

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



ARRL MEMBER

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APRIL MEETING NOTES

Club President, Charlie **WB6NVB**, opened the meeting with introductions all around. He then reviewed the upcoming events for May: the May 4 March for Babies, the May 5 Delta Century Bike Ride and the May 19 Avenue of the Vines Run. Also, the June 15 Annual Weed Wacking and Hamburger Fry at the repeater site.

Charlie reminded us that for a change of pace, next month's May 9 membership meeting will be held at Eddie's Pizza on Hammer at West Lane at 7pm where we will have a private room in which to meet.

Charlie is working with Fred **WB6ASU** to put on an ATV program in June. Also, with Field Day approaching on June 22 & 23, we have to get our ARRL T-shirt order in ASAP in order to save on shipping costs. So, if you want a Field Day T-shirt, come to the May 9 meeting knowing your proper size. Cost will be \$12.95.

Vice President, Paul **N6KZW** advised us he has 10 meter and 20 meter beams that belongs to the club. The beams are in pieces and Paul is not sure all pieces are there. He would like to sell them to get them out of his yard. The Board granted approval to do so. Paul next discussed our participation in Museum Ships weekend on June 1 & 2 where we will operate as N6MSO on the retired minesweeper, the USS Lucid (<http://stocktonhistoricalmaritimemuseum.org>) that is being restored at the Stockton channel. We need operators, HF radios and an amp.

Flysheet Editor, Dave **N6LHL**, advised that we have about 44 paid up members, but a mailing list of 101 people. He would like to give notice to the unpaid people, and if they do not respond, drop them from the list. The Board will consider and advise.

Linda **KJ6YVF** advised all that a friend who teaches in the Stockton Unified system would like a ham to come talk to her class about ham radio. Contact person is Linda at mutineer@yahoo.com.

Charlie **WB6NVB** encouraged member to become Net Controllers for our Monday night net. It is a great and fun learning experience so "don't be shy". We have relatively few members carrying the load now. By sharing the duties with just a few more people, everyone's load is lighter.

Shirl **AA6K** ran a raffle for the club's benefit.

Individuals play games, but teams win championships.

2013 DUES

. Thanks to the many members who paid up at the January, February and March meetings, and through PayPal, but now we need all the rest to do their part, and dig out the check book and mail their contributions to:

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Dues paying are now even easier. You can do so by going to the club website 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, May 9, and Treasurer Peter **KD6CPA** will be pleased to receive your dues in check (preferable) or cash. Again, note that you can now pay your dues through PAYPAL. It has been proposed that in the near future we may be dropping folks from the mailing list who are not supporting the club with their annual contribution.

NET CONTROL OPERATORS

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

May 6	KI6FTT
May 13	??????
May 20	KD6CPA
May 27	W6INP
June 3	N6KZW

If you have an interest in improving your traffic handling skills and moderating the Monday night net, please contact me at 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MAY 4 "MARCH FOR BABIES"

Every year the club has assisted the March for Babies event, and they are calling on us to do so again this year. It kicks off on Saturday, May 4, starting at 8am at the Magnolia Mansion at University Park at 521 East Acacia. This is a different route and location from previous years. They need hams at each rest stop to provide communications between the stops and the sag wagons that will circle the route. The event managers report that "the money you raise supports programs in our community that help moms have healthy, full-term pregnancies, and it funds research to find answers to the serious problems that threaten our babies. We've been walking since 1970 and have raised an incredible \$2.6 billion! Join the more than 7 million people who participate, donate and/or sponsor." A lunch will be provided. Contact John Litz at john@litz.com as soon as possible.

MAY 5 DELTA CENTURY!

The Stockton Bike Club is once again calling upon the club members to provide radio communications in support of the Delta Century bike ride. Funds earned by the ride help support charities in Sacramento and San Joaquin counties. The ride runs from Jessie's Grove east of Lodi to Thornton, Walnut Grove, Courtland, Clarksburg and return. We need radio operators at each rest stop and in as many sag wagons as possible. A lunch/dinner is supplied by DeVinci's restaurant. So, if you will make the time to support this worthwhile event, please contact Dave

N6LHL at n6lhl@softcom.net as soon as possible. Many thanks to the 10 hams who have already volunteered.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MAY 19 AVENUE OF THE VINES RUN!

The organizers of the Sunday, May 19, Avenue of the Vines run through the grape country east of Lodi are calling on the Stockton-Delta ARC to supply operators at rest stops and in a sag wagon. Operators should be on site at 6:30am and the run should be over by 11am. An operator with a 4 door sedan may be helpful. Lunch will be provided by the sponsors. If you can make time to support this event, please contact Dave **N6LHL** at n6lhl@softcom.net as soon as possible.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Shirl AA6K has received his ARRL 2012 International DX Certificate for 1st place SOLP in the San Joaquin Valley. He also received his 2012 SS Clean Sweep Mug. He reports it is much prettier than the 2011 yellow mug.

K6KJQ TOPS OUT HIS NEW TOWER!



The ten meter ground plane is at 45' and the UHF/VHF verticals are at 34'. Other antennas include TV, FM broadcast and 900 MHz.

CHANGE IN MAY MEETING PLACE!

Vice President Paul, N6KZW advises that our monthly membership meeting on Thursday, May 9, will be held at **Eddie's Pizza**, 1304 East Hammer Lane, Suite 1, in Stockton, instead of the Bear Creek Community Church. A meeting room has been reserved for us starting at 7pm.

ARE YOU A TRANSMITTER HUNTER?

Paul N6KZW advises there is lots of good information on Transmitter Hunting at <http://homingin.com/>



A HAM'S CALENDAR

May 4 – **March for Babies** in downtown Stockton near Stanislaus State campus. OPERATORS ARE NEEDED! Contact Dave N6LHL at n6lhl@softcom.net.

May 5 – **Delta Century Bike Ride** from Lodi to Clarksburg and return. Contact Dave N6LHL at n6lhl@softcom.net.

May 9 – Monthly **membership meeting** of the Stockton Delta ARC at Eddie's Pizza, 1304 East Hammer Lane at 6:00pm. (SEE NOTICE ABOVE)

May 18 - **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) at least 3 days prior to test day. No walk ins!

May 19 – **Avenue of the Vines Run**. 13 Mile loop from Woodbridge Winery. 6:30am to 10:30am. OPERATORS ARE NEEDED! Contact Dave N6LHL at n6lhl@softcom.net.

June 1 & 2 – **Museum Ships Weekend** aboard the USS Intrepid, a minesweeper anchored at the Port of Stockton. www.nj2bb.org/museum. OPERATORS ARE NEEDED! Contact Paul N6KZW at n6kzw@sbcglobal.net.

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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, 9, 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:

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