

# Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



AN ARRL AFFILIATED CLUB

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Welcome to the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club

## ***WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:***

*Barry Oaks - KK6ZZR      Don Pagala - N6TTR*  
*Jeff Giampetro - KK6VXB      Michael Dugger - KK6YCR*  
*Monica Hope - KK6WVZ      Scott Nelson - KK6VYP*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – KI6FTT**



Greetings fellow ham radio enthusiasts and members of the Stockton Delta Amateur Radio Club! The new year is off to a fast start and the first club event, Pedaling Paths to Independence Ride is just around the corner on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Other great operating events for February are the School club Round-up the week of the 8<sup>th</sup> and ARRL DX contests on the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup> (CW) and the first weekend in March (Phone)

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Club meeting February 11<sup>th</sup>.

73

Dan, KI6FTT

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

## STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

**Members** attended the Annual General Meeting on Thursday January 14<sup>th</sup> 2016. The Annual General Meeting was called to order by Vice President Guy **W6MSU** at 7:30PM. There were several new members and guests so the Vice President started the meeting with introductions around the room.

Joanie from the Community Center for the Blind was present and called for Amateur Radio operators to assist for the February 20<sup>th</sup> Century Bike Ride in Linden. She reported that this year she needed two additional SAG Wagons and Randy **K6TVT**, Paul **N6KZW** and Dave **N6LHL** volunteered. The ride is being held a week earlier this year so as not to conflict with a Bike Show in Sacramento on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Dave **N6LHL** gave the Treasurers report. Our current balance in the bank is \$5,749.00 with \$526 in the repeater fund. He reported we had collected \$826 in dues and \$1200 in radio gear sold from donations to the club. He recommended that we maintain annual dues at the current level of \$20.00 for a Single Operator and \$30.00 for Family Membership. There was some discussion on the definition of a family membership and it was clarified that "Family Membership" qualifies for more than one operator living under the same roof as the Single Operator.

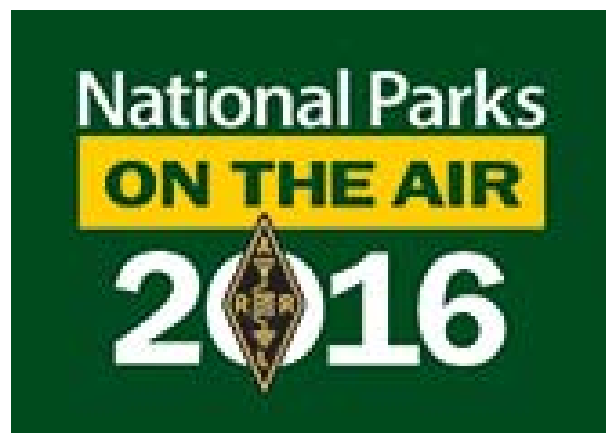
A motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried by a unanimous vote of the members present that the dues schedule continue at \$20.00 Single and \$30.00 Family.

Paul **N6KZW** made a motion to hold a swap meet on April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Comcast Building on Tam O Shanter Dr in North Stockton. The Swap Meet would start at 7:00 AM with Ham Cram Starting at 8:00 AM. Walk-in testing for new licenses and upgrades would be available throughout the Swap Meet with final testing at 3:00 PM with the HamCram class.

Charlie **WB6NVB** reported on the National Parks on the Air Event for 2016. John **NZ6Q** along with Bill **AE6J** from the SARA Club and others will be activating the Rosie the Riveter Memorial on Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup>. You can find out how to participate in NPOTA at <https://npota.arrl.org/>.

Bob **K6DGQ** reported that there is a new web page regarding interference available through the ARRL website at <http://www.arrl.org/radio-frequency-interference-rfi>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. A special thank you to Monica **KK6WVZ** who provided snacks for the meeting of delicious spring rolls.





