

# Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



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Welcome to the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club

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## California QSO Party

[51st Running Of The CQP!](#)

1600 UTC October 1, 2016 to 2200 UTC October 2, 2016

Plan now to be there!



## AUGUST MEETING REPORT STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> 2016 7:30 PM

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

John **NZ6Q** read a letter from Joni from the Blind Center asking our help for the 2017 Pedaling Paths to Independence Bike Ride next February.

Paul **N6KZW** 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. A flyer detailing the event 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>. More information is in this month's newsletter.

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

John **NZ6Q** announced the next HamCram and Elmer University will be August 13<sup>th</sup>. There were 15 pre-registrations for the HamCram and 6 for Elmer University. 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** stated that the Lincoln Center Live Venue leadership was not cooperative with including our group in their event this year.

Bob **K6DGQ** gave a presentation on current measurement and his experiments with Chinese made shunts to measure current in various applications of his Go-Kit. He had examples of different shunts and passed them around to the members.

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





## 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

## SEPTEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB SEPTEMBER 8<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 .

We will be planning for CQP 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.



## AUGUST HAM CRAM LICENSE 14 NEW TECHS, 4 UPGRADES

The August 13th HamCram held at the Comcast Building in Stockton was a great success. We had an overall attendance of 21 with 18 passing for either new licenses or upgrading their current license.

We licensed 14 new Technicians including 10-year old Kyle KM6EQN and Logan KM6EQM, son of Manteca ARC President Jason **KG6H**. We also had 3 General upgrades pass and 1 Extra Class upgrade.

We set up testing at the end a little differently than previously held. We decided to move the test grading into a separate conference room in the building. This allowed for new licensees to meet and ask questions of some of the Elmer University instructors while waiting for their test to be graded. Thanks to Bob **N6TCE**, Eric **KD6MOO**, Eric **W6INP**, Bob **K6DGQ** & Karen **N6KSO**

Bob **K6DGQ** demonstrated CW and HF. Bill **AE6J** answered questions about contesting, chasing DX and his Buddipole antenna. Jason **KG6H** gave new hams information on area clubs and Emergency Communications.

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

Dal e KM6EQD	Jenni fer KM6EQE	Jason KM6EQF	Ari el KM6EQG
Joey KM6EQH	Cal vi n KM6EQI	Ni chol as KM6EQJ	Frank KM6EQK
Jacob KM6EQL	Logan KM6EQM	Kyl e KM6EQN	Ki efer KE8EVO
Kal eford KE8EVR		Jani e KM6EQO	

Congratul ati ons on the fol l owi ng upgades:

Annette KM6BJJ General	Rauol KM6BWF General
Brandon KK6MPF Extra	Robert KF6FGH Extra







## ELMER UNIVERSITY

**COMCAST BUILDING – STOCKTON  
6505 TAM O'SHANTER DRIVE  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 2016  
DOORS OPEN 8:30 AM**

The next session of Elmer University will be held on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

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 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.



RALLY IN THE VALLEY  
CENTRAL VALLEY HAMFEST  
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
STARTS AT 7:30 AM

On Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>, the SARA Club in Modesto is hosting the “Rally in the Valley” Central Valley Hamfest at The Salvation Army Center, 1649 Las Vegas St, Modesto. Swap Meet set-up starts at 7:30, selling at 8:00.

There are plenty of demonstrations, exhibitions, forums and prizes. Put together a team of the “Knowledge Bowl” Trivia Contest. It is not too late to get a sport for making a presentation. Contact Gary **KI6OAY** or Section Manager Dan **AE6SX** if you want to make a presentation.

The event should wind down between 1400 and 1500 hours in the afternoon.

The following link can take you to the latest information on the event:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B84MhbgImND3M3VEa0dYLTvYzjA>



The poster for the 11th Annual Kingdon Drag Races features a central image of a green and white drag car on a track. Text includes: 'Kingdon RACING REUNION 11TH ANNUAL Drags', 'BENEFITING: Animal Protection League', 'PRESENTED BY: ARNAIZ COMPANIES, CHASE, CHEVROLET', 'WELCOME 2016 GRAND MARSHALL RICH GUASCO & THE PURE HELL AA/FA', 'CAR SHOW NITRO CACKLE FEST', 'General Jerry Lee', 'DRAG RACING JACKPOT STREET RACE', 'KINGDONDRAGS.COM', '12145 North Devries Road Lodi California 95242', and logos for 'Bruce's BODY SHOP' and 'Akire endless images'.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
[KINGDON DRAG RACES](#)  
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY  
SEPT 23<sup>RD</sup>, 24<sup>TH</sup>, 25<sup>TH</sup>

The club has been asked again to help with the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Kingdon Drag Races held at the Kingdon air strip on DeVries Rd. We need volunteers to provide “eyes and ears” for security at the event. We will be using the event security radios as well as simplex 2M driving around the event in golf carts and making sure that people are safe.

The drag races are a lot of fun no matter what day or time you can make it starting Friday afternoon and continuing until the last race Sunday night.

Go to the [Event Volunteer page](#) of the club website and sign up to volunteer. Please list the days and hours you are available to work and assignments will be made in the next week. Volunteers also get a free t-shirt from the event so please include your t-shirt size!





## STOCKTONCON SUPERHERO CONVENTION INCLUDES AMATEUR RADIO SATURDAY AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>

STOCKTON-DELTA ARC Members were invited to set up a public information booth Saturday August 20th at the 2016 StocktonCon Comics/Superhero convention at the Stockton Arena.

We arrived before the start of the event and found our “booth” which ended up being close to the celebrity “walk” where event goers were meeting movie, TV, and other “celebs” for selfie pictures and autographs. We set up the club go-kit, Ed N6XMA brought his go-kit and we had 2 separate displays showing Amateur Radio introductory videos throughout the day. Poor wifi connections prevented us from connecting to Echolink or any you tube videos. While we did hear a few HF signals, the metal structure of the arena made HF transmitting nearly impossible. We had very good traffic throughout the day and spoke with over 100 visitors.

We had a great time explaining Amateur Radio, talking to people about getting into the hobby, demonstrating equipment and inviting people to the next meeting, next HamCram and Rally in the Valley. Thanks to Bob **N6TCE**, Karen **N6KSO**, Annie **KM6BJJ**, Ed **N6XMA**, Logan **KM6EQM** and Hunter who pitched in to make this a success. There was quite a crowd at the convention with over 5000 in attendance. Some of our “guest” operators.





## A HAM'S CALENDAR

**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/>

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Kingdon Drag Races** – At Kingdon Airstrip on DeVries Rd. See the call for volunteers in this issue of the newsletter.

**September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Rally in the Valley Hamfest** – Modesto at Salvation Army Building 1649 Las Vegas St, Modesto -

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B84MhbgImND3M3VEa0dYLTvYzjA>

**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 8<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

**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 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)

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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 September 8<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!**