

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



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JULY 2023

Welcome to the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



4th of JULY PARADE!



JULY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT THURSDAY, JULY 13TH 7:00 PM STOCKTON SAILING CLUB

**4980 BUCKLEY COVE
STOCKTON, CA**

QST QST QST... The July 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.

We will have reports from 2023 Field Day and the 4th of July Parade. We will be planning the August Meeting and Transmitter Hunt.

Ron KG7OR will giving a presentation on “HamSpeak” the jargon we use in ham radio. You wanna know what we are talking about? You ‘need to be there’ !!

Your club has a lot going on and **WE NEED YOU HERE TOO!** So... grab your spouse, significant other or just that friend and we'll see you at the meeting!

ALSO AVAILABLE ON ZOOM IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND IN PERSON

Zoom Meeting Information:

Topic: W6SF MONTHLY CLUB MEETING ON ZOOM

Time: July 13th 2023 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8715741939?pwd=alRiTfhydFNtMlBQZXAwOUd2YTU1UT09>

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Mark, W6SXA

Field Day this year was a really great weekend. We set up the W6SF hexbeam on Charlie's big military crank up

mast and then extended a sloping dipole from the main 40-foot mast to about a 12 foot pole out in the vineyard to the east. We ran three radios off of the hexbeam through a triplexer and filters. Those were 20, 15 and 10 meters. We ran a 40 meter rig off of the slopper mentioned above. There was also a vertical and a 2 meter antenna and rig. All of the HF rigs were run on battery power. We had lots of great food and the weather was great. We had a lot of new people show up this year which made it one of the best field days ever. Thanks to everyone for doing their part to make it a success.

The Fourth of July Veterans Parade was another club operating success. We had to do some last minute personnel swaps do to some club members being ill and being called into work, but we made it work. This is an important one because the veterans running it really depend on our support to make it a safe and successful event. Thanks to everyone who made it out 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 can participate. You won't have to report on "your week in Ham Radio", just relax and have fun. It'll give you a chance to find out how well your antenna is working and how far your signal is getting out. We'd love to hear you.

73

Mark – W6SXA

Membership Dues are an important part of the club continuing to grow and thrive. While other clubs are raising dues yearly, we are still the same as last year - \$25 for individual \$30 for family. We are one of the best values in amateur radio in the central valley! You can renew using PayPal on the



club website or pay with cash or check at a club meeting – Pay directly to Charlie WB6BVB or Joyce K6QBQ.

The club membership page has been updated to reflect only the current paid membership. You can still pay your 2023 dues and get back on the list!





VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joyce, K6QBQ

Greetings Ham Family! June was another great month of ham radio events.

We started the month off with Museum Ships Weekend aboard the USS Lucid, and ended the month with Field Day. Both events were well attended and lots of fun.

Now that the Veteran's 4th of July parade is behind us, we will get a bit of a break until August. I use this short break to work on projects around the house, and hopefully, will get back to my HF antenna project.

In August, our regular monthly meeting will be the annual picnic and fox hunt at the Stockton Sailing Club. I will have a signup sheet at the July meeting. We will have a list of food or drink items you can choose from when you sign up. Please consider bringing family and/or friends to the picnic on August 10th.

From what I have been hearing, the August 12th Ham Cram will be very well attended. Many of our members are planning on upgrading their license at that time. It looks like we will be back at Fire Station #2 in Stockton for Ham Crams going forward.



I already have my reservations made for Pacificon in San Ramon, Oct 6-8th. I also have reserved my campsite for CA CQP at Lake McClure in Mariposa County. We will be in Bartlett Cove at the C-Loop again this year. The radios will be set up at site C-19. If you are interested in attending CQP, please contact me or John NZ6Q. This is a fun event and a great opportunity to learn more about Radiosport and Contesting. Everyone is out there looking to make California contacts with us!

Enjoy the summer and stay "radio-active"!

73
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.

There is a new Net Control Script online. Check it out! Thank you Ron KG7OR for your hard work on tightening up the verbiage and helping make the Monday Night Nets even better!



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 9:00 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!



W6SF FIELD DAY JUNE 24TH & 25TH

The W6SF Field Day effort was a great success with nearly 400 contacts made over the weekend.

Club members started setting up on Friday with the installation of the club HexBeam on a 40-Foot military “crank-up” tower provided by Charlie WB6NVB. Other antennas included a 40M Vertical from Stew KN6MCT who also set-up our solar power and batteries totally about 200 Amps!

Saturday morning saw set-up of the radios from John NZ6Q and Roger KK6BNO. We had set up as 4A with the HexBeam driving three radios through a combiner for 20-15-10 Meters and an additional radio for 40-Meters on Stew’s vertical or a longwire antenna off of the tower into the vineyard.

There was plenty of food and water and the weather wasn’t nearly as hot as previous Field Day’s have been. We had a lot of fun, some visitor’s who came by, checked us out and got on the air.

