

# Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



AN ARRL AFFILIATED CLUB

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Welcome to the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

*Radio is the theater of the mind... Television is the theater of the mindless...*



## 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](#).



Happy Halloween





# November Sweepstakes Contest

CW Contest November 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>  
SSB Contest November 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

<http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>

Sweepstakes is one of the most popular contests of the year. Unlike most other contest on-the-air exchanges, Sweepstakes has a multi-part exchange similar to the header of a radiogram. Stations exchange call signs, Precedence (designator for power level); a 'check' (designator for year first licensed); and their ARRL/RAC Sections. North American Stations work each other only once and the 84 ARRL/RAC sections are the multipliers. Multi-operator stations are limited to a single transmitter. It is an exciting challenge. Stations working all 84 sections are awarded a "clean sweep" and can get a commemorative coffee mug.

Check out the full rules and operating strategy on the ARRL website by clicking on the link above.

## NOVEMBER MEETING NOTICE THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> , 2016 7:30pm BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH



**QST QST QST** All members and their guests are invited to attend the November meeting on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The meeting will be held **at the Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Rd, just north of Eight Mile Rd in North Stockton.**

Several members typically get together informally for supper prior to the meeting at local restaurants. Check in on the W6SF repeater on Thursday afternoon and ask

where the group could be dining.

**The slate of officers for 2017 will be elected according to the club by-laws. The nominations are:**

**President**

**John, NZ6Q**

**Charlie, WB6NVB**

**Secretary**

**Annie, KM6BJJ**

**Eric, W6INP**

**Vice President**

**Randy, K6TVT**

**Paul, N6KZW**

**Treasurer**

**Paul, KC6RRR**

**Cecil, KK6QXQ**

**Dave, N6LHL**

The Board of Directors should report on an appointment to replace Shirl AA6K as Call-Sign Trustee, to be voted and approved by the membership.

The December Christmas Party will be discussed and final preparations made for December 8<sup>th</sup>.

If you are need of transportation to and from the meeting, please contact Paul, **N6KZW** or John, **NZ6Q** and we will arrange transportation assistance for you.

**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, educational 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**.

**THE ARRL CENTENNIAL W1AW/6 - 2 YEARS AGO  
OCTOBER 1 2014 AT NZ6Q STATION**



Bob, **K6DGQ** did a great job working a respectable pile-up of JAs ON 10 METERS! LT, **KJ6YVF** learned from the “Zen” QSO Master Dan, **KB6UNC** and quickly had a full house of calling stations on 40M SSB

# OCTOBER MEETING REPORT STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2016 7:30 PM



The October meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by President Charlie **WB6NVB**.

Charlie **WB6NVB** called for reports on CQP activities from the members. Several members discussed their operations for the California QSO Party. John **NZ6Q** and Ed **N6XMA** reported on the National Park On The Air (NPOTA) activation of the Pinnacles National Park and CQP County Xpedition of San Benito and Monterey counties. The group logged over 600 QSOs during the 2 ½ days on the air. John especially thanked Randy **K6TVT** for coming up on Friday and helping set up our 2-element Yagi antenna. Dave **N6LHL** reported that the club effort saw about 200 QSOs from the vineyard operating post.

John **NZ6Q** reported on the Kingdon Drag Races, held September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at the Kingdon Airport on DeVries Rd. There was a lot of fun and good food both days cooked by the Harvest Church. There were several minor incidents, including a drunk spectator who wandered out onto the track a couple of times before being escorted from the event.

Guy **W6MSU** reported on the “Rally in the Valley” Hamfest coming in Modesto on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The event was a success and a few members made some money off the swap meet encouraging the purchase of some new HF radios by a couple of members. Guy **W6MSU** mentioned that the 2017 “Rally in the Valley” will likely be held in Tulare County.

The Call Sign Trustee vacancy was discussed as Shirl **AA6K** has resigned and moved to the east coast. It was reported that his physician at his new home had a better prognosis for him than he had received from his MD here. Charlie **WB6NVB** stated the Board would meet and appoint a new trustee.

There was no additional report on plans for the 2017 Christmas Party.

Ed **N6XMA** reminded the members that the California “Great Shake Out” Earthquake Drill will be held October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:20AM, all members will be invited to check-in on the air.

John **NZ6Q** made a motion to extend a “complimentary individual club membership” for up to one year, the first year to those newly licensed Amateur Operators who pass at the HamCram or Fire Station 14 VE Sessions. He passed around a sample certificate and there was some discussion. Mark **KM6FQZ**, who passed his test at the October HamCram was present at the meeting. He received his call Tuesday, just 3 days after passing his exam. The motion was voted on and approved to offer “complimentary individual club membership” going forward.

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





## 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.

November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Scott K6SCT	December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Guy W6MSU
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Charlie WB6NVB	December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Paul N6KZW
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Dave N6LHL	December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Scott K6SCT
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	John NZ6Q	December 26 <sup>th</sup>	Charlie WB6NVB

*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!*

**ShakeOut. Don't FreakOut.**  
 October 20, 2016 Register Now at [www.ShakeOut.org](http://www.ShakeOut.org)



### GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKE-OUT OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:20 AM

Ed **N6XMA** opened the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club Great California Shake out net on Thursday 10/20 at 10:20. Following the preamble from the Great Shake Out website, 13 members and guests checked in from Rio Vista, Galt, Valley Springs, Manteca and Stockton. .



