

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



ARRL MEMBER

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April 2012

PRESIDENT'S QST

QST QST QST - I would like to thank everyone for their investment in the club by renewing your membership for 2012. I would also like to welcome some new members to the club.

Dan, KB6UNC, Taylorsville, Utah
Randy, KJ6TVT Stockton, Ca

I hope to see you both at the April club meeting. Well, I will admit it would be a heck of a commute for Dan. Dan paid his dues through paypal, everyone. By the way, if YOU HAVE NOT paid your dues and would like to save all the hassle of writing a check or bringing cash to a meeting, you can do the same thing – send me an email to john@litz.com

In the spirit of last month's presentation by Dick Decker on Chinese import ht's, I ordered the new Baofeng UV5-R radio and it arrived a few days ago. A little smaller than it's cousin the Wouxon, but it has a great feel in my hand. I found it easier to program from the keyboard than the Wouxon – especially since it has a one-button switch from VFO to Memory modes.

April is a very busy month. We need everyone's participation. Club meeting is April 12th. On Saturday the 21st we will be demonstrating Amateur Radio at the LDS Women's preparedness fair; a hamcram at Dameron Hospital Annex, and an introduction to Ham Radio class. If each of us reached out to a new ham or an "old-timer" who is not yet a member of the club, how quickly could we add 10 new members? I challenge everyone to share the flysheet with just one new ham this month and invite him or her to the club meeting. You've got 11 days!

Let's get started.

73,

John, NZ6Q





APRIL MEETING NOTICE APRIL 12TH, 7:30pm

BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH
11171 LOWER SACRAMENT RD

QST QST QST ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS. The April meeting of the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club will be held on Thursday, April 12th, 2012, beginning at 7:30PM.

Our meeting program will feature Mike Sacula, K6MDS from Manteca. Mike will be sharing his in-depth knowledge of “radio direction finding” or “fox-hunting” Members with RDF style rigs and/or antennas are encouraged to bring them and share your work with the club.

Doors open at 7:15 PM for meet and greet.

Meetings end with our famous \$1 raffle. New hams and anyone interested in Amateur Radio are encouraged to attend. Invite a Friend!

Directions: From North or South on I5 - Travel on I5 to 8 Mile Rd and go east on 8 Mile Rd to Lower Sacramento Rd. Turn north onto Lower Sacramento Rd and the church is about 1000 ft north of the intersection on the left.

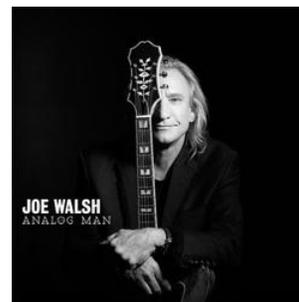
From North or South on 99 – Travel on 99 to 8 Mile Rd and go west on 8 Mile Rd to Lower Sacramento Rd. Turn north onto Lower Sacramento Rd and the church is about 1000 ft north of the intersection on the left.

Parking: Ample parking is available, we meet all the way in the back of the church complex in one of the classrooms.

CLUB WEBSITE UPDATE

Check out the latest improvements on www.w6sf.org . You will find an application for download for new members, club roster, information about upcoming events and hamcrams.

JOE WALSH – ANALOG MAN (Reprinted from the ARRL letter)



Joe Walsh, WB6ACU, Is an *Analog Man*

Grammy Award winning rock-and-roll legend Joe Walsh, WB6ACU, returns with *Analog Man*, set to be released June 5. This is Walsh's first solo album since 1992's *Songs for a Dying Planet*. According to Walsh's website, *Analog Man* is both modern and timelessly soulful, packed with Walsh's wit, charm and chops; it delivers an incredibly raw and intimate sound. "It's been 20 years and I have a lot to say," Walsh explained. "These songs [on *Analog Man*] come from the heart."

