Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



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Welcome to the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club

SEPTEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9TH
Meeting starts 7:00 PM
Stockton Sailing Club
4980 Buckley Cove



LET'S LOG THOSE CONTACTS!

QST QST... The September meeting of the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club will be held on Thursday, September 9th starting at 19:00 hours. The meeting will be held in person at the Stockton Sailing Club and also on Zoom for those who cannot make the in-person meeting.

We will be meeting in the classroom just inside the gates.

Here is the Zoom Meeting Info:

Topic: W6SF SDARC MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

Time: Sep 9, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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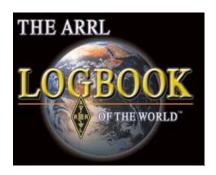
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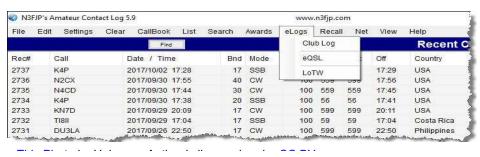
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The business meeting will include a discussion on the upcoming CQP event and whether W6SF will be represented since the Lodi Amateur Radio Club has scrapped plans for the multi-op station at their Field Day site. After the business meeting, John NZ6Q will be giving a presentation on Logging and Logging Software which promises to be interesting and informative. Logging, while not a hard requirement anymore in Amateur Radio, is an important skill. We will be going over station logging as well as event logging practices. Event logging is keeping a record of an event, like a parade or a bike race and the radio traffic which occurred during the event. If there is time we will also demo Logbook of the World (LOTW) by the ARRL.

We will be bringing back coffee and refreshments after the meeting. Those joining on Zoom should have their cup ready.





California QSO Party

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

- Bob, N6TCE

September 2021

Greetings all!



Welcome to the time of the year that see a welcome change in the weather. We look forward to leaving the heat of the summer behind and waking up to crisp cool mornings and seeing the dew-covered plants as Fall approaches.

This is time when we start getting ready for winter and all that it brings.

Plans need to be made for California QSO Party and PacifiCon. October is right around the corner.

Lodi ARC has decided to opt out of the plans we discussed at our August meeting. They will not be holding a CQP event at the farm in Lodi. I understand why, and I agree with them. We, the board members, and directors, have certain degree of liability protection because the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club is a corporation, not a club.

That said after conferring with the Stockton-Delta ARC's Club Board, We will move forward with CQP. Charlie WB6NVB has made available the site on DeVries Rd.

I have procured the Special Event Call Sign K6R for the event. In memory of a member Shirley Rose (AA6K SK) who was the "rallying cry" for contests every year in the club. At the upcoming meeting, we need to know what sort of depth of an event do the members want? Large or small? There is special Category for Clubs to operate in an 8-hour entry division. We would operate for just 8 hours as a club and then close up. Individual members, holding a proper license could continue for the rest of the 30-hour contest using their own call sign from home.

There are changes in the CQP rules this year. Check them out at www.cqp.org. There are also specific club rules, if the Club doesn't hold a unified event https://www.cqp.org/Clubcomp.html

So Many ways to enjoy CQP weekend on the air!

I still feel this should be an event focused on mentoring the newly licensed amateur operators.

Also, I noticed Stockton-Delta ARC is not listed as a ARRL contesting club? This amounts to simply uploading a list of members to the ARRL. This would allow people working home stations to submit a combined score for CQP. See the above web page for how that would work.

We also have several other Community Events coming up to discuss. Pacificon is October 15th through 17th and the Walk to End Alzheimer's is at Swenson Park in Stockton on October 16th. We will be part of a county-wide exercise in concert with the Great California Shake-Out Earthquake Drill on Thursday October 21st – 10/21 at 10:21 AM. In November, the Giro D'Vino bicycle ride is Sunday November 14th and the Run Against Hunger is on for Thanksgiving Morning in Downtown Stockton.

