

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



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Welcome to the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club

TWO MONTHS OF CLUB NEWS, SAME LOW PRICE!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – W6COB



WOW – Has it been a year already? Time sure flies when you're having fun. We had a lot of fun last year together... The Bike Ride in Linden started us off in February; March of Dimes walk and Delta Century in April; Museum Ships Weekend and Field Day in June; Ham Cram and Elmer University in August; CQP in October and Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning. It sure was cold out. But it was great to see the participation and enthusiasm of the membership for being in the cold at 6:30 AM. Anyone notice the club emblem on the back of the Run Against Hunger commemorative long sleeve shirt? Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club is right in the middle of all the sponsors. That's pretty cool!

Make sure you're coming to the December Meeting / Christmas Party. I'll be passing the gavel to Dan KI6FTT who takes over as President on January 1st. I'll be around – that "member at large" seat will likely have my name on it next year....

See you at the Christmas Dinner on December 10th!

73,

Chuck, W6COB



**DECEMBER MEETING / CHRISTMAS DINNER
STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
THURSDAY DECEMBER 10TH 2015
CHUCK' ST PACIFIC AVE BOWL
6:30 PM**

QST QST QST All members and their guests are invited to attend the Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting of the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club on THURSDAY DECEMBER 10TH. The location for the meeting / Christmas Dinner will be **at Chuck's at Pacific Ave Bowl, Pacific Ave at Swain Rd. The Meeting will start at 6:30 with Dinner served by 7:00 PM**

There is a full service banquet room where we will be having our Christmas Dinner. Dinner will be served Buffet Style with a serve yourself Salad Bar, Mixed Vegetables, Chicken Dish, Tri-Tip, Potatoes, Ice Tea or Coffee to drink.... Dinner will be \$17.00 per person including tax, drinks, tip and a \$2 cover charge for the room rental. We ask you please [pre-register here](#) so that there will be enough food on hand for everyone.

Members who wish to come early and bowl a few games may do so at the Bowling Alley. Pacific Bowl is offering free shoe rental for bowlers **before** the event. League bowling will prevent bowling after the meeting. No host cocktails are served in the bar area adjacent to the banquet room before, during and after the party.

Raffle! The membership voted to bring back the dual-band mobile as a prize this year. We have purchased a B-TECH Mini Mobile from Amazon and it will be available at the Christmas Dinner for one lucky winner. This is a 2nd generation mini mobile from Beofeng and has received very good reviews.



We will also have Gift Certificates from Ham Radio Outlet and a number of other prizes to raffle.



Our program will include a presentation in pictures of 2015 club events in review and the traditional 'pass of the gavel' between outgoing President Chuck W6COB and 2016 President Dan KI6FTT.

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.



**DECEMBER HAM CRAM
STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
COMCAST BUILDING – STOCKTON
6505 TAM O’SHANTER DRIVE
SATURDAY DECEMBER 12TH , 2015
DOORS OPEN 8:00 AM**

“Get Your License in a Saturday” is the perfect solution to getting your ham radio license in today’s busy world. No tedious preliminary home study. No long, boring once-a-week classes. You attend for just one day, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and you’re done. Thousands of men and women, aged 16 to 90, have succeeded in getting their Amateur Radio license this way. HamCram is not a class. It is guided study — six 50-minute reading sessions with 10-minute breaks and a 60-minute break for lunch. The FCC exam is given at the end of the day.

Testing-Only Also Available

The FCC exam session at 3 PM is open to the public. We administer all levels of amateur radio exams: Technician, General, and Extra class. One need not attend the HamCram just to take an exam. The cost for the exam-only is the officially-prescribed fee of \$15.00. If you’ve paid to attend the HamCram, the exam fee is included.

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

**THE ELMER UNIVERSITY – FOR NEW HAMS
SATURDAY DECEMBER 12TH 2015
CLASSES START AT 9:00 AM**

Our instructors are preparing to roll out the 2nd session of Elmer University with several venues that will give new hams both classroom knowledge and practical experiences. We are planning to be on the air for Classes and presentations include:

- Anderson Power Poles and practical antenna theoryBob N6TCE
- Programming your HTs..... Eric W6INP & Cecil KK6QXQ
- HF OperationsBob K6DGQ
- Nets, Procedures and Process.....Bill AE6J & Ed N6XMA
- EmComm Mike K6MDS
- HamSpeak “How to Not Sound like a NewBie”Bill AE6J & John NZ6Q

On the air practice during the ARRL 10-meter Contest

There opportunity to learn more about this great hobby is right here. Sign up today! And bring a new ham friend!

