

# SUNSPOTS



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## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**Wednesday, March 9, 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 by John, K6MM who will be our guest speaker and he will be detailing his adventure to Palymyra. Many of us worked him and we will be one of the first presentations he will be giving about that great Dxpediton.



## REDXA President's commentary

OMG. LOL!!! What a fun meeting we had in February... Thank you Marilyn for taking some great pictures of the members. Everyone dressed up so nicely I'm thinking we should put together a REDXA calendar for 2017 with various members for each month. Great to see everyone and I think we can go back to casual wear from now on. (Please forget I ever mentioned the "clothing optional" comment for the March meeting...)

My hat goes off to Bob K6QXY, for a wonderful lecture on 6 meters and seeing his antenna array. Thank you Bob for educating us and congratulations on all of your well deserved achievements in the 6 meter world. Nice to have a world renowned professional in our club.

As we turn the page to March there is so much to discuss... Palmyra, South Sandwich, Georgia and other Dxpeditons are now a distant memory or band slot in our log books. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing and hearing club members as they pursued those ATNO's. We still have more coming and the best of luck to all of you as you continue to chase them down. Hopefully everyone's antennas and towers are in good operating condition and ready for the next upcoming events.

In January I mentioned that I would also be visiting the two local amateur radio clubs in Sonoma County. I had the chance to get in front of SCRA last week and reminded them about REDXA, who we are and what we do as a group. Several people came up to me after the meeting and expressed their interest in visiting our club so don't be surprised if you see some new faces from SCRA. As a side note, one member made this comment: "I enjoyed your presentation of REDXA at the SCRA meeting tonight and you may not know this but years ago REDXA and SCRA had a yearly friendly competition for obtaining the most points for Field Day. We even had a plaque made noting which club beat the other out each year! The winning club got to show off the trophy at their meetings for the next year." I wasn't aware of this competition but it may be something we might want to revisit...

On March 5th several of us were able to work Fred N6YEU as he activated Death Valley for the NPOTA. He will continue his journey to Mt Zion and I asked him to share this adventure with our club. We will have live audio and pictures from his Dxpediton... I suspect he won't be at the meeting in March since he'll still be on the road.

Lastly John, K6MM will be our guest speaker on March 9th and he will be detailing his adventure to Palmyra. Many of us worked him and we will be one of the first presentations he will be giving about that great Dxpediton. I expect there will be maximum attendance that night so make sure to get there early and grab a seat! John needs a bit more time. Maybe we can get any business done early/quickly so he can do his talk.

That's all I have for now. See everyone on March 9th .....

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FEBRUARY 2015**

by Ed, K6ELE

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

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### **FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES**

by Bill, W6IYS for Ed, K6ELE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bill (WX6B).

President Bill announced that we had two new applicants for membership in the club and briefly introduced them both. The applicants were Stu Clark.(WA6BTK) and Gary Pinyan (N2BBB). In accordance with the By-Laws a vote was held and both applicants were approved and welcomed as members of REDXA.

President Bill then briefly reviewed the club's activity in the recent CQP contest. He also reminded members of the upcoming DX Convention in Visalia scheduled for April 15-17. He then called for a Treasurer's report from Bill (W6IYS) who reported that the closing balance for the month of January was \$4471.11. He also cited the work done by Al (K6RIM) in contacting more than two dozen members and reminding them to send in their dues,. President Bill then asked for approval of the minutes of the last meeting and Treasurer's report. Both were approved without objection...

There was brief discussion regarding participation in ClubLog including some discussion of the Leaderboard system provided by them. Following that discussion Chuck (N6OJ) suggested that REDXA make a cash donation to Clublog. Fred (N6YEU) reminded everyone that our past practice has been to donate funds to NCDXF and to allow them to allocate funds as they deemed appropriate. A motion to contribute \$250 each to ClubLog and NCDXF was made by Frank( (KG6N) seconded by Rick (N6GY). The motion was approved unanimously.

