

# Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



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Welcome to the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club

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# **JULY MEETING REPORT**

## **STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

### **JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> 2016 7:30 PM**

The July 14 2016 meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by President Charlie **WB6NVB**. After a round of interdictions, members took turns reporting on the activities for Museum Ships Weekend, Weed-Whacking at the repeater site and Field Day.

The final scores for Field Day were still being calculated.

There was no 'formal' treasurer's report.

John NZ6Q announced the next HamCram and Elmer University will be August 13<sup>th</sup>. Guy W6MSU reported the next test only session at Fire Station 14 will be August 20<sup>th</sup>.

There was discussion regarding putting together a "car show" of Amateur Radio mobile installations. John NZ6Q suggested we hold it during the Lincoln Center Live Classic Car Show on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:45 .



Mike K6MDS at Elmer University

# 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

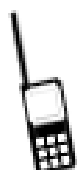
July 25 Guy W6MSU

August 22 Eric W6INP

August 29 Dave N6LHL

September 5 Guy W6MSU

September 12 Paul N6KZW



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**AUGUST MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT  
STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> , 2016 7:30 PM  
BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**QST QST QST ALL Members and Guests** are invited to attend the August 2016 meeting on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. 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

The meeting program will be announced.

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.



**HAM CRAM**

**COMCAST BUILDING – STOCKTON  
6505 TAM O'SHANTER DRIVE  
SATURDAY AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> 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 at 2:30. We administer all levels of amateur radio exams: Technician, General, and Extra class. 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 13<sup>TH</sup> 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.

The Elmer session starts at 9:00 AM and finishes at 2:00 PM. The class is structured with a 50 minute "classroom" sessions in the morning, break for lunch, afternoon sessions and wraps up with round table Q&A.

## A SUNNY AFTERNOON WITH THE UHF BANDS!

On Saturday August 6, Dave **N6LHL** and John **K6YK** joined the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual UHF Contest by driving up to the now-defunct Iron Mountain Ski Area to see how they could do by mountain topping. Early in the morning, radios, batteries, poles, antennas and coax were loaded into the pickup and they headed east up Hwy 88. By the 11am start they were set up and ready to go at 7000 feet.

After about 2 hours of effort they had a grand total of 10 contacts. Most from here in California. Participation seemed very low, and the god of propagation took the weekend off. Or so it seemed until K6YK got bored, pieced together several lengths of jumper cables and made himself a home-brew  $\frac{1}{4}$  wave long wire for 20 meters. After throwing his wire over the pop up shelter and switching the Yaesu FT-100D to 20 meters, calling CQ on CW with 50 watts netted 15 contacts in 15 minutes as far east as Maryland. So much for no propagation!

Coming home, they compare notes, and enjoyed the company of 2 other hams while grabbing milkshakes in Pine Grove. Despite a few setbacks, it was a fun day! In September, there will be a VHF contest, so maybe they will try this again.







## PARACHUT MOBILE MISSION 24 SUNDAY AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> FIRST JUMP – 9:30 AM NEAR BYRON, CA

**QST QST QST** Parachute Mobile Mission 24 is set for August 14, 2016. Make a contact with a skydiver and receive a one-of-a-kind QSL card.

**WHERE:** We will be conducting our Mission from Bay Area Skydiving, Byron Airport, Byron, CA.

**TIME:** We hope to have our first jump sometime between 9:30 and 10:30 A.M.

**FREQUENCIES:** FM Jump QSO frequency will be 146.430 MHz simplex.

We will also be dedicating one jump for D-star contacts and one jump for DMR. Locally, D-Star will be via the W6CX C repeater on Mount Diablo, output 145.000, input 147.500, reflector REF014 C.

\*UPDATED\* DMR frequency will be on California 3106.

Updates: On mission day, updates will be made regularly from "Parachute Control", a team located on top of Mount Diablo. Use the simplex frequency to contact them. Periodic repeater updates will be made on the W6CX repeater located on Mount Diablo, 147.060+ 100.

**STREAMING VIDEO:** Ground video of jumper prep, take off and landings will be available. Air-to-ground video is still tentative. To watch the excitement unfold go to <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/mfwright>

**APRS:** View live APRS data during each jump. Along with altitude and speed there will also be biotelemetry from the jumper that will include heart rate and SpO2 (blood oxygen level). Just search the jumpers' call sign prior to each jump. Jumper 1, AF6IM, and Jumper 3, KC6TYD.

**Facebook:** You can also follow us on Facebook for updates.

**NOTICE:** As always, this event is subject to change, delay, or cancellation. We have no control of the weather or the airplane.



## A HAM'S CALENDAR

- August 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Parachute Mobile Jump/QSO Party** – See the article in this edition of the flysheet for more info. Earn a very unique QSO card!
- August 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Hawaii, Kansas and Ohio QSO Parties** – Easy and fun contests and great for working counties in different states for awards.
- September 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Route 66 On The Air** – A weeklong event highlighting “The mother road” and Amateur Radio. More Info: <http://w6jbt.org/>
- October 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 – California QSO Party** – The greatest state QSO party of the year. More Info: <http://www.cqp.org>
- October 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 – ARRL School Club Round-Up** – This is a great opportunity to get young hams on the air and for working school clubs from Elementary through College level. More Info: <http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup>

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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 August 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:

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#### CLUB DUES:

\$20 SINGLE and \$30 FAMILY

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