

# Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



ARRL MEMBER

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## FEBRUARY MEETING NOTES

Eighteen members and guests showed up for the February 14 membership meeting. President Charlie **WB6NVB** opened with introductions all around. Dave **N6LHL** reported on the upcoming February 23 Pedaling Paths to Independence Bike Ride out of Linden. All assignments are filled, but several more volunteers may be needed to fill in if assignments open up due to last minute emergencies. John **NZ6Q** gave us a run down on his efforts to implement an APRS system on the sag wagons so we can quickly identify each sag wagon's location. John pointed out that this is new technology to which we hams should always strive to put to use in our hobby. Secondly, APRS will better able us to control our resources and serve our clients. Ed **N6XMA** reported he had been approached by Denny's Restaurant to see if we wanted to use their back room for meetings. John **NZ6Q** and Dave **N6DCH** volunteered to check it out and advise us of their findings. The officers reported that their work to update the club's constitution is underway.

Guy, **W6MSU** gave a thorough and interesting demonstration on software defined radio and led the question and answer program that followed. Guy pointed out that there is an ARRL textbook on SDR that we may want to purchase to further extend our knowledge of this new technology. The officers made all aware that a link to PayPal is on our website to make paying our annual dues even easier. Everyone was reminded the next meeting will be on March 14.

## NET CONTROL OPERATORS

A list of net control operators for the next months from those that indicated an interest in doing this function is:

Mar 4	<b>KI6FTT</b>
Mar 11	<b>AA6K</b>
Mar 18	<b>KJ6SVX</b>
Mar 25	<b>W6INP</b>
Apr 1	<b>N6KZW</b>

If you have an interest in improving your traffic handling skills and moderating the Monday night net, please contact me at [n6lhl@softcom.net](mailto:n6lhl@softcom.net). The script to follow is right on the website, and all you need is a pencil and paper to write down names and calls of the members who participate. The more people who participate, the easier it is on every one.

## CLUB MEMBERS AID “PEDELING PATHS TO INDEPENDENCE” RIDE

Saturday, February 23 dawned clear and cold, but all were pleased to be rain-free. Fifteen hams met in front of DeVinci’s restaurant in Linden to provide radio support for the fifth annual Pedaling Paths to Independence bike ride in support of the Stockton Center for the Blind and Visually impaired. Hams provided communications to tie the 65 mile and 25 mile bike routes together so the riders would be assured of a quick response if a problem arose preventing them from completing their course. Three rest stops were manned by **W6RPM** Ron and **WB6NVB** Charlie at Farmington Fire Station; by **W6PJF** Lynette and **W6INP** Eric Chapa at the Milton Masonic Temple; by **K6DGG** Bob and **W6MRM** Mike at Sheldon Road in Bellota. Net control was staffed by **N6LHL** Dave and John **NZ6Q**. Several members of the Tracy and Manteca clubs also pitched in. A big vote of thanks for their participation. The Linden Lions provided a number of drivers and they also deserve out thanks. Over 300 bike riders pedaled the course.



John **AF6JP**, Drivers Bill and Roger, Dave **N6LHL**, Chris **N6DLS**, Dan **KI6FTT**, Paul **N6KZW**, Bob **N6TCE**, Dean **KJ6EML**.

We further had 5 sag wagons circling the course lending on site aid to those who needed it. More than 25 riders were assisted with mechanical repairs, flats fixed and rides back to Linden when they could not complete the course. A strong wind blew all day, making the north bound riders work extremely hard to complete the 65 mile course. Those hams who provided communications in the sag wagons were **N6DLS** Chris, **K6TVT** Randy, **KI6FTT** Dan, **N6DCH** Dave, **KJ6EML** Dean and **N6KZW** Paul.



**W6RPM** Ron and Charlie **WB6NVB** at Farmington.

Dean **KJ6EML** at Farmington

## FEBRUARY HAM CRAM

Saturday February 16th at Dameron Hospital, the SDARC sponsored "HamCram" successfully passed 11 new technician licensees; 1 new General licensee, and 5 General upgrades from Technician. Daryl Heigher, KJ6CZL, upgraded from Technician to General and his 11-year old son Daniel passed his technician license as well. Father and son are shown with VE's John Litz, **NZ6Q** and Tim Kelly, KJ6ZLE. Bob Officer, N6TCE and Bob Schudheisz, **K6DGQ** completed the VE Team for the very successful session.



Our next Stockton Ham Cram will be on Saturday 4/20/2013 beginning at 8AM. The study and testing sessions are held in the Dameron Hospital Annex building on the corner of Lincoln & Acacia Streets. This is across the street from the main hospital. If you or anyone you know needs to get their license or upgrade, you can register at <http://cev.eventbrite.com>. The cost of the class is \$30.00 or \$15.00 for testing only. There is a small additional fee for on-line registration.