[SIGN UP FOR ELMERING SESSIONS HERE.](#)



CLUB MEETING REPORT November 2015 Bear Creek Community Church

The November meeting was called to order at 19:30 hours by President Chuck **W6COB**. There were several new faces in attendance so a brief introduction around the room was called.

A BIG THANK YOU to Scott **KK6VYP** who hosted Pizza for the meeting. It was quite delicious!

Dave **N6LHL** reported that the bank account was healthy at about \$5900 (sorry I did not write down the exact amount) and a few bills had been paid for putting together the GOTA station.

John **NZ6Q** gave a report on upcoming Christmas Party and the membership voted to hold the annual gathering at Chuck's on Pacific Ave at Pacific Bowl. There is a very nice banquet room between the restaurant and the bar (also important). The membership voted to approve the \$100 room rental fee with a \$2 per person assessment to be added onto the price of the dinner. Dave **N6LHL** agreed to make it to the Bowling Alley to pay for the rental By December 1st and will make sure that those in attendance pay as they enter.

The membership approved the purchase of a B-Tech Mini Dual Bander and two additional gift certificates from HRO to be offered as Door Prizes for the event.

The election of officers for 2016 was held. Dan **KI6FTT** was elected President for 2016. Guy **W6MSU** was elected Vice President after a "run-off" tie breaker vote with Charlie **WB6NVB**. Dave **N6LHL** was unopposed and re-elected Treasurer. Eric **W6INP** retained his seat as Secretary for another term.

While votes were being counted, John **NZ6Q** gave a short report on the HamCram from October with 11 newly licensed Technicians, and a General Upgrade. He also presented plans for the Elmer University coming on Saturday December 12th.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:45 hours. Our December Meeting will be the Christmas Dinner celebrated on December 10th at 6:30PM at Chuck's on Pacific Ave.



MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL OPERATOR'S SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER – JANUARY

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.

*We need more Net Control Operators! If you would like to volunteer, please contact **Dave N6LHL**. This is a great opportunity to improve your operating skill in a “minimal” pressure environment. 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.

November 30 th	Guy, W6MSU	January 4 th	Dave, N6LHL
December 7 th	Paul, N6KZW	January 11 th	Guy, W6MSU
December 14 th	Charlie, WB6NVB	January 18 th	Paul, N6KZW
December 21 st	Paul, N6KZW	January 25 th	Charlie, WB6NVB
December 28 th	Eric, W6INP	February 1 st	Eric, W6INP
		February 8 th	Dave, N6LHL
		February 15 th	Guy, W6MSU
		February 22 nd	Paul, N6KZW
		February 29 th	Charlie, WB6NVB





OCTOBER 15, 2015 at 10:15 AM

The Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club participated in this drill again for 2015. Thanks to Ed **N6XMA** who called, directed and recorded the net on the W6SF 147.165 repeater and take check-ins from around the city and county. Participating stations should be prepared to check-in with their call sign, location and radio capabilities. We received 11 check-ins. Visit www.shakeout.org for more information.

California QSO Party

CLUB PARTICIPATES 50TH RUNNING OF THE CQP

October 3rd and 4th 2015 was the 50th running of the California QSO Party or CQP. Club members assembled at Charlie WB6NVB property on DeVries Rd with set up of a long wire antenna and operating.

Operations were on both days. Unfortunately the newsletter editor was unable to decipher notes and pictures provided. Sorry folks.

If you participated in the 50th CQP and managed to work the commemorative stations to spell the word

G-O-L-D-R-U-S-H

You're entitled to a special 50th running award coin once your logs have been checked by the awards committee.



Visit the CQP website at www.cqp.org to also checkout the 50th running t-shirt available for purchase.



