

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



AN ARRL AFFILIATED CLUB

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Welcome to the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

*Say Hello to Our Newest Member!
Mark Cloud K6M6FQZ*



Are you Chasing or Activating NPOTA?

THROUGHOUT 2016, AMATEUR RADIO WILL BE HELPING THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CELEBRATE THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY. HAMS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY WILL ACTIVATE NPS UNITS, PROMOTE THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND SHOWCASE AMATEUR RADIO TO THE PUBLIC.

GRAB A GO-KIT, GRAB A FRIEND, GET TO A PARK AND GET ON THE AIR! OR GET ON YOUR RADIO AND WORK AN ACTIVATOR. CHECK OUT THE FULL RULES FOR [NPOTA HERE](http://WWW.ARRL.ORG/NPOTA).



NOVEMBER MEETING REPORT AND ELECTION COVERAGE

The November meeting was held on Thursday November 10th starting at 7:30 PM. The election of officers was held.

The officers for 2017 will be:

President
John, NZ6Q

Vice President
Paul, N6KZW

Secretary
Eric, W6INP

Treasurer
Paul, KC6RRR

Call-Sign Trustee
Charlie, WB6NVB

President Charlie WB6NVB called to order the regular meeting of the Stockton-Delta amateur Radio club at 7:30pm on November 10, 2016 at Bear creek Church Stockton, CA.

The following persons were present: Charlie WB6NVB, Guy W6MSU, Dave N6LHL, Eric W6INP, Paul N6KZW, Bob N6TCE, Karen N6KSO, Ed N6XMA, Annie KM6BJJ, Dave N6DCH, Mike W6MRM, Bob K6DGQ, Todd KM6ELP, Mark KM6FQZ, Dennis, Dave from Lodi, Tammy KM6CBK, Randy K6TVT.

Charlie WB6NVB had everyone introduce themselves around the room.

Bob N6TCE gave a brief rundown of the differences between ARRL VEC and Laurel VEC. Laurel VEC only accepts donations for testing they do not charge. ARRL charges \$15.00. Laurel VEC usually has test results and new licenses issued within days of the test vs. weeks. Also was mentioned about testing groups such as boy scouts, girl scouts, aux. coast guard, Offering a 6 week course that met once a week. December 10th, Saturday starting at 8AM is the next Ham Cram at Comcast building on Tam-O-Shanter. Elmer University to start at 9AM. Bob N6TCE also stated there would be testing on the 19th of November in Tracy. Mark KM6FQZ a new member, offered his services to help out at the Ham Crams and Elmer University. He is a former teacher at Delta college. Bob K6DGQ let him know to not teach over their heads because new operators would loose interest. There is only 45mins per module - enough time to get them interested not make them an expert. Bob N6TCE suggested a 6 week course for General to Extra because the test was more technical and required more studying.

NPOTA update over 350 QSOS

Guy W6MSU to attend a Pacificcon OES meeting, Randy K6TVT offered to go with him. 12/3/16 at 9am in Livermore. They will be discussing new laws as they relate to ham radio mobile operators. Guy to report his finding at the January meeting.

Tammy KM6CBK is holding off on her home antenna.

Paul N6KZW reported UJ's was full on Dec 8th, and he would be contacting Chucks, to have the party there. The club voted to pay the \$100.00 fee to rent the room at Pacific Bowl. Paul to set up the dinner and reserve the room. Paul N6KZW reported on the "Turkey Trot" Run Against Hunger. Nov 24. This is all organized but still needed 2 more volunteers. Handheld radio is fine for this event. Starts at 6AM and should be completed by 10AM. Run Simplex and use 444.325 Mhz repeater as a back up. Ed N6XMA wanted to know where he would be stationed.



Ed N6XMA gave a run down on how the Great Calif. Shake out went that was on Oct 20, 2016 at 10:20AM. Ed reported that he operated from NZ6Q's station. Had 12 check-in's. (2 new comers)

The meeting moved on to voting.

John NZ6Q will get the gift certificates / prizes for the Christmas Party from HRO.

Feb 25th Pedaling Paths to Independence Bike Ride in Linden. The Delta Century Bike Ride is the first Sunday in May 2017.

The 10-meter net meets at 7:30 PM local time each Thursday except club meeting night. Any class of license can check in on 28.457 MHz.

The Treasurer reminded club members that Dues are not due until January after the AGM, Please refrain from paying early.

Adjournment - Charlie WB6NVB adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm

CONSIDER A YEAR-END DONATION TO THE REPEATER FUND OR EQUIPMENT FOR THE YEAR-END CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



QST QST QST... Now is also the time to consider a year-end donation to the club repeater fund, general fund or raffle prizes for the upcoming Christmas Party. There are a number of great equipment bargains that would make great prizes for the Christmas Dinner year-end raffle. The club repeater system fund is used to manage, maintain and expand the club repeaters.