This also the time of the year when we start to think about the upcoming Club Elections. With that in mind, I would like to announce I will not be running for a third term. I have taken the position of San Joaquin County Emergency Coordinator, effective the 24th of August.

I have enjoyed, as much as possible with the COVID conditions, serving as Stockton-Delta ARC's President for 2 years. I feel keeping both positions would make it more likely I could not focus on things and get them done properly.

We have members who are fully capable of serving the club, and there is a core of people to help and guide them.

One of the things I am glad to see is a built-in mechanism of term limits in our bylaws. This assures the club doesn't become overly dependent on a small handful of people.

73
Bob, N6TCE
President Stockton-Delta ARC









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

Thank you for volunteering to be our Monday night net controllers for August and September. Your assigned dates are listed below. We are now showing assignments for both the 7pm Tech Net and the regular 8pm club net, to aid in coordinating the two.

Please contact KG7OR if you need to reschedule an assignment on the Tech Net. Contact Dave N6LHL for anything concerning the regular 8pm club net.

Additional volunteers are always welcome for both nets and will help to share the load. Contact me or KG7OR if you are willing or can convince someone else!

7pm Tech Net	8pm Club Net
Eric K6ODS	Bob N6TCE
Ron KG7OR	Charlie WB6NVB
Mike K6AAN	Ron KG7OR
Paul N6KZW	Eric W6INP
	Eric K6ODS Ron KG7OR Mike K6AAN





W6SF WEEKLY BREAKFAST MEETING CHUCK'S ON PACIFIC & SWAIN

THURSDAY'S AT 9:30 AM

Members AND GUESTS gather weekly in the dining room of Chuck's on Pacific for breakfast. Everyone is welcome to attend, you don't need a license. Bring an interest to discuss all things Amateur Radio and a hearty appetite and you'll have a good time.



W6SF AUGUST MEETING REPORT THURSDAY AUGUST 12TH

ICE CREAM SOCIAL / PICNIC TRANSMITTER HUNT

The August meeting of the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club was held on Thursday, August 12th. We

started with a picnic and social hour at 18:00 hours. Ice Cream was served at 18:30. In spite of our best efforts, the Chocolate became an extreme version of "soft serve" but it was still delicious! Even better than the ice cream was the company, with members and guests - well, now new members, travelling from Lodi, the foothills and Modesto to enjoy the ice cream and the presentation.

During the business meeting, members voted to participate in CQP 2021 along with members of the Lodi Amateur Radio Club using special event call K6R. This call is to commemorate Shirley Roses AA6K, a long-time club member in both radio clubs and avid contester and DXer. This will be an 8-hour effort in a new club category for CQP. More details coming in the September meeting.



Mike K6MDS gave a great presentation on Radio Direction Finding or Transmitter Hunting. With the increase in sunspots and activity on HF Bands, RDF on HF is an opportunity to play with something new and different. VHF/UHF RDF is an important skill in locating local "jammers" or "stuck transmitters". Mike outlined all of this and demonstrated different ways to attenuate your received signal as you get closer to the source. Several members discssed starting an RDF group that could meet regularly on transmitter hunts.

It was a beautiful night on the Delta and the river offered a great backdrop for the social hour and the meeting. Sailboats were out as well as a large ship being towed into the Port of Stockton provided some extra fun.













pictures here and on the website.

Thanks to the board members serving up the delicious treats and everyone who attended. Thanks to Paul N6KZW for the great

Annie, N6ACL Secretary





FEMA Announces National Preparedness Month, Urges All to 'Prepare to Protect' Before Disasters Strike

National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. The 2021 theme is "Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love."

September is <u>National Preparedness Month</u>, an annual observance to remind all Americans how important it is for individuals, families and communities to be prepared for disasters and emergencies that can happen at any time.

This year's theme is **Prepare to Protect** and highlights how preparing for disaster is to protect everyone you love. This year, Ready Campaign shifted its focus in support of <u>President Biden's Executive Order on Racial Equity</u> and FEMA's new strategy for cultural competence that includes empowering historically underserved communities to prepare for a disaster.