Al (K6RIM) suggested that we consider making the club roster available on line for all REDXA members. He further suggested that the data be password protected and that any member be allowed to

opt out of the system if he/she wished to do so. There was a general consensus that this arrangement would be satisfactory and Doug (WW6D), webmaster for the Club, stated that he would put a notice in SunSpots next month to alert all members of the new policy.

President Bill then recessed the formal meeting to dinner.

Following dinner Bob (K6QXY) presented a program detailing his extensive operations on 6 meters and especially his EME experience. The program featured slides, charts and videos of his more than 30 years experience in the field.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Zaner (W6IYS)  
n,b, Secretary Ed (K6ELE) unable to attend

## REDXA Roster to be Published Online

by Doug WW6D

As those who attended the February meeting noted, the club has decided to provide a link to the **full** club roster on line at REDXA.com. This change saves the club money in printing copies and has the potential to be updated more often. Also, the data is readily accessible by club members in this digital form. The format is Microsoft Excel.

This file will be password protected. The password will be provided, on request, to all members listed on the roster.

The items that are shown in the roster, besides your first name, last name and callsign, are your license class, your address, city, state, zip, the phone number you provided us, your email address, cell and FAX numbers (if you provided them), and dues-paid-through year.

The other side of this issue is your decision with respect to the privacy of your data. Most of your personal information is already accessible on the internet, albeit with some work involved. The FCC Database has much of this data and, with the help of search engines, the rest can be easily found.

You do have the option to release some, all or none of your data as you see fit. However, as your webmaster, I need to know your wishes. Please send me your “opt out” options at:

[Ww6d@arrl.net](mailto:Ww6d@arrl.net)

The current plan is to put up the link on the “Members & Spirit Awardees” page beginning April 1. This will give you time to respond to this article. We will re-evaluate this policy as outlined here early next year.

If you have any questions, please contact me your thoughts and concerns.

Treasurer's Report  
February 2016

by Bill, W6IYS

Bal Brt. Fwd	2/1/16				<u>\$4,471.11</u>
Receipts					
	Raffle (net to Club)	\$115.00			
	Dues	\$ 340.00			
	Voluntary gift (AG6OX)	<u>\$50.00</u>			
	Total receipts			\$ 505.00	
Disbursements					
	Dues (overpayment)	<u>\$15.00</u>			
	Total Disbursements			<u>\$15.00</u>	
Cash Flow				.	<u>\$490.00</u>
New Bal. 2/29/16					<u>\$4,961.11</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

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|---------------|--------------------------------|
| <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    |
| May 7-8       | 7QP (7th Call Area QSO Party)  |
| <b>May 11</b> | * <b>REDXA Monthly Meeting</b> |
| May 28-2      | CQ WW WPX CW                   |
| <b>Jun 8</b>  | * <b>REDXA Monthly Meeting</b> |
| Jun 11-13     | ARRL June VHF Contest          |
| Jun 25-26     | ARRL Field Day                 |
| Jul 1         | RAC Canada Day Contest         |
| Jul 9-10      | IARU HF World Championship     |
| <b>Jul 13</b> | * <b>REDXA Monthly Meeting</b> |
| Jul 16-17     | NAQP RTTY                      |
| Jul 30-31     | RSGB IOTA Contest              |

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

## **The 67th Annual Visalia International DX Convention**

The 67th Annual International DX Convention sponsored by the Southern California DX Club will be held at the Visalia Convention Center April 15 - 17, 2016.

The International DX Convention is the world's foremost DX convention. If you are a DXer or interested in any aspect of ham radio you need to be at Visalia. Top DX operators from around the world will be there. Meet the big guns from the US, Asia, Europe, Africa and Oceania. Meet the people on the other side of the mic or key. Shake hands with the person you have had that sked with for the past 10 years. Renew friendships.

