

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



AN ARRL AFFILIATED CLUB

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Welcome to the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



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DECEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14th 6:00 PM SHIPYARD RESTAURANT



QST QST QST... The *December* meeting of the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club will be held at the Shipyard Portside Restaurant, 2305 W Washington St, Stockton, on Thursday December 14th starting at 1800 hours.

This is our annual Christmas Dinner and Year-End Celebration!

We will have the entrance to the venue well-lit to help those who haven't been there before! Also, a shuttle service is available – Contact Mark W6SXA, Joyce K6QBQ or Annie N6ACL.

Sign-up EARLY! The good folks at the Shipyard have kept the cost this year to the same as it has been for the past two years at just \$25.00 per person / \$50.00 per couple. Click on the [EVENT SIGN UP TAB](#) on www.w6sf.org and you can complete your reservation form. Annie will have something special for you and your date. You can pay for your reservation in advance using PayPal for just a \$1.00 convenience fee.



Dinner includes Chicken and Tri-Tip, roasted potatoes and vegetables, salad bar, dessert and coffee or tea beverage.

NO-HOST COCKTAIL HOUR / MEET N GREET: Starts at 6:00 PM

DINNER starts at 7:00 PM

FUN starts at 8:00 PM

So... grab your spouse, significant other or just that friend that wants to “see what the ham radio club is all about” and join us for good food and good fun as we celebrate this year of amateur radio fun and club achievements.





NOVEMBER MEETING REPORT THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9th 7:00 PM

QST QST QST... The November meeting of the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club was held at the Stockton Sailing Club Auditorium, 4980 Buckley Cove Rd in Stockton. We started the meeting off a little early with "Pasta Night" Annie N6ACL won a prize at Pacificon of an Italian Dinner from Trader Joe's and decided to share that with her ham radio friends at the meeting. Several people brought bread, salad and dessert to compliment the pasta and sauces. It was a fun and delicious start to election night.

Mark W6SXA opened the meeting with a final call for candidates before calling for a vote. John NZ6Q nominated Al KN6IOK to the position of Secretary. Al accepted the position which would have triggered a ballot for the position except that Annie N6ACL elected to not run as club secretary. This meant that no officer candidate was being challenged and a "white ballot" vote of the nominees was approved by the membership.

Your 2024 Officers are:

President Charlie WB6NVB
Vice President Steve KN6ZJJ
Treasurer Joyce K6QBQ
Secretary Al KN6IOK

The Board will meet before the January Annual General Meeting and appoint the positions of Callsign Trustee and Member-at-Large to be presented to the members at the January AGM. Did I mention the pasta was awesome?!

"What's in Your Logbook" discussing and demonstrating good logging practices for HF operating and for EmComm events was presented by John NZ6Q and was a fun way to close out the meeting. Our next meeting is December 14th which is our Christmas Dinner and fun night.



THE 19TH ANNUAL RUN / WALK AGAINST HUNGER THANKSGIVING DAY MORNING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD DOWNTOWN STOCKTON

Paul **N6KZW** and Annie **N6ACL** coordinated this year's Thanksgiving Day Run Against Hunger for the club's support of this event. This was the 19th running of the event which benefits the Stockton Emergency Food Bank.

Our mission was to provide communications necessary for the safety of participants and the public. This is both a run and a walk, conducted simultaneously on slightly different routes from the Banner Island Ballpark around Weber Point to Morelli Point (Weber Ave under I-5) and back. The 10K runners do the course twice on the road, 5K runners only once. The 5K walkers enjoy a stroll along the south bank of the deepwater channel.

We met at the Ballpark entrance at 06:30 AM. This year the ballpark is hosting the Stockton Festival of Lights, so we planned for 100% e-power of our radios at Net Control. Our operators enjoyed coffee and snacks brought by N6KZW and N6ACL and others. Paul **KC6RRR** passed out volunteer shirts for everyone and we made sure everyone had a safety vest.

We put the **K6KJQ** 444.325 MHz repeater as the primary repeater this year. The coverage was excellent since the antenna is located just a few blocks away on the roof of the Stockton Police Building. We had the **N5FDL** 2-M repeater 147.210 MHz as our back-up, but we never used it. We noticed that sponsors had banners along the start finish line this year and made a note to make up one or two for next year with a QR code to the **W6SF** website in hopes that it might bring us a few more new members.



We did have some interest at Net Control from folks that were interested in ham radio and we passed out a few flyers. Nothing seems to beat a QR Code. Everyone was set-up and at post when the Kids Run started at 8:00 AM. Most post locations needed to be manned by 7AM as this year Stockton PD was particularly quick with road closures.



