

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



AN ARRL AFFILIATED CLUB

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SEPTEMBER 2015

Welcome to the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club

WELCOME MEMBERS & GUESTS

Love doesn't drop on you unexpectedly; you have to give off signals, sort of like an amateur radio operator...



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – W6COB

Greetings fellow club members! It's hard to believe it's September. This year certainly has flown by. There is still so much to do this year as a club, and less and less time to get it all done. Contest "season" is coming. Are you planning on joining the club for CQP? November Sweepstakes? If yes, GREAT! If no, why not?

This year is the 50th running of the California QSO Party. Don't you think it's time to get involved? Or just get on the air... There is a commemorative coin to be had this year for working 8 special event CQP stations that spell the word G-O-L-D-R-U-S-H. When do you think that will happen again?

So let's make our mark this contest season. Time to get your RRTY on (CQ World-Wide RTTY); Let's get the Gold (CQP); Round up those Schools (School Club Round-up); Let's Sweep it UP (Sweepstakes); Trot on with the Turkeys (Thanksgiving Run For Hunger); and Deck the Halls at the Christmas Dinner. Seriously, If you've never operated a contest, try it – Get On The Air, and if you have, set a goal this fall to do just 20% or 30% or even 50% better than the last contest. You'll be glad you did!

See you at the meeting on September 10th!

73,

Chuck, W6COB



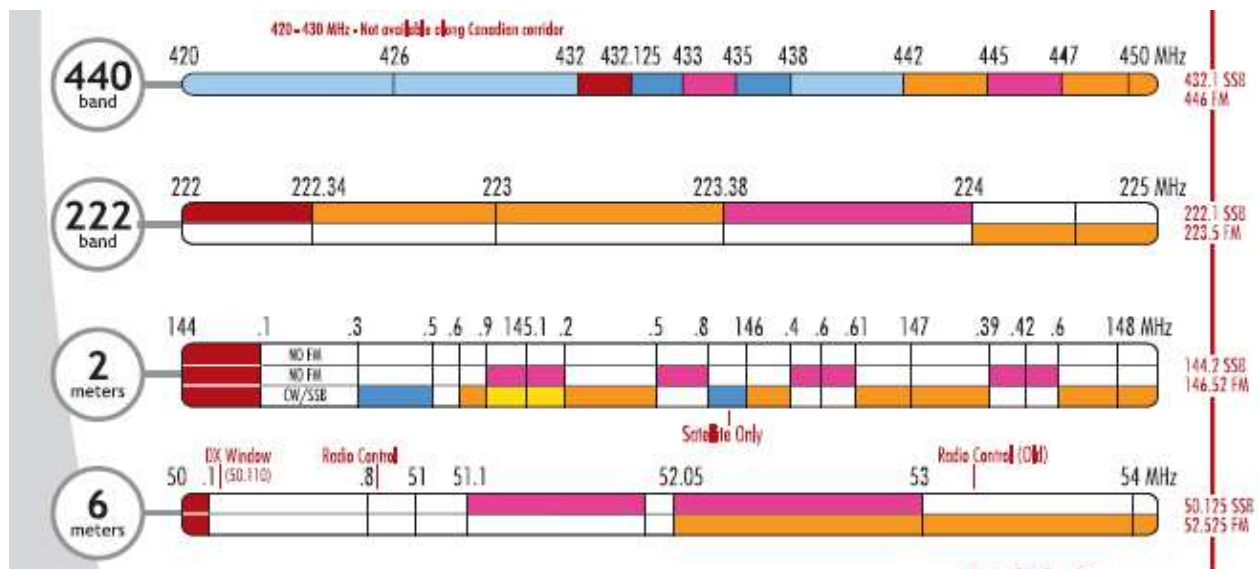
**SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTICE
 STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
 THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH 2015
 BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH
 7:30 PM**

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 SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2015. The meeting will be held at Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 N Lower Sacramento Rd, North of Eight Mile Rd in Stockton.

The Meeting is back at it's regularly scheduled time of 7:30PM.

Shirl, AA6K will be updating us on CQP 2015 – the 50th Running of the California QSO Party complete with video you don't want to miss.

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.





