

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



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Welcome to the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

"I am often asked how radio works. Well, you see, wire telegraphy is like a very long cat. You yank his tail in New York and he meows in Los Angeles. Do you understand this? Now, radio is exactly the same, except that there is no cat." __Albert Einstein



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, fellow ham radio enthusiasts and members of the Stockton Delta Amateur Radio Club!

It is with pride and enthusiasm that I take over the role as your new President for the coming year. As of this writing Christmas has passed and the New Year is rapidly approaching, and I hope everyone had a very Happy Holidays!

After looking back on my last two years in the club and the events I've supported and participated in, it got me thinking about the future of this organization. We are facing a few challenges with membership, both in attendance at meetings and public events, as with most any organization. I have a few ideas that hopefully will spur more participation from veteran as well as new and budding hams (like myself!).

These will be brought up at the next meeting and subsequent meetings as more ideas and opportunities present themselves. For those who braved the weather, the annual December meeting/dinner was enjoyable, with good conversation and good company. I hope we can enjoy a few more of these gatherings at various locations around town this year.

Many of our members have been hams for quite a few years and know many other hams in other clubs around the area, so I thought it might be good to get a little more involved with some of these clubs and their activities to forge some new friendships and working relationships.

I'm sure everyone has an opinion and a few ideas of their own and am looking forward to some good dialogue and brainstorming in the months to come.

Thanks, and see you at the next meeting!

Chuck, W6COB

JANUARY MEETING NOTICE
STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY JANUARY 8TH , 2015

QST QST QST All members and their guests are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club on Thursday, January 8th, 2015. The meeting will be held at Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 N Lower Sacramento Rd, Stockton beginning at 7:30PM.

This is the annual general meeting and the membership will set forth dues for the coming year. Please join us in welcoming incoming President Chuck, W6COB and come with your ideas for making the club better, stronger, faster in the coming year.

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.



Dan, KB6UNC with LT, KJ6YVF at W1AW/6



MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL OPERATOR'S SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2015

Many thanks for those who are volunteering to be our Monday night net control operators.

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 February, March or April. 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.

December 29 th	Eric, W6INP	February 2 nd	Charlie, WB6NVB
January 5 th	Dave, N6LHL	February 9 th	Eric, W6INP
January 12 th	John, NZ6Q	February 16 th	Dave, N6LHL
January 19 th	Guy, W6MSU	February 23 rd	John, NZ6Q
January 26 th	Paul, N6KZW	March 2 nd	Guy, W6MSU



Field Day 2014

Back: Randy K6TVT, Guy W6MSU, Chuck W6COB
Front: Shirly AA6K, Paul N6KZW, Dave N6LHL, Dave N6DCH



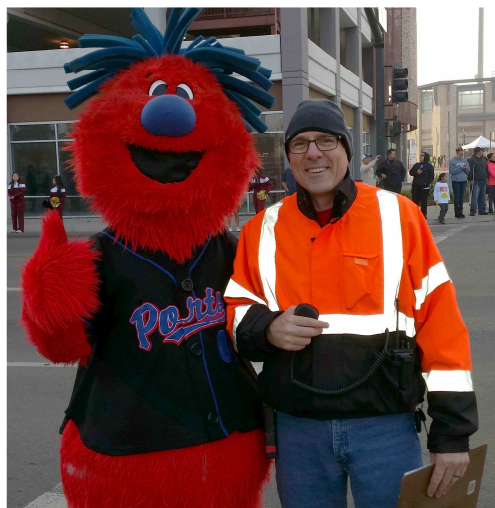
STOCKTON-DELTA ARC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Paul **N6KZW** welcomed many members who braved the weather to gather at UJs Restaurant for the Annual Christmas Dinner. Sadly, your editor could not attend having a large work obligation for the end of the year and having to drive in from Roseville in the pouring rain. I sure hope the winners of the Ham Radio Gift Certificates use them and enjoy them quickly.

