

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



AN ARRL AFFILIATED CLUB

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE PAUL N6KZW

Hello everyone,

Are your antenna connections outside waterproofed? Winter is just around the corner.

So sorry for those of you that missed the August meeting at UJ's restaurant. We enjoyed a great presentation from Dave Navone, N6SVX on the invention and history of the Branly / Marconi Coherer Detector from 1896. Not only was Dave prepared with a very interesting power point, but the "hands-on" test of an actual working unit passed around the table was very cool and so much fun.

UJ's did a fine job of feeding everyone and there were no problems at all that I was made aware of.

I would like to do another dinner meeting. October? How does everyone feel about The Smokey Shack? (678 Grider Way, Stockton) Look it up? They are on Yelp and sound really good. Let me know by the September meeting? I am wondering if this might be a good place for the club Christmas Party in December?

Coming up in a couple of weeks is the annual drag races at Kingdon Raceway. For many years, we have helped with security, mostly just eyes and ears for the folks with the badge, but important to making this event great year after year. It is always a great experience being close to the track and amongst the classic cars that come out. We need volunteers! Please let me know ASAP if you can help with this great event!

There has been a discussion about setting up a portable HF station in a park to get some Ham radio exposure and enjoy a Saturday or an evening in the park. When you come to the Thursday meeting bring your ideas and thoughts when and where we could do this.

California QSO Party is right around the corner, if you only play one contest a year or are a seasoned contester this is the when to play. The world is calling for California. No matter what kind of station you have, you will be busy. Let's chat about it at the meeting. Some of our folks have some great ideas.

Paul **N6KZW**



SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTICE
SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2014
7:30pm

WE ARE BACK AT THE CHURCH

QST QST QST All members and their guests are invited to attend the September meeting on Thursday, September 11th 2014. The meeting will be held **at the Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Rd, just north of Eight Mile Rd in Stockton. The meeting will begin at 7:30PM.**

The speaker and program to be determined, but with CQP just around the corner...

A few of us typically gather before the meeting at about 6PM at a local restaurant for food and fellowship before the meeting. Get on the repeater the afternoon of the 11th and find out this month's location...

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.





KINGDON DRAG RACE TIME!! FRIDAY SEPT 5TH THRU SUNDAY SEPT 7TH OPERATORS ARE NEEDED

The 9th Annual 'Return to Kingdon Drag Races' are just around the corner and the call for operators is here! Contact Paul, **N6KZW** and sign up for opportunities to keep things safe on any or all of the event days. You get **FREE ADMISSION**, **FREE T-SHIRT** and a great lunch or supper. **PLUS!** You get to see some awesome cars, hang out with cool people and ride around in golf-carts. **GREAT FUN!**

Some of you may ask, where is the Ham Radio in this event? Well, the organizers here aren't so much interested in the radio wired on your hip (they have plenty of radios you can use), as they are the wiring in **YOUR BRAIN!**

Todd has come back to using the club for security and monitoring the event because of the critical thinking skill sets you demonstrate being an amateur radio operator. It's a great event and a lot of fun. You never know what could happen on the track. **SO, VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

A promotional poster for the 'Return to Kingdon 9th Annual Racing Reunion'. The text is in a bold, stylized font. It includes the dates 'September 5th - 7th' and lists sponsors: 'presented by ARNAIZ COMPANIES, CHASE, CHEVROLET'. The background features a drag racing car with smoke coming from its tires, set against a dark sky with blue curved lines.

Volunteers needed for security, lunch, admission provided. email (n6kzw@sbcglobal.net) with the day and time you can help, and your shirt size, another perk provided. Check the web site for more info, on the event.

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MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL OPERATOR'S SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 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.

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| September 1 st | John NZ6Q | October 6 th | Eric W6INP |
| September 8 th | Guy W6MSU | October 13 th | Dave N6LHL |
| September 15 th | Bob KJ6SVX | October 20 th | John NZ6Q |
| September 22 nd | Paul N6KZW | October 27 th | Guy W6MSU |
| September 29 th | Charlie WB6NVB | | |

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





AUGUST 23RD HAM CRAM PASSES 13 NEW HAMS

Our August 23rd HamCram passed 13 new licensees! We also had 1 new licensee get his General ticket and two couples at the HamCram. There were two successful General upgrades as well.

HamCram is a great way to get started in the hobby. Have a friend that's interested in Ham Radio, give them this information, have he or she attend a HamCram and then you M-E-N-T-O-R your friend into becoming a good operator!

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 September

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| August 27 th – September 2 nd | Arizona (W1AW/7) | Maine (W1AW/1) |
| September 3 rd – September 9 th | Tennessee (W1AW/4) | Oregon (W1AW/7) |
| September 10 th – September 16 th | Colorado (W1AW/0) | Texas (W1AW/5) |
| | New Hampshire (W1AW/1) | |
| September 17 th – September 23 rd | North Carolina (W1AW/4) | Connecticut (W1AW/1) |
| September 24 th – September 30 th | New Mexico (W1AW/5) | Idaho (W1AW/7) |
| October 1 st – October 7 th | California (W1AW/6) | Alaska (W1AW/KL7) |





ARRL Centennial: W1AW Operation NZ6Q Operation October 1st – October 7th

NZ6Q will host **W1AW/6**, October 1st through October 7th immediately before and following CQP 2014. John will be opening his home and his neighbor has graciously offered to open her rooftop for an expansion of the antenna farm. Dan, **KB6UNC** will be here from Salt Lake City. We will be operating several bands and modes throughout the daytime and evening beginning Tuesday night September 30th. We will shut down Thursday night October 2nd to head to Mariposa County / Merced County line for CQP 2014. Phone, CW and Digi-RTTY modes will be available.

