

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



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MAY 2024

Welcome to the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club
Monthly Newsletter

LINDEN CHERRY FESTIVAL
MAY 18, 2024

CAR SHOW



34th Annual Car Show
Sponsored by Head Turners Car Club & the Linden-Peters Chamber of Commerce
Pre-Registration: Due May 9, 2024
Contact Dave Frison at (209) 456-2999 or Nancy Selman at (209) 482-7503
Entry can be found at www.linden-chamber.net

PARADE



Annual Parade
Sponsored by the Linden-Peters Chamber of Commerce
Application Due May 12, 2024
Parade begins at 10:00 a.m.
Contact Kareen at (209) 483-8180
Entry can be found at www.linden-chamber.net

All Applications at www.linden-chamber.net





**MONTHLY CLUB MEETING
ANNOUNCEMENT
MAY 9TH 7:00 PM
STOCKTON SAILING CLUB
4980 BUCKLEY COVE, STOCKTON**

QST QST QST... The May 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 John NZ6Q on being the DX and prepping for Field Day and the USS Lucid Museum Ships Weekemd Event.

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: May 9th 2024 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8715741939?pwd=alRiTFhydFNtMIBQZXAwOUd2YTN1UT_09

[Meeting ID: 871 574 1939 Passcode: 147165](#)

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JOIN US!

Get the most out of your member of our club.



Amateur Radio experience by being a

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

“Ask us about Ham Radio”

APRIL MEETING REPORT

THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH 7:00 PM



Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Organization Meeting Minutes

The meeting was started at 7 pm by President Charlie Johnson. All officers were present. There were 17 members and one guest in attendance and three on Zoom.

Treasurer's Report:

- Per Treasurer Joyce Marciel, the current balance of the general fund is \$5,630. The PayPal account is \$51.62

Membership Report:

- 72 members have paid and 7 have not paid.

Old Business:

- There are no more charges of \$29 a month from our web host.
- The Linden Cherry Festival still needs three or four volunteers.
- Steve will assume the president's position when Charlie leaves at the end of April. Members were asked to volunteer or suggest someone to take the VP position which will be voted on at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Charlie is working on getting the club insurance of \$200 renewed this month. It is due June 1st.
- The STEAM event went well, and attendance was good.
- The 2nd annual Stan-Joaquin swap meet and BBQ was sanctioned as a club event and a sign-up sheet for donations was available. Bob Officer mentioned the Rumble in the Valley is a ARRL sanctioned event and the club might be interested in working with them as it would increase participation. This will be discussed in the future.
- The Delta Century on May 4th was discussed and a sign-up sheet was available for volunteer positions. It was sanctioned as a club event.
- Bob Officer is going to check for a tower climbing person to help a club member.
- The Museum Ship Weekend was sanctioned as a club event.
- Field Day was discussed, and Charlie would like to have several people involved on the setup as this will be his last time doing it. He donated the tower to the club and wants to demonstrate setting it up safely.
- Joni would like a discussion to see if the club would present a ham radio overview to the blind center.



Upcoming Events:

- DX Convention – Visalia (April 13-14) – non club event
- Stan Joaquin BBQ and Swap meet (April 27) – club event; sanctioned
- Delta Century (May 4th) – club event; sanctioned
- Linden Cherry Festival (May 18) – club event; sanctioned
- Museum Ships Weekend (May 31-June 2) – club event; sanctioned
- Field Day (June 22-23th) -club event; not yet sanctioned

Presentation:

- Mark gave a very good presentation on NVIS antennas and their usefulness.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm and the next scheduled meeting is set for May 9th at 7 pm at the Stockton Sailing Club.



****VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED****

The annual Linden Cherry Festival is Saturday, May 18, 2024 and the Stockton Delta Amateur Radio Club is providing communication support again this year. Participation from other clubs welcome. The Linden Cherry Festival is a rural festival in Linden, which centers around the cherry crop, which the Linden area is well known for. It includes a parade and festival starting at 10:00. We will be providing several people roaming the festival grounds to be public liaisons/contacts for the event safety and organizers, through Network Control. Everyone will need to wear a safety vest at all times you are on duty. As the planning process moves along, more details will become clear.