The club is a non-profit charity and as such donations are tax deductible. Members who would like to make a donation of cash or equipment to the club should contact the Treasurer Dave, N6LHL.

ANNUAL DECEMBER MEETING CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY CHUCK'S RESTAURANT AT PACIFIC AVE BOWL DECEMBER 8TH 6:00 PM



There is still time to reserve your seat at the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club annual Christmas dinner meeting on **Thursday, December 8, 2016**, at Chuck's Restaurant. The dinner is open to all all members and guests. Chuck's is located at Pacific Bowl, 5939 Pacific Avenue, Stockton. We plan on gathering at 6pm for a repeat of the fine dinner and fellowship we enjoyed last year.

The cost of the dinner will be \$20 per person, cash or check, [payable at the door](#). The dinner will include tri-tip, chicken, side dishes and a delicious dessert.

The \$20 charge includes dinner, tip, and room rental.

Reserve your seat today by contacting Dave Hardwick, N6LHL at n6lhl2@gmail.com, or at 477-8866 to make your reservation. So we can determine how much food to order, reservations should be in by **Monday, December 5**. Last year we had a great turnout with some awesome door prizes. This year's program will be even better. Be sure to bring extra cash to win some great door prizes. We look forward to seeing you at this year's dinner.



ARRL MEMBERSHIP

"The squeaky wheel gets the oil" That saying is how I view our Federal government. What I mean by that is lobbyist that represent my interests is how my interests are heard in Washington DC.

The ARRL is our lobbying group and my membership is what keeps them active. Since 1914 and Hiram Percy Maxim, the American Radio Relay League has been serving radio enthusiast in the United States and around the world. This is the greatest hobby on earth where we can dig deep into transistors or tubes, wires or resistors, but in the end the goal is communications with other humans whether across town or around the world.

Be sure to let our secretary, Eric W6INP know about your ARRL membership. As an ARRL affiliated club, we are required to report annually on the number of club members who are also ARRL members.

Paul, N6KZW

(Editor's note: ARRL Membership is just \$49.00 per year with discounts for 2 and 3 year terms. Life Membership is \$1225.00 and can be paid in installments over a 2 year period. www.arrl.org)

12th Annual Run & Walk Against Hunger



Thanksgiving morning,
November 24, 2016

Amateur Operators braved the cold and fog on Thanksgiving morning to support the 2016 12th Annual Run Against Hunger to benefit the Stockton Food Bank. The venue runs from the Stockton Ports Banner Island Ball Park on Fremont Street, around Weber Point then down Weber Ave to Morelli Park and back. There are fun runs for the kids starting at 8:00 AM, fun run/walk 5K and a 10K run. We arrived starting about 6 AM with everyone checking in by 6:30 AM to get last minute assignment changes, safety vests and deployment before Stockton PD closed the streets at 0700.

Net Control was set-up in front of the Banner Isl ballpark where we had excellent line of site to the start of the race and the finish line. We used Paul **N6KZW**'s 2-Meter / 440 radio in a box (Go-Kit) with portable radios on back-up channels for monitoring. Primary operation was on the **K6KJQ**444.325Mhz repeater on top of the Stockton PD building.

Kyle **KM6EQN**, newly licensed this summer and not quite 11 years old was put in charge of the operation and his first time as Net Control. He did an outstanding job with minimal support from John **NZ6Q**. Taking control of the net from start to finish, we had only one minor incident involving a lost drivers license. We also coordinated with the race officials and Stockton PD as well as Parks & Recreation to get the bathrooms at the Morelli Park turn-around stocked with TP and open. We covered 10 strategically placed posts for communications and interaction with course marshal volunteers who are charged with keeping the walkers and runners in their own 'lanes'.

This was one of our biggest volunteer events of the year. The Run Against Hunger reported over 3500 runners and walkers registered for the event. That's 7 X as many bike riders as we support on the Delta Century ride in May. Everyone was secured and on their way to 'Turkey day' by 1030 hours.

Thanks to the following members and operators who gave up a perfectly good morning to sleep in to support the Emergency Food Bank event:

Kyle **KM6EQN**, Larry **KI6LNB**, Eric **W6INP**, David **AA6HO**, Roxane **KJ6DGB**, Aaron **K6AIB**, Mark **KM6FQZ**, Guy **W6MSU**, Dave **N6LHL**, Jeff **KJ6RHF**, Paul **N6KZW**, Mike **K6AAN** (who's daughter Ran in the race); Richard **KK6TGX** and Terry **KM6EQN**

Thanks also to Glen **K6KJQ** for use of the 444.325 repeater at the Stockton PD which provided excellent coverage and flawless operation. Also thanks to David **N5FDL** for the 444.500 Coronado repeater as back-up. Check out the picture of our early risers on the club website.



MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL OPERATOR'S SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER – DECEMBER



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.

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| December 5 | Paul N6KZW | January 2 | Eric W6INP |
| December 12 | Charlie WB6NVB | January 9 | Dave N6LHL |
| December 19 | John N6ZQ | January 16 | Guy W6MSU |
| December 26 | Scott K6SCT | January 23 | Paul N6KZW |
| | | January 30 | Scott K6SCT |
| February 6 | John NZ6Q | | |
| February 13 | Charlie WB6NVB | | |
| February 20 | Eric W6INP | | |
| February 27 | Dave N6LHL | | |

Don't forget the Thursday night net on 10-Meters at 28.457 MHz vertical polarization on antennas if possible. Thursdays at 7:30 PM – except club meeting night!



DECEMBER HAM CRAM / ELMER UNIVERSITY

**COMCAST BUILDING – STOCKTON
6505 TAM O'SHANTER DRIVE
SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH 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 3:00 PM, and you’re done.

Thousands of men and women, aged 16 to 90, have succeeded in getting their Amateur Radio license this way. Tell your friends and non-ham neighbors.

HamCram session including testing is just \$25.00

Testing-Only Also Available

The FCC exam session will start at 2:45 PM - WALK-IN test only is OK, but pre-registration is strongly encouraged. 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.

Sign up for the December HamCram or Test Session by clicking the link [here](#).

ELMER UNIVERSITY



The next session of Elmer University will be held on December 10th beginning at 9:00AM. A lot of volunteer time and effort is put into each Elmer University session. Please sign-up early and encourage others to attend so we can have a good session.

Did you ever wonder how to put on Anderson Powerpoles? Or how to get on DX, LOTW, how to program your new radio? How to set-up a base station or mobile station? Elmer University helps you learn about all that and more.

The term "Elmer" means someone who provides personal guidance and assistance to would-be hams. 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 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 University 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 and demonstrations.





A HAM'S CALENDAR

December 8th, 2016 – W6SF CLUB MEETING / CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION – Chucks at Pacific Ave Bowl, Pacific at Swain Rd, Stockton – 6:00 PM Look for information on the club website and in this newsletter.

December 10th, 2016 – HAMCRAM & ELMER UNIVERSITY – Comcast Building, 6505 Tam O Shanter Dr, Stockton. HamCram doors open at 7:30 AM, HamCram starts at 8:00 AM - Elmer University starts at 9:00 AM

December 10th - 11th, 2016 – ARRL 10-Meter Contest – This a great contest and thanks to Technician allocations at 28.300 – 28.500 anyone can participate. <http://www.arrl.org/10-meter> for rules & announcement.

December 18th, 2016 – ARRL Rookie Round-Up CW - This is a great way to try out contesting in an event designed for newcomers. Great first time event for the newbie on CW Hope to work you then! To pre-register teams or submit your score after the event, please visit the **Rookie Roundup** page hosted by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM.

January 1st, 2017 – Straight Key Night – Bye-bye keyer and hello straight key or bug. Time to ring in the New Year with some hand-made CW. Remember the event starts at 0000 Jan 1 which is 4:00PM December 31st local time. <http://www.arrl.org/straight-key-night>

January 12th, 2017 – W6SF CLUB MEETING / ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 N Lower Sacramento Rd, North of 8 Mile Rd – 19:30 Hours This is the AGM where we will set the 2017 club dues, The new treasurer will report on the club finances and the 2017 Meeting and Training Calendars will be discussed. Ed **N6XMA** will be demonstrating his “Go Box Cooler” All Members are encouraged to attend and bring a guest.

January 14th – 15th, 2017 1800Z to 0559Z – North American QSO Party CW - Great “first” CW contest, low power and easy exchange. Rules: <http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-rules.pdf>

January 21st – 22nd, 2017 1800Z to 0559Z – North American QSO Party Phone - Enjoy this contest on the air. Low power and easy exchange. <http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-rules.pdf>

January 28th, 2017 0000Z – 2359Z – Montana QSO Party - State QSO Parties are great fun and there are lots of State and County awards you can win. Start with Montana! Easy exchange, can work stations on all bands & modes with basic antennas and low power. <http://fvarc.org/sites/default/files/library/2016%20MT%20QSO%20Party%20Rules.pdf>

February 9th, 2017 – W6SF CLUB MEETING – Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 N Lower Sacramento Rd, North of 8 Mile Rd – 19:30 Hours Regular Meeting, Training Program & Raffle. All Members are encouraged to attend and bring a guest.



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 December 8th 2017 at 6:00 PM at Chuck's at Pacific Ave Bowl. This is our Annual Christmas Dinner and Year-End Celebration Meeting. See Details in this Newsletter and on the website.**

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!