Weber and Center seemed to be our busy post this year and manned by the team of Cecil **W6CPR** and Gayle **W6SWT**.

Overall, the event was a big success with no incidents. We even managed to wrap up earlier than usual – it seemed that way anyway with the operation completed before 11:00 AM.

Thank you to all who came out Thanksgiving Morning! Mark **W6SXA**, Duztyynn **KM6HDY**, Shane **K5SML**, Kyle **K6KDD**, Joyce **K6QBQ**, Colin **K6CMM**, Eric **W6INP**, Paul **KC6RRR**, Al **KN6IOK**, Tim **KN6PYJ**, John **NZ6Q**, Annie **N6ACL** and, coming all the way from Albany, Jeff **KJ6RHF**.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

- Mark, W6SXA

Thanks to all those that helped out with the Run and Walk Against Hunger. As usual, it was a huge success due to the dedication and participation of our club members. There were over 2,200 participants this year, It was impressive to watch. We had no issues or problems, and the event was over by about 11:00AM.

Our next club meeting will be our club Christmas Dinner at the Shipyard Portside Restaurant on W. Washington. The dinner will be the same Tri-Tip and Chicken like we had last year. If you haven't signed up to attend, please go to our web site and do so ASAP. You can pay at the door and there will be a "Meet and Greet" with no host cocktails if you're so inclined. We will have a lot of raffle prizes to give out and a good time is guaranteed for all. Hope to see you there.

Our Thursday morning Hamz-n-Eggs breakfast is still going strong. It's at the Omelet House on Cherokee Rd at Hwy 99. It's a time when we can all sit down and relax with no official business to transact other than ... just have fun with a lot of truly great friends. That's every Thursday morning at around 9:00am. Everyone is welcome to join us whether you are a licensed ham or not.

CQ, CQ, CQ for the Stockton Delta Amateur Radio Club 10-meter net. If you have an HF

rig and an antenna that works at 28.457 Megahertz, join us at 8:00 pm on every Thursday night except the evening of our club meeting. All classes of Amateur Radio operators, from Technician to Extra class are able to participate.

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Mark – W6SXA

ARRL 10-METER CONTEST



DECEMBER 9TH – 10TH

The 10-Meter contest is open to any licensed operator as Technician Class licenses have 10-Meter voice and CW privileges. With the solar cycle on the rise you could work all 50 states or even 100 countries in a weekend.

Objective: For Amateurs worldwide to exchange QSO information with as many stations as possible on the 10 meter band.

Dates: Second full weekend of December. Starts 0000 UTC Saturday; runs through 2359 UTC Sunday (**December 9-10, 2023**)

[Click Here for the Complete ARRL 10-Meter Contest Rules \(PDF\)](#)



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joyce, K6QBQ



December is here and it has been another great year of events and activities.

What I really like about our club is that we are truly a committed community service organization. And we could not do it without all of you! Thank you for being the driving force behind what we do for the communities and amateur radio.

Later this month the old board and new board will get together for a transitional meeting. Our new board will pick up the torch and continue to represent our club as we move forward into the next calendar year. And make sure to get to know our new Vice President, Steve KN6ZJJ. He is a fantastic guy with great leadership skills. He is also a fairly new ham who got his license earlier this year and has already excelled in his ham radio experience. Charlie WB6NVB will take the helm as president, and I will take on the role of treasurer. Mark W6SXA will continue also as member-at-large, and Al KN6IOK will move into the position of Secretary.

This coming year, I hope we can increase our paid membership numbers. Over the past couple of years, the membership has declined a bit. We need the membership dues to keep our club moving forward. So inspire and encourage new hams to get involved.

Hope to see you at the Christmas Party!

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Joyce K6QBQ

MONDAY NIGHT NET

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 Schedule and Net Control Script are available on the club website at....

<http://www.w6sf.org/netcontrolscript.html>

Additional volunteers are always welcome for net control duties. It's not very difficult to run a net and will help to share the load.

Check www.w6sf.org for the current list of net control stations.



Hamz & Eggz W6SF WEEKLY BREAKFAST MEETING THURSDAY'S AT 9:00 AM

Members AND GUESTS gather weekly to enjoy Hamz & Eggz at the Omelet House, 3455 Cherokee Rd off Hwy 99 in East Stockton. Club members start gathering around 8:30 so come early if you want a good seat!

Check in on the W6SF repeater Thursday morning to find who is

coming out and make sure you ask someone to save you a seat! Everyone is invited to attend; you don't need a license. Bring an interest to discuss all

things Amateur Radio and a hearty appetite and you'll have a good time.

Refills are free!