No stranger to the analog way of life, Walsh -- an ARRL Life Member -- enjoys operating on 75 meters AM. Yep! AM -- or amplitude modulation -- has been around the amateur bands since the 1930s. Its advocates say that AM offers a warm, rich audio quality that provides for more personal interaction and that AM's simplicity circuit design encourages hands-on restoration, modification and homebrew construction to an extent no longer found among contemporary radios. Many hams who operate AM say they enjoy the simple, roomy electrical and mechanical designs of the older radios, claiming that they can more easily be modified and tinkered with than their modern counterparts. Other enthusiasts claim that these vintage radios sound better than their silicon descendants, saying that the tube audio from vintage gear is "warmer" and more aesthetically pleasing than the audio produced by the typical modern transceiver.

You can hear the title tract (which is quite good) on Joe's website www.joewalsh.com

SILENT KEY – W5YI – FRED MAIA (from CQ magazine)



CQ columnist Fred Maia, W5YI, a leading amateur radio journalist, educator and pioneer of volunteer examining, passed away on March 28 after a battle with cancer.

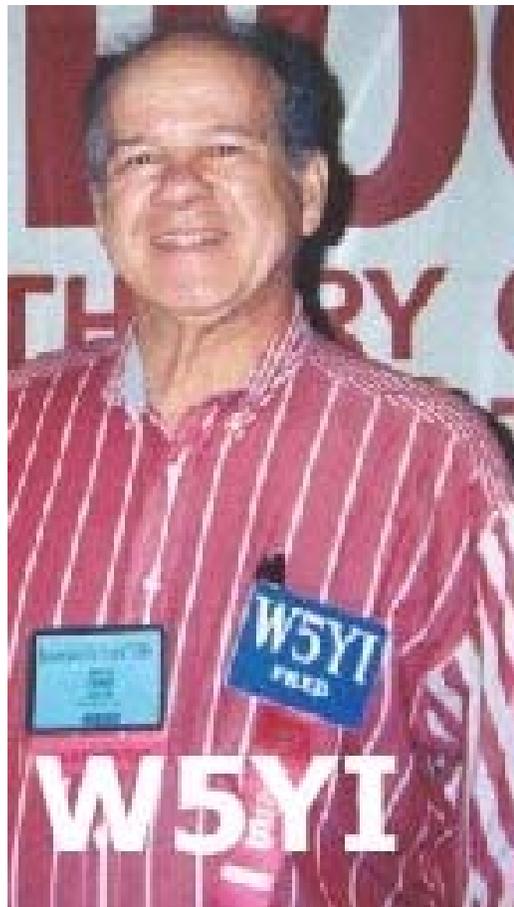
Maia, 76, published "*The W5YI Report*," dubbed "America's Oldest Ham Radio Newsletter," from 1978 to 2003, and has been a CQ contributing editor since 1985. His regulatory affairs column, first titled "Ticket Talk," then "Washington Readout," offered news and perspective on FCC and ITU (International Telecommunication Union) actions, and helped untold numbers of hams wend their way through often-confusing mazes of the volunteer examining and vanity call sign systems.

"Fred was one of those unusual people who was more focused on doing the job than he was on getting credit for doing it," noted CQ Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA. "His 'job' was to help this hobby grow, and he succeeded admirably."

Fred was also a driving force in amateur and commercial radio licensing and education materials since late 1970. He was the first Volunteer Examiner Coordinator appointed by the Federal Communications Commission in 1984, and his W5YI-VEC group grew into the nation's second-largest VEC after the ARRL. Fred served as President of the W5YI-VEC until his retirement in October of 2000. In 1986, he founded The W5YI Group to develop, publish and sell amateur and commercial radio license study materials. Fred also formed National Radio Examiners to provide examination services as a Commercial Operator License Examination Manager (COLEM), and co-wrote a commercial radio licensing study manual with Gordon West, WB6NOA.

