

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



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August 2018 Newsletter

Welcome to the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club
New Members

Dave W6CM
Irving KM6GYO

"When Everything Else Fails. Amateur Radio often times is our last line of defense...When you need amateur radio, you really need them."

The Hon. W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, US Department of Homeland Security, FEMA

AUGUST MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT THURSDAY AUGUST 9TH 7:30 PM AMBLERS CLUB IN STOCKTON

The August 2018 meeting will be held at The Amblers Club, 2000 Amblers Lane, off Country Club Blvd west of Interstate 5 in North Stockton. There will be a "meet-n-greet" before the regular meeting starting at 7:00 PM. No host Beer and Wine bar is available before the meeting and coffee with treats will be served during the meeting and afterwards.

The meeting will start at 7:30 PM. After a short business meeting agenda, there will be a very interesting training on the history of the Stockton-Delta ARC. This has been compiled from several sources Ron KG7OR. Be sure to check out some of his background information on the club website.

The meeting will conclude with a raffle.



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President's QST: In the Summertime, you got Ham Radio on your mind

Hello fellow SDARC members, welcome to hot season here in the "Great Valley". If you're working on antennas or outside in general, please take the right precautions to survive the heat.

As you know our club is always very busy and that IMHO (In My Humble Opinion) is what makes the club fun for everyone. We had a great first time event with 4th of July Parade and a few of us were asked by Ripon Fire to help with their Fireworks. We tend to slow down a little during the summer on the outside, but on the inside we are getting ready for Fall Contests that are just around the corner – NAQP Phone is the 18th of August, Elmer University and CQWW in September, CQP and Pacificon in October, Sweepstakes in November, 160-Meter and 10-Meter contests in December. Your board is working hard planning these events as well as gathering information on what we can improve for next year as we are already thinking about 2019.

Our next event will be in September for Elmer University on September 22nd. This is a change from September 15th to accommodate several of our instructors attending the Sacramento HamFest on the 15th. There will be more details about E-U in our August and September meetings. Our September meeting will be our Transmitter Hunt and Bar-B-Que meeting. This year we have accepted the Moose Lodge's invitation to hold the Bar-B-Que at their picnic grounds on Davis Rd just north of Thornton Rd. More details on this meeting in the newsletters.



Ron, KG7OR is our speaker at our August 9th meeting. His history of our club is very interesting and not to be missed. For those of you that chase DX such as myself, I hope you were able to put KH1/KH7Z in your log from Baker Island, the first this has been active in over 15 years and most likely will not be active again for similar length of time. I was lucky enough to make contact with them on 80-Meters. I never would have expected that from my humble station but I'm happy to be in the logbook. This was an ATNO (All Time New One) for me.

Several members are working on new HF stations and antennas. I like the responses and offers for help I've seen on the club Facebook page. Even though Facebook stock lost \$100-Billion in value last week, I feel our stock value as a club is still way up there! If we just keep helping others, we'll get there and feel better about the journey. For you new members who might be shy about asking for help, please DON'T BE SHY! While we might not be the quickest bunch, we'll get there and the information will be solid and helpful to get you on the air.



[FCC Proposes \\$18,000 Fine in Louisiana Amateur Radio Interference Case ... just in case you thought harmful interference was a joke... read this.](#)

JULY MEETING REPORT

JULY 12TH 7:30 PM

The July meeting was held at the Ambler's Club. There was a meet-n-greet starting at 19:00 to allow members to socialize. Bob **KM6ONS** is a member and this allows us to enjoy some of the benefits of membership at the Ambler's Club. The meeting started at 7:30 PM with President John **NZ6Q** asking for members and guests to introduce themselves.



Treasurer Report: Paul **KC6RRR** reported on expenses for Museum Ships Weekend and Field Day. All expenses had been paid. Steve **NC6R** reported on work to be done on the repeater.

annual repeater fee to \$45 mo / \$540 per year. The motion was 2nd and approved by the membership.

Event Committee: Kids Day: Ed **N6XMA** reported on Kids Day at the Margaret Troke Library. While not having a lot of foot traffic, we did have some and all felt that we had a successful event which opened the door to future events with the libraries.

Mark **W6SXA** reported on the 4th of July Parade in downtown Stockton. Pictures appear in this issue of the newsletter. We were given accolades from the organizers and hope to be included again next year.



Field Day: John **NZ6Q** reported that while the club's Field Day was a success. The 40-Meter 2 Element V-Beam proved successful. He thanked Charlie **WB6NVB** and his wife for not only hosting Field Day on his property "last minute" but who came through with Pizza from Dante's for everyone on site on Saturday. David **N6LHL** did a great job on the port-a-potty and ordering drinks and snacks.

Dustyn **KM6HDY** came through with a few of his homebrew antennas to put the club on the air for six meters and above.

