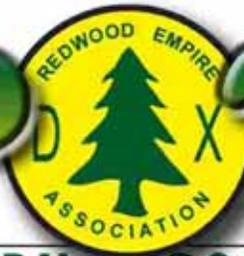


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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, June 11, 2014 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 planning for field day. Ron-N6IE and others will be finalizing our plans for this month's FD.

REDXA President's Report

It is hard to believe it is already June and that means time for Field Day. I am actually writing this in a place called Isle of Palms, South Carolina. It is located just off the coast from Charleston. I am visiting /vacationing with my daughter and family. If all goes well I will be back in CA around noon on the day of the REDXA meeting and will go home and then return to Petaluma.

This month we will be discussing final preparations for Field Day. Each year it seems it gets a little tougher to stir up interest. None of us is getting any younger but those who do attend seem to enjoy themselves immensely. I would like to see as many of you as possible attend FD this year. Anything from set up to operating and even take down. The dinner Saturday will be paid for by the two clubs so if nothing else drop by for a FREE dinner. Our FD is geared to trying to maximize our score but there is room for all who would like to participate at any level. We will again be having a GOTA (Get on the Air) station which has proven to be an interest builder for those who are a bit tentative about their



abilities to operate in "contest mode". I hope to see as many if not all of you to at least drop by and say, "Hi!" during the weekend.

73, Fred

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 2014

by Ed, K6ELE

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

MAY MEETING MINUTES

by Ed, K6ELE

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 by the club president, Fred, N6YEU. There were 19 members in attendance.

Old Business:

The minutes of the 4/9 meeting were approved. Bill, KH6GJV, reported that the treasurers report could be reviewed in the latest edition of Sunspots.

Fred still has several antennas for sale and will put the on the REDXA reflector.

The Ontario QSO party was discussed and it was felt that we should have done a better job in promoting it to members. Fred, N6YEU, said that they supported us in CAQP and we should have had better representation in the event.

Field day was discussed and Ron, N6IE, reported the meeting with the MARS club. This year the station will be W6SG. Fred, N6YEU, is equipment manager this year. Club will use the same antennas as last year. The possibility of a 10M station was discussed. Alan, K6SRZ, is the CW captain. It is possible we will operate 3A this year. Stations so far are: 1A SSB, 2B CW, and 3A would be S&P station. Ron said we need a captain for GOTA station and S&P station.

A rule change this year allows the 24 hour setup to occur any time before the start of Field Day operation. Marilyn, N6VAW, will provide the lunch.

Dinner will be burgers and hotdogs. Breakfast is coffee and rolls.

New Business:

Bill, KH6GJV, has an Icom 7100, NIB, for sale at \$1300.

Club Presentation:

Members were asked to bring something to share for the evening presentation. Saraj, KU6F, and Alan, K6SRZ, operated the W1AW/7 event from the Virginia City superstation W7RN. They described the setup and how it was operated.

Fred, N6YEU, shared his QSL card from North Korea and said that the operator was forced to shut the station down several weeks after his QSO. He also brought several QSL albums from a SK that dated back to the 1930's.

Jim, K6JS, presented a Power Point of his trip to Hawaii in 2003 on a sailboat. He operated the HF station on the trip and provided email, weather forecasts, contacts with other sailors.

Rick, N6GY, brought his mystery item and asked the members to identify it. It consisted of several tubes and electronic parts. Mystery was solved when he disclosed it was an "art piece".

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Monthly San Francisco Section News Summary

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

Treasurer Report - May

by Bill, KH6GJV

REDXA TREASURER'S REPORT

4/30/14 Balance Forward		\$2,665.40
RECEIPTS		
Cigar Auction	40.00	
Equipment Sales	40.00	
Raffle (net)	33.00	
Shirts & Hats	56.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		169.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
Insurance	300.00	
PO Box Rental	80.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		(380.00)
CASH FLOW		(211.00)
5/31/14 Ending Balance		<u>\$2,454.40</u>

REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events:

by Doug, WW6D

Jun 11	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Jun 14-16	ARRL June VHF
Jun 28-29	ARRL Field Day
Jul 9	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Jul 8 - 14	WRTC 2014
Jul 12-13	IARU HF Championship
Jul 19-20	NA QSO Party RTTY
Aug 2-3	NA QSO Party CW
Aug 9-10	WAE DX Contest CW
Aug 13	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Aug 16-17	NA QSO Party SSB
Sep 6-7	All Asian DX Contest Phone
Sep 10	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Sep 27-28	CQ WW DX RTTY
Sep 27-28	Texas QSO Party

If you have events that you would like to have posted here, let me know!

Refer to <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/> for more contest information.