Top DXpeditioners from every continent tell you how they did it. Learn the secrets for big signals on the top band, how to have fun and adventures chasing IOTA, contest forum, DX forum, seminars for everyone from the seasoned pro to the beginning DXer. Bring your latest QSL card arrivals for checking. Don't forget the raffle prizes which top even the famed Dayton Hamvention!

REDXA always has a large representation at this annual convention with upwards of 20 members making the trip south. Don't forget your REDXA badges, hats and shirts.

The beautiful Visalia Convention Center, will once again host the IDXC. The Convention Center has 17 meeting rooms and 2 Board Rooms, which allows for several concurrent presentations.

The Center can easily handle 80 to 100 Vendors in their Exhibit Hall, as well as a banquet for 1,000 attendees.

There is ample free parking in the area and convenient shuttle busses running to nearby hotels.

Food and beverage needs will be catered by the recently remodeled Marriott Hotel, which is the host hotel immediately adjacent to the Convention Center.

Don't miss the Special Saturday Banquet Presentation on the VKØEK Heard Island DXpedition with a Live Feed from the Team aboard the RV Braveheart.

Tickets are still available. For additional information check out their website  
<http://www.dxconvention.org/index.html>

We hope to see a lot of REDXA members in Visalia.  
Jim, K6JS

**ARRL DX CW**

<b>Call</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>QSO</b>	<b>Mults</b>	<b>Score</b>
K6SRZ	SOUHP	24	901	289	779,433
K6RIM	SOUHP	10.2	375	202	227,250
K6MM	SOUHP	9	421	173	217,980
K6JS	SOUHP	12	334	157	157,314

**ARRL RTTY Roundup**

<b>Call</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>QSO</b>	<b>St/Pr</b>	<b>DX</b>	<b>Score</b>
W6SFK	SOHP	9.0	555	52	26	43,290
K6LRN	SOHP	14	605	53	17	42,350
K6ELE	SOHP	6.5	204	35	13	9,792
K6RIM	SOHP	3.9	147	44	8	7,644
N6OJ	SOLP		670	54	10	42,880
N6GY	SOLP	7	108	37	4	4,428
N6ZFO	SOLP	11	416	51	14	27,040
N6IE	SOUHP	24	1671	57	65	203,862
K6MM	SOUHP		312	52	13	20,280
K6LE	SOULP		235	45	9	12,690
K6CTA	SOULP	3	81	31	5	2,916

**CQ WW WPX RTTY**

<b>Call</b>	<b>Op</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>QSOs</b>	<b>Prefixes</b>	<b>Op Time</b>	<b>Score</b>
WQ6K	N6IE	SOABHP	1539	716	30	3,353,028
KY0W	K6SRZ	SOABHP	1141	481	26	1,252,043
K6ELE	K6ELE	SOABHP	189	158	6	104,104
K6LRN	K6LRN	SOABLP	379	232	14:14	208,104
K6LE	K6LE	SOABLP	253	149	12	67,348
AK6M	K6MM	SOAB(TS)HP	334	226	9	176,958

**CQ 160 Meter CW**

<b>Call</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>QSO</b>	<b>St/Pr</b>	<b>DX</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Score</b>
K6SRZ	SOAHP	260	49	13	7:30	52,080
N6IE	SOAHP	156	41	10	3.3	22,848

**NAQP CW**

<b>Call</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>QSOs</b>	<b>Mults</b>	<b>Op Time</b>	<b>Score</b>
N6ZFO	SOLP	762	177	8.5	134,874
N6IE	SOLP	663	184	8	121,992
K6RIM	SOLP	600	147	6.5	88,200
K6LRN	SOLP	486	181	9.5	87,966
K6CTA	SOLP	121	69	3.5	8,349
K6SRZ	SOLP	158	35	2.3	5,530

**NAQP SSB**

<b>Call</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>QSOs</b>	<b>Mults</b>	<b>Op Time</b>	<b>Score</b>
N6ZFO	SOLP	890	204	10	181,560
K6LRN	SOLP	484	151	9	73,084
K6ELE	SOLP	43	30	3	1,290



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