

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



ARRL MEMBER

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AUGUST MEETING NOTES

There were 16 members and guests at this month's meeting. The main item was the 45 minute K4M Midway Island DXpedition video. Everyone greatly enjoyed the program. Several members who had been on Midway talked of their experiences. Thanks go to Guy **W6MSU** for providing his laptop and speakers and for figuring out how to connect to the big monitor at the head of the room. There will be a similar DXpedition to Wake Island (K9W) for 2 weeks beginning about Oct 1st depending on transportation. Charlie **WB6NVB** suggested that we may get together a club effort similar to CQP/Field Day so that everyone in the club can have a chance to work K9W. More to come on the Monday net.

Paul **N6KZW** passed around a sign-up sheet for the Kingdon Races. He is still looking for help! The race dates are Sept 6 , 7 & 8 . Friday is a short day with gates opening at 1pm going until 7pm . Sat is all day event (6:45am - 7pm) along with Sunday.

Peter **KD6CPA** and Paul discussed work on the USS Lucid. They want to get the antenna down so that it can be refurbished over the winter. There is about \$400 in the repeater fund. Next month we hope to have an ATV demonstration.

NET CONTROL OPERATORS

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

September 2	Bob KJ6SVX
September 9	Eric W6INP
September 16	Dave N6LHL
September 23	John NZ6Q
September 30	Bob KJ6SVX
October 7	Charlie WB6NVB

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.

CQP COMING OCTOBER 5 AND 6!

The California QSO Party (CQP) is the premier state QSO party held every year on the first weekend of October. The Northern California Contest Club ([NCCC](#)) has sponsored CQP since 1974. CQP has traditionally opened the annual contest season by providing an opportunity for contesters to prepare for the ARRL November Sweepstakes since the format is similar. Stations outside of California, worldwide, work stations in California only. The 58 counties of CA are the [multipliers](#). California stations work all stations in or out of CA. The 50 US states and 8 Canadian provinces are the multipliers. Stations outside of Canada and the US add to one's QSO total but do not count as multipliers. See the full set of [CQP Rules](#) for more details.

This is a fun contest for club members who want to see how operations are done on high frequency (HF) radios, even if your license restricts you to non HF bands.

We will be gathering at Charlie WB6NVB's vineyard on DeVries road on Saturday morning October 5. The contest runs from 1600UTC (9am) to 2200UTC (3pm) on Sunday October 6. We will be trying to make contacts with all 58 California counties, all Canadian provinces and all 50 states. We will need people to operate the radios, and to log contacts on computers. If you plan to participate with us, please drop Dave N6LHL an email telling him so. Contact him at n6hl@softcom.net.

GET READY TO SHAKE OUT!

At 10:17 a.m. on October 17, 2013, millions of people will Drop, Cover, and Hold On in The Great ShakeOut, the world's largest earthquake drill ever! All volunteer radio groups are encouraged to participate in the drill (or plan a more extensive exercise). Major earthquakes may happen anywhere you live, work, or travel. The Shake Out is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves, and for everyone to become prepared. The goal is to prevent a major earthquake from becoming a catastrophe for you.

I suggest everyone who can do so plan to meet on W6SF at the date and time above to discuss what we will do when a quake occurs.

FOR SALE!

I have a vintage Heathkit AT-1 looking for a good home. Eham says this is Heathkit's first CW transmitter, and it covers 80 through 10 meters. Contact robertfoster@krobertfoster.com

A mind that has been stretched will never return to its original dimension.

A HAM\$ CALENDAR

September 12 . Monthly **membership meeting** of the Stockton Delta ARC at Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Road, just north of Eight Mile Road.

September 21 - **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!

October 5 & 6 . **California QSO Party** at WB6NVB's vineyard on DeVries Road.

October 17 . at 10:17am. **The Great Shake Out**. Meet on W6SF 147.165.

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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, September 12, 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>

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CLUB DUES: Individual dues are \$20, family dues are \$30, payable to Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club at the address on the masthead. We thank you for your continued support!