## FEBRUARY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> 2016 7:30 PM

**QST QST QST ALL Members and Guests** are encouraged to attend the February meeting on Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup> 2016. The meeting will be held at the Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 N Lower Sacramento Rd just north of Eight Mile Rd in North Stockton beginning at 7:30 PM.

We will be finalizing plans for support of the Community Center for the Blind Pedaling Paths to Independence Century Bike Ride on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The upcoming club sponsored swap meet on April 9<sup>th</sup> will also be discussed. A demonstration of APRS and use of APRS in support of Public Service Events such as this is planned. A raffle is usually held at the end of the meeting (time permitting) with several interesting items to win.

Members needing transportation assistance to or from the meeting should contact Paul **N6KZW** or John **NZ6Q** or a club officer. We will arrange assistance for you.



### K6SCA AWARD

Steve **K6SCA** received the above “wall paper” for his First Place victory “Single Operator High Power Mixed Mode” in the 2014 10-Meter Contest. Not an easy task considering the waning sunspot cycle. Well Done!



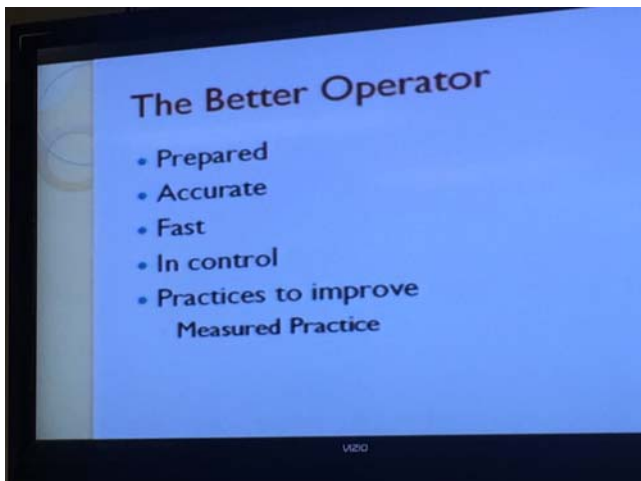
## STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's that time of the year when all members of the club look forward to dipping into what is left of the Christmas fund and write that check to the radio club. Again, as in the past, the club has bills to pay – site and shack rental up near Fiddletown, insurance, PO Box, Website costs (when's the last time you checked into [www.w6sf.com](http://www.w6sf.com) ?), NARCC dues and church donation – to name some of the larger ones.

At our January 14 membership meeting, we voted to continue the present level of dues for this year. \$20 for a single membership, and \$30 for a family membership, when the family lives under the same roof.

Many thanks to the 14 members who paid up on the spot. So, everyone please reach down and get your 2016 dues into the club treasurer. We have a PayPal account, and you may go to the club website, click on the PayPal icon, and pay at that point with your credit or debit card. You can also send a check for dues to:

Stockton-Delta A.R.C.  
P.O. Box 690271  
Stockton, CA 95269-0271





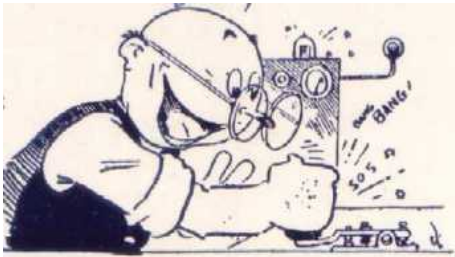
# MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL OPERATOR'S SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

The club holds a weekly net every Monday night beginning at 8:00PM on the **W6SF** Repeaters on 147.165Mhz VHF and 444.250Mhz UHF. Club Repeater information is listed at the end of the newsletter.

*We need more Net Control Operators! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Dave N6LHL. This is a great opportunity to improve your operating skill in a "minimal" pressure environment. The Net Control Script is available on the club website at....*

<http://www.w6sf.org/netcontrolscript.html>

If you have a conflict, please contact Dave **N6LHL** as soon as possible in order to secure a replacement.