THANKSGIVING DAY 'RUN AGAINST HUNGER' SUCCESS CLUB MEMBERS PRAISED FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

Mission Accomplished! More than a dozen operators assembled in the pre-dawn cold at Banner Island Ball Park for the 11th Annual Run/Walk Against Hunger.

This event benefits local families unable to provide adequate food for themselves at times of personal or financial crisis. Your volunteering and sharing your Thanksgiving with those in need helped raise over \$120,000 for the Emergency Food Bank! In addition to all that cash, a truck load, and I mean a BIG TRUCK LOAD of donated food and other items was hauled off to the Food Bank at the end of the event.

The Plan put together by Paul KC6RRR was executed flawlessly. Everyone assembled at Net Control and were on the course well before the streets were shut down by Stockton PD. A pre-event briefing by Paul **KC6RRR**, and Net Control Ops John **NZ6Q** and Paul **N6KZW** answered last minute questions as well as distributing safety vests to all operators. Pre-race logistics were handled with course set-up. Thank you to David **AA6HO** and Dave **N6LHL** for checking on the bathrooms at Morelli Park. It was discovered there were operational issues with the Mens bathroom and no supplies (ie TP) in the bathrooms. Net Control made calls to the city and a Maintenance crew was dispatched and handled the problem before participants made it to that point. Besides being the 'halfway mark', Morelli Park has the only bathrooms on the course.

Additional Thanks to Guy **W6MSU**, David **AA6HO** and Chuck **W6COB** who helped the flag crews better coordinate the split of walkers and runners at the Marina water stops. After the event, the leader of that group stopped at Net Control and commented on the great help the hams were in getting the team better organized in keeping the walking event and the runners out of each other's way.

Acknowledgements:

- To Glen for the use of the **K6KJQ** repeater and his assistance in making sure the repeater was tuned up and ready for race day.
- Paul **N6KZW** for his cache of extra portables
- John **NZ6Q** and Paul **N6KZW** for excellent Net Control Duties
- Paul **KC6RRR** who developed the plan and did a great job shadowing the Event Leadership to get questions answered quickly and accurately
- And to a great CREW without whom we couldn't have accomplished a thing



Thanksgiving
Morning,
Nov. 26, 2015

Banner Island Ballpark -
Stockton



11th Annual Run & Walk
Against Hunger



Thanksgiving morning,
November 26, 2015



A HAM'S CALENDAR

December 10th, 2015 – Stockton-Delta ARC Club Meeting – Dinner Meeting and Christmas Party will be at 6:30PM at Chuck's / Pacific Ave Bowl, 5939 Pacific Ave, Stockton, CA

December 12th, 2015 – Stockton-Delta ARC HamCram – Doors open at 8:00AM for HamCram attendees. Located at the Comcast Building, 6505 Tam O Shanter Dr, Stockton Test Session only starts at 2:30PM www.w6sf.org/hamcram.html

December 12th, 2015 – Elmer University – Comcast Building, 6505 Tam O Shanter Dr, Stockton – Starts at 9:00AM Sign up to participate or just come and assist and mentor new folks. Classes include, Net Procedure, EmComm, Simple Antennas and Anderson Power poles, HF operation and CW Demo and we will have a station on the air for the ARRL 10-meter contest.

December 12th – 13th, 2015 – ARRL 10-meter Contest, from 0000 UTC Saturday (4:00PM PST) through 2359 UTC Sunday. <http://www.arrl.org/10-meter> - Come join us and operate the contest from the Elmering Session

January 1st, 2016 – Straight Key Night – break out your bug or straight key for a night of Morse Code excitement that ol' Sam Morse could only imagine. Get on the air from 0000 (4:00 PM) to 2359

January 3rd, 2016 – Kids Day - Phone, from 1800 UTC Sunday to 2359 UTC Sunday. Get on the air and operate and work a youngster, or even better, invite an interested younger to your station... <http://www.arrl.org/kids-day>

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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



W6SF CLUB INFORMATION

MEETINGS: Regular meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month **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 14th, at 7:30PM.**

WEEKLY NETS: Held each Monday evening at 2000hrs on **147.165+ PL 107.2 Hz and 442.250 + PL 107.2** 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>

2015 CLUB OFFICERS & LEADERSHIP:

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CLUB DUES:

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