W1AW is the “flagship” call sign of Amateur Radio and this is a great opportunity to get on the air and experience HF as the “DX Station”. Read about our experience at **W1AW/7** in May (June issue of the Flysheet).

If you're interested in being a Guest Op, please send John an email at 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.

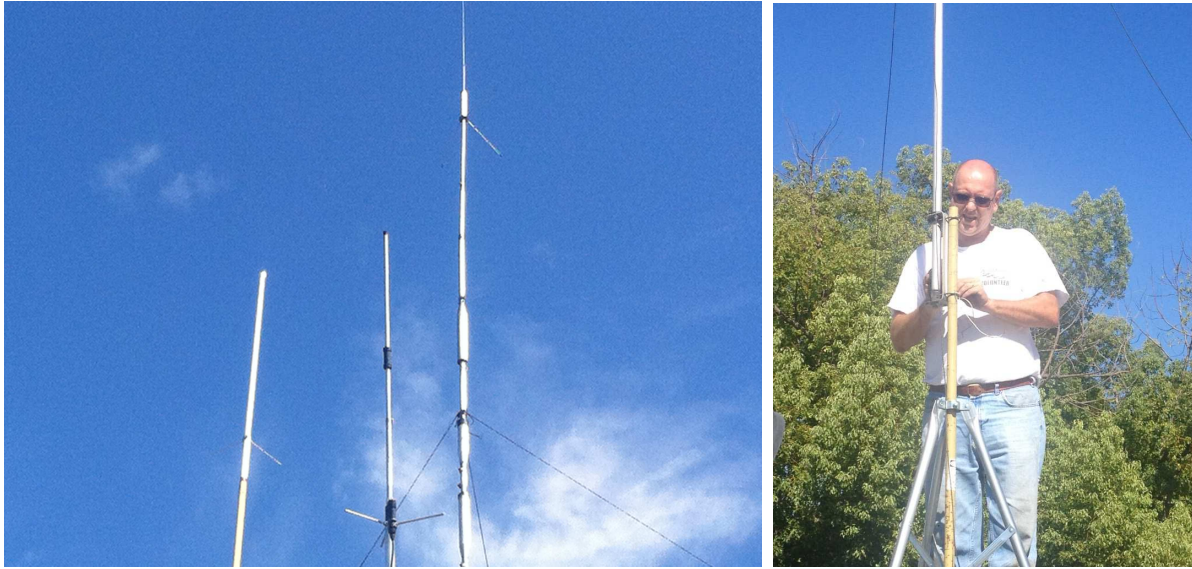
In 1985, PRB-1 was passed which directed state and local governments to provide “reasonable accommodations” for Amateur Radio operators to erect antennas. While over the years there have been horror stories about “unreasonable restrictions” attempted by governments, most cities and counties do provide 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>

N6XMA NEW ANTENNA PROJECT UPDATE



Ed, **N6XMA**'s new vertical antenna was only on the air a few days and it developed a problem. On Saturday, August 23rd, Paul, **N6KZW** and John, **NZ6Q** took to the roof of his apartment building to check out the issue.

The antenna was not tuning up correctly on any band and on the MFJ Analyzer seemed to indicate some sort of open circuit. We put a 50-ohm load on the end of the coax to verify that it was OK. The same meter connected to the SO-239 at the base of the antenna revealed that to be the culprit. Using a short piece of coax and another SO-239, we created a new point for the coax to connect on a short 'pigtail'.

This immediately resolved the problem and Ed is once again back on HF and ready to check into the Thursday night 10-Meter net.

ARRL OFFERS NEW FREE ON-LINE TESTING

The ARRL has launched a new online resource that allows users to take randomly generated practice exams using questions from the actual examination question pool. **ARRL Exam Review for Ham Radio™** is *free*, and users do *not* need to be ARRL members. The only requirement is that users must first set up a site login. Check it out at <http://www.arrl.org/exam-practice>

While ARRL Exam Review is being introduced with the new, third edition of the Technician study guide, ***The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual***, the site also supports practice examinations for General and Amateur Extra. The on-line exam practice provides different review options, so you can choose to review by chapter of the study manual or by question pool topic. Short explanations are provided to help you understand the correct answer. The software also provides the option to produce-- and print-- as many practice exams as you would like.





A HAM'S CALENDAR

September 5 - 7, 2014 – 9th Annual Return to Kingdon Drag Races, Kingdon Airport, Lodi
Volunteers are needed. Please contact Paul, N6KZW at n6kzw@sbcglobal.net

September 11, 2014 – September Club Meeting, Bear Creek Community Church 19:30
hours, 11171 Lower Sacramento Rd, north of 8 Mile Rd. in Stockton. Program TBD

September 20, 2014 – Rally in the Valley Amateur Radio Event, Fresno – more information
Google “rally in the valley 2014” Swap meet, Forums, raffle, Chili Cook-Off

September 27 - 28, 2014 – CQWW Phone?? Contest – more infor

October 1 - 7, 2014 – W1AW/6 California – NZ6Q's host operation

October 4 - 5, 2014 – California QSO Party – 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 – <http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup>

November 1 - 2, 2014 – ARRL November Sweepstakes - CW

November 13th, 2014 – November Club Meeting / 2015 General Election

November 15- 16, 2014 – ARRL November Sweepstakes – PHONE

November 27, 2014 – Thanksgiving Day Run for Hunger, Weber Point, Stockton, 6:30 AM

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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, September 11th, 2014, 7:30 PM at the Bear Creek Community Church.**

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>

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CLUB DUES:

\$20 SINGLE and \$30 FAMILY

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We thank you for your continued support!