

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club

**W6SF
FLYSHEET**



ARRL MEMBER P.O. BOX 690271 STOCKTON, CA 95269-0271

December, 2013

NOVEMBER MEETING NOTES

President Charlie **WB6NVB** opened the meeting by reminding all present that this month we will hold elections for 2014 club officers, and discuss the club's proposed new by laws.

Elections were held and the following will be next year's officers:

President – Paul **N6KZW**
Vice President – Charlie **WB6NVB**
Secretary – Eric **W6INP**
Treasurer – Dave **N6LHL**
Member at Large – John **N6KZW**

After reviewing two proposed places for the club dinner on December 12, the members selected Carrows Restaurant on West March Lane. The members agreed the club would provide 2 -\$100 and 1 -\$50 gift certificates.

Treasurer Peter **KD6CPA** reminded all that we are going to revise our Constitution and By-Laws to meet the requirements of the IRS to be awarded status as a charitable organization. The members discussed voting rights in detail. He handed out a summary of appropriate changes and requested that after the latest revision the summary and the new Constitution be emailed to all members for their review. Many thanks to Peter for his years of fine work as Treasurer, and for the hours of work he put in to get the club status as a charitable organization.

Shirl **AA6K** reported our results from this year's Field Day. We made 235 QSO's for a score of 920 points. We then discussed the many things we could have done to improve our Field Day operation next year.

NET CONTROL OPERATORS

A list of net control operators for this month's Monday night net follows:

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December 2 John NZ6Q
December 9 Paul N6KZW
December 16 Charlie WB6NVB
December 23 Eric W6INP
December 30 Dave N6LHL
January 6 John NZ6Q

If you have an interest in improving your traffic handling skills and moderating the Monday night net, please contact me at n6lhl@softcom.net. The script to follow is right on the website, and all you need is a pencil and paper to write down names and calls of the members who participate. The more people who participate, the easier it is on every one.

CQP FROM BUTTE COUNTY

Our 5th expedition. This time the group was offered a "cabin" in the woods outside Forbestown, CA at about 3500 feet. While not quite a cabin, (see trailer picture) this was much better than renting an RV or tent camping.



Dan, KB6UNC arrived in Sacramento by train Thursday afternoon. After checking out equipment and antennas and loading the truck, we left Stockton on Friday morning. We met Robert, N6GTO in Marysville and made the trip caravan style up the hill to Forbestown.

Once on scene we set out to putting up antennas - Robert's 20-15-10 Meter Wire Beam and a "Double Zepp" for 80 Meters. Our QTH already sported an 80 - 10M vertical and a 10M Beam. Dan, started setting up equipment while Robert and I struggled throughout the afternoon with the wind fighting our antenna efforts. Near dark, we settled in for supper, listened to the radio, made a few contacts on 80, 40 and 20 meters, and resolved to finish the antenna raising Saturday morning. The constant wind kept us from raising the 80M Zepp.

Saturday morning, after a great breakfast by 'Chef Robert' we headed off to get new projectiles for the antenna launcher - having lost or destroyed the four we brought with us. Dan started working stations on 20Meters. Chef Robert fried chicken on Saturday night. We enjoyed a comfortable operating pace and a lot of laughs into the night.



Dan KB6UNC



Robert N6GTO

By noon Saturday we had our antennas raised and were operating. Unfortunately by Saturday evening, we started to have generator issues which became increasingly difficult on Sunday. After several 'brown-outs' we decided to terminate Sunday afternoon about 2PM to break down.

Even with the wind, the rain, the black-outs it was a great time. Dan headed back to the wild, wild west of Utah after our traditional "send-off" breakfast at Chuck's on Monday morning - tired but satisfied after a great weekend contest.

So what was the score? 516 QSOs, 51 multipliers, 66,000 points

STOCKTON-DELTA HAMS SUPPORT "WHEELS FOR MEALS"

Ed, **N6XMA** and I volunteered to assist the Tracy Club with their support of the Livermore "Wheels for Meals" bicycle ride through Patterson Pass around the Altimont.

We were assigned SAG-1 following up and looking for riders needing assistance from Patterson pass, through the west side of the County and then back "over the hill" across Tesla Pass near the Carnegie Recreational Vehicle area.

Club members Linda, **KJ6YVF** and Tobin, **KJ6YVH** also assisted and were manning the rest stop across from the Carnegie Recreation area.