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY ARES (SJCARES)

MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAY NIGHTS STARTING AT 7:30 PM

ARES Notes

As always anyone interested in ARES, contact me or visit:



[Join San Joaquin ARES](#)

October we had Shake-Out 2023 (earthquake drill) on October 19th starting at 10:19AM . I consider it a

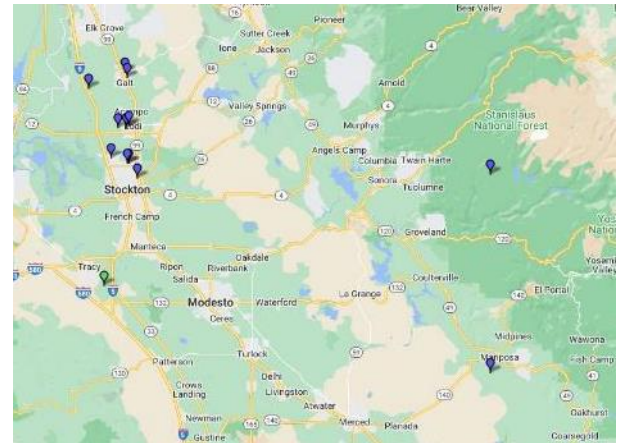
success. I went over the result and my rough draft of the after-action report. OES was interesting in the group's ability to get a quick assessment of conditions. I have yet to see the After-Action report from the SJV section.

Here are San Joaquin Counties' "Did You Feel It (DYFI)" reports.

All drills and exercises are done so we can find our mistakes before a real life event happen.

My goal as the Emergency Coordinator it to get the gaps in coverage filled. Stockton, Manteca and the areas east of the San Joaquin River need to be filled in.

The DYFI report provides "Ground Truth" reports. In any disaster there is always a doughnut hole in the center where



information is missing. These DYFI are important, even more so when you become aware of a quake in your area, and you didn't feel it. These intensity maps become important when you take into consideration that different soils can absorb or transmit The energy from a quake differently.

Why was Shakeout 2023 important? This event was sponsored by the USGS and FEMA.

FEMA and Homeland Security used this drill to show how Amateur Radio can be useful to return ground truth reports. On an actual GIS map each of the balloons on the map can be clicked on and the information displayed.

This GIS mapping feature was recently added to WINLINK 2000.

[ARES and DOD- ARMY MARS](#)

The ARMY MARS also used the Shakeout 23 for one of their system tests.

In this case, the DOD sent out a message via ARMY MARS to the local EC that would be handling the traffic to a Local Emergency Manager (EM) (Duty Officer for OES,) or Agency Having Authority.

DOD Comdex 3-23 Message for 10-19-23

ICS-213

1. EXER: DOD COMEX 23-4
2. TO: LOCAL ARRL SET OFFICIALS/-
3. FROM: US NORTHERN
COMMAND//J63//
4. SUBJ: DOD-American Radio Relay
League (ARRL) SET INTEROP
5. 09/25/2023
- 6.
7. MSG: As the Combatant Command
responsible for Homeland Defense,
USNORTHCOM appreciates the Amateur
Radio community efforts in conducting
regular training events to hone and improve
your communication skills as well as the
MARS outreach to amateur radio.

Request only SET officials acknowledge
receipt of this message via return message
through any MARS station to UHCHBPM;
radiogram/ICS213 through the National
Traffic System or Radio Relay International
to:

Paul English
Salado, TX 76571

or via amateur radio WINLINK to WD8DBY.

In your response, please include your:

- organization
- callsign, City and State location of your
SET event.

8. POC: MARK JENSEN/USNORTHCOM
J6 COMM INTEROPERABILITY OFFICER
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DECEMBER IS YOUTH ON THE AIR MONTH!

The entire month of December several youth operators will become active with YOTA as suffix in the callsign. The idea for this is to show the amateur radio hobby to youth and to encourage youth to be active on the ham radio waves.

Give a demonstration in a school or local club, gather together with your friends, grab a pizza and make some QSOs or enjoy a great pile-up. Let us all show this great hobby to the world!

Feel free to make a QSO with the youth ops, they are happy to get some attention and exchange information. Licensed and unlicensed youth will be making QSOs, so be aware this could be their first radio contact ever and give them a chance to experience a possible new hobby.

THESE ARE A FEW OF THE MANY STATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THIS INITIATIVE.

MORE INFO ON [HTTPS://EVENTS.HAM-YOTA.COM](https://events.ham-yota.com)

These callsigns will be used by multiple youth operators of various ages during YOTA Month 2023. Operators will use their home stations and remotes.

