the various contests and getting to know more about the hams in our club along with their various backgrounds and strengths. I have been a member for a few years and there are still folks that I haven't met and I would like to know.

So my wheels are spinning in regards to the various topics and presentations for 2016 and I welcome your thoughts and ideas. One of my main goals this year is to finally win the California QSO Party and I will continue to push for maximum participation and performance from everyone so that we can make that goal a reality. I will be reaching out to the local clubs (VOMARC and SCRA) to let them know who we are, what we do and attract new members. I have had several members reach out to me with suggestions for various presentations throughout the year and I hope to keep the meetings informative and motivating.

So bear with me for this first meeting in January. It is my intention to share the excitement of working North Korea, viewing the other upcoming Dxpedititions and reviewing the various contests over the coming months. I would like to also start it off with a meet and greet session where we go around the room and introduce ourselves to each other, share what we have for equipment, what aspect of the hobby we like and any pertinent information for the group. I know we have experts in the digital realm, 6 meter world, remote operations, contesting arena and many other facets that we need to tap into. I strive to have fun in this hobby and also remain competitive in the contests. There is much to learn and I hope that this year we can continue to educate, share our knowledge, enjoy this hobby and know the members who sit next to us in the room.. I look forward to seeing as many of you in January and hope we can keep the room full and enjoyment high this year. Don't hesitate to contact me with any of your thoughts, ideas and criticisms.

Best regards,

Bill Sirvatka, WX6B  
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DECEMBER 2015

by Ed, K6ELE

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM by Fred, N6YEU. Board Members present: Fred, N6YEU, Jim, K6JS; Ed, K6ELE, Josh, W6XU, Bill, W6IYS.

### New Business:

1. Nomination of club president for 2016. Fred, N6YEU, said that Bill, WX6B was interested in the position. Discussion followed and Bill accepted the nomination for president for 2016.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 6pm.

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## DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

by Ed, K6ELE

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by the club president, Fred, N6YEU

### Guests:

Steve, K6SAB Sunspots newsletter editor

### Announcements:

Steve, K6SAB, our Newsletter editor was presented with a Begali key engraved with his call and club information in recognition of his 19 years of service to the club as the Sunspots editor.

Bill, W6IYS, gave the Treasurers report. Balance is a little over \$4000.

### Old Business:

Fred discussed having a club award for various contests.

The membership voted on position of club president electing Bill, WX6B.

Board members for 2016:

President, Bill, WX6B

Vice President, Gabe, KJ6AZU

Secretary, Ed, K6ELE

Treasurer, Bill, W6IYS

Directors; Alan, K6SRZ, Josh, W6XU

Fred, N6YEU

Fred was thanked for his leadership as club president for 2015. Fred agreed to help with finding speakers for club meetings.

**New Business:**

Fred asked if members would participate in the ARRL 10M contest 12/12 entering as a small club (0-10) logs.

Fred announced the Spirt Award for 2015. The award went to Len, K6ANP. Last year's Spirt Award winner, Ron, N6IE and his committee selected Len.

**Program:**

This was the annual Christmas dinner party and raffle. Raffle brought in \$261. There were 7 YL's attending and a \$30 gift certificate was awarded. Jim, K6JS, won the main raffle prize, a Yeasu FT2900R mobile 2M rig. Gift certificates to HRO for \$100(3), \$75, and \$50 were raffled off.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm

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## 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>Jan 13</b>	* <b>REDXA Monthly Meeting</b>
Jan 16-17	North American QSO Party SSB
Jan 29-31	CQ 160m Contest CW
<b>Feb 10</b>	* <b>REDXA Monthly Meeting</b>
Feb 20-21	ARRL International DX CW
Feb 27-28	North American QSO Party RTTY
<b>Mar 9</b>	* <b>REDXA Monthly Meeting</b>
Mar 26-27	CQ WW WPX SSB
<b>Apr 13</b>	* <b>REDXA Monthly Meeting</b>
Apr 16-17	Int'l DX Convention Visalia

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.

Treasurer's Report  
December 2015

by Bill, W6IYS

Bal Brt. Fwd	12/1/15				<u>\$4,043.68</u>
<b>Receipts</b>					
	Raffle (net to Club)	\$261.00			
	Dues	\$ 260.00			
	Badge	<u>\$22.00</u>			
	<b>Total receipts</b>			<u>\$ 543.00</u>	
<b>Disbursements</b>					
	Dinner for 2 Guests	\$50.00			
	Christmas raffle prizes	\$456.35			
	Badge	<u>\$20.37</u>			
	<b>Total Disbursements</b>			<u>\$526.72</u>	
<b>Cash Flow</b>					
				.	<u>\$16.28</u>
<b>New Bal. 12/31/15</b>					
					<u>\$4,059.96</u>

**DID YOU KNOW THAT .....**

49% of REDXA members have not paid their 2016 dues yet? If you are in this group why not slip an extra \$20 bill in your pocket so you'll have it when you come to the January meeting and take care of the matter then? Or, bring your checkbook with you to the January meeting. Or, as a last resort, make out a check to 'REDXA' and mail it to:  
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Dues are:  
single member, \$20/yr; ;  
family membership, \$25/yr  
Full time student (18 or under), \$10/yr

Bill, W6IYS  
Treasurer

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