This is a great event for experienced and new Hams alike. Newcomers to Amateur radio can be paired with experienced operators to Elmer (coach) them and help with radio and Tactical Net operations. This is a great way for inexperienced licensees to get some hands-on experience. The festival is laid back and provides time to help each other and enjoy the sights. You can work a partial shift if you aren't available for the full time. We just need to cover the hours listed.

To sign up, just email your name, phone number, call sign and time you can volunteer as well as any comments to Al at: kn6iok@arrl.net . (from W6CPR)



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

- Charlie, WB6NVB

It's been a great ride being part of W6SF as my last month of being President of the club is closing. My prior stints of being the President consisted mainly of running the weekly net **every** week! We did, however, run Field Day regularly at my "Antenna Farm" and Cal QSO Party from there, as well. The repeater system has been maintained and expanded during my membership years and a lot of weed whacking has been done over the years to keep the repeater (and repeater owner/operator) free from harm! Our club membership has waxed and waned, but with outstanding work from those involved with Ham Crams, license testing, Ham University (Ham-U) and recruitment, it is on the upswing again.

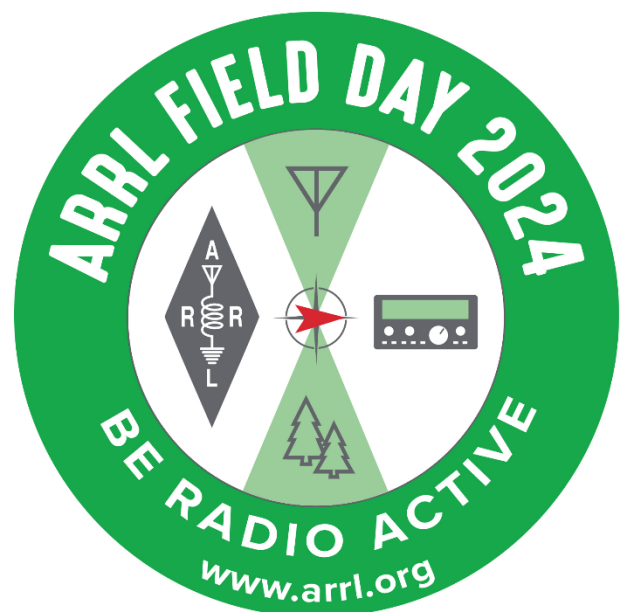
We've gone from no social media to lots of interaction of club members on Facebook and other communications. Members have been involved in providing communications for multiple events per year using local repeaters and mobile set-ups for large bicycle events, displays at the Asparagus Festival, Lodi Grape Festival/street faire, Linden Cherry festival, 4th of July Parade, Run for Hunger, and walks supporting Alzheimer research, and I'm sure I'm missing some. Recently, there have been events at STEM/STEAM days at local schools and activities to recruit high schoolers for Amateur Radio. We've had

large efforts for ARES by W6MSU and N6TCE with growing participation by members. Several portable operations for QSO parties involving many club members and radio balloon operations have been done. Camaraderie has been promoted by Fox hunts, monthly club meetings and work parties to help local HAMS with station set-ups. Friendly contest participation has also stimulated a lot of on-air activity! The club has also begun sponsoring a Swap fest due to the incredible work of Joyce/K6QBB and Mark/W6SXA.

I still enjoy turning on my radio every time that I do it. Personally, I have always enjoyed CW rag chewing, even developing a "glass wrist". I needed carpal tunnel surgery to allow me to continue CW (although, now using paddles instead of a straight key is an on-going challenge!). It's been great to be associated with and participate with all the club members during my more than 20 years with the club.

Field Day this year will be held at my "antenna farm" as my last escapade with SDARC and I am looking forward to it. I hope all that are able will come and continue the participation in all the club activities. 73!