I've heard a great time was had by all. Thank you to Shirl, AA6K for an excellent assortment of raffle prizes for the discriminating ham.

Thank you to Paul, N6KZW for your service as President. As you look throughout this issue, you'll see pictures of a few of the events and service projects the club participated in under his leadership. Well done, Paul.

The gavel and "official" club desk sign being passed now to Chuck, W6COB, I'm looking forward to hearing his ideas for continuing Paul's good work and helping the club grow in the coming year.



Splash and Paul, KC6RRR
2014 10th Annual Run For Hunger

ARRL Centennial: W1AW Centennial Operations Ends on December 31st

ARRL's "Red Badgers" will be out in force on Wednesday December 31st (starting 4PM December 30th), offering a final opportunity to snag some high-value contacts to boost your ARRL **Centennial QSO Party** total.

ARRL officers, elected officials — such as Director or Section Manager — Headquarters staffers and volunteers, and other members of the ARRL family who merit red ARRL name/call sign badges will take to the air. Contacts with red badge wearers are worth a lot of **points** — as much as 300 points per contact for working ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN — so participants can increase their Centennial QSO Party tallies very quickly. ARRL Membership and Volunteer Programs Manager Dave Patton, NN1N, said that ARRL red badge holders number about 200.

The event is considered an activity day, *not* a contest, and operation is permitted on all bands. Participants can call "CQ ARRL Centennial QSO Party" on phone or "CQ CENT" on CW or digital modes. While the event will focus on encouraging ARRL red badgers to hand out Centennial QSO Party points, all activity is welcome, regardless of point value. ARRL members are worth at least one point in the Centennial QSO Party.

Participants get credit for each band/mode contact, regardless of point value. High-value contacts include: President Emeritus (PE) or Past President (PP), 275 points; Honorary Vice President (HVP) or ARRL Vice President (VP), 250 points; Director (DIR), Director Emeritus (DE), or Past Vice President (PVP), 225 points; Vice Director (VD), 200 points; Section Manager (SM), 175 points; ARRL officer (OFF) or Past Director (PD), 150 points, and Past Vice Director (PV), 125 points. W100AW, Charter Life Member (CLM), or Past Section Manager (PSM) contacts are worth 100 points.



Ed N6XMA & Rod W6YGZ hard at work



Peter, KD6CPA on Museum Ships Weekend

A HAM'S CALENDAR

January 1st, 2015 – Straight Key Night – Bye-bye keyer and hello straight key or bug. Time to enjoy the new year with some hand-made CW. <http://www.arrl.org/straight-key-night>

January 3rd – 4th, 2015 – RTTY Round up – Amateurs worldwide contact and exchange QSO information with other amateurs using digital modes (Baudot RTTY, ASCII, AMTOR, PSK31, and Packet—attended operation only) on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands. Any station may work any other station. Stations may be worked once per band, regardless of mode. <http://www.arrl.org/rtty-roundup>

January 4th, 2015 – Kids Day – 1800 UTC – 2359 UTC Kids Day is designed to give on-the-air experience to youngsters and hopefully foster interest in getting a license of their own. It is also intended to give older hams a chance to share their station and love for Amateur Radio with their children. <http://www.arrl.org/kids-day>

January 8th, 2015 – Annual General Membership Club Meeting for 2015 – Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Rd, north of 8 Mile Rd, Stockton. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM. The membership will vote on dues for the 2015 Calendar year.

January 24th – 25th, 2015 – ARRL VHF Contest - For amateurs in the US and Canada (and their possessions) to work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees x 1 degree Maidenhead grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz. Stations outside the US & Canada (and their possessions) may only work stations in the US (and its possessions) and Canada. <http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf>

February 9th – 13th, 2015 – ARRL School Club Round-up - To exchange QSO information with club stations that are part of an elementary, middle, high school or college. Non-school clubs and individuals are encouraged to participate.

February 12th, 2015 – Stockton-Delta ARC Club Meeting – Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 N Lower Sacramento Rd, Stockton. 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 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, January 9th.**

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!