They will be active on CW, SSB, digital on most HF bands and possibly satellites. All of these operators are under 26 years old. We plan on rotating the callsigns throughout the month.

QSL POLICY

The December YOTA Month Team is **ONLY** sending QSL cards if you request them via the Clublog OQRS system!

OQRS supports:

- **QSL via Bureau:** This request is **FREE** of charge!
- **QSL Direct:** 3 EUR
- **QSL Direct (more than 5 cards:** please [email us](#) for a custom postage price.)



Due to the huge amount of QSO's that are being made throughout this event, receiving QSL is hard to handle.

You do not need to send us your QSL card. Received cards will NOT be answered. If you want our QSL card, you can request it via OQRS using the link above.

Contact: qsl@ham-yota.com

If you are a SWL and want to receive your QSL card(s) feel free to fill in [this form](#).

The DYM Team will crosscheck the QSO(s) with the database to verify the received contacts.

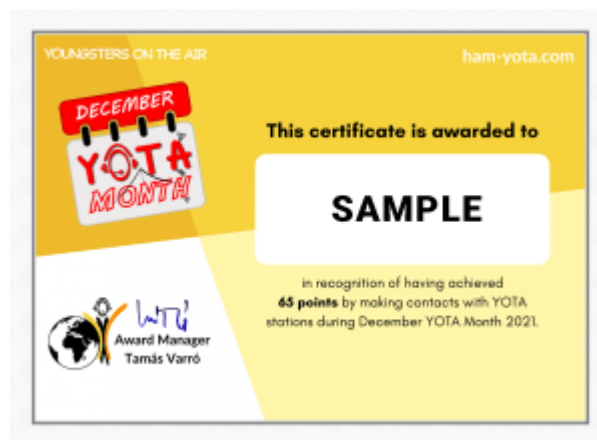
- After the checking process cards will be sent via **Bureau** automatically. *Disclaimer:* To receive QSL Card(s) via Bureau you have to be a member of a Bureau!
- Though, if you want to receive it via **Direct** please get in contact with us at qsl@ham-yota.com.

AWARDS

Awards can be claimed [on this page](#) and are completely free.

Manager: EA1JAY

Contact: awards@ham-yota.com



W6SF SWAP MEET PAGE

ITEMS FOR SALE, FOR TRADE OR WANTED

TO LIST AN ITEM ON THE SWAP MEET PAGE PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL n6acl@arrl.net

PLEASE NOTIFY THE SECRETARY WHEN YOU SELL THE ITEM OR NO LONGER NEED THE LISTING. MOVING SOON TO THE WEBSITE www.w6sf.org/swapmeet.html

KENWOOD TS-570D TRANSCEIVER – All HF Bands 100W compact reliable transceiver with great filters and great audio. Very good “first rig” for a new ham. 160 – 10 Meters, no 6-Meters on this radio. Very good condition. Asking \$300 John NZ6Q 209-687-0774 nz6q@arrl.net



MIRAGE B-5016G 2 meter amplifier (144-148 Mhz) in excellent condition and working. It comes with the manual. . This is a 50 watt in 160 watts out amplifier. Asking \$100 John NZ6Q 209-687-0774 nz6q@arrl.net



YAESU FT-840 TRANSCEIVER - Yaesu FT-840 HF Transceiver is for sale. All HF Bands 100w compact reliable transceiver with 12-v switching power supply. SSB, CW, AM (25W), FM modes, 80 – 10 M HF. Asking \$300 Contact John NZ6Q 209-687-0774 or nz6q@arrl.net



2024 CLUB MEETING DATES & SCHEDULED TRAININGS

January 11	Annual General Meeting, Pedaling Paths, Training TBA
February 8.....	Meeting – Pedaling Paths
March 14.....	Meeting – TBA
April 11	Meeting – TBA
May 9.....	Meeting – Museum Ships Weekend
June 13	Meeting - Field Day Final Prep
July 11	Meeting – TBA
August 8.....	Meeting – (1800 hours) RDF – Fox Hunting & Club BBQ
September 12.....	Meeting – CQP Prep
October 10.....	Meeting - Nominations for Officers 2023 – Shake Out
November 14.....	Meeting – Elections – TBD
December 12	Christmas Dinner / Year End Celebration (1800 hours)
December 31.....	Straight Key Night

HamCrams for 2023 – 7:45 AM - Stockton Fire Station #2 or LDS Church Ham La in Lodi

February 10th April 13th August 10th October 12th December 14th

Ham-U Training Day – 8:30 AM Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints Lodi, CA