Charlie/WB6NVB



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Steve, KN6ZJJ



April was an excellent month for Ham radio both locally, regionally and for HF contesting - internationally!

Locally our Volunteer Examiners John Litz, Mark Cloud, Annie Litz, Bob Officer and support team

conducted another Ham Cram and Exam, there were 10 new Technicians passed and two upgrades: one upgrade to General and one upgrade to Amateur Extra. The VE's and support team volunteer their time to expand the radio hobby, let's all thank them for providing their time and knowledge to support growing amateur radio.

Regionally the International DX Convention was held in Visalia. Several members of the SDARC attended. Our own Colin K6CMM won a Yaesu FT-710 HF radio. Make sure to congratulate Colin. He was also invited on stage at the convention to assist in presenting awards to other Ham operators.

Internationally there was a 10-meter contest – and the 10-meter band was amazing! Members report making contacts in Australia, China, Japan, Brazil, Italy, Brazil and many other countries. This was certainly great practice for 2024 Field Day, coming up on June 22-23. By the way – 2024 Field Day shirts and hats are available for purchase on the ARRL web site. Make sure to order early to have your gear in time for Field Day!

Our 2024 2nd Annual Amateur Radio Picnic and Swap meet took place on April 27. Several area club members attended, and the event was a success. Due to the event's popularity along with the site being shared by baseball and other events we'll need to find an alternative location for next year. If

you have a site in mind, please let a Board member know so we can explore it.

The Delta Century event was May 4 with radio support from club members, Linden Cherry Festival on May 18 then just around the corner is Museum Ships weekend on the USS Lucid on June 1-2 & Field Day on June 22-23. Many activities to get on the air. Be sure to sign up, there are plenty of opportunities for ham operators.

Finally, our club president Charlie WB6NVB is moving so I'll be stepping into the president role. We'll need a new VP – if you are interested in serving on the club Board as VP let one of the Board members know. We'll select a new VP at the next club meeting. Thank you for your service to the club Charlie.

I look forward to hearing you on the air! 73

Steve – KN6ZJJ





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



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.

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!

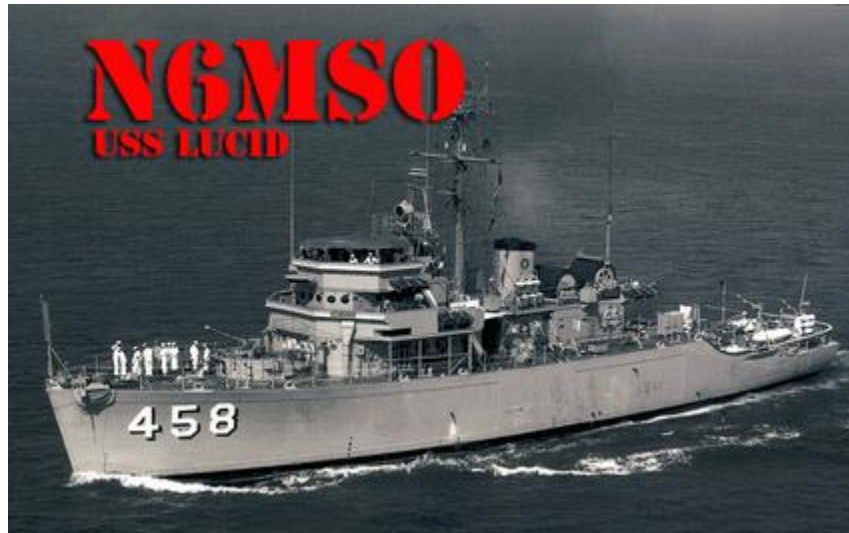


SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY ARES (SJCARES)

**MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAY NIGHTS STARTING AT 7:30 PM
147.090 WB6ASU REPEATER**

[Join San Joaquin ARES](#)

HamCram is coming up on August 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...



