



**CELEBRATION OF LIFE - POT LUCK
GARY GILLEY, WA6UXA
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH 11:00 AM
MASONIC LODGE
212 POWERS AVE, MANTECA, CA**

Our longtime friend and club member Gary WA6UXA became a Silent Key a few weeks ago after a brief illness. Gary was one of the "smiling voices" on the Manteca and Modesto daily and weekly nets. He will long be remembered for his closing line from most of those morning traffic and information nets "Strap on those seat belts. Safety First you know!"

Gary was also a regular member of the Geezer's Net where being a Geezer isn't about age, it's about attitude!

Gary loved Amateur Radio and brought several "newbies" into the hobby as well as always being a participant in Field Day and many on the air events and public service activations. His "smiling voice" will be missed on the Morning Traffic and Information Net for a long time.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Gary on Sunday, February 4th, 2024 at the Masonic Lodge in Manteca - 212 Powers Ave, Manteca, CA starting at 11:00 AM. This will be a pot luck - Gary's famous Chili and his Bon Bon's will be there (or as close as we can make it). Everyone attending is encouraged to bring a covered dish or salad to share.





MONTHLY CLUB MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT FEBRUARY 8TH 7:00 PM STOCKTON SAILING CLUB 4980 BUCKLEY COVE, STOCKTON

QST QST QST... The February meeting of the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club will be held at the Stockton Sailing Club Auditorium, 4980 Buckley Cove Rd in Stockton. The Sailing Club is located at

the west end of March Lane, west of Interstate 5 on the left-hand side of the road just before you enter Buckley Cove Park.

The meeting training program will be presented by our ARRL Section Manager, John NZ6Q on What the ARRL can do for you!

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 our first club meeting of the new year!

Zoom Meeting Information: Topic: W6SF MONTHLY CLUB MEETING ON ZOOM
Time: Jan 11, 2024 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8715741939?pwd=alRiTfhydFNtMIBQZXAwOUd2YTN1UT_09

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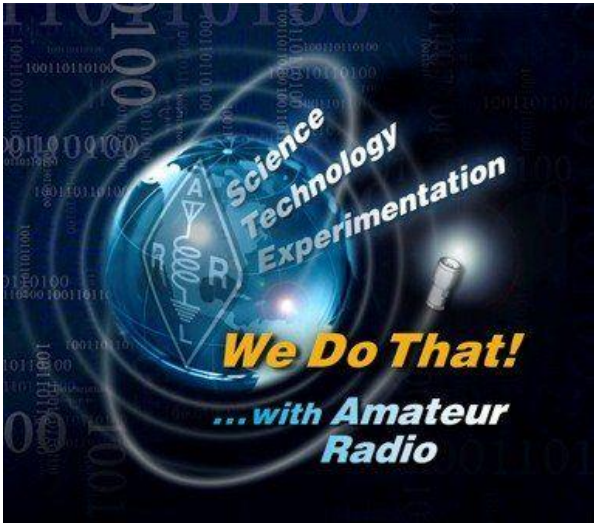
JOIN US!

Get the most out of your Amateur Radio experience by being a member of our club.



“Ask us about Ham Radio”

- Find a Mentor
- Enjoy the camaraderie!
- Participate in Events



JANUARY MEETING REPORT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH 7:00 PM

QST QST QST... The January meeting of the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club was held at the Stockton Sailing Club, 4980 Buckley Cove, Stockton, CA. The meeting was started at 7 pm by President Charlie Johnson. All officers were present.

There were 20 members and guests in attendance and two on Zoom.

2024 officers were introduced to the club as follows:

- President: Charlie Johnson WB6NVB
- Vice President: Steve Cranny KN6ZJJ
- Treasurer: Joyce Marciel K6QBQ
- Secretary: Al Hill KN6IOK
- Member at Large: Mark Cloud W6SXA

Old Business:

- There was no old business presented.

Financial Report: Per Treasurer Joyce Marciel, the current balance of our club checking account is \$3,796.73

New Business:

- The club was notified that Mark Cloud W6SXA was appointed as Member at Large.
- Joyce presented a budget of \$4,465 for 2024. Bob Officer made the motion to accept and it was seconded by Tim Bernhardson. The motion was carried by members present after a short discussion.
- The members were notified that at least 12 new members needed to be added to the club to prevent an increase in dues next year.
- A motion was made to keep dues at \$25 for an individual, \$30 for a family and \$5 for a new ham for the first year. After a discussion Jeff Giampetro made a motion to accept the dues and it was seconded by Bob Officer. The motion was carried by members present.
- The creation of a Membership Chair was discussed, and it was decided that Steve Cranny would take the lead due to previous commitments by Kelly Greene.
- The need to change our web host was discussed and the need to find another by the end of the year noted. This was tabled due to multiple club events coming up and will be set for a future date.
- Joni KN6WVX gave an update on the Pedaling Paths event on February 24th. Sign-ups are progressing and it may be a large turnout.