Contacts were focused mostly on voice and CW as the bands were good and people were on-the-air with few FT8 contacts being made.

Brian KD6SSN set-up on 2M and got lots of contacts up and down the valley and into the East Bay. John NZ6Q and Annie N6ACL stayed overnight making contact late into Saturday night and starting early on Sunday morning. Annie N6ACL also brought us some delicious pizza for late supper on Saturday.



John NZ6Q setting up on FT8 as Stew KN6MCT looks on



Annie N6ACL takes a break from operating.





Dave N6LHL and Glenn AK7YT



Shane K5SML on the air

UNITED VETEREN'S COUNCIL 4TH OF JULY PARADE

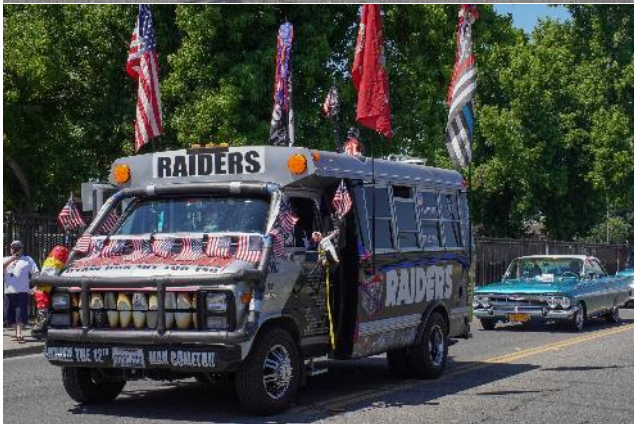


SDARC supported the United Veteran's Council 4th of July Parade for 2023. This year's parade started at 11AM which made things a little "hotter" for everyone, but it allowed the parade to mesh into the returning WaterFest and Fireworks sponsored by the City of Stockton. Club members are the main support arm of the parade, assisting in organizing the entries and communications between the registration desk, Division Commanders and the Grandstands. We are also the "eyes and ears" of the parade along the route. Thankfully, this year there were no issues and the parade comm-ops were 100% successful.



A big THANK YOU to the fine operators who gave up their holiday morning to help out, including: KK6VXB Jeff, K5SML Shane, N6ACL Annie, K6QBQ Joyce, N6KZW Paul,

W6CPR Cecil, KN6IOK Al, W6INP Eric, KN6PYJ Tim, NZ6Q John, and W6SXA Mark.







Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club – Meeting Minutes – June 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Vice-President Joyce K6QBQ.

There were 16 members and guests in attendance, San Joaquin County Emergency Coordinator (EC) Bob N6TCE was at the meeting.

Joyce K6QBQ gave the Treasurer’s report as Charlie WB6NVB was not present. Joyce accepted one membership renewal and \$30 in cash donations for the USS Lucid from QSL cards received.

Ron KG7OR reported that those hams donating cash to the Lucid received a receipt with their QSL card.

Old Business:

The Linden Cherry Festival operation was reported by Al KN6IOK and Cecil W6CPR.

The USS Lucid was reported by Joyce K6QBQ.

New Business:

Field Day is June 24th & 25th with an antenna raising starting Friday June 23rd at 9:00 AM.

The club will be supporting the United Veterans Council 4th of July Parade starting as early as 7AM on July 4th. Sign-up sheets were passed around for both events.

The membership voted unanimously to make these events “club sanctioned”

Various upcoming events through October were reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 1934 hours. There was no training program.

Joyce – K6QBQ Vice President



**HAMCRAM / VE SESSION
SATURDAY AUGUST 12TH
DOORS OPEN 7:45 AM
STOCKTON FIRE STATION #2 -
BRET LAWES CLASSROOM
110 W SONORA ST,
STOCKTON, CA 95202**

We are back at the Fire Station for the next HamCram study and VE Test Session!

The next HamCram study and test session will be held at Stockton Fire Station #2 - Bret Lawes Classroom, 110 W Sonora St, Stockton, CA 95202

If you are interested in doing a HamCram Study Session, OR you are testing for an upgrade, or you or a family member wants

to get your license, please pre-register at www.w6sf.org/hamcram.html . HamCram study session starts at 8:00 AM and the doors will open at 7:45.

