

# Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



AN ARRL AFFILIATED CLUB

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**AUGUST 2014**

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Welcome to the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club. We are glad to have you as part of the organization.

## **New Members for July**

John Kester **KD6FVA**  
Patty Kester **KK6JXW**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** **PAUL N6KZW**



Hello everyone,

Well, summer is in full swing, and it is too hot to go on the roof for antenna work. The public service we do is winding down.

Field Day results are completed thanks to Shirl and Guy. For some reason the files from Field day were segmented in a million pieces. We used the same program for Museum Ships and it worked great, but for our Field Day, it was a major mess. Thank you so much Guy for fixing the chaos!

A surprise guest for the club meeting in August didn't work out, so sorry.

The barbeque was a great hit. It was grand to see so many old friends. The cooks did a suburb job. Let's do it again next year.



The August meeting is scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at UJ's Restaurant in Stockton. I would still like to enjoy a hamburger during a meeting and hope everyone can make it for good food, fellowship and fun.

Plan to be there 6:30.. SEE ya..

Paul **N6KZW**

You know you're a ham when the propagation reports are more important than the weather report.



## AUGUST MEETING NOTICE

AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> , 2014

6:30pm

**UJ's RESTAURANT – PACIFIC AT HAMMER LA, STOCKTON  
IN THE HAMMER RANCH SHOPPING CENTER**

**\*\*\* NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME BECAUSE OF DINNER \*\*\***

**QST QST QST** All members and their guests are invited to attend the June meeting on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 2014. The meeting will be held **at UJ's Restaurant, 7628 Pacific Ave, Stockton. The meeting will begin at 6:30PM – We will be enjoying supper starting at that time.**

**The speaker and program to be determined...**

If you are need of transportation to and from the meeting, please contact Paul, **N6KZW** or John, **NZ6Q** and we will arrange transportation assistance for you.

## MOTHER NATURE SURE CAN BE COOL



This picture was sent by Dan, **KB6UNC**. The lightning strike occurred August 6<sup>th</sup> on Lake Mtn, which overlooks Utah Lake, south of Salt Lake City. Can you see the repeater towers?

# WRTC MAKING CONTACTS IN THE OLYMPICS OF HAM RADIO



Last month, during the IARU Contest, another contest was occurring inside that contest – The World Radiosport Team Championships (WRTC). This is the “Olympics” of Amateur Radio. NPR in Boston did a fine write-up and audio story.

You can check it out here: <http://onlyagame.wbur.org/2014/08/09/wrtc-radiosport-ham-radio>

## MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL OPERATOR’S SCHEDULE FOR JULY – AUGUST 2014

Many thanks for those who are volunteering to be our Monday night net controllers for May and June.

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.

This is a great opportunity to improve your operating skill in a “minimal” pressure environment. Contact Dave **N6LHL** and sign up now for September & October. 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.

July 7	Dave <b>N6LHL</b>
July 14	John <b>NZ6Q</b>
July 21	Guy <b>W6MSU</b>
July 28	Bob <b>KJ6SVX</b>

August 4	Paul <b>N6KZW</b>
August 11	Charlie <b>WB6NVB</b>
August 18	Eric <b>W6INP</b>
August 25	Dave <b>N6LHL</b>

**For Sale:  
Icom 718 plus accessories  
Contact Ted, WP4CW**

I'm proud to sell my 718. Perfect every way. The radio operates as it should.

Two of the options included are discontinued and hard to find. The package can be sold with or without the antenna tuner. New cost \$ 1691.80 + taxes + plus shipping.

Your price is \$800 plus shipping. Ted 209-601-5354 WP4CW@aol.com

As Advertised today on Universal Radio:



**AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> HAM CRAM  
JUST AROUND THE CORNER**

**Our next test session in Stockton is Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Dameron Hospital Annex.** HamCram starts at 08:00 AM with registration. Need to upgrade to General? Come study the test and get on HF. Have a friend that's interested in Ham Radio, give them this information!

Check out <http://www.hamcrams.org> for more information.

Do you hold a valid General Class license or Extra Class license? Are you a Volunteer Examiner? If not, why not? Becoming a VE is easy and VEs are the gateway for new hams to get into the hobby. Give back to the hobby by becoming a VE. Go to the ARRL website at <http://www.arrl.org/become-an-arrl-ve> and sign up today.

HamCrams are also offered in Modesto. Check out <http://www.stanares.org> for details.