- Volunteers for event chairpersons was discussed. There are several openings and everyone is encouraged to participate. The Ham Cram scheduled for January 27th may not happen if more people do not sign up. Bob Officer will speak with the sponsor of this event next week.

Presentation:

Mark W6SXA gave a presentation on the 2m and 70cm band plans for Northern California that was quite informative.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm and the next scheduled meeting is set for February 8th at 7 pm at the Stockton Sailing Club.





PRESIDENT'S CORNER

- Charlie, WB6NVB

This year in Amateur Radio should be a very good year! The current sunspot cycle is predicted to have its maximum this year and to be very active for the next two years. I encourage anyone with a yearning for HF to get an HF station and put up an antenna for the HF bands. Simple wire antennas or vertical antennas will do better with the increased sunspots and getting a taste of the DX conditions may encourage you to get a better wire, vertical or beam antenna up.

If you have a Technician class license, you may consider upgrading by studying at a Ham Cram, Ham-U and/or with a license manual from the ARRL or other sources and have more bands with HF privileges to work with. This year may be the year you to learn or improve your Morse code ability to help work more stations. Check with other hams to get help with your station, antenna, license, or Morse code. Running new modes (for you) would also be a way to take advantage of the HF band conditions. There are plenty of members of our club who would be glad to be your Elmer.

Our club has several upcoming events that we support with radio communications. We need volunteers. This is a great way to exercise our abilities to work in a public service capacity—just what Amateur Radio was set up to do! The Pedaling Paths Bike Ride to support the Community Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired will be on the 24th of February. We still need volunteer

Ham radio operators to man checkpoints and SAG vehicles—you can sign up on the W6SF Web site on the Event Sign-Up sheet.

At the January 2024 club meeting, our annual budget was approved. We need all members to pay dues and encourage or recruit other non-member hams to join—this is needed to improve our financial situation, help man club activities, and increase the friendship/fellowship at our club activities. Talk it up with your ham buddies who are not members of our club.

The club also needs to identify and locate club owned equipment as a logistics effort so that the club can plan to use it in our activities. Please check your ham shacks for club equipment and bring the information to one of our club meetings. If you need help doing this, I'm sure we will be able to find someone to assist you in this endeavor.

This past Thursday evening's 10-meter net was well attended—10 hams checked in—a high compared to 2023 attendance!

Continue to check-in to the weekly 2m/70cm club net at 8:00p.m. on Mondays.

Looking forward to a great year for the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Organization!

**So I bought a new transceiver
and she asked...**



**“Are you going to sell any of
your old ones?”**

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Steve, KN6ZJJ



Hello fellow hams! I hope everyone's 2024 has started off great & you are participating in the ham events ahead.

I've heard several members got a visit from Santa & got a new HF rig during the

holidays (me included!) and having an exciting time getting on the air over HF bands. 10 meters has been especially good, and reports of worldwide contacts are numerous.

Here's a peek at events happening in February and March:

- Thursday, Feb. 8 Club Meeting – Stockton Sailing Club
- Saturday, Feb. 10 Ham Cram & Exam
- Saturday, Feb. 24 Pedaling Paths (more volunteers needed!)
- Thursday, March 14 Club Meeting – Stockton Sailing Club
- Saturday, March 16 Loomis Hamfest
- Saturday, March 23 STEAM Event

Mark your calendars for these events. Regarding Pedaling Paths – a big thank you for all the volunteers who have already signed up. John NZ6Q will be Incident Command/Net Control, Mark W6SXA will be SAG Captain and event coordinator is Joyce K6QBQ. More volunteers are needed; sign up at the club meeting, on the web site or send emails Joyce or myself.

Pedaling Paths raises funds for the Community Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Stockton. After the event there will be food at the Start/Stop point De Vinci's Deli in Linden.

As a reminder from the January meeting the club needs 12 new members for the annual membership dues to remain the same for 2025. If everyone commits to inviting at least one new ham, experienced ham or someone interested in amateur radio to an event or meeting I'm confident we'll gain new members and meet our goal.

Last, as a reminder, if you have not already paid your 2024 membership dues, please take a moment and get that done. You can do it on the web site, in the mail or bring a check to the club meeting. Treasurer Joyce K6QBQ will make sure you are credited for your dues. Thanks! 😊

73
Steve – KN6ZJJ



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 147.090 WB6ASU REPEATER**

ARES Notes

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

[Join San Joaquin ARES](#)

HamCram is coming up on February 10th at Fire Station 2 in Downtown Stockton. This will be our first study session for 2024. Share the word about ham radio to your family and friends...



THE FIRST HAM SWAP OF THE YEAR IS COMING!



