

# 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 Members!*

*Bob Officer N6JCE*

*Karen Officer K6KSC*

*Ron Simpson N6GKJ*

*Maria Simpson KK6CCR*

*Gabby Simpson KK6URA*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

"I am often asked how radio works. Well, you see, wire telegraphy is like a very long cat. You yank his tail in New York and he meows in Los Angeles. Do you understand this? Now, radio is exactly the same, except that there is no cat." \_\_Albert Einstein

## Radiosport

### Kids Day January 2017

1800 UTC - 2359 UTC  
Saturday, January 7

Get kids on the air and share  
the **FUN** of Amateur Radio.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – NZ6Q

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year on the air and off the air. We sure had fun. Annie and I had the opportunity to travel to Seattle before Christmas and get on 2M and 440 as well as help my newly licensed niece Tiffany KI7JDZ get familiar with her first radio. After Christmas, we visited Dan KB6UNC in Salt Lake City and joined one of the local radio clubs for their monthly "lunch n learn".

The club Christmas party was great! Steve and the family at Chuck's sure put out a great spread of food for everyone. I'm sure our Treasurer Paul KC6RRR will tell us in January how successful the club raffle was this year. Speaking of raffles, do we want to bring back the "mini-affle" at the end of each meeting? Or would it be better to do a 50/50 cash raffle or maybe a quarterly raffle for a larger prize? Your thoughts on this and many other ideas are welcome at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup>.

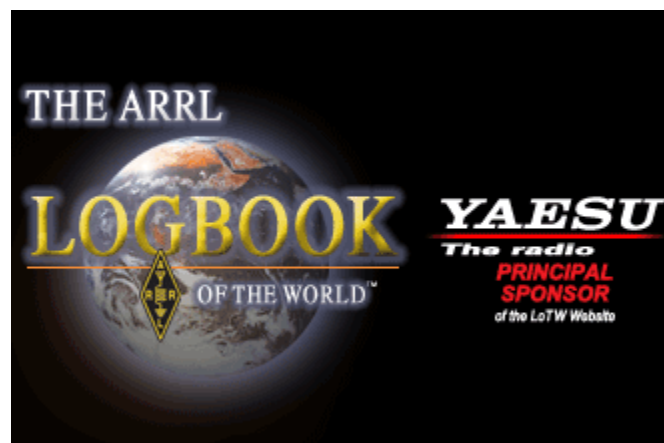
As incoming President, I'd like to welcome you to a new year. I am honored to represent the Club this coming year. Please feel free to offer up any suggestions, tips or ideas you would like to see the club accomplish this year. I'd like to share with everyone three goals I have for this year:

- 1) Grow the active membership of the club by 25%
- 2) Foster better communication between the club and local service organizations that could use our unique talents but don't because they don't know us...
- 3) Promote membership, learning and on the air opportunities to younger hams and rookies by helping our experienced and talented operators to ELMER

I wish everyone a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing everyone at the first Club meeting January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. By the way, this picture is me at the B1Z contest station in China. I'm standing next to the 160-Meter Vertical Antenna between two of the 128 radials!

73

John, NZ6Q



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

The club gathered in the banquet room behind Chuck's at Pacific Ave bowl starting at 6:00 PM for the annual Christmas Dinner. The excellent menu prepared by Steve and the staff at Chuck's included tri-tip, chicken, side dishes, salads and a delicious dessert. Fellowship started right away and we welcomed members we hadn't seen much of in the past year, new members and members we see every month. Hopefully some of the new members will and not so often seen will be monthly regulars going forward.



Charlie WB6NVB gave a great summary of where the club had been a year ago, changes we had seen over the past year and where we hope to be in the future. Joni Bauer from the Community Center for the Blind joined as and made a pitch to join and support the Pedaling Paths to Independence Bike Ride for the Center on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Over 15 people signed up to support the event.



Of course the fun and the highlight every year is that game of chance we refer to as the club raffle. This year we raffled off a case of wine a spirits, small items from local vendors, t-shirts from the Run Against Hunger, and four "radio" prizes of a Baofeng UV-5R portable, Leixen VV-898 mini-mobile, TVT TH-UV8000D "10-watt" portable radio, and a UV-7800 Dual Band mobile. KM6BWF Rolo donated the UV-5R radio and won the TVT portable – good trade up? New members from Lodi, Ron N6GKJ and Maria KK6COR Simpson won two of the other radio prizes and Emelia Sieferling, KI6YYT won the fourth. A

good time was had when our youngest ham Kyle KM6EQN won a bottle of champagne and immediately delivered it to his mom Annie N6ACL. It would seem his raffle ticket for the "toy lion" bag was misunderstood by our raffle masters as "put this in the wine bag". Well, mom and I will enjoy it!