For the first time ever, the agency will feature a series of public service advertisements[™] (PSAs) designed to resonate with Latino communities and beyond that will launch during National Hispanic Heritage Month. In fact, the theme "Prepare to Protect" which carries universal meaning and significance, was established based on research and focus groups with Latino communities led by the Ad Council that highlighted the idea of protecting one's family as a prime motivator to



prepare for a disaster. The PSAs, in Spanish and English, will air during hurricane season and as wildfires continue to impact several states.

"Today marks the beginning of National Preparedness Month, as we're already in the height of a very active hurricane season, while wildfire threats to communities are increasing daily," said FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell. "Now is the time that everyone should have a conversation with their family, neighbors or loved ones to discuss what you would do in the event of a disaster in your area. Use the resources on Ready.gov or Listo.gov to make sure you have taken the steps to get prepared."

Also, everyone should sign up to receive local alerts and warning on your mobile phone. <u>Download the FEMA app</u> and receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide and have the steps to prepare for disaster with you at all times to keep you and your loved ones safe.

Each week during National Preparedness Month will focus on a theme with easy-to-follow steps that individuals and families can take to enhance their emergency preparedness efforts. This year's weekly themes include:

- Week 1: September 1-4: Make A Plan.
- Week 2: September 5-11: Build A Kit.
- Week 3: September 12-18: Low-Cost, No-Cost Preparedness.
- Week 4: September 19-25: Teach Youth About Preparedness.



Notable National Preparedness Month events:

• In partnership with the American Red Cross, FEMA will co-host a "Prepare with Pedro" day. The day will highlight the "Prepare with Pedro" activity book on social media and encourage youth to help their families prepare for a disaster by building a kit and making a plan.

- FEMA will publish the "2020 National Household Survey" full dataset on Open FEMA. The survey tracks progress in personal disaster preparedness through insights on Americans' preparedness actions, attitudes and motivations.
- Region 1 is hosting a "Talk Shop" on Sept. 9 via Zoom for faith-based organizations, and how
 they can include themselves in emergency management and better serve their communities
 during disasters.
- Region 2 is hosting FEMA "Ready Games" each Wednesday in September. The region encourages participants from the whole community to join the fun and learn about resilience, youth readiness, emergency management and the FEMA CERT program through bingo, trivia and much more.
- Regions 3, 4, 8 and 10 to host "Spaces" live conversations on Twitter throughout the month highlighting Tribal Nation preparedness, general preparedness and disability integration.
- Region 4 is hosting an online training for disability integration and accessibility stakeholders. The training is designed to help community-based organizations create a disaster response plan so they can stay open during disasters.
- Region 10 is hosting a
 "Virtual Family Prep
 Night," an interactive
 event aimed to include
 the entire family in
 talking about and
 preparing for disasters.

Ready.gov/September has free resources online, including social media content in multiple languages, for public use.



INFORMATION VIA - http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov



Help spread the word of how to be prepared for disasters and emergencies before they happen. For more information, visit <u>Ready.gov</u> and <u>Listo.gov</u>.



AUGUST HAM CRAM RESULTS STOCKTON FIRE STATION #2 SATURDAY AUGUST 14TH

The Stockton Fire Department Division of Training at Fire Station #2 hosted another successful HamCram Study and Test session on Saturday August 14th.

Give a listen on-the-air for these newly licensed Amateur Radio operators:

Stockton	Tech	KN6QBQ
Salinas	Tech	KN6QBR
Salida	Tech	KN6QBS
Delhi	Tech	KN6QBT
Sacramento	Tech	KN6QBU
Sacramento	Tech	KN6QBV
Stockton	Tech	KN6QBW
Sacramento	Tech	KN6QBX
Avery	Tech	KN6QBY
Ripon	General New	KN6QBZ
Sacramento	Tech	KN6QCA
Davis	Tech	KN6QCB
Concord	Tech	KN6QCC
Galt	Tech	KN6QCD
Galt	Tech	KN6QCE
Tracy	Tech	KN6QCF
Stockton	Tech	KN6QCG
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Also, two of our club members successfully upgraded from Technician to General Class:

Charles W Hawkins Stockton General Upg KN6NIC Shane Lewis Stockton General Upg K5SML

If you hear any of these new operators on the air, make sure you congratulate them and welcome them to the hobby as well as the club!

