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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, June 10, 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 presented by **Ron Castro-N6IE**. It will involve final planning stages of Field Day and then an update/status report on his ongoing remote station project.

REDXA President's Report

Well here we are in June and that means the event we all look forward to will soon be upon us: "Field Day"! This is one of the most, if not the most, traditional activities participated in by hams annually. Many hams have gotten their operating feet wet, so to speak, in this great ARRL event. This is a time to practice our emergency setup and operating skills as well as our "contesting" skills as well. This is a time also where we can develop some real camaraderie among club members. Old timers can coach the young/new hams and help them get over that initial shyness and hesitation most of us experienced early on. The Saturday evening dinner is the also a great time to drop by and say hello and to tell stories of the good old days and field days past. While none of us are getting any younger I would like to see as many of you as possible attend, if only briefly, this years FD. That said, as most of you know, I unfortunately will be missing FD this year as I will be on a trip to Italy and Switzerland. I will be in Venice on the weekend of FD and will keep my eyes open for large antenna arrays and maybe I can get a



chance to operate and give W6KB a DX qso.

Take care and see you at the meeting!

73, Fred

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 2015

by Ed, K6ELE

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. Fred, N6YEU introduced the new club treasurer Bill Zaner, W6IYS. Bill met with the previous treasurer, Bill KH6GJV to review the treasurer records. He stated that the club account books were in good order. He reported that the bank account and P.O. Box were updated for new signatures. He suggested that we have a policy of co-signing checks over a set amount. He also reviewed the bylaws and said that bylaws state that dues are to be prorated. (Dues shall be \$20.00 per year. Dues for Family memberships shall be \$25.00 per year. Dues shall be prorated on a monthly basis to date of membership). He said that he would follow the bylaws and prorate all dues going forward.

2. Josh suggested that checks over \$500 be cosigned by the club president. Discussion followed and it was agreed that the bylaws should be reviewed and revised for this.

3. Fred discussed the bylaws in general regarding revisions. He said he would email out suggestions for changes to the board members to review.

4. Fred is working on future programs with the possibility of a joint meeting with another club. In October he has tentatively scheduled a talk on Amateur Radio Influence in Silicon Valley.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 6pm.

MAY MEETING MINUTES

by Ed, K6ELE

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

Announcements:

Fred said that he is still working on several presentations for future meetings.

Old Business:

Ron, N6IE, reported on the planning meeting with MARS for field day. Operation will be 2A stations, W6KB and W6SGE, also with a GOTA station. Setup at Marin Rod and Gun Club will take place on Friday June 26th starting at 11am. Three towers will be setup. MARS is providing a generator. Members are encouraged to help with the setup.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm for the program of the evening. The program for the evening was the video of the Christmas Island DXpedition.

Monthly San Francisco Section News Summary

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

Treasurer's Report
May 2015

by Bill, W6IYS

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Bal. Brt. Fwd.	5/1/15				\$3,833.83
2						
3	Receipts					
4		Transfer in from old account	\$60.00			
5		Raffle (net to club)	\$31.00			
6		New badge	\$22.00			
7		Postage reimburement	\$2.32			
8						
9		Total Receipts			\$115.32	
10						
11	Disbursements					
12		New Badge		\$20.37		
13		Office Supplies		\$21.12		
14		P.O. Box Rental/postage		\$82.32		
15		Misc.		\$5.00		
16						
17		Total Disbursements			\$128.81	
18						
19	Cash Flow					-\$13.49
20						
21	New Balance	5/31/15				<u>3,820.34</u>
22						

REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events:

by Doug, WW6D

- Jun 10** * **REDXA Monthly Meeting**
- Jun 20-21 ARRL June VHF
- Jun 20-21 All Asian DX CW
- Jun 27-28** **ARRL Field Day**
- Jul 1 RAC Canada Day Contest
- Jul 8** * **REDXA Monthly Meeting**
- Jul 11-12 IARU HF World Championship
- Jul 18-19 NA QSO Party RTTY
- Jul 18-19 CQ WW VHF Contest
- Jul 25-26 RSGB IOTA Contest
- Aug 1-2 NA QSO Party CW
- Aug 8-9 WAE DX Contest CW
- Aug 12** * **REDXA Monthly Meeting**
- Aug 15-16 NA QSO Party SSB
- Sep 26-27 CQ WW DX RTTY
- Oct 3-4** **California QSO Party – 50th year**

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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