Even though the event started early - on the course by 7:30, we had a great time, used the big truck to block traffic while emergency bike repairs were made for a biker, transported a biker with a blown tire to the repair station at Carnegie, and managed some fun and games. Yes, that is Ed, **N6XMA** being smooched by the Good Witch of the North and the Wicked Witch of the East! The main rest stop after Patterson Pass was at the PGE power station and the theme was the Wizard of Oz. The Carnegie Rest Stop before the trek over Tesla pass was themed "50s Diner". Check out the 56 Classic VW Bug.



John **NZ6Q** and Ed **N6XMA**



Ed **N6XMA**, Tobin **KJ6YVH** and LT **KJ6YVF**

Bob, N6TCE was net control with his radio "suction cupped" to the door of his Jeep. This was until the "official" net control station was set-up.

Managing over 700 riders can be a task. At the end of the day we had very few incidents - mostly flat tires and a couple of riders exhausted by the wind.de John **NZ6Q**

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Glen **K6KJQ** on acquiring his new Kenwood TS-590. He reports it is his first new HF radio...ever!

EDITOR WANTED!

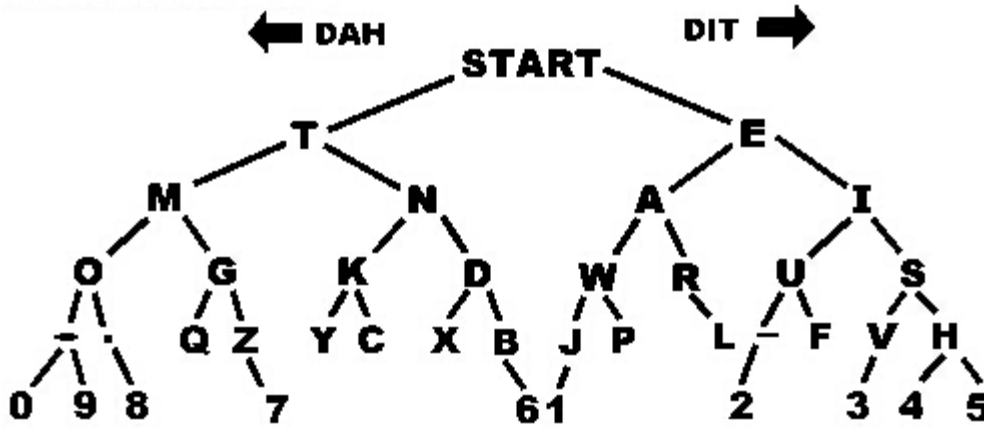
Beginning January 1, Flysheet editor Dave **N6LHL**, will no longer be editing the Flysheet. After 10 years of putting the Flysheet out every month, Dave is tired and looking to spend more time with his HF equipment. So, if you have an interest in editing the Flysheet, contact Dave at n6lhl@softcom.net . Dave has promised to work with anyone who volunteers as Editor, and will be there to lend a hand and provide all the advice a new Editor can use.

After several years of developing and maintaining the W6SF website, Glen **KJ6Q** will be stepping down. John **NZ6Q** has volunteered to fill that position.



If you don't know CW, here is a way to read it without knowing how. Try some SLOW code and try it.

Place your pencil where it says START and listen to morse code.
Move down and to the right every time you hear a DIT (a dot).
Move down and to the left every time you hear a DAH (a dash).
Here's an example: You hear DAH DIT DIT which is a dash then dot then dot.
You start at START and hear a DAH then move down and left to the T and then you hear a DIT so you move down and RIGHT to the N and then you hear another DIT so you move DOWN and RIGHT again and land on the D



A HAM'S CALENDAR

Thursday, December 12, **Annual Dinner** at Carrows Restaurant. West March Lane, in Stockton. Reservation only. Contact Dave N6LHL at n6lhl@softcom.net by December 2.

December 14 & 15, **ARRL 10 Meter Contest**. www.arrl.org/contests.

December 20 thru January 1, Lighthouse QSO Party. www.arlhs.com.

Tuesday, December 31, **Straight Key Night** for CW buffs who want to return to the basics. www.arrl.org/straight-key-night.

Thursday, January 9, 2014. Monthly **Stockton-Delta ARC membership meeting** at the Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Road. Meeting starts at 7:30pm.

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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 n6lhl@softcom.net

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, January 9, 2014**.

WEEKLY NET: Held each Monday evening at 8pm 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 nights) 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 operates a 440MHZ repeater at **442.250 +** with a PL of 107.2 Hz. Locally, the club

also operates a **444.575+** repeater with a PL of 107.2 from East Main Street.

CLUB SIMPLEX FX: 147.51 MHz.

CLUB WEBSITE: <http://www.w6sf.org>

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CLUB DUES: Individual dues are \$20, family dues are \$30, payable to Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club at the address on the masthead. We thank you for your continued support!