

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



AN ARRL AFFILIATED CLUB

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JULY 2016

Welcome to the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Annette Lewis - KM6BJJ

Rolo Islas - KM6BWF

Tammie Rivera - KM6CBK



Editor's Note: The editor extends an apology to the membership for the newsletter vacuum these past couple of months. I appreciate the positive comments from several members and offers for support in getting the newsletter out each month. I enjoy this work and I was happy to discover that many of you read the newsletter faithfully every month.

The single request I would ask of each of you as members is to send me an email when you find something Amateur Radio related you feel would benefit the membership by being included in the newsletter. This helps me tremendously and we all benefit from the great information shared by the members of this club.

73, John NZ6Q



APRIL MEETING REPORT STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB APRIL 14TH 2016 7:30 PM

The April 14 2016 meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Vice President Guy W6MSU. After a round of interdictions, Paul N6KZW demonstrated a new headset that he acquired on line and has been receiving good reports on the air about the sound quality. The headset was only \$50.00.

Paul N6KZW reported on the success of the 'rained on" swap meet on April 9th. Which brought in some donations to the club.

There was no 'formal' treasurer's report.

John NZ6Q reported on the April 9th HamCram and walk-in test session. John reported the switch to new Laurel VE software based testing which cut the wait time for a new license from two weeks to as little as 48 hours. While the software based test session is a little more work on the part of the VEs, the speed to license is well worth it. This will get new licensees on the air days after their test rather than weeks and will help recruiting more club members. We had over 20 people attend the test session with 15 new Technician licenses issued, 4 General upgrades and 2 Extra Class upgrades. We had a 9 year old test, but did not pass and a 12 year old who tested and passed his Technician. The new software tests can accommodate individuals with special needs as well. Persons with limited vision or trouble reading can request the test be 'blown up' to twice its size or larger to help someone with a special need.

Guy W6MSU read the final nominations for President. Paul N6KZW withdrew his nomination and Charlie WB6NVB was elected to fill the rest of Dan KI6FTT's term.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 21:00 . The next meeting will be Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 PM at Miguel's Mexican Restaurant, 7555 N Pacific Ave, Stockton.



MAY MEETING REPORT STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MAY 12TH 2016 6:30 PM

The May 12, 2016 meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Vice President Guy W6MSU. After a round of interdictions, Guy introduced our guest speaker, the new area director for the American Red Cross.

There was no 'formal' treasurer's report. The treasurer had Field Day T-shirts for distribution to those members who had ordered them at the April Meeting.

An outstanding meal and great fellowship was enjoyed by all. The Red Cross Director gave a great presentation on the work the Red Cross is doing locally including their acquisition of the Delta Blood Bank. There was a lot of discussion on how to better team with the Red Cross for communications during emergencies and setting up 'permanent' stations.

Paul N6KZW gave a short demonstration on his 'go kit' set up with APRS.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:00 .



JUNE MEETING REPORT STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB JUNE 9TH 2016 7:30 PM

The June 9, 2016 meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by President Charlie WB6NVB.

There was no 'formal' treasurer's report.

The meeting focused on preparations for Field Day with the club voting for the placement of a porta-potty at the DeVries Rd Field Day Site and spending up to \$200 out of the treasury for Saturday night BBQ.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:40.

California QSO Party

51st Running Of The CQP!

1600 UTC October 1, 2016 to 2200 UTC October 2, 2016

Will you be there?

MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL OPERATOR'S SCHEDULE FOR JULY – AUGUST 2016



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.

July 4 Charlie WB6NVB (N6LHL)

August 1 Paul N6KZW

July 11 Eric W6INP

August 8 Scott K6SCT

July 18 Dave N6LHL (WB6NVB)

August 15 Charlie WB6NVB

July 25 Guy W6MSU

August 22 Eric W6INP

August 29 Dave N6LHL

September 5 Guy W6MSU

September 12 Paul N6KZW



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**JULY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT
STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
JULY 14TH , 2016 7:30 PM
BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH**

QST QST QST ALL Members and Guests are invited to attend the July 2016 meeting on Thursday, July 14th . The meeting will be held at Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 N Lower Sacramento Rd, Stockton – just north of Eight Mile Rd. The meeting will begin at 7:30PM

We will be hearing reports on Field Day as well as discussing upcoming club activities.