BTH ANNUAL ***LOOMIS*** ***HAMFEST***



Join the Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club for HAMFEST 2024!

Get your gear, grab your wallet, and get ready for a super swap.
We'll have coffee and donuts, awesome prizes,
Elmer tours, a test table, presentations, and so much more.

SAVE THE DATE: March 16th, 2024

More information can be found @ hamfest.w6ek.org

Sellers need to bring their own tables, chairs, pop-ups, generators (no shore power available)
No equipment will be provided.

SELLERS \$10
Setup at 0600

**FREE ADMISSION
AND PARKING**

**TALK IN FREQUENCY
146.535**

When
Saturday, March 16, 2024
0700 to 1100 Hours

PRIZES COMING SOON

Where
Historic Loomis Train Depot
5775 Horseshoe Bar Rd, Loomis

PAST SUPPORTERS



Special thanks to:
Brian Gohl (A16US)
Jeff Morgan (KM6RGO)
Aaron Bond (W1ATB)
for your donations.





15th ANNUAL PEDALING PATHS BIKE RIDE IS COMING SOON FEBRUARY 24, 2024 YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Pedaling Paths is more than just something we help out with. Your Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club is the hosting sponsor of this event.

Club members have been hard at work getting ready for the event. Now is the time to start organizing volunteers. We've been securing corporate sponsorships (Comcast is contributing \$2000 again this year), and taking in the registrations for the 2023 event. Thanks especially to Annie N6ACL, Joyce K6QBQ and Joni KN6WVX who have been the driving force getting things together.

Pedaling Paths is an annual fund raiser to support activities for The Community Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired (www.ccvbi.org) Early registrations have been coming in for weeks along with donations and offers for sponsorship. Everything indicates this will be a very good and very busy event!

This year we will staff operators at Rest Stops in Linden, Farmington, and Milton. We anticipate supporting as many as 5 SAG (Service and Gear) wagons with communications and vehicle location utilizing APRS. We will be coordinating other volunteers and making sure everyone is checked in – proper waivers are signed, and everyone stays safe! This is the second ride since COVID shut down the event after the 2020 ride. If you remember last year we were hampered by rain and very cold temperatures the morning of the ride which kept numbers down. This year we are optimistic that the weather will be great and we will have a much larger ride! We will be using our “Central Dispatch” phone number of 209-227-0724 (227- 0SAG) Each rider will be given this number to call directly to the Net Control Station in the event of an emergency or break down. Using APRS in each of the SAG Wagons, Net Control will be able to track the locations of SAGs and ‘dispatch’ the closest SAG Wagon to the reported break-down or other incident.

After the ride, riders and volunteers can share a delicious meal provided by DeVinci's Deli in Linden. We need you! Sign up today on the [Event Sign-Up](#) page of the website. Pedaling Paths isn't just about radio anymore – the club is investing in the community and the CCBVI.





FEBRUARY HAMCRAM VE TEST SESSION SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10TH STOCKTON FIRE STATION #2 110 W SONORA ST STOCKTON

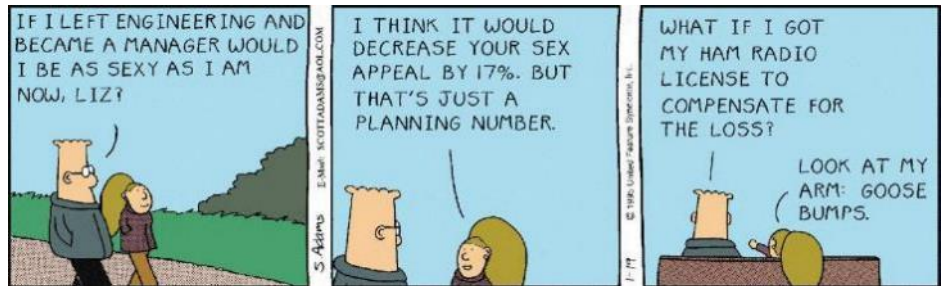
Our next Amateur Radio license study session will be in Stockton at Stockton Fire Station #2, 110 W Sonora St in downtown Stockton. The study session is held in the Bret Lawes Classroom in the back of the Fire Station Complex. Enter the gate on Commerce St and drive straight back toward the portable classrooms.