## ARRL Centennial: W1AW Centennial Operations for August

July 30 <sup>th</sup> – August 5 <sup>th</sup>	South Dakota (W1AW/0)	Kentucky (W1AW/4)
August 6 <sup>th</sup> – August 12 <sup>th</sup>	Vermont (W1AW/1)	New Jersey (W1AW/2)
August 13 <sup>th</sup> – August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Oklahoma (W1AW/5)	
August 20 <sup>th</sup> – August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Ohio (W1AW/8)	North Dakota (W1AW/0)
August 27 <sup>th</sup> – September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Arizona (W1AW/7)	Maine (W1AW/1)



Don't miss your opportunity to get on the air and work one of the many **W1AW** operations this month. If you don't have HF capability but want to work **W1AW**, reach out to one of the many club members who do have an HF rig and get on the air with a mentor.

**NZ6Q** will host **W1AW/6** coming in October immediately before and following CQP 2014. If you're interested in being a Guest Op, please send John an email at [john@litz.com](mailto:john@litz.com).





## USS Lucid, N6MSO update

Stockton's Museum Ship, the USS Lucid, got a face lift on their website and a new quarterly club newsletter to which you can subscribe.

Our efforts during Museum ships weekend and the activation of N6MSO had a nice mention.

Check out the latest on the restoration of the ship here:

<http://www.stocktonhistoricalmaritimemuseum.org>

**ARRL Legislation**

**HR 4969**

**HR 4969** — the “Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014” — has recently been introduced into the 113th Congress.

**Support this effort:** Contact your representative in Congress to ask for their support.

**▶ Learn More**

**Get Behind HR 4969**

## HR 4969 NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT IN CONGRESS

In June, 2014 **HR 4969 - the "Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014"** - was introduced into the 113th Congress. This bipartisan effort would direct the FCC to extend the "reasonable accommodation" provisions for Amateur Radio antennas to include all types of land-use regulation, including deed restrictions and restrictive covenants.

If enacted, HR 4969 would direct the FCC to extend the the reasonable accomodation protections to those amateurs who are living in deed-restricted communities. Known as "CC&Rs" (covenants, conditions and restrictions) are the prohibitions and limitations placed on properties by builders or home-owner associations (HOAs) which prevent licensed Amateurs from erecting even modest antennas.

In 1985, PRB-1 was passed which directed state and local governments to provide “reasonable accommodations” for Amateur Radio operators to erect antennas. While over the years there have been horror stories about “unreasonable restrictions” attempted by governments, most cities and counties do provide for reasonable accommodation. HR 4969 would extend that power over CC&Rs. Most importantly, it will ensure that every ham in the US, regardless of the community they live in, will have the opportunity to practice their avocation from their own homes without breaking any rules or fear of reprisal.

Many of our communities here have such CC&Rs which significantly restrict our members abilities to enjoy the hobby. This important legislation needs the support of every Amateur Radio operator to get it passed through Congress and signed into law.

Read more about PRB1 and HR 4969 by following the link below to the ARRL website. Take time this week to send a letter to your Congress person asking for their support of HR4969.

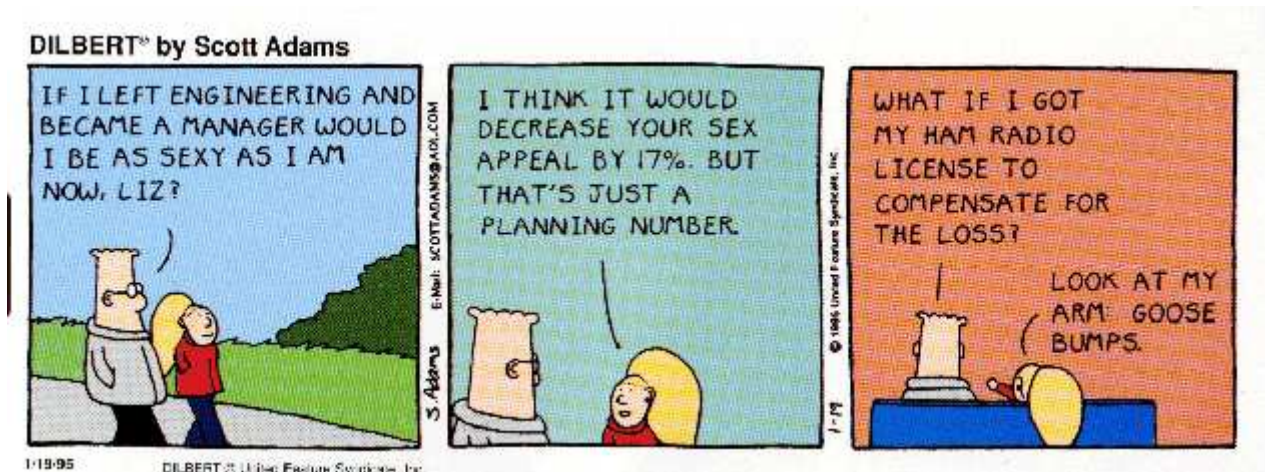
<http://www.arrl.org/hr-4969>



## THE MK-4 SNIFFER

Not long after the July club meeting and the great presentation from Mike, **K6MDS**, information on this cool little gadget for Radio Direction Finding it my inbox.