Sign up for the next HamCram clicking the link here.





SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY ARES (SJCARES) MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAY NIGHTS STARTING AT 7:30 PM

SJCARES The San Joaquin County ARES group is meeting on the air on Tuesday nights at 19:30 hours on the WB6ASU repeater 147.090 (PL 114.8 + 600khz offset)

The ARES group continues to grow and more members are welcome. San Joaquin County Emergency Coordinator Fred K6FVC has stepped aside as he prepares to relocate to Idaho.

We wish him all the best.

SEC Dan WL7COO has appointed Bob N6TCE to replace Fred. Bob started in his role as San Joaquin County EC on August 24th. From Bob N6TCE:

Hello All,

Thursday Night I took my appointment as Emergency Coordinator for San Joaquin County.

This is a short informational article ARES in San Joaquin County. The goal for ARES is to have available a large enough group of properly trained Amateur Radio Operators to meet the needs of our served agencies.

For those interested in ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) please contact me at n6tce@arrl.net and I get you started down the right path and the correct training as required by the Served Agencies.

For you to be effective in ARES, you do need to be more than a person with a radio. You need to develop and maintain a specific and well-defined skill set around the Incident Command System, functioning in a disaster environment and more. Being able to send and receive traffic (messages) accurately and efficiently is important.

Bob, N6TCE EC San Joaquin Co

You can get the latest information and join through their website at www.sjcares.org

The ARES group is meeting in person on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Their first meeting was at Ripon Fire Station #1 on July 26th. San Joaquin County Alzheimer's Walk is going to use

Amateur Radio in their 2021 Walk Against Alzheimer's on October 16th.

You do not have to be a W6SF member to join ARES and everyone with a valid Amateur Radio license is welcome.





Africa to the Space Station.

BILL K6PKL ASSISTS IN SAVING THE LIFE OF A FELLOW HAM IN OREGON

A small <u>ham radio</u> goes with Bill Scott everywhere and he uses it to <u>connect</u> with people living in many far away places, CBS Sacramento reported ON August 18th

"On Saturdays, I'll hear check-ins from just about every part of the world," he said.

Scott spends long periods of time using it each day and takes it on walks, vacations, and also to social events. During his 40 years of being an amateur radio operator, he has communicated with individuals all over the globe from South

It has also connected him with friends around the country and in June, he got a call and recognized the person's voice at the opposite end.

"It was all kind of skewed and everything. I thought it was a prank call at first and so then after we finally established, he said 'You are an amateur radio operator,' and I said 'Yeah', then it all started coming together," Scott recalled.

His radio buddy, Skip Kritcher **K7ZAA**, who was 500 miles away in Myrtle Point, Oregon, dialed Scott's number by mistake. Scott realized Kritcher was on his floor needed assistance.

"I couldn't see the numbers too good on the cell phone and I wound up pushing the button and calling Bill," Kritcher told reporters.

Moments later, Bill's wife Sharon, a retired nurse, realized Kritcher was experiencing a stroke.

According to the Mayo Clinic's website, a <u>stroke</u> happens when the blood supply to one's brain is interrupted or reduced, and it stops the brain tissue from receiving oxygen and nutrients.

"The speech that he had was slurred and my husband couldn't seem to keep him on task, he was skipping all over and confused," Sharon noted.

"I was nervous because I didn't want to lose my friend," Scott added.