As a longtime member of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) and its Question Pool Committee (QPC), which develops and maintains the question pools for amateur radio license exams, Fred was deeply involved in many of the changes in amateur radio licensing over the past quarter century. This includes the phased elimination of Morse code requirements for amateur licenses and the current system of three license classes, Technician, General and Amateur Extra.

A resident of Arlington, Texas, Fred was a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Radio Operator's School, and was first licensed as an amateur radio operator as a teenager in Rhode Island, where he grew up. He is survived by his wife, Doris, and two daughters. A memorial service was scheduled for 3:00pm, Saturday March 31, 2012, at Moore Funeral Home, 1219 North Davis Dr., Arlington, TX 76012.





APRIL 21ST
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST – LATTER-DAY SAINTS
PREPAREDNESS FAIR
800 Brookside Rd, Stockton, CA

The Church of Jesus Christ – Latter-Day Saints is worldwide one of the most prepared organizations when handling disasters. Part of the mission of the church is to prepare members and their neighbors for emergencies.

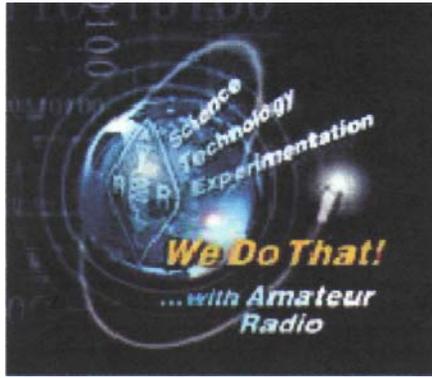
We have been invited to demonstrate Amateur Radio as part of this important seminar. We will have a booth set-up with HF-VHF-UHF operating positions and demonstrating how Amateur Radio can assist families in an emergency as well as being a fun and educational hobby.

Volunteers and equipment are needed from 8:30AM (set-up) to 12:30PM (take down).



Ham Radio Operators providing critical communications – ground level, in the air and net control

Kentucky – Indiana – Ohio
Tornado Outbreak
March 2, 2012



**APRIL 21ST
HAM-CRAM
0815 – 1600 HOURS
DAMERON HOSPITAL ANNEX
Lincoln & Acacia Streets, Stockton
(Across Lincoln St from Dameron Hospital)**

Volunteer Examiners are needed to assist in administering the exam session. If you are not a volunteer examiner, you can easily sign-up on the ARRL website <http://www.arrl.org/volunteer-examiners> . Please let your board know if you are a certified volunteer examiner.

How to quickly and easily become a licensed ham radio operator may be a mystery to you. You might even know someone who wants a license right now and does not know how to get one.

“Get Your License in One Day” is the perfect solution. No tedious preliminary home study. No long, boring once-a-week classes. You attend for just one day, 8:15 AM to 4:00 PM, and you’re done. Thousands of men and women, ages 16 to 90, have quickly succeeded in the past ten years, in over 100 sessions. The success rate has never been less than 90 percent for adults. If you want to bring a younger person -- we have had kids as young as 8 pass -- please contact us before registering them for additional information.

Sign-up at <http://sdarc-eorg.eventbrite.com/>

**APRIL 21ST
NEW HAM TRAINING
1100 - 1400 HOURS
DAMERON HOSPITAL ANNEX**

Come Elmer a new-comer. We are starting a new program for training new hams on the art and etiquette of ham radio. Volunteers are needed to demonstrate proper use of the radio and to teach appropriate emergency and non-emergency use of VHF/UHF repeaters and simplex channels. This is a class for new or inexperienced hams interested in learning how to use portable handie-talkie radios, mobile radios, VHF/UHF, repeaters, emergency operations, check into nets, etc. This class presumes zero knowledge and is open to anyone -- licensed or would-be ham.



A HAM'S CALENDAR

April 12, 2012 – Monthly Membership meeting of the Stockton-Delta ARC, Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Rd, Stockton, CA – 7:30PM This month's training is on radio direction finding, and "fox hunting" . Presentation by Mike Sacula, K6MDS.