**OCTOBER HAM CRAM
STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
MANTECA RADIO CLUB
LODI RADIO CLUB
SATURDAY OCTOBER 10TH , 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 OCTOBER 10TH , 2015
DOORS OPEN 9:00 AM**

The local radio club is where the newcomer begins the journey of discovery and the seasoned veteran keeps informed of the latest technology. Regardless of where we are on our ham radio journey our local radio club is where we find our friends. The term "Elmer" means someone who provides personal guidance and assistance to would-be hams. The term first appeared in *QST* in a March 1971 "How's DX" column by Rod Newkirk, W9BRD (now also VA3ZBB). Newkirk called them "the unsung fathers of Amateur Radio."

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club, the Manteca Amateur Radio Club and the Lodi Amateur Radio Club have come together to help teach new hams how to get started and offer this "personal guidance". These sessions are an opportunity for the new ham to learn how to purchase and / or program their first radio, to discover some of the many opportunities there are in Amateur Radio to "find your world" and give the new ham just the chance to ask questions and get on the air.

Elmering sessions run concurrent with our HamCram testing sessions so that new hams, who got their license at a previous session can come back and learn the basics of the hobby from patient Elmers in each club. the class is structured with a 2 hour "classroom" session in the morning, break for lunch and 1 hour "on the air" in the afternoon using new HTs, VHF/UHF Mobile radios and mobile HF radios.

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

CLUB MEETING REPORT

August 13th , 2015 7:30PM

Bear Creek Community Church

The August club meeting was held at the Bear Creek Community Church beginning at 7:00PM. President Chuck W6COB called the meeting to order. The meeting was called to order on the patio after supper of Pizza was served.

The treasurer reported that the bills were all paid except for a few stragglers and that the club finances were as healthy as they were last month. The editor apologizes as his notes on the subject were not complete. John NZ6Q did ask for re-imbursement for the meal tonight – about \$80.00.

Paul N6KZW put out a call for members needed at the annual [Kingdon Drag Races](#) to assist in communications and security at the track and in the surrounding areas. This event is a lot of fun and you can be there all or part of any of the three days. Contact Paul, N6KZW to fill a spot today.

Dave N6LHL suggested moving the club's CQP site to the Lincoln Village West Beach Club Clubhouse should there be interest. There was some discussion but a definite decision was not reached. The item needs discussion at the September Meeting if we are going to change venues this close to the contest. (Editor's note: I toured the facility a few weeks ago with Dave N6LHL and it has some very good potential).

John NZ6Q reported on the success of the Elmering Project and the HamCram on August 15th. The fact that two of our "Elmer University" Graduates attended the club meeting spoke well that the idea is getting new hams interested in the hobby. Our next session is Saturday October 10th.

The rest of the meeting was turned over to Mike K6MDS who gave a very interesting lecture on the history and dynamics of Radio Direction Finding and the origins of 'Fox Hunting' as a radio sport. He demonstrated a few simple techniques for attenuation of signals and how signals can reflect off of various objects. The class adjourned to the field to 'hunt the fox' until dark.

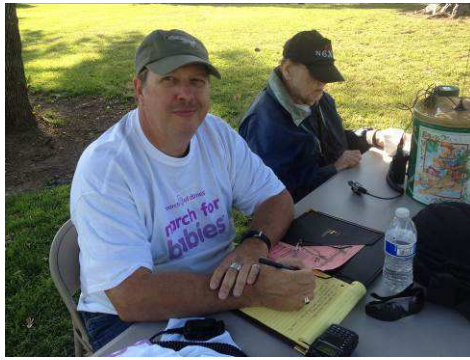
For Sale



Mike Stanco has a few excellent items for sale. Please contact him directly if you're interested:

Kenwood mobile TM-V7A 144-440 MHz	\$150.00
Kenwood HT TH-G71 144-440 MHz	\$100.00
Radio Shack mobile HTX-242 2Meter	\$ 75.00
Radio Shack mobile HTX-100 10 Meter	\$ 50.00
Astron power supply RS 20amp	\$ 50.00

You can contact Mike at kd6ivl@att.net or by phone at 209-406-5298



MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL OPERATOR'S SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2015

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.

August 3 rd	Charlie, WB6NVB	September 7 th	Charlie, WB6NVB
August 10 th	Eric, W6INP	September 14 th	Eric, W6INP
August 17 th	Dave, N6LHL	September 21 st	Dave, N6LHL
August 24 th	Guy, W6MSU	September 28 th	Guy, W6MSU
August 31 st	Paul, N6KZW	October 5 th	Paul, N6KZW



March of Dimes T-Shirts

will be at the September Club Meeting
For pick-up if you did not get yours...