REDXA/MARS Joint Field Day Notice

Once again this year, Redwood Empire DX Assn. will join the Marin Amateur Radio Society for a joint Field Day exercise at the Marin Rod and Gun Club. This year, we will be operating Class 2A plus GOTA and there will be plenty of opportunities for operators of all skill levels operate and/or mentor. Here is the important information:

- **WHEN:** Set-up on Friday, June 27th. We start showing up around 9:30 AM.
- Operating begins at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 28th and continues until 11:00 AM Sunday.
- **WHERE:** Marin Rod and Gun Club (directions and map below)
- Lunch provided Friday for construction crew (Thank You Marilyn N6VAW!).
- Dinner Saturday for everyone.
- Breakfast Sunday for ops.
- Breakdown/cleanup starts at various times on Sunday and usually wraps up around 1 PM.
- Lunch (hot dogs) available at the club house.

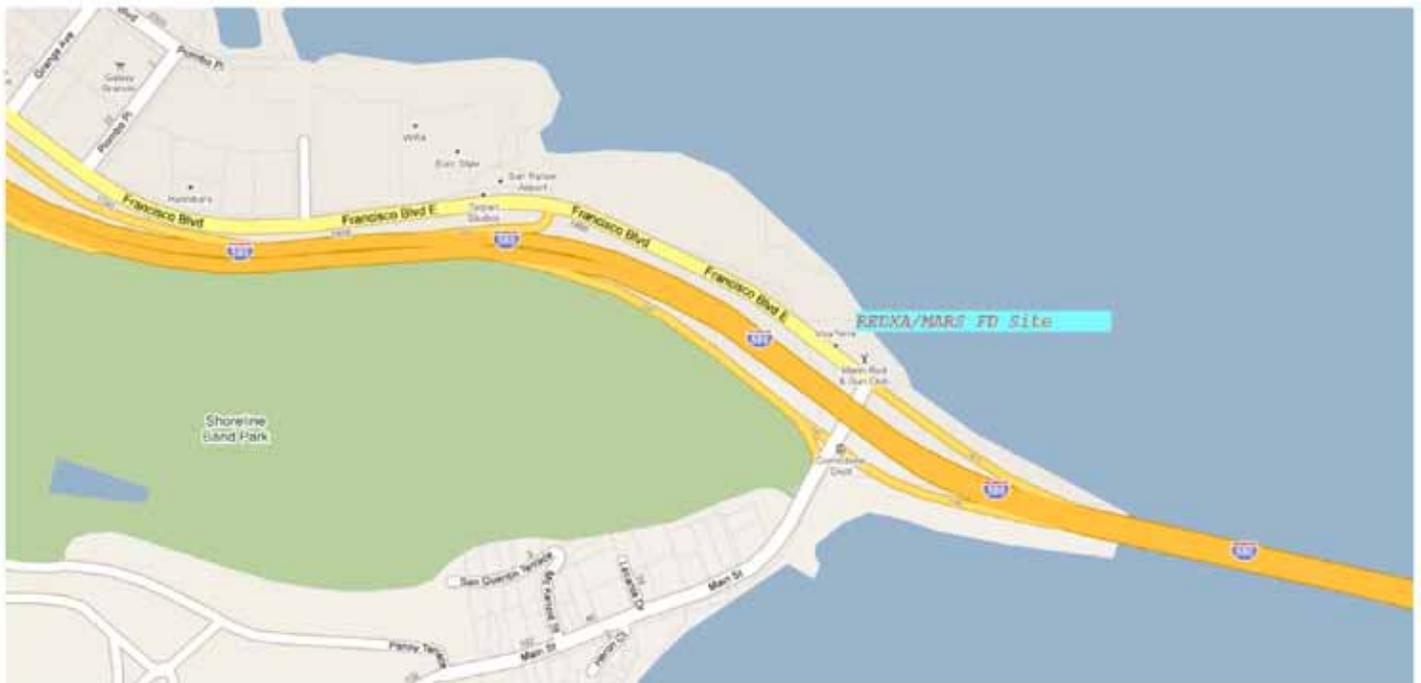
This year, we will operate the three main stations under the call W6SG and the GOTA station as W6KB. Sign up boards will be set up for all stations this year, so feel free to log in for some operating time. N1MM logging software will be used at all stations.

We will have dedicated SSB and CW stations, as well as the GOTA station.

Join us and bring family and friends for a great day on the shore of the San Francisco Bay! Operate, learn and share your skills and experiences!

Directions

Take Hwy 101 to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge exit (Hwy 580 East). Take the very last exit before the bridge (don't miss it or it will cost you \$5 and trip to Richmond to get back!). You'll see a sign that shows San Quinton Prison to right, and you turn instead left and go under the freeway. The Rod and Gun Club will be on your left.





Here are a couple of pictures from the W1AW/7 (Nevada) event at W7RN.

The shack picture includes Rick, N6XI, Matt, WX5S, and an unidentified op with his back to the camera.

The other picture is me at the base of the W7RN 40 meter stack.

73, Alan/K6SRZ



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