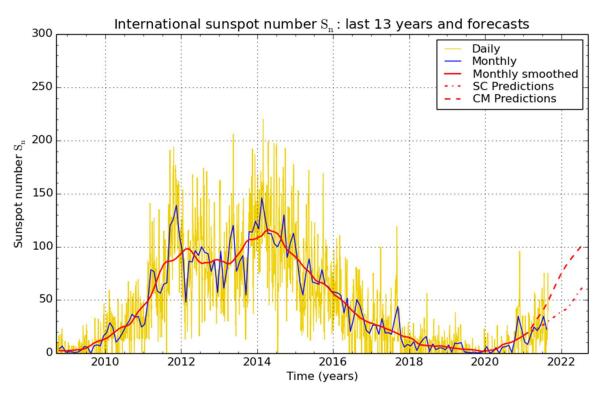
The line cut off and that was when the couple dialed 911. They had visited Kritcher's home before and knew where to tell emergency workers to go. A relative of Kritcher later told the couple their actions saved his life.

Bill K6PKL is a long time resident of Manteca and member of the Manteca Amateur Radio Club. He's very active on the Manteca Club repeater and DMR / Digital modes.





THE SUNSPOTS ARE COMING! THE SUNSPOTS ARE COMING!



SILSO graphics (http://sidc.be/silso) Royal Observatory of Belgium 2021 September 1

The Sun exhibits a well-observed modulation in the number of spots on its disk over a period of about 11 years. From the dawn of modern observational astronomy, sunspots have presented a challenge to understanding—their quasi-periodic variation in number, first noted 175 years ago, has stimulated community-wide interest to this day.

A large number of techniques are able to explain the temporal landmarks, (geometric) shape, and amplitude of sunspot "cycles," however, forecasting these features accurately in advance remains elusive. Recent observationally motivated studies have illustrated a relationship between the Sun's 22-year (Hale) magnetic cycle and the production of the sunspot cycle landmarks and patterns, but not the amplitude of the sunspot cycle.

While early studies are predicting Cycle 25 to be similar to 24 (*which wouldn't be bad at all... editor*), the relationship between this magnetic cycle, its terminator event in 2020, and early promising data in 2021, it is very possible that Solar Cycle 25 could have a magnitude that rivals the top few since records began.

This outcome would be in stark contrast to the community consensus estimate of Solar Cycle 25's magnitude being "average".

W6SF SWAP MEET PAGE ITEMS FOR SALE, FOR TRADE OR WANTED

TO LIST AN ITEM ON THE SWAP MEET PAGE PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL n6acl@arrl.net

PLEASE NOTIFY THE SECRETARY WHEN YOU SELL THE ITEM OR NO LONGER NEED THE LISTING

• Yaesu FT-100D, all-mode small transceiver, 160m — 70cm with microphone, power cord & manual. 100w on 160m — 6m, 50 watts on 2m, 20 watts on 70cm. Separate antenna jacks for HF & VHF/UHF and data jack for AFSK, FSK, Packet or FT-8. Perfect micro mobile or go-box application radio. \$400 John NZ6Q, 209-331-3078 nz6q@arrl.net - SOLD!



DENNIS W6UT IS SELLING HIS UNIQUE COLLECTION OF CW KEYS

• 2004-2006 Vibroplex Original 100th Anniversary Key – Serial # 100A-536
I purchased this key direct from Vibroplex. The key is no longer available. I could not find out from Vibroplex the year of production. The first year Vibroplex was patented was 1904 although some keys were made before the patent was issued. This key is as new as it has never been used and always stored in a case which will be included. I am asking \$300.00 plus shipping. From the Collection of Dennis Sanford, W6UT – email: w6ut@att.net



• 1977 Vibroplex Lightning Bug Deluxe Serial No. 382556. The key is in VG condition. It includes the Vibroplex Vari-Speed Adapter. This Vari-Speed is no longer manufactured. This model key was made from 1927 to 1979. \$175 plus \$22.00 shipping via priority mail and double boxed. Dennis W6UT – email: w6ut@arrl.net



• 1916 Vibroplex Original Serial No. 55439. Dennis restored this key himself. The main frame and the damper frame have been replated. The key includes a sturdy protective case. \$275 plus \$22.00 shipping via Priority Mail and double boxed.