# 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 enthusiasts 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](http://www.arrl.org) )*

## MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL OPERATOR'S SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2017



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.

***If you would like to learn how to be a Net Control Operator, contact one of the club Officers! We will happily mentor you during a Monday night net. 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.

January 2	Eric W6INP	February 6	John NZ6Q
January 9	Dave N6LHL	February 13	Charlie WB6NVB
January 16	Guy W6MSU	February 20	Eric W6INP
January 23	Paul N6KZW	February 27	Dave N6LHL
January 30	Scott K6SCT		

## Check in to the Thursday night net!



*Thursday night nets are on 10-Meters at 28.457 MHz USB vertical polarization on antennas if possible. The club meets every Thursday night, except club meeting night at 7:30 PM – this is an informal net, experimenting with ground wave propagation and enjoying a brief chat between club members. Test that new HF Radio, try out your mobile radio on 10-Meters, hook up a different antenna or something different.*



## DECEMBER HAM CRAM RESULTS COMCAST BUILDING – STOCKTON

The December HamCram licensed the following new ham operators. Be sure to say hello and welcome them to the repeater, the club and the hobby when you hear them on the air!

Ron E Welsh W6ZTY G General Upgrade

Richard R Bergen KM6HDX New General

Duztynn C Eisenga KM6HDY Technician

Edward Montemayor KM6HDZ Technician

Joseph W Finnigan KM6HEA Technician

Calvin D Burress KM6EQI General Upgrade

Mark A Cloud KM6FQZ Extra Upgrade

Tiffany Litz KI7JDZ Technician

Jesus Zavala KM6HEB Technician

Sean D Konior KM6HEC Technician

Mark E Pack KM6HED Technician

Andrew W Halvorson KM6HEE Technician

Annette Lewis N6ACL Extra Upgrade

Abdul F Wahid KM6HEF Technician

The February HamCram will be Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 AM at Fire Station 2 in Stockton. The address is 110 W Sonora St. Encourage your non-ham friends to Sign up for the HamCram or Test Session by clicking the link [here](#).



## HAM CRAM RESULTS FOR 2017

I want to thank everyone who helped out this year with becoming VEs for both Laurel and ARRL VECs. Also without your help, the Elmer University sessions would not have been successful.

So here are some stats on HamCram results for 2017. This is our Stockton session, the Tracy HamCram and “special event” test sessions that were held at the request of a club or organization.

The totals:

New techs: 93

New generals: 22

New extras: 13

Total number of people served: 142

(Some people took all three tests over the course of the year and each test counted as being served if the examinations were on different days.)

This last figure needs to be explained. While many people did fail test during the year, many actually went on to successfully pass at a later venue.

Number of people failing to upgrade at an examination session: 29

Grand total of people getting licenses or upgrades: 128

Our pass rate appears to be 97.3%.

My thanks to the club for their vote in October to sponsor a complimentary one year membership to those new hams we license at our sessions. One of the primary missions of the club should be to foster interest in the hobby to the youth and newly licensed. Club meeting attendance like the one pictured here can be a great opportunity to create new friends, spark interest in new technologies as well as teach others about this great hobby.





## A HAM'S CALENDAR

**January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 1800Z to 2359Z – Kids Day on the Air** – Start the new year of ham radio with a fun event. Get your kids on the air and work other kids – open your station up to a young prospective new ham operator <http://www.arrl.org/kids-day>

**January 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**February 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**February 13<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – ARRL School Club Round-up** - To exchange QSO information with club stations that are part of an elementary, middle, high school or college. Non-school clubs and individuals are encouraged to participate. <http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup>

**February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – HamCram & Test Session – Fire Station #2 110 W Sonora St, Stockton.** Doors open at 8:00AM – Pre-Register at <http://www.w6sf.org/hamcram.html> T

**February 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – ARRL International DX Contest CW** (starts 0000UTC on Saturday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> which is 4:00PM Friday PST) – More Info: <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>

**February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Pedaling Paths to Independence Bike Ride** – Plan now to help with this great event. We need operators to support SAG Wagons (learn and use APRS), Operate and assist with Net Control and man the rest / water stops throughout the course. More information at <http://www.communitycenterfortheblind.org/pedaling-paths/>



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 January 12<sup>th</sup> 2017 at the Bear Creek Community Church 11171 Lower Sacramento Rd, north of 8 Mile Rd. 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 28.457MHz.** 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:

President:	<b>NZ6Q</b> , John Litz	<a href="mailto:john@litz.com">john@litz.com</a>
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Event Chairman	open	
Newsletter Editor	<b>NZ6Q</b> , John Litz	<a href="mailto:john@litz.com">john@litz.com</a>

### CLUB DUES:

\$20 SINGLE and \$30 FAMILY

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