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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, September 14, 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 all about CQP. The timing worked out so that we didn't have a lecture booked and we can concentrate on a contest that I don't believe we've ever won.



REDXA President's commentary

Hello fellow REDXA members! Well we are on the home stretch now.. September is here and we've got 3 months left in this year. October we'll have our RTTY meeting with Ed Muns, November is a lecture on the Flex radio and our annual Christmas party is in December. 2017 will bring more presentations on Dxpeditons from places like Lord Howe and Botswana, Elecraft, Steppir and some other surprises if we get lucky. So this is exciting and I hope that the club has enjoyed 2016 and what's coming in 2017.

As for September..... It's all about CQP. The timing worked out so that we didn't have a lecture booked and we can concentrate on a contest that I don't believe we've ever won. As I told you back in January this is

going to be our year and I'm going to press all members to at least contribute some time to logging in contacts in CW or SSB. It is imperative that you register as soon as you finish reading this introduction and choose your county and your operational mode. As your outgoing president I'm not going to buy into the excuse that "I'm not a contester" or "I don't know how to log "!!!!!! During this roundtable meeting we will have several people discuss how to be successful in making contacts, how to log and some key points to making REDXA successful in 2016. For many years we've come close but the numbers didn't add up and we failed to pull it off. There are many of us who have the equipment to make many contacts and I hope I can persuade everyone to give it their best shot. We will also recognize individual members for top performance in their particular class. I tried to push for monetary gifts but that didn't fly so we'll have certificates you can hang on the wall. As a former salesman I often found that I enjoyed rewards that I received by my peers and teammates far more than the corporate ones. It told me that my friends and counterparts appreciated the work I did and that meant a lot to me. So consider the first weekend in October a time where you can lock yourself in a room and avoid all contact with the outside world for no more than 24 hours. Sit down, concentrate and go for it. If you can't log then use a paper log and we'll do the rest. If you don't have equipment but want to participate we'll find a shack where you can sit down and learn how to contest. We have the talent, the stations and the knowledge to make this happen and I won't accept "NO" for an answer. You will do this and you will have fun. You can sleep and eat some other time!!

So that's my pitch for now. I alluded earlier that I would be your outgoing president since I have some life changes going on that will distract me from doing my job and making REDXA great again. I will now throw this proposition out there. If by chance we pull off a win I will run for re-election as my commitment to REDXA in 2017. Get your rigs ready, antenna's tuned up, PG&E paid off and prepare to get involved in the California QSO Party the first weekend of October!!

See you soon.
WX6B

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AUGUST 2016

by Ed, K6ELE

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

by Ed, K6ELE

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by the club president, Bill Sirvatka, WX6B

Announcements:

John Tracy, W6SB, was voted in as a new member of the club. Jeffrey, NZ6I was visitor for the meeting.

The raffle collected \$50 for the club. The treasurer reported that our balance after paying off field day fees is \$3,400.

Program:

The president introduced Jim, N6TO, who made a presentation on Heard Is. DXpedition. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Joint Meeting Notes July 31, 2016

by Dick, K6LRN

As this was not a business meeting as such and as I was the only 'secretary' present, I took a few notes. There may have been some business or announcements that I missed as we arrived late thanks to I-80's inability to handle a volume of autos.

This was supposed to have been a joint meeting with the Northern California Contest Club, the Redwood Empire DX Association, PL-259 and the Mother Lode DX/Contest Club. The attendance of 44 people at Rockville was 20 MLDX/CC, 2 REDXA and balance NCCC members + several via Web-ex.

Bal. Brt. Fwd.	8/1/16				<u>\$3,473.94</u>
Receipts					
	Raffle (net to Club)	\$50.00			
	Dues (pro-rated)	\$10.00			
	Badge	<u>\$22.00</u>			
	Total receipts			\$ 82.00	
Disbursements					
	Badge (Palmgren)	\$20.37			
	Total Disbursements			<u>\$20.37</u>	
Cash Flow					\$61.63
Balance 8/31/16					<u>\$3,535.57</u>

There was a buffet lunch of Chicken Alfredo, a pasta dish with a Marinara sauce, salad, rolls and coffee.

President Bob of NCCC presided and started by passing microphone so we could announce our presence.

There were comments by Pres. Shirl of MLDX/CC regarding CQ's DX Marathon & SS. Ron N6IE spoke for REDXA talking about Field Day.

Bob Vallio W6RGG gave an interesting talk about 'Voodudes' and their operations from Africa & Kuwait.

Tom K5RC spoke via the Webex connection outlining ideas for a new contest involving Maidenhead grid squares.

After a break Steve W1SRD gave a talk on the TX3X operation from Chesterfield Reef.

REDXA Calendar of Upcoming Events:

by Doug, WW6D

Have an event for the calendar? Let me know!

Sep 10-12	ARRL September VHF Contest
Sep 14	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Sep 24-25	CQ WW DX, RTTY
Oct 1-2	CALIFORNIA QSO PARTY
Oct 12	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
Oct 14-16	PacifiCon 2016 (Info: pacificon.org)
Oct 29-30	CQ WW DX, SSB
Nov 5-7	ARRL Sweepstakes CW
Nov 9	* REDXA Monthly Meeting
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
Dec 14	* REDXA Holiday Party & Raffle
Dec 17	RAC Winter Contest

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

CLUBLOG

President Bill WX6B asks that members upload their logs to CLUBLOG.

It makes a great showcase for the REDXA Club, especially in the "Club League" comparisons.

Thank You
Rick Sealock N6GY

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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