

# Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



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Welcome to the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

***WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:***

*Kyle Dopkus - KM6EQN*

*Todd Fisher - KM6ELP*



**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).



# North American SSB Sprint Contest

Next SSB Sprint Contest:  
Oct 9, 2016 0000-0359 UTC  
(Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM)

The North American Sprints (usually just called "Sprints") are short, intense competitions which challenge the best operators, while allowing others to sharpen their skills. Lasting only four hours and using only the 80, 40 and 20-meter bands, these contests demand that participants be on their toes at all times. The Sprints' unique QSY requirements eliminate the usual approach in many contests of dominant stations sitting on one frequency and running others. These are contests of constant motion. Although there is only one entry category (single op), participants can combine up to ten separate single op scores into a team score.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING REPORT STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 2016 7:30 PM

The September 2016 meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by President Charlie **WB6NVB**.

Charlie **WB6NVB** discussed plans for the California QSO Party and an antenna check out on Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> at the club operating site on DeVries Rd. We will be looking at erecting an NVIS antenna for 40-Meters in preparation for the QSO Party.

John **NZ6Q** reported on the upcoming Kingdon Drag Races, which will be held September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at the Kingdon Airport on DeVries Rd. Volunteers will be needed to assist with communications and security for the event. Free T-Shirt, meal ticket and lots of drag racing fun for everyone who wants to attend. A sign-up sheet was passed among the members present. .

Guy **W6MSU** reported on the upcoming "Rally in the Valley" Hamfest coming to Modesto on September 24<sup>th</sup> and VE Exams at Fire Station 14 on Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>.

The treasurer reported no bills were needing to be paid and the treasury is 'healthy'.

Shirl **AA6K** announced his resignation as Call Sign Trustee effective with his move to be closer to family on the east coast. The members discussed extending a life membership to Shirl and getting together to honor his many years of service to the club. Shirl stated he wanted to wait on the results of some medical procedures before committing to "Thank You Party".

Nominations for Officers for 2017 will be accepted at the October meeting.

Dave **N6DCH** called on the members to participate more in the Thursday night 10-Meter Net held on 28.457Mhz. All licenses classes can operate on this frequency and all members were encouraged to check in starting at 7:30PM PDT

Paul **N6KZW** brought up plans for the Christmas party on December 8<sup>th</sup>. UJ's was discussed as a potential host location since there was no cover charge and no "minimum spend" as members could order as little or as much as they wanted off the menu. Chucks at Pacific Ave Bowl was also discussed.

Ed **N6XMA** announced the California "Great Shake Out" Earthquake Drill will be held in October. Scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:20AM, all members will be invited to check-in on the air from their home or work. (Details in this issue of the Flysheet – Editor)

Roual **KM6BWF** and Tammie **KM6CBK** announced they would be purchasing 10 Baofeng UV-5R radios to be offered to new hams to help get them on the air.

John **NZ6Q** reported on the success of the August HamCram with 16 new licenses issued and 4 upgrades (2 General, 2 Extra). New licenses included Kyle **KM6EQN** who is 10 ½ years old and joining the club as a family member. John NZ6Q made a motion to extend a "courtesy" club membership for the first year to those newly licensed Amateur Operators who pass at the HamCram as an opportunity to increase membership in the club and get new operators 'elmered' more quickly than the Elmer University allows. He stated that the **SARA** club has done this successfully and their membership and participation rates are double our clubs. There was discussion regarding this and several members asked questions. Charlie **WB6NVB** asked that further discussion be brought to the October meeting.

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



## **MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL OPERATOR'S SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 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.

September 5	Guy	W6MSU	October 3	Eric	W6INP
September 12	Paul	N6KZW	October 10	Dave	N6LHL
September 19	Scott	K6SCT	October 17	John	NZ6Q
September 26	Charlie	WB6NVB	October 24	Guy	W6MSU
			October 31	Paul	N6KZW



**OCTOBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT  
STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> , 2016 7:30 PM  
BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**QST QST QST ALL Members and Guests** are invited to attend the regular meeting on Thursday, October 13<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 .

This is the call for nominations for officers for the 2017 Board and need all members to attend.

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.





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

The Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club will join 101 other volunteer radio groups statewide to participate in the 2016 Great California Shake Out Earthquake Preparedness Exercise.

Club members and other local hams are encouraged to take a 10 minute break from their job on Thursday, October 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:20 AM and check into the 147.165Mhz W6SF repeater. Ed, N6XMA will be net control station. The exercise should take 5 to 10 minutes to complete and what a great way to demonstrate amateur radio to your boss, coworkers and friends.

Please check in with your location and “damage assessment” as well as response capabilities of your station. A typical check in might sound like this:

*(after acknowledgement by net control)* “This is NZ6Q, John in North Stockton, minimal local damage, available for mobile response with 2M/440/HF mobile and 2M/440 portables”.