April 15, 2012 – Tracy ARC Spring "Potluck in the Park" 1130 – 1400 hours. Come enjoy food, fellowship and Amateur Radio with our Tracy friends. Park location TBD. Please RSVP at <http://tracyarc-eorg.eventbrite.com/>

April 21, 2012 – Stockton LDS Church Preparedness Fair, 800 Brookside Rd, Stockton, CA 0900 – 1230 hours - Portable operating event and educational opportunity. YLs are encouraged to come to this event as the LDS Preparedness Fair is sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the LDS Church.

April 21, 2012 – HamCram (Dameron Hospital Annex, Stockton, Ca) 0815-1600 hours Stockton-Delta ARC first sponsored "ham-cram" training and testing session. One-day Amateur Radio licensing events – new hams and Tech-to-General upgrades. Testing also available. www.hamcram.org

April 21, 2012 – New Ham Training Class (Dameron Hospital Annex, Stockton, Ca) 1100 – 1400 hours. SDARC members training new hams on "the art of being a ham" Show your support – help new hams "get-on-the-air".

May 6, 2012 – Delta Century Bike Ride – 0700 – 1500 hours. Supporting the Stockton Bicycle Club. Start/Finish at Jessie's Grove Vineyard & Winery, 1501 W. Turner Rd, Lodi. There will be more details at the next club meeting.

May 10, 2012 – Monthly membership meeting of the Stockton-Delta ARC, Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Rd, Stockton, CA – 7:30PM K6ON will be sharing interesting anecdotes from his travels with Amateur Radio.

May 12, 2012 – March of Dimes Annual Walk-a-thon, Weber Point Event Center, Downtown Stockton – operating event supporting the walk-a-thon, 10 operators needed from 8:00AM – 10:00 AM. We will be manning the rest stops, providing "SAG" wagon communications – using the K6KJQ 444.325 repeater

May 12, 2012 - Northern California's second Gold Country Swap Meet and Roast, 5476 Highway 12, Burson, CA - Sponsored by W6OZI, W6RXK and K6GLH. "The most fun boat anchor swap meet west of the Mississippi." No cost to sellers or buyers, \$3.00 donation for a delicious chicken-in-a-barrel lunch served after the swap. Other features include on-site wine and olive oil tasting and a DJ playing old-time music.

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Do you have any suggestions, comments or concerns? We want to hear from you. Do you have an idea that we, as a club can all benefit from? Let us hear about it. Do you have any topic for discussion that YOU could and would contribute to the club? We want to hear from YOU! To submit articles for the monthly newsletter, email the editor at n6lhl@softcom.net

W6SF CLUB INFORMATION

MEETINGS: Regular meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at **7:30pm, at the Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Road, just north of Eight Mile Road.** Members, guests, and people having an interest in Amateur Radio are invited to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 12th at 7:30PM.**

WEEKLY NET: Held each Monday evening at 8pm on **147.165+ PL 107.2 Hz** Members and visitors are invited to check in. There is also an unofficial get together on Thursday evenings (except meeting nights) at 7:30pm on **28.457.** Amateurs with the proper license are encouraged to participate.

CLUB REPEATERS: Located in the Sierra at 2500 feet, the club repeater covers the southern Sacramento and Northern San Joaquin Valleys. The call sign is W6SF, and can be heard on **147.165+Mhz** with a PL tone of 107.2 Hz. From the same site, the club also operates a 440MHZ repeater at **442.250 +** with a PL of 107.2 Hz.

CLUB SIMPLEX FX: 147.51 MHz.

CLUB WEBSITE: <http://www.w6sf.org>

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Newsletter Editor	open	

CLUB DUES: are \$20.00 per year for a single membership & \$30 per year for a family membership - payable to Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club at the address on the masthead. You can also pay your dues using paypal. Contact John, NZ6Q for details. We thank you for your continued support!