

# SUNSPOTS



## REDWOOD EMPIRE DX ASSOCIATION

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### MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**Wednesday, October 12, 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 Chris Tate N6WM presenting on Flex radios and that should open our eyes to some new future radios and operational standards.**



### REDXA President's commentary

Hello and CQ CQ REDXA Members! Well once again the Cal QSO Party is a memory and some of us are still getting back to a normal schedule. I will say that in order to be fully functional and operating at 100% you can't wait until the last minute to fix, build or string up antenna's. I was lucky enough to get a fellow ham to loan me his tennis ball line launcher and get an 80 meter dipole way up in the tree's. I should have done that weeks ago and maybe put up a second one offset by 90 degree's. So my take away message is to test out the equipment and have things squared away weeks prior to this event. It was a great time for all and thanks again for your participation or help in pushing up our numbers. We will continue to get stronger and wiser each year and also escalating our scores. Thanks to everyone who helped, assisted,

provided stations and educated our group for this event. Stories and awards are forthcoming.

So this month we have Chris Tate N6WM presenting on Flex radios and that should open our eyes to some new future radios and operational standards. We are down to the wire for the year and thinking about the annual Christmas party and events for 2017. I'd like to make sure we honor some of our peers in December for mentoring and advancing our hobby. So if you have someone you'd like to recognize for their work in 2016 let me know and perhaps we can hand out some awards to them for making this a great hobby. Like I mentioned before, awards given to me by my peers have always been highly regarded and cherished throughout my lifetime. So please take time to think about those who have impacted you and advanced your radio career..... It would be fun to share the love and stories we all have. If you have any pictures we can also incorporate those in the powerpoint presentation.

Lastly I would like to hear what has worked well and what we'd like to continue as a club in 2017. What type of presentations or events should we pursue. It's going to be difficult to find presenters since the number of Dxpeditions has evaporated. Do we want technical talks? Do we want some of our members to present talks? Please share your thoughts either by email or at the meetings. I'm not certain how things will go next year but I'd like to keep any momentum alive and recruiting new members at the top of our list.

Cheers and best of 73 to all. See you on October 12th...

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 2016

by Ed, K6ELE

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

by Ed, K6ELE

The meeting was called to order at 7:P.M. by President Bill Sirvatka, (WX6B).

President Bill announced that he had received an application for membership from KO6PS. He commented that he knew the applicant personally and further stated that the applicant would probably be unable to attend meetings due to personal physical constraints. He urged a slight "bending" of the By-Laws which require attendance by the applicant at the time of membership approval. It was moved by Chuck, (N6OJ) and seconded by Gabe (KJ6AZU) that, considering the circumstances, KO6PS, Joe Lovar, be accepted as a member of REDXA. The motion carried unanimously.. Treasurer Bill (W6IYS) gave a report. He stated that the current bank balance (August 31, 2016) is \$3,535.

President Bill then reminded members that election of REDXA officers would take place at the November meeting as required in the by-laws. He asked Bill (W6IYS) to give a quick summary of the process set forth in the By-Laws. Following this review President Bill indicated that he would appoint a nominating committee which would report to the membership at the November meeting as required in the By-Laws.

President Bill urged all members to participate in the annual California QSO Party (CQP) scheduled for the first full weekend in October. He further urged members to "register" their scores with the event sponsor (NCCC) specifically noting that they are doing so as a member of REDXA. In this way the club will receive credit for the score as well as the individual posting the log...

Alan. (K6SRZ) gave a brief review of previous CQP scores and some current rule changes. In addition, he suggested some operating techniques that have proven helpful to him in the past and might assist new-comers to contest operating. There being no further items to come before the membership, President Bill adjourned the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Bill Zaner (W6IYS)

n.b: Secretary Ed Essick (K6ELE) unable to attend

## **REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events:**

by Doug, WW6D

Have an event for the calendar? Let me know!

<b>Oct 12</b>	* <b>REDXA Monthly Meeting</b>
Oct 14-16	<b>PacifiCon 2016</b> (Info: pacificcon.org)
Oct 29-30	CQ WW DX, SSB
Nov 5-7	ARRL Sweepstakes CW
<b>Nov 9</b>	* <b>REDXA Monthly Meeting</b>
Nov 19-21	ARRL Sweepstakes SSB
Nov 26-27	CQ WW DX, CW
Dec 2-4	ARRL 160m Contest (CW only)
Dec 10-11	ARRL 10m Contest
<b>Dec 14</b>	* <b>REDXA Holiday Party &amp; Raffle</b>
Dec 17	RAC Winter Contest
Jan 7-8	ARRL RTTY Roundup
<b>Jan 11</b>	* <b>REDXA Monthly Meeting</b>
Jan 14-15	North American QSO Party CW
Jan 21-22	North American QSO Party SSB
Jan 27-29	CQ 160m Contest CW

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

Prepared by Bill Zaner, W6IYS

### Treasurer's Report

September, 2016

Bal. Brt. Fwd.	9/1/16	\$3,535.57
<b>Receipts</b>		
Raffle (net to Club)	\$52.00	
Donation on behalf of K6CMS (via N6GY)	\$200.00	
Total receipts		\$252.00
<b>Disbursements</b>		
	\$0.00	
Total Disbursements		\$0.00
<b>Cash Flow</b>		
		\$252.00
Balance 9/30/16		\$3,787.57

## **Monthly San Francisco Section News Summary**

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



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**MEETING: OCTOBER 12, 2016**