\*\*\*\* Put a reminder on your work calendar and ask your supervisor for the time and to join you \*\*\*\*

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

**Shake  
Out**



**OCTOBER HAM CRAM  
STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
COMCAST BUILDING – STOCKTON  
6505 TAM O'SHANTER DRIVE  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 8<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 WALK-IN at the Swap meet starting at 8:30 AM. 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. If you’ve paid to attend the HamCram, the exam is included.

Sign up for the next HamCram by clicking the link [here](#).



**ELMER UNIVERSITY  
THE NEXT ELMER UNIVERSITY WILL  
BE IN DECEMBER**

# ARRL Gauging Impact of Revised California Distracted Driving Law

California has upped its game in cracking down on distracted driving, and radio amateurs there are concerned that a recent revision to the state's Motor Vehicle Code could affect Amateur Radio mobile operation. The old law, which included an Amateur Radio exemption, already prohibited motorists from using electronic wireless communication devices to write, send, or read a text-based communication while in motion, unless the device was configured for voice-operated and hands-free operation.



The revised law does not exempt Amateur Radio. [Assembly Bill 1785](#), signed into law on September 26 by Governor Jerry Brown, prohibits a motorist from driving "while holding and operating" a handheld wireless telephone or a wireless electronic communication device, as defined by the code. But it authorizes a driver to operate such devices mounted on a vehicle's windshield like a GPS or on the dashboard or center console "in a manner that does not hinder the driver's view of the road," if the driver can activate or deactivate a feature or function "with the motion of a single swipe or tap of the finger."

The language defining devices covered by the law does not accurately specify what activity is prohibited, leaving its application subject to misinterpretation by individual law enforcement officers, but it does not specifically proscribe use of mobile Amateur Radio equipment for voice communication. The list of covered devices includes, but is not limited to, "a broadband personal communication device, a specialized mobile radio device, a handheld device or laptop computer with mobile data access, a pager, or a two-way messaging device." A first offense would incur a \$20 base fine and \$50 for subsequent offenses.

Initial wording of the legislation was not considered to be a threat to Amateur Radio operation, but the measure's language changed substantially as it worked its way through the California General Assembly.

ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, said there are two principal ways to protect Amateur Radio in this type of legislation. "One is by sufficiently narrowly defining prohibited activity so as to exclude Amateur Radio," he said. "The other is to create specific exemptions where the definitions are confusing. This new statute is an example of bad legislative draftsmanship. It creates a motor vehicle law with citations issued for certain activity that includes the words 'but is not limited to' in the language defining the violation."

In addition to scrutinizing the language of the revision, ARRL will be consulting with Field Organization officials in California to determine its next steps.

# California QSO Party

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

There will be reports on Cal QSO Party at the October meeting. Come hear the stories!



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# PACIFICON 2016

*ARRL Pacific Division Ham Radio Convention*



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PACIFICON 2016 Events, Forum Topics, and Exhibits Include:

All-Day Antenna Seminar on Friday • Saturday Morning Breakfast with Gordon West • Outstanding Technical Forums • Large Vendor Show of Amateur Radio Gear – All 3 Days • Get-on-the-Air W1AW/6 Special Event Station • Special Public MDARC Meeting on Friday Evening - Saturday Evening Banquet with Guest Speaker, new ARRL CEO Tom Gallagher, NY2RF • Excellent QRP Program • Ham License Testing • One-Day Technician License Class Followed by License Testing • Gordon West Ham Instructor Academy • Kit Assembly/Soldering for Youth and Adults • Daily Radio Prize Drawings • Parachute Mobile Radio Transmissions • Wouff Hong Ceremony - Great Sunday Swap Meet • Sunday Ham Radio 101/201 Seminar – What Every New Ham Needs to Know • Sunday Disaster Communications Workshop • Sunday Annual ARRL Pacific Division Forum • Sunday Emergency Communication Exam (EC-001)

***Come and Experience the Many Facets of Ham Radio!***



## A HAM'S CALENDAR

**October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – HAMCRAM** – Comcast Building, 6505 Tam O Shanter Dr, Stockton. HamCram doors open at 7:30 AM, HamCram starts at 8:00 AM - There will be no Elmer University this session. Elmer University starts at 9:00 AM

**October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – SSB FALL SPRINT** – A fun fast-paced 4-hour contest on 80/40/20 Meters. Work stations once then QSY Starts at 0000Z which locally is Saturday night at 5 PM. Register your operation at <http://www.ssbsprint.com>

**October 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 – W6SF CLUB MEETING** – Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Rd, north of 8 Mile Rd, 7:30 PM

**October 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – ARRL PACIFIC DIVISION CONVENTION “PACIFICON”** – San Ramon Marriott – <http://www.pacificon.org>

**October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – GREAT SHAKE-OUT EARTHQUAKE DRILL** – Check in from your home or office at 10:20 AM. See the details in this issue of the flysheet.

**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>

**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/sweepsatakes](http://www.arrl.org/sweepsatakes)

**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.

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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 October 13<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!**