The Test Only sessions will start at 3:00 PM

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



California QSO Party

CQP 2023 COMING OCTOBER 7TH & 8TH

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

• **65 FT Self-Supporting Tri-Ex Crank-up Tower** – ONLY ONE TOWER LEFT!! These towers are several thousand dollars new and reasonably priced at \$600 each which can include limited delivery area around Stockton, CA Hand Crank included on each and are in solid shape. Estate Sale from N6GTO – John NZ6Q 209-331-3078, nz6q@arrl.net



• **Shure Model 444 Desk Microphone** – Classic Microphone sounds and looks great next to any rig, but Kenwood, Heathkit and Yaesu tube rigs seem to give it the most prestige. Wired for 4-prong plug typical for classic tube transceivers Hi-Lo impedance switch on bottom. Asking \$60 or BO John NZ6Q 209-331-3078 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 Great first radio at a budget price. Also comes w/Antenna Tuner



ICOM IC-706MK2 TRANSCEIVER – Icom IC-706MK2 HF + VHF Transceiver for sale. All HF Bands 100W compact reliable transceiver great filters, great “first rig” for new hams. Get on the air on 10Meters and 6Meters Technicians + 2M VHF 25W so you can have one radio that does it all. Remote mountable face plate if you decide to go mobile (cable required). Excellent condition. Asking \$500 John NZ6Q 209-687-0774 nz6q@arrl.net



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 \$125 John NZ6Q 209-687-0774 nz6q@arrl.net



Look for the club SWAP PAGE at www.w6sf.org also!

2023 CLUB MEETING DATES & SCHEDULED TRAININGS

January 12	Annual General Meeting, Pedaling Paths, VOTA John NZ6Q
February 9.....	Meeting – Pedaling Paths, CQ DX Marathon
March 9.....	Meeting – Parks on the Air / steam
April 13	Meeting – TBD
May 11.....	Meeting – Museum Ships Weekend
June 8	Meeting - Field Day Final Prep
July 13	Meeting – HamSpeak
August 10.....	Meeting – (1800 hours) RDF – Fox Hunting & Club BBQ
September 14.....	Meeting – RadioSport – CQP Prep
October 12.....	Meeting - Nominations for Officers 2023 – Shake Out
November 9.....	Meeting – Elections – TBD
December 14	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 11th April 15th August 12th October 14th December 9th

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

April 29th

Club Events 2023

January 7 TH – Kids Day	On the Air Event
January 28 th - Winter Field Day	On the Air Event
February 13 th – 17 th – School Club Roundup	On the Air Event
February 15 th – 22 nd – W1AW/6 On-The-Air	On the Air Event
February 25 th – Pedaling Paths Bike Ride	Linden and surrounding areas
March 4 th - LDS Church Preparedness	Stockton LDS Church near UOP
March 4 th - 5 th ARRL DX Contest Phone	On the Air Event
March 25 th – STEAMFEST 2021	LIVE EVENT – Lincoln High School
April 16 th – Rookie Round-up, SSB	On the Air Event
April 22 nd – Stockton Sailing Club Event	Stockton Sailing Club Opening Day – Club booth and on the air
April 29 th - Ham-U	Lodi LDS Church – New Ham Training Day
April – May – Weed-Whacking on the hill	Fiddletown Repeater Site – Exact Date TBD
May 6 th – Delta Century Ride	Jessie’s Grove Winery
May 20 th - Linden Cherry Festival	Parade Assist & Demonstration Booth
Jun 2 ND – 4 th – Museum Ships Weekend	USS Lucid, Stockton, CA
June 10 th - ARRL VHF Contest	On the Air Event
June 17 th – Kids Day	Stockton, Lodi, Galt Library Demonstrations
June 24 TH – 26 TH – ARRL Field Day	Site TBD, Stockton, CA
July 4 th – 4 th of July Parade	Downtown Stockton
October 7 th – 8 th – California QSO Party	On the Air Event
October 8 th – 14 th NFPW Event	On the Air Event W6SFD as N6F
October 14 th – Walk to End Alzheimer’s	Swenson Park, Stockton
October 20 th – 22 nd – Pacificon 2023	Location TBD
November 18 th – 19 th ARRL Sweepstakes SSB	On the Air Event
November 23 th – Run Against Hunger	Waterfront – Downtown Stockton
December 9 th – 11 th – ARRL 10M Contest	On the Air Event



A HAM'S CALENDAR

July 13th, 2023 – July SDARC Meeting – 1900 hours – Stockton Sailing Club, 4820 Buckley Cove, Stockton – Also on Zoom Video Conference. Program TBD.

August 10th, 2023 – August SDARC Meeting – 1800 hours – Stockton Sailing Club, 4820 Buckley Cove, Stockton – Potluck, Picnic, Transmitter Hunt! Note we start this meeting at 6PM with Dinner.

August 12th, 2023 – August HamCram and VE Test Session - 0800 hours – Stockton Fire Station #2, 110 W Sonora St, Stockton – Doors open at 7:45 AM

September 14th, 2023 – September SDARC Meeting – 1900 hours – Stockton Sailing Club, 4820 Buckley Cove, Stockton – Also on Zoom Video Conference. Program Radiosport, logging and CQP

October 7th & 8th, 2023 – California QSO Party – On the Air Event - details to come in future club meetings.

**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, July 13th starting at 19:00 hours...** 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>

2022 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!