John, **NZ6Q** gave a presentation on logbooks and specifically the N3FJP logs. It was well received and there was a lot of discussion.

The meeting concluded at 8:45PM.



ARRL - WINNER NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES



CONGRATULATIONS TO ANNIE N6ACL...
Winner of November 2017 Phone Sweepstakes
1st Place San Joaquin Valley
Pacific Division Winner
Multi-Op, Lower Power Phone

ARRL CONTEST BRANCH RELEASES MORE CERTIFICATES FOR DOWLOAD

The ARRL Contest Branch has announced that more contest award certificates are now [available for download](#) from the ARRL website in PDF and JPEG formats. Just enter the call sign used. ARRL Contest Branch Manager Bart Jahnke, **W9JJ**, said downloadable certificates now are available for these additional events: the 2017 ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest, the 2017 November Sweepstakes, the 2017 ARRL 10 Meter Contest, the 2017 160 Meter Contest, the 2018 RTTY Roundup, and the 2018 January VHF Contest. Jahnke said 2018 ARRL International DX Contest certificates would become available in the very near future.



Already available are downloadable certificates for the 2017 IARU HF Championship, the 2017 ARRL 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest, and the 2017 ARRL September VHF Contest. Jahnke said the new online certificates will offer enhanced content over what has been previously available on ARRL certificates. New recognitions have been added for Top 10 participants in a broader number of geographical (country, Division, Section) or categorical entries.

New event certificates will be announced as they are released. For those who never received a certificate or need to replace one, Jahnke said certificates for contests going back a decade or so are available.



MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL OPERATOR'S SCHEDULE

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.

If you would like to learn how to be a Net Control Operator, contact one of the club Officers! We will happily mentor you during a Monday night net. This is a great opportunity to improve your operating skill in a "minimal" pressure environment. The Schedule and Net Control Script are 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 2	Charlie WB6NVB	August 6	Paul N6KZW
July 9	Eric W6INP	August 13	Bob N6TCE
July 16	Dave N6LHL	August 20	Scott K6SCT
July 23	Ron KG7OR	August 27	John NZ6Q
July 30	Mike K6AAN		

Sept. 3	Charlie WB6NVB
Sept. 10	Eric W6INP
Sept. 17	Dave N6LHL
Sept. 24	Ron KG7OR

NEW – NET OPERATORS SCHEDULE FOR 7:00 PM TECH NET

July 30	Brent, W6YNO (KG7OR has 8:00 net)
August 6	Ron, KG7OR (N6KZW has 8:00 net)
August 13	Paul, N6KZW
August 20	Brent, W6YNO
August 27	Ron, KG7OR

September 3 Paul, N6KZW
September 10 Brent, W6YNO
September 17 Ron, KG7OR
September 24 Paul, N6KZW (KG7OR has 8:00 net)

Thanks to Dan N6ZDH for the great pictures each month!



California QSO Party

BEGINS 1600 UTC OCTOBER 6TH, 2018



**STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
AUGUST 9TH , 2018 MEETING
7:30 PM
AGENDA**

- Introductions, John NZ6Q
- Financial Report, Treasurer Paul, KC6RRR
- Standing Committee Reports, Mark W6SXA
 - a. Membership – Annie N6ACL
 - b. Events – Mark W6SXA
- Training
 - a. Ron KG7OR – History of the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Clubs
- Adjournment / Raffle

JULY 4TH PARADE REPORT



It's great when a new event goes as planned. Even better when it goes off without a hitch. Several months ago, when we were first approached by the United Veterans Council on assisting in the 4th of July, we were excited as well as anxious at the opportunity. This would be the first event ever held and it was the first time our club had been invited to help plan the event from the beginning.

Great job by Mark **W6SXA** and Ed **N6XMA** who attended the many planning meetings and offered input. By the morning of the 4th, we were more than prepared.

Net control was set-up at the corner of El Dorado & Oak St, across from the downtown Public Library and across the park from the reviewing stand set up in front of the Civic Auditorium. Ed **N6XMA** and Gayle **KK6RAO** were our net control operators. Bob **N6TCE** and Monica **KM6RXM** set up at the check-in site and starting point. Eric **W6INP**, Tom **KM4LOL**, Guy **W6MSU**, Charlie **WB6NVB**, Annie **N6ACL** and Jim **K6JMB** all set up at major intersections as the eyes and ears of the parade. Cecil **KK6QXQ** was the parade organizers radio operator riding around the route several times with Linda in her golf cart and keeping her up to date with our reports. John **NZ6Q** was stationed at the viewing stand in front of the Civic Auditorium.

At the start of the parade a very interesting "character" appeared at the viewing stand. He first bothered the snack bar folks, then wandered in and out of the spectators trying to watch the show. Dressed in shorts, nylons, no shoes and barely a shirt, when he starting taking off what little clothes he had on, we called for PD.