February 8<sup>th</sup> Dave, **N6LHL**  
February 15<sup>th</sup> Guy, **W6MSU**  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> Paul, **N6KZW**  
February 29<sup>th</sup> Charlie, **WB6NVB**



**COMING SOON!!**  
**FIRST ANNUAL STOCKTON-DELTA ARC**  
**SWAP MEET**  
**SATIURDAY APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> 7:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON**

**COMCAST BUILDING – STOCKTON**  
**6505 TAM O SHANTER DR**

**Mark your Calendars. Swap meet, testing sessions, HamCram**  
**More details at the February and March meetings**



**APRIL HAM CRAM  
STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
COMCAST BUILDING – STOCKTON  
6505 TAM O’SHANTER DRIVE  
SATURDAY APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> 2016  
DOORS OPEN 8:00 AM**

“Get Your License in a Saturday” is the perfect solution to getting your ham radio license in today’s busy world. No tedious preliminary home study. No long, boring once-a-week classes. You attend for just one day, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and you’re done. Thousands of men and women, aged 16 to 90, have succeeded in getting their Amateur Radio license this way. HamCram is not a class. It is guided study — six 50-minute reading sessions with 10-minute breaks and a 30-minute break for lunch. The FCC exam is given at the end of the day.

**Testing-Only Also Available**

The FCC exam session will be WALK-IN at the Swap meet starting at 8:30 AM. We administer all levels of amateur radio exams: Technician, General, and Extra class. One need not attend the HamCram just to take an exam. The cost for the exam-only is the officially-prescribed fee of \$15.00. If you’ve paid to attend the HamCram, the exam fee is included.

Sign up for the next HamCram of Licensing by clicking the link [here](#).

**HamCram February 6<sup>th</sup>  
Passes 3 New Technicians - 1 General & 1 Extra Class Upgrades**

The February HamCram passed three new Technicians, One General upgrade and One Extra Upgrade. Congrats to Mike KK6YCR on his General upgrade and to Barry KK6ZZR on getting his Extra Class.

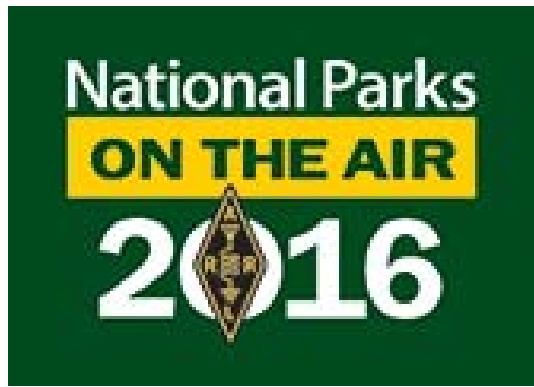
A Big Thank You to Mark **W6MRK** from Manteca who gave up part of a pretty nice Saturday to help and fill in for Bob **N6TCE** as a VE. Bob is still enjoying the warm sun of Arizona following Quartsfest.

We need more Volunteer Examiners (VEs) to support the continued growth of the sessions. You can become a VE by contacting the ARRL VEC online at <http://www.arrl.org/volunteer-examiners>

Community Center for the Blind  
& Visually Impaired

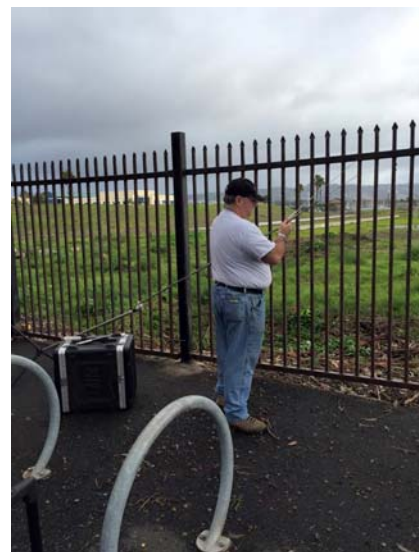


SIGN UP FOR THE PPTI BIKE RIDE FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup>



## NATIONAL PARKS ON THE AIR ROSIE THE RIVETER MEMORIAL NATIONAL MONUMENT ACTIVATION

John NZ6Q along with several members of the SARA Club activated the Rosie the Riveter National Memorial Place on Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our group met at the Outlet Malls in Tracy and went caravan style to the site in Richmond. Upon arrival we met with the site Executive Director and staff and set up our operation against the building facing the San Francisco Bay. Whether at times was challenging with on and off rain and wind to contend with throughout the day.