April 27th

Club Events 2024

January 6 TH – Kids Day	On the Air Event
January 27 th - Winter Field Day	On the Air Event
February 12 th – 16 th – School Club Roundup	On the Air Event
February 24 th – Pedaling Paths Bike Ride	Linden and surrounding areas
March 2 nd - LDS Church Preparedness	Stockton LDS Church near UOP
March 2 nd – 3 rd ARRL DX Contest Phone	On the Air Event
March 23 rd – STEAMFEST 2024	LIVE EVENT – Lincoln High School
April 21 st – Rookie Round-up, SSB	On the Air Event
April 27 th - Ham-U	Lodi LDS Church – New Ham Training Day
April – May – Weed-Whacking on the hill	Fiddletown Repeater Site – Exact Date TBD
May 4 th – Delta Century Ride	Jessie’s Grove Winery
May 18 th - Linden Cherry Festival	Parade Assist & Demonstration Booth
Jun 1 st – 2 nd – Museum Ships Weekend	USS Lucid, Stockton, CA
June 8 th – 10 th ARRL VHF Contest	On the Air Event
June 15 th – Kids Day	Stockton, Lodi, Galt Library Demonstrations
June 22 nd – 23 rd – ARRL Field Day	Site TBD, Stockton, CA
July 4 th – 4 th of July Parade	Downtown Stockton
September 28 th – STAN Joaquin Event	Northgate Park – Manteca w/SARA and other clubs
October 5 th – 6 th – California QSO Party	On the Air Event
October 6 th – 12 th NFPW Event	On the Air Event W6SFD as N6F
October 12 th – Walk to End Alzheimer’s	Swenson Park, Stockton
October 14 th – 18 th – School Club Roundup	On the Air Event
October 17 th – Great Shake-Out Earthquake	On the Air
October 18 th – 20 th – Pacificon 2024	San Ramon Marriott Hotel
November 16 th – 17 th ARRL Sweepstakes SSB	On the Air Event
November 28 th – Run Against Hunger	Waterfront – Downtown Stockton
December 13 th – 15 th – ARRL 10M Contest	On the Air Event



A HAM'S CALENDAR

December 9th, 2023 – HamCram – Stockton Fire Station #2 0800 hours – Study Session from 0800 – 1500 Test Only 1500 WWW.W6SF.ORG/HAMCRAM

December 8th – 10th 2023 – ARRL 10-Meter Contest - On the Air Event – Details at www.arrl.org/10-meter

December 14th 2023 – December SDARC Meeting / Christmas Party / End of Year Extravaganza – 1800 hours – Shipyard Restaurant – Port of Stockton, No host cocktails / Meet n Great 6:00 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM, Raffle and fun n games starts at 7:30 PM

December 31st, 2023 – Straight Key Night – On the Air Event www.w6sf.org/straight-key-night

January 11th 2024 – January SDARC Monthly Meeting / Annual General Meeting – 1900 hours – Stockton Sailing Club, Meeting starts at 1900 hours. Program TBA

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.
To submit articles for the monthly newsletter, email N6ACL annettel@westwayfeed.com

W6SF CLUB INFORMATION

MEETINGS: Regular meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month **at the Stockton Sailing Club, 4980 Brookside Cove, Stockton, CA – off March Lane west of Interstate 5**. Members, guests, and people having an interest in Amateur Radio are invited to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 14th at 18:00 hours – This is our end of the year Christmas Dinner event held at the Shipyard Restaurant at the Port of Stockton...** Members and guests are welcome.

WEEKLY NETS: 2000hrs the regular club net starts. **147.165+ PL 107.2 Hz and 442.250 + PL 107.2 are the regular repeaters for these Nets.** Members and visitors are invited to check in. There is also an unofficial get together on Thursday evenings (except meeting night) at 8:00pm on **28.457MHz.**

San Joaquin ARES Net: Tuesday evenings 1930hrs on **147.090+ PL 114.8 Hz**

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>

2023 CLUB OFFICERS & LEADERSHIP:

President:	W6SXA , Mark Cloud	Club Officers can be reached at sdarc@w6sf.org or
Vice President:	K6QBQ , Joyce Marciel	
Treasurer:	WB6NVB , Charlie Johnson	board@w6sf.org
Secretary:	N6ACL , Annie Lewis-Dopkus	
Member At Large:	KN6IOK , Al Hill	
Call Sign Trustee:	WB6NVB , Charlie Johnson	
Repeater Trustee:	NC6R , Steve Allred	
Membership Chairperson	KN6TQZ , Kelly Greene	membership@w6sf.org
Event Chairman	OPEN	
Newsletter Editor	NZ6Q , John Litz	

CLUB DUES:

\$25 SINGLE and \$30 FAMILY

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We thank you for your continued support!