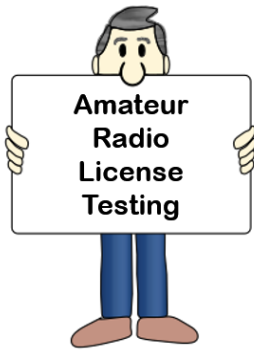


Overall the event was spectacular. Several of the participant exhibits were very impressive and showcased a lot of our community. Our “interesting character” and some minor route issues being the only “glitches”.



Great work by everyone who came out and supported the event. We have already been invited back next year.



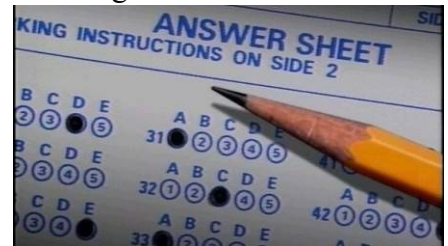


AUGUST HAM CRAM STOCKTON FIRE STATION #2 110 W SONORA ST, STOCKTON SATURDAY AUGUST 11TH 2018 DOORS OPEN 8:00 AM

“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, 8:30 AM to 3:30 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 45-minute reading sessions with 10-minute breaks and a 50-minute break for lunch. The FCC exam is given at the end of the day.

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. You do not need to attend the HamCram just to take an exam. If you’ve paid to attend the HamCram, the exam is included.



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

IT’S A BAR-B-QUE! NO, IT’S A TRANSMITTER HUNT NO.... IT’S BOTH!



Mark your calendars now for our September Club Meeting / Transmitter Hunt / Pot Luck and annual Bar-B-Que!

Thursday night, September 13th, we will be meeting starting at 6:00 PM at the Moose Lodge, 9035 N Davis Rd, Stockton, just north of Thornton Rd. Dinner will be served starting at 6:30 PM. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the August Club Meeting for members to indicate a pot luck dish (salad/side dish, drinks or dessert).

After dinner, Mike K6MDS will give us a short presentation on Transmitter Hunting or Radio Direction Finding and we will be off into the woods to find “the Fox”. This is a great opportunity to bring your spouse and kids even and play radio together.



A HAM'S CALENDAR

Aug 4 - 5, 2018 – North American QSO Party - CW, 1800Z to 0559Z – See Rules at:
<http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf>

August 9, 2018 – Stockton-Delta ARC Club Meeting – The Ambler Club, 3000 Amblers La, off Country Club Blvd west of Interstate 5 - Meeting Starts at 7:30 PM – Program TBD – A prize raffle will follow the regular meeting.

August 11, 2018 – Stockton Ham Cram – 0800 – Ham Cram will be held at Fire Station #2, 110 W Sonora St, Stockton at the Division of Training Classroom. Register for new tests or upgrades here:
<http://www.w6sf.org/hamcram.html>

August 18TH – 19TH, 2018 – North American QSO Party SSB – Easy and fun contest for the first timer – exchange is just name and state <http://www.ncjweb.com/NAQP-Rules.pdf>

August 25TH – 26TH – Hawaii, Kansas and Ohio QSO Parties – Easy and fun contests and great for working counties in different states for awards.

September 13th, 2018 – Stockton-Delta ARC Club Meeting – STARTING AT 6:30 PM with Pot Luck Dinner and BBQ – Moose Lodge, 9035 N Davis Rd, Stockton Program Radio Direction Finding and Transmitter Hunt by Mike **K6MDS**. Club raffle after the meeting.

September 8th – 16th, 2018 – Route 66 On The Air – A weeklong event highlighting “The mother road” and Amateur Radio. More Info: <http://w6jbt.org/>

September 22nd, 2018 – Elmer University – 8:00 AM – <http://www.w6sf.org/hamcram.html>

October 6th – 7th, 2018 – California QSO Party – The greatest state QSO party of the year. More Info: <http://www.cqp.org>

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 Amblers Club, 2000 Amblers Lane, Stockton, CA – off Country Club Blvd west of Interstate 5.** Members, guests, and people having an interest in Amateur Radio are invited to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, August 9th starting at 7:30PM.** Members and guests are welcome. There is a no host meet-n-greet starting at 7:15 in the Amblers Club.

WEEKLY NETS: Held each Monday evening at 1900hrs is the **W6SF Digital/Tech Net** hosted by Paul **N6KZW**. Then at 2000hrs the regular club net starts. **147.165+ PL 107.2 Hz and 442.250 + PL 107.2 are the regular repeaters for these Nets.** Members and visitors are invited to check in. There is also an unofficial get together on Thursday evenings (except meeting night) at 8:00pm **on 28.457MHz.** 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 (REDUCED TO \$10 AND \$15 JULY THRU DECEMBER)
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We thank you for your continued support!