We need Volunteer Examiners (VEs). If you would like to become a VE, go to the ARRL website, click on the link to be a volunteer examiner and follow the instructions. You will be required to complete the open-book test to get your VE accreditation. We are also working on developing a "new licensee Elmering Class" to be held during the April HamCram. Anyone who



would like to volunteer as an Elmer for part of the course should contact John Litz, **NZ6Q** or David Coursey, **N5FDL**.

## 2013 DUES

In between paying off the Christmas bills, and next, gearing up for tax season, is our season for bringing your dues in support of the Stockton-Delta ARC up to date. Thanks to the many members who paid up at the January and February meetings, but now we need all the rest to do their part, and dig out the check book and mail their contributions to:

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club  
PO Box 690271  
Stockton, CA 95269-0271

To make dues paying even easier, you can do so by going to the club website [www.w6sf.org](http://www.w6sf.org), clicking on PayPal, and sending your dues to the treasury electronically. Individual dues are \$20, family dues are \$30

Our next meeting is **Thursday, March 14**, and Treasurer Peter **KD6CPA** will be pleased to receive your dues in check (preferable) or cash. Note that you can now pay your dues through **PAYPAL**.

## ARRL SEEKS MORE FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS

The ARRL filed a Petition for Rulemaking with the FCC, asking it to amend Sections 2 and 97 of its rules and create a domestic Amateur Radio allocation at 472-479 kHz, conforming to the allocation status and limitations set forth in the international Radio Regulations and as approved at the 2012 World Radio Communication Conference.

The FCC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, seeking to give primary status of the entire amateur portion of the 160 meter band to the Amateur Radio Service. It also proposed a new LF amateur band at 135.7-137.8 kHz.

The elevator to success is out of order. You'll have to take the stairs, one step at a time. –  
Joe Girard

## INSTALLING PL-259 CONNECTORS

Thanks to Paul N6KZW for recommending these videos to help you install connectors on your coax: [http://youtu.be/\\_jIPcBVg45E](http://youtu.be/_jIPcBVg45E), and <http://youtu.be/agkP9YMR3Kc>

## MANAGING WIRELESS MIC AT THE SUPERBOWL

Here is an interesting article about managing the wireless microphones at the Super bowl. <http://broadcastengineering.com/rf/super-congested-pws-tackles-super-bowl-frequency-coordination> . I was totally amazed at the frequency management job required to put on such an event. ....de Shirl AA6K

## M2 OPEN HOUSE COMING!

[http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?llr=5guvrujab&v=001CYMvdQv4AOjoiXQ-Rc7QdY2tCVA4r6DCj8HJHD4t\\_UMAg7dWbCWkaZvE5cNw8Zvzb5CIJQW0yA-ZvTOSSNK4t8L7P2NoShGYXB0UE7ZaZLK4Fj5Zei7B05JDThWPrNU5s8ilRYIU7zq03spte5DRQ%3D%3D](http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?llr=5guvrujab&v=001CYMvdQv4AOjoiXQ-Rc7QdY2tCVA4r6DCj8HJHD4t_UMAg7dWbCWkaZvE5cNw8Zvzb5CIJQW0yA-ZvTOSSNK4t8L7P2NoShGYXB0UE7ZaZLK4Fj5Zei7B05JDThWPrNU5s8ilRYIU7zq03spte5DRQ%3D%3D)



## A HAM'S CALENDAR

March 14 – Monthly **membership meeting** of the Stockton Delta ARC at Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Road at 7:30pm. Socialization may start at 7pm.

March 16 - **VE Testing** at Fire Station #14 on McNabb Street off Thornton Road at 10am. Contact Mike Zane at [N6ZW @ Comcast.net](mailto:N6ZW@Comcast.net) 3 days prior to test day. No walk ins!

March 16 – M2 Antenna Systems Open House. See link above.

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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](mailto: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, February 14, 2013**

**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 operates a 440MHZ repeater at **442.250 +** with a PL of 107.2 Hz. Locally, the club also operates a **444.575+** repeater with a PL of 107.2 from East Main Street.

**CLUB SIMPLEX FX: 147.51 MHz.**

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

#### 2013 CLUB OFFICERS:

President:	<b>WB6NVB</b> , Charlie Johnson	<a href="mailto:wb6nvb@arrl.net">wb6nvb@arrl.net</a>
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Treasurer:	<b>KD6CPA</b> , Peter Hine	<a href="mailto:selkied@earthlink.net">selkied@earthlink.net</a>
Secretary:	<b>W6INP</b> , Eric Chapa	<a href="mailto:perrla1@aol.com">perrla1@aol.com</a>
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Time is nature's way of keeping everything from happening at once. ...Unknown person