WELCOME ABOARD THE USS LUCID MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND IS COMING MAY 31ST - JUNE 2ND

SDARC Members and Friends have been invited aboard the USS Lucid Museum Ship to activate the ship for Museum Ships Weekend.

FIRST! There will be an antenna raising of the club Hexbeam on Saturday May 25th starting at 9AM aboard the ship. Many hands make light work. We want to install the Hexbeam on the top of the ship in preparation for the event. This is a great opportunity to learn about directional antennas and how to put them up safely. We will be using a total of 3 antennas on the ship – Hexbeam, Vertical and a Dipole between the ship and the shore. The dipole will go up on Thursday before the event. Everything gets tested on Thursday May 30th.

We will be operating from 0000Z June 1st (5:00 PM May 31st) until Sunday June 5th - shutting down at around 1400 or 2PM local time.

John NZ6Q is organizing the operation this year.

The USS Lucid restoration project has advanced significantly in the last year and it's great to see the ship.

Museum Ships Weekend is sponsored by the Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station NJ2BB, MSW is a great operating event especially for newer hams with little HF radio experience. It's a great chance to be "the hunted DX station" and improve your listening and operating skills. Radio operation will be from a variety of vintage and noteworthy vessels. This is not a competition – it is an event. Ham radio operators from around the world are trying to work Museum Ships to earn awards and certificates.

All stations are encouraged to QSL the USS Lucid through Clublog where they can donate a few dollars toward the restoration. The club takes none of this money. No one needs to donate to get a QSL card from the USS Lucid. We get a lot of QSL requests that we answer during the July club meeting.

A schedule to sign up and work one of four stations is posted here in google docs. We want to see folks operating as much of the event as possible. There will be mentors on board to help if you're new or nervous. You're welcome to come out and enjoy being on board before or after your shift as well. Late night and early morning operators are welcome using Phone, CW, and FT4 or FT8 and other digital modes.

You're welcome to come and stay onboard the full weekend. There are bathrooms on shore and "comfortable - USN issued" bunks for overnight stays. It's fun to get up in the middle of the night and work some stations you wouldn't have normally heard!

Some ships also may be found on 75 meters (3.880 – 3.885 MHz) and on 40 meters (7.290 MHz) using AM; others using the vessel's original restored equipment.

here is the link to sign up on the operating schedule:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KjCsNN4ChP7JfHOD6WrEhNbPMxkHDFs5_RPgB-z1nSs/edit?usp=sharing

Welcome Aboard and join us for this fun radio event!



HAM CRAM & EXAM



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

Our next Amateur Radio license study session will be on Saturday, August 10th 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



"BE RADIO ACTIVE" 2024's Field Day Theme!

This year, Field Day will run on June 22 - 23. That's less than 60 days from now. Field Day is one-part contest, one-part emergency communications exercise, and one-part open house -- and 3 parts of fun!

The theme encourages radio amateurs to take advantage of the peak of Solar Cycle 25, which we are nearing. Activity this year is likely to be extremely high thanks to favorable solar conditions. The upper HF bands, such as 15 and 10 meters, should benefit most from the Cycle's peak.

There are resources available already for clubs and individuals to make their Field Day plans. ARRL will publish more information and tools so that hams can make the most of the event as it draws near. Amateurs interested in learning more are invited to join the [Field Day Facebook](#) group to connect with others who are planning for the big weekend.



Find links to all of the resources on the ARRL Field Day web page at www.arrl.org/field-day.

SDARC will be setting up at Charlie's Antenna Farm and Vineyard on DeVries Rd. WB6NVB announced at the March club meeting that this will be the last year of field day at the farm. He will be selling the place soon afterwards. Let's start planning a big event now!

NOW is the time to order your Field Day swag! Shirts and hats and more are available at the ARRL Store!



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, May 9th 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	membership@w6sf.org
Call Sign Trustee:	WB6NVB , Charlie Johnson	
Repeater Trustee:	NC6R , Steve Allred	
Membership Chairperson	OPEN	
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!