## DECEMBER HAM CRAM / ELMER UNIVERSITY

**COMCAST BUILDING – STOCKTON  
6505 TAM O'SHANTER DRIVE  
SATURDAY DECEMBER 10<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 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 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.

# California QSO Party

## STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB CALIFORNIA QSO PARTY PHOTOS

Here are pictures that go along with the great stories told at the October meeting.



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## 12th Annual Run & Walk Against Hunger

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Thanksgiving morning,  
November 24, 2016

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RUN & WALK AGAINST HUNGER STOCKTON FOOD BANK FUND-RAISER

Paul **KC6RRR** is looking for volunteers for this year's Thanksgiving Day "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. (10K runners take the course twice)

Stockton-Delta ARC supports the event by providing communication along the course and being the "eyes and ears" of the race and EMS should emergency response be needed. We are looking for about 12 – 15 volunteers to staff key points along the course as well as net control at the start-finish line. Plan on being on the course just before 7AM (when Stockton PD starts closing the streets) and we are usually finished by 10AM. You should have plenty of time to be back home and help the YL, XYL or OM finish with your Thanksgiving turkey.

This is one of our biggest volunteer events of the year. Don't miss out on your opportunity to be part of the 'action' and score yourself a very cool long-sleeved volunteer t-shirt. Contact Paul **NC6RRR** at [kc6rrr@yahoo.com](mailto:kc6rrr@yahoo.com) ASAP or use the [EVENT VOLUNTEER LINK](#) on the club website to sign-up today!







## OCTOBER HAM CRAM RESULTS 6 NEW TECHS, 6 UPGRADES

The October 8<sup>th</sup> HamCram held at the Comcast Building in Stockton was a great success. We an overall attendance of 13 with 12 passing for either new licenses or upgrading their current license.

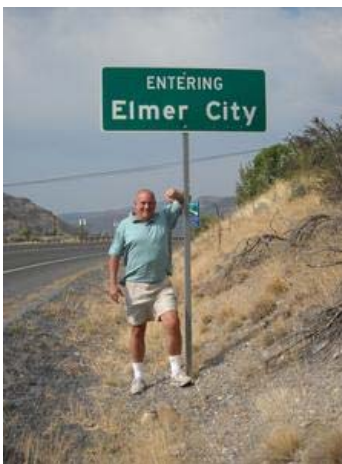
We licensed 6 new Technicians, 3 General upgrades pass and 1 Extra Class upgrade.

Say hello to the following new hams when you hear them on the air:

Loren A Moore KK6ELW General  
Michael J Perry KM6FQX Technician  
Mark A Cloud KM6FQZ Technician  
Timothy D Brown KM6FRB Technician  
Kal Hong KE8EVR General  
Richard K Breshears KM6EUA Extra

Clinton Casity KM6BFV General  
William W Cave KM6FOY Technician  
Bruce Camper KM6FRA Technician  
Todd Fisher KM6ELP General  
Ariel V Nievera KM6EQG General  
David E Unger KM6FRC Technician

Mark KM6FQZ attended the October club meeting. The new licenses were issued on Tuesday October 11 after the Columbus Day Federal Holiday.





## A HAM'S CALENDAR

**November 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> , 2016 – ARRL SWEEPSTAKES CW – <http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>**

**November 10<sup>th</sup> , 2016 – W6SF CLUB MEETING –** Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Rd, north of 8 Mile Rd, 7:30 PM

**November 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> , 2016 – ARRL SWEEPSTAKES PHONE [www.arrl.org/sweepstakes](http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes)**

**November 24<sup>th</sup> , 2016 – THANKSGIVING DAY 10K RUN “The Turkey Trot – Run Against Hunger” –** Volunteers will be needed to man communications for this special event starting at 6:30 AM in downtown Stockton.

**November 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> , 2016 – CQ WW CW CONTEST [www.cqww.com](http://www.cqww.com) –** The biggest CW contest on the planet. Great opportunity too to add to your DXCC list on all bands! 10 and 15 meters had openings during the SSB contest.

**December 8<sup>th</sup> , 2016 – W6SF CLUB MEETING / CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION – Location and exact times are TBD –** Look for information on the club website and in the December newsletter.

**December 10<sup>th</sup> , 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 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> , 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 18<sup>th</sup> , 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 1<sup>st</sup> , 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 31<sup>st</sup> local time. <http://www.arrl.org/straight-key-night>

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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 November 10<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:

President:	<b>WB6NVB</b> , Charlie Johnson	<a href="mailto:wb6nvb@arrl.net">wb6nvb@arrl.net</a>
Vice President:	<b>W6MSU</b> , Guy Mallory	<a href="mailto:w6msu@arrl.net">w6msu@arrl.net</a>
Treasurer:	<b>N6LHL</b> , David Hardwick	<a href="mailto:n6lh12@gmail.com">n6lh12@gmail.com</a>
Secretary:	<b>W6INP</b> , Eric Chapa	<a href="mailto:perrla1@aol.com">perrla1@aol.com</a>
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Membership Chairman	<b>open</b>	
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!**