You can check out their story at [http://www.rdfantennas.com/mk4\\_sniffer.php](http://www.rdfantennas.com/mk4_sniffer.php).







## W6YGZ ANTENNA RAISING

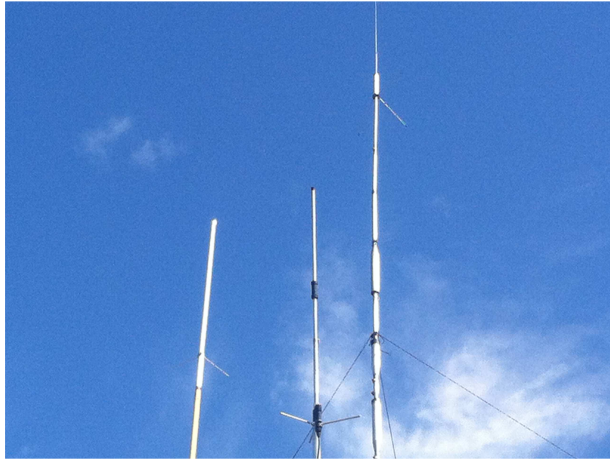
Rod, W6YGZ recently got back on the air on HF from their new home in North Stockton. Rod had purchased a Gap Titan antenna from Ed, N6XMA which finally is up on the roof of his home.

A Diamond vertical was also erected for 2Meters so we should be hearing a lot more of Rod on the repeater.

Ed, N6XMA and Rod, W6YGZ of course supervised the proper placement of the antennas. The real work was completed by Scott Rigg (Rod's son), Paul, N6KZW, John, NZ6Q and added help from two Mormon Missionary boys who needed some "community service" hours and were all too eager to lend a hand.



## N6XMA NEW ANTENNA



Ed, **N6XMA** also got back on the air on HF this month with a new vertical antenna on the roof of his apartment building.

The antenna was given to Ed by Chuck, **W6COB** a few months ago and we finally got permission from the property owner to put it up on the roof.

Robert, **N6GTO** and Craig, **KJ6PKU** took care of the actual hands-on work.





## A HAM'S CALENDAR

**August 14, 2014** – August Club Meeting, UJs Restaurant, Pacific @ Hammer La, 18:30 PDT - \*\*\* PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE AND THE PLACE CHANGE\*\*\*\* Meeting and program beginning with dinner at UJs starting at 18:30 hours.

**August 23, 2014** – HamCram, Dameron Hospital Annex, Lincoln @ Acacia, Stockton, CA 0800 – 1600 – more information can be found at [www.hamcram.org](http://www.hamcram.org)

**September 11, 2014** – September Club Meeting, Bear Creek Community Church 19:30 hours. Regular place and time, 11171 Lower Sacramento Rd, north of 8 Mile Rd.

**September 20, 2014** – Rally in the Valley Amateur Radio Event, Fresno – more information is in the pdf included with the email of the newsletter. Swap meet, Forums, raffle, Chili Cook-Off

**October 1 - 7, 2014** – W1AW/6 California – Information to follow on NZ6Q's host operation

**October 4 - 5, 2014** – California QSO Party – [www.cqp.org](http://www.cqp.org)

**October 9, 2014** – October Club Meeting - Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Rd, 19:30 hours

**October 20 - 24, 2014** – School Club Round-Up – [www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup](http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup)

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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 **7:30pm, 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, August 14, 2014, 7:00 PM at UJs Restaurant at Pacific & Hammer – NOTE: MEETING TIME CHANGED TO 7:00 FOR SUPPER.**

**WEEKLY NETS:** Held each Monday evening at 2000hrs on **147.165+ PL 107.2 Hz** 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>

### 2014 CLUB OFFICERS & EXECUTIVES:

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### CLUB DUES:

\$20 SINGLE and \$30 FAMILY  
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**We thank you for your continued support!**