Doors Open at 7:45 AM. HamCram Study Session 8AM – 2:45 PM and TEST ONLY SESSION at 3:00PM

To register or for more information visit <http://www.w6sf.org/hamcram.html> or call John NZ6Q at 209-687-0774

HamCram is for persons seeking their first license (Technician Class) as well as current hams seeking to upgrade from Technician to General Class or General Class to Extra. We ask for a donation of \$20 to cover the Study Session Materials. There is no cost to take the Amateur Radio License Exam. Pre-register at www.w6sf.org/hamcram.html

HAM CRAM & EXAM

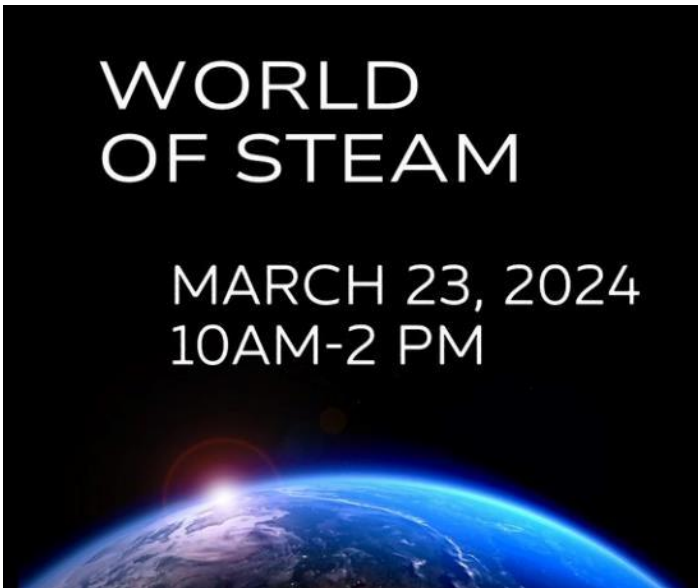


This Valentine's day take her to somewhere special



WORLD OF STEAM

MARCH 23, 2024
10AM-2 PM



LUSD WORLD OF STEAM SATURDAY MARCH 23rd 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The club has been invited again to be a participant in the World of STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art and Math) on Saturday March 23rd at Lincoln High School. The event runs from 10:00 AM to 2:00PM

We will be setting up starting at 8:00 AM. The club will offer interactive displays of Morse Code, by Bob K6DGQ and anyone with straight key or paddles and code practice oscillators would be welcome to bring them for kids to try their Morse Code skills.

We will be on the air with HF/VHF/UHF as well. We will be demonstrating WINLink email, packet, EMCOMM, HF Radio on FT-8. We will also have a demo set-up for SDR radio.

We want to demonstrate Echolink and DMR and show how kids can connect with like minded kids in a safe Amateur Radio environment around the world.

Dave WB6TOU is working on a balloon launch, and we've asked Monte Diablo Amateur Radio Club if they can join us again and bring their ATV truck set up and demonstrate Amateur Digital Television.

The students from Laguna Creek High School ARC have also been asked to join us as ambassadors of "cool students" using radio.

We will need lots of volunteers as operators and as facilitators answering questions for the kids that attend. We are expecting at least 3000 students and their families to attend this event!

The Saturday April 6th HamCram Study Session will be done in the "No Nonsense One-Day Technician License" style as this proved very successful for the Laguna Creek High School Students to pass their Technician Licenses. Since the study session is just two weeks from STEAM, we want to be getting as many folks there as possible excited about passing their Amateur Radio License.



SCHOOL CLUB ROUND-UP -- ON-THE-AIR FEBRUARY 12TH – 16TH

There are two ARRL School Club Roundups during each school year in October and February. Each 5-day event runs Monday through Friday from 1300 UTC Monday through 2359 UTC Friday. A station may operate no more than 6 hours in a 24-hour period, and a maximum of 24 hours of the 107 hour event.

February Session: February 12-16, 2024 For more info www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup

Let's get on the air and support these young Amateur Radio Operators!

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 2024 – 7:45 AM - Stockton Fire Station #2 or LDS Church Ham La in Lodi

February 10th April 6th August 10th October 12th December 14th

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

September 28th

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 - STAN-Joaquin Event	Northgate Park – Manteca w/SARA and other clubs
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 – Ham-U	Location TBD
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

**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, February 8th at 19:00 hours – Stockton Sailing Club, 4980 Buckley Cove, Stockton...** Members and guests are welcome.

WEEKLY NETS: The club meets weekly on Monday nights starting at 2000hrs on the W6SF repeater. **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>

2024 CLUB OFFICERS & LEADERSHIP:

President:	WB6NVB , Charle Johnson	Club Officers can be reached at sdarc@w6sf.org or
Vice President:	KN6ZJJ , Steve Cranny	
Treasurer:	K6QBQ , Joyce Marciel	board@w6sf.org
Secretary:	KN6IOK , Al Hill	
Member At Large:	W6SXA , Mark Cloud	
Call Sign Trustee:	WB6NVB , Charlie Johnson	
Repeater Trustee:	NC6R , Steve Allred	
Membership Chairperson	OPEN	membership@w6sf.org
Event Chairperson	OPEN	
Newsletter Editor	NZ6Q , John Litz	

CLUB DUES:

\$25 SINGLE and \$30 FAMILY

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club, P.O. BOX 690271, STOCKTON, CA 95269-0271

We thank you for your continued support!