We were on the air on 20M Phone shortly after arrival with Bill AE6J's Buddi-pole and rig. John NZ6Q took the club's GOTA Station and set it up for CW, getting on 17M first at about 2020Z. K4HXY in Florida was the first station CW contact worked on the 17-Meter vertical.

The highlight was Brandon KK6MPF's 7 year old daughter Sydney on the air in the afternoon. Sydney quickly gathered a crowd not only on the air but at the Memorial as well. Groups of visitors and casual passers-by stopped and watched a very impressive young operator at work!

Results: Over 150 phone contacts. Mostly on 20M as we had problems with the Buddi-pole tuning on 40M. We did shut down the CW station toward the later afternoon and switched the Phone station to 40M. On CW, we logged 92 contacts on 40M, 20M, 17M and 15M bands.



## A HAM'S CALENDAR

**February 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – ARRL School Club Round-up** - To exchange QSO information with club stations that are part of an elementary, middle, high school or college. Non-school clubs and individuals are encouraged to participate. <http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup>

**February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Stockton-Delta ARC Club Meeting** – Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 N Lower Sacramento Rd, Stockton. Meeting Starts at 7:30PM – We will be finalizing plans for support of the Pedaling Paths to Independence Bike Ride with a program discussing APRS. Club Raffle after the meeting.

**February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Stanislaus ARES HamCram & Test Session – Doors open at 8:00AM – Pre-Registration Required** - Session is full.

**February 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 – ARRL International DX Contest CW** (starts 0000UTC on Saturday Feb 20<sup>th</sup> which is 4:00PM Friday PST) – More Info: <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>

**February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Pedaling Paths to Independence Bike Ride** – Plan now to help with this great event. We need operators to support SAG Wagons (learn and use APRS), Operate and assist with Net Control and man the rest / water stops throughout the course. More information at <http://www.communitycenterfortheblind.org/pedaling-paths/>

**March 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – ARRL International DX Contest Phone** (starts 0000UTC on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> which is 4:00PM Friday PST) – More Info: <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>

**March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Stockton-Delta ARC Club Meeting** – Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 N Lower Sacramento Rd, Stockton. Meeting Starts at 7:30PM – Program TBA. Club Raffle after the meeting.

**April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Stockton-Delta ARC Swap Meet – Comcast Parking Lot, 6505 Tam O Shanter Dr, Stockton – 7:00 AM to NOON – Walk-in Test Session, Vendor space \$5 per table - MORE DETAILS AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING**

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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 [john@litz.com](mailto:john@litz.com)





## W6SF CLUB INFORMATION

**MEETINGS:** Regular meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month **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, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM.**

**WEEKLY NETS:** Held each Monday evening at 2000hrs on **147.165+ PL 107.2 Hz and 442.250 + PL 107.2** Members and visitors are invited to check in. There is also an unofficial get together on Thursday evenings (except meeting night) 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.

The club also operates a UHF repeater located in downtown Stockton **444.575MHz +** with a PL 107.2Hz. Coverage includes the Stockton area as well as parts of Lodi, Manteca, Tracy and Ripon.

**CLUB SIMPLEX FX: 147.51 MHz.**

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

### 2016 CLUB OFFICERS & LEADERSHIP:

President:	<b>KI6FTT</b> , Dan Nelson	<a href="mailto:ki6ftt@yahoo.com">ki6ftt@yahoo.com</a>
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### CLUB DUES:

\$20 SINGLE and \$30 FAMILY

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**We thank you for your continued support!**