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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 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 Chris Tate, N6WM who actively uses the Flex 6000 Radio and its Maestro control panel for contest operations.

Learn how this system has enabled its users to high scores in the contesting world.



REDXA President's commentary

Hello REDXA! Happy New Year and I hope this newsletter finds you happy and healthy so far in 2017. It was great to see everyone in December and I look forward to some more great meetings in 2017. It's going to be a challenging year trying to duplicate all the great presentations that fell in my lap last year. I have Chris Tate talking on SDR/Flex radios in January, John Miller in February and Elecraft in April. I will be doing my best to reach out to various people in the ham world and see if I can entice them to visit us in Petaluma. If anyone has connections or a desire to speak to our group please let me know. I would like to have every meeting filled with new and great topics of interest.

As for HF, I see the bands are relatively quiet and I hope for some new

Dxpeditions soon. We need to get our level of enthusiasm and participation back up there. Thanks to everyone for their attendance and input last year and we will see you soon.

Bill

Up For A Challenge

Oliver Sweningsen - W6NV who is well known in the ham community said he would be our guest speaker if someone works him on 7 bands /CW. Not sure it's possible but I welcome the help in trying. Maybe use our club call and have everyone keep an eye out for EI7M on Feb 17/18th!! Let's get him.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DECEMBER 2016

by Ed, K6ELE

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

by Ed, K6ELE

NO MINUTES WERE TAKEN

Bal. Brt. Fwd.	12/31/16				<u>\$4,040.03</u>
Receipts					
	Raffle (net to Club)	\$	200.00		
	Dues	\$	260.00		
	Total receipts				<u>\$460.00</u>
Disbursements					
	Christmas Party Gifts	\$	520.50		
	Award Plaque	\$	27.06		
	Raffle Tickets	\$	14.63		
	Guest Dinners	\$	75.00		
	Postage/Office Supplies (2016)	\$	16.42		
	Total Disbursements				<u>\$653.61</u>
Cash Flow					\$ (193.61)
Balance 12/31/16					<u>\$3,846.42</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

Jan 11	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Jan 14-15	North American QSO Party CW
Jan 21-22	North American QSO Party SSB
Jan 27-29	CQ 160m Contest CW
Jan 28-29	Winter Field Day
Feb 8	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Feb 11-12	CQ WW RTTY WPX
Feb 18-19	ARRL International DX CW
Mar 4-5	ARRL International DX SSB
Mar 8	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Mar 25-26	CQ WW WPX SSB
Apr 12	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Apr 21-23	Intl 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.

Dues Reminder

For those who have not yet paid their annual dues, please remember to do so at the upcoming January meeting. Dues are \$20 for single members, \$25 for a family and \$18.50 for full time students under 18. You can make your payment by check or cash. If you are unable to attend the meeting you can mail your dues to: REDXA, PO Box 750834, Petaluma CA, 94975-0834. All checks should be made out to "REDXA".

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