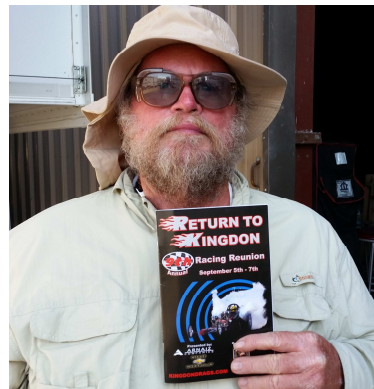
Return to Kingdon Drags September 25th, 26th, 27th 2015

Come out and join us Friday, Saturday or Sunday – or all three days for the Kingdon Drag Race event. As in years past, the club is the official ‘eyes and ears’ of event staff and security making sure that people are safe and sane during the event. It doesn’t get much better than old car shows, ham radio and riding around in golf carts.

This is the 10th Annual Return to Kingdon show so it promises to be an extra special event. Radios are provided by the event, so you don’t need to bring your HT, but it’s nice to have in addition to the event radios.

Please contact Paul N6KZW at n6kzw@sbcglobal.net ASAP to volunteer. We need good operators.

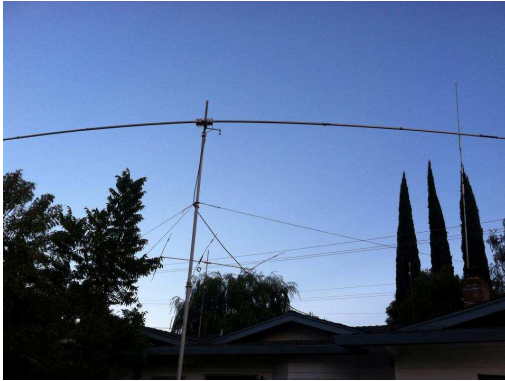
The event website is <http://www.kingdondrags.com/>



California QSO Party

50th Running Of The CQP!

1600 UTC October 3, 2015 to 2200 UTC October 4, 2015



The California QSO Party (CQP) is held every year on the first weekend of October.

The first CQP took place in 1966. Since 1974, the Northern California Contest Club ([NCCC](#)) has sponsored CQP. CQP has traditionally opened the annual contest season by providing an opportunity for contesters to prepare for the ARRL November Sweepstakes since the format is similar.

Stations outside of California, worldwide, work stations in California only. The 58 counties of CA are the [multipliers](#). California stations work all stations in or out of CA. The 50 US states and 8 Canadian provinces are the multipliers. Stations outside of Canada and the US add to one's QSO total but do not count as multipliers. See the full set of [CQP Rules](#) for more details.

Come to the September 10th club meeting and listen to Shirl AA6K give us a run-down on this year's CQP.

Now is the time to get ready for the greatest state QSO Party of them all! Are you ready to represent your county?

Join Us in the World's Largest Earthquake Drill.

October 15, 2015 Register Now at [ShakeOut.org](#)

**Shake
Out**



A HAM'S CALENDAR

September 10th , 2015 – Stockton-Delta ARC Club Meeting – Meeting will be at 7:30PM at Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 N Lower Sacramento Rd, Stockton – Shirl AA6K will have a presentation on how to get on for CQP

September 19th , 2015 – San Joaquin ARES “Rally in the Valley” at the Fresno Salvation Army Citadel <http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/san-joaquin-valley>

October 3 - 4 , 2015 – 50th Running of the California QSO Party. www.cqp.org

October 8th , 2015 – Stockton-Delta ARC Club Meeting – Meeting will be at 7:00PM on board the USS Lucid – Monte Diablo Ave across from Louis Park, Stockton – There will be a presentation on the USS Lucid radio project.

October 10th , 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

October 10th , 2015 – Elmer University – Classes start at 9:00 AM - Invite your ‘new ham’ friends to come check out more about the hobby by attending ‘The Elmer University’. Located at the Comcast Building, 6505 Tam O Shanter Dr, Stockton, CA there are classes on getting started on HF/VHF/UHF, Ham Speak, Antennas, Emergency Communications and more.

October 15th , 2015 – Great Shake-out Earthquake Drill www.shakeout.org

October 16th – 18th , 2015 – Pacific Division Convention (PacificCon2015) – San Ramon Marriott Hotel, Sponsor: Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club, Website: <http://www.pacificon.org>

October 19th – 23rd , 2015 – School Club Round-up Fall Term, from 1300 UTC Monday through 2359 UTC Friday. <http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup>

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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 September 10th 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>

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CLUB DUES:

\$20 SINGLE and \$30 FAMILY

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We thank you for your continued support!