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.

**WEED WHACKING DAY
AT THE W6SF REPEATER SITE
SATURDAY JUNE 11TH**



The weeds at the W6SF repeater site on Red Mule Ridge were growing tall and drying out making for a serious summer fire hazard. A dedicated group of club members responded on Saturday June 11th to handle the danger and enjoy a great lunch by Steve K6SCA.





Kyle (age 10) on the Air w/NZ6Q & KM6BJJ



Set up Saturday Morning



2016 FIELD DAY JUNE 25TH AND JUNE 26TH

The Stockton-Delta ARC 2016 Field Day was a great success. Field Day is the annual event allowing clubs like ours to practice set-up, operation and take down in an all-portable operation on HF for the weekend. We set-up at the club site hosted by Charlie WB6NVB on Saturday morning to begin operation at 11AM. Operation continued well into Saturday night and resumed Sunday morning early. Members came and went throughout the day with several new operators getting on the air on HF for the first time. I think the story is best told in some of the great pictures taken by Dave N6LHL and Tammie KM6CBK – thanks to both for the great pictures you sent. Enjoy!



Dave N6DCH Eric W6INP



Tammie KM6CBK on GOTA



Annie KM6BJJ on 40M Eric W6INP logs



Dave N6DCH logs for Paul N6KZW



Eric W6INP Paul N6KZW



Shirl AA6K with Scott K6SCT



Tammie KM6CBK



The 2016 Field Day Group



**AUGUST HAM CRAM
STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO
CLUB
COMCAST BUILDING – STOCKTON
6505 TAM O’SHANTER DRIVE
SATURDAY AUGUST 13TH 2016
DOORS OPEN 7:30 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.

HamCram session including testing is just \$25.00

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. There is no cost for the exam-only. If you’ve paid to attend the HamCram, the exam is included.

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



**AUGUST ELMER UNIVERSITY
SATURDAY AUGUST 13TH 2016
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
COMCAST BUILDING – STOCKTON**

The term "Elmer" means someone who provides personal guidance and assistance to would-be hams. The term first appeared in QST in a March 1971 "How's DX" column by Rod Newkirk, W9BRD (now also VA3ZBB). Newkirk called them "the unsung fathers of Amateur Radio."

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club, the Manteca Amateur Radio Club and the Lodi Amateur Radio Club have come together to help teach new hams how to get started and offer this "personal guidance".

These sessions are an opportunity for the new ham to learn how to purchase and / or program their first radio, to discover some of the many opportunities there are in Amateur Radio to "find your world" and give the new ham just the chance to ask questions and get on the air.

Elmering session starts at 9:00 AM and finishes at 2:00 PM concurrent with our HamCram testing sessions.

The class is structured with a 50 minute "classroom" sessions in the morning, break for lunch and afternoon "on the air" sessions using new HTs, VHF/UHF Mobile radios and HF radios.



A HAM'S CALENDAR

July 14th, 2016 – Stockton-Delta ARC Club Meeting – Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Rd, Stockton. Meeting Starts at 7:30 PM – Program TBA. Club raffle after the meeting.

August 6th – 7th, 2016 – North American QSO Party CW – Easy and fun CW contest for the first timer – exchange is just name and state <http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf>

August 11th, 2016 – Stockton-Delta ARC Club Meeting – Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Rd, Stockton. Meeting Starts at 7:30 PM – Program TBA. Club raffle after the meeting.

August 20th – 21st, 2016 – North American QSO Party SSB – Easy and fun contest for the first timer – exchange is just name and state <http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf>

August 27th – 28th, 2016 – Hawaii, Kansas and Ohio QSO Parties – Easy and fun contests and great for working counties in different states for awards.

September 8th, 2016 – Stockton-Delta ARC Club Meeting – Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Rd, Stockton. Meeting Starts at 7:30 PM – Program TBA. Club raffle after the meeting.

September 10th – 16th, 2016 – Route 66 On The Air – A weeklong event highlighting “The mother road” and Amateur Radio. More Info: <http://w6jbt.org/>

October 1st – 2nd, 2016 – California QSO Party – The greatest state QSO party of the year. More Info: <http://www.cqp.org>

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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



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 July 14th 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:

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CLUB DUES:

\$20 SINGLE and \$30 FAMILY

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We thank you for your continued support!