• 1940 or 1941. Vibroplex Plate is not there. Arnold R. Noe is name on replacement plate and A.A.C.S. under name. Arnold was in US Army Aircorp from 1940 to 1945. AACS is ARMY AIRWAYS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM 1938. Arnold was born in 1917 and died in 2008. He lived and was raised in Columbus, OH. I have copy of his obituary from news paper that will go with key. The key is in excellent condition. \$250 with travel case plus \$22.00 shipping via priority mail and double boxed if shipped. w6ut@att.net



• 1937 Vibroplex Martin Junior Serial No. 109995. It is called a Junior because it is slightly smaller than an Original. The key is in VG condition. The feet have been replaced with Vibroplex feet. The old feet will be included with the key. \$250 plus \$22.00 shipping via priority mail and double boxed. I will include an original case for \$25. Dennis W6UT w6ut@att.net



• 1943 Original Deluxe Serial No. 123982. It is Battleship Gray as Chrome was needed for the war effort. It is in pristine condition. \$200 plus \$22.00 shipping via priority mail and double boxed. Dennis W6UT w6ut@att.net



• 1956 Vibroplex Zephyr Serial No. 196386 . It is in very good condition. These were only manufactured from 1939 to 1958. \$180 plus \$22.00 shipping via priority mail and double boxed. Dennis W6UT w6ut@att.net



• 1944 Vibroplex Champion Serial No. 137365. The Champion's were sold from 1939 to 1979. It uses a standard Vibroplex Original base. The key is in in Very Good Condition. \$160 plus \$22.00 shipping via priority mail and double boxed. Dennis W6UT w6ut@att.net



• Vibroplex #4 Blue Racer Standard Serial No. 157953. The key is in VG condition. It has one small flaw as paint chipped off next to the frame on the right side as it was being cleaned for these pictures. A touch of black paint will take care of it. \$175 plus \$22.00 shipping via priority mail and double boxed. Dennis W6UT w6ut@att.net



Note: Dennis has 3 more Deluxe Blue Racers and a 1916 that he restored and comes with a Racer case.

• 1917 Original. Serial No. 58878. It is Nickel Plated. It is in great condition. It includes the pictured case. \$300 plus \$22.00 shipping via priority mail and double boxed. Dennis W6UT w6ut@att.net



If you are interested in purchasing any of these keys please contact Dennis W6UT via email at w6ut@att.net

• Kenwood TS-2000, all-mode transceiver, 160m - 70cm, with microphone, power cord, & manual. Dual receive, 100 watts on 160 meters thru 2 meters, 50 watts on 70cm., built-in antenna tuner. \$700 or make an offer. Click here for ARRL review. John, K6YK, 209-462-7391 K6YK@arrl.net



 Kenwood TS-430S HF transceiver, 160-10m, 100 watts. Great HF starter rig. Professionally serviced in 2017. \$350. Jim, WB6BET, 209-625-5771, WB6BET@arrl.net



• GAP Titan DX Antenna, 80 – 6m Vertical Dipole – no radials required, ground mount or roof mount. 24 feet tall, uses a clamp + Kevlar rope about 2/3s up for added stability. Great performance especially on 40M for DX Estate Sale from N6GTO \$200 or B/O antenna will be disassembled and delivered within reasonable distance from Stockton John NZ6Q 209-331-3078 nz6q@arrl.net *** SOLD PENDING FUNDS



• RigExpert AA-170 Antenna Analyzer - a powerful antenna analyzer designed for testing, checking, tuning or repairing antennas and antenna feedlines up to 170MHz (0 – 170Mhz). Mainly, this is an SWR (Standing Wave Ratio) and impedance measurement instrument (vector impedance analyzer). Estate Sale from N6GTO this is brand new in the box \$250 pick up in Stockton (\$25 additional for shipping/insured) John NZ6Q 209-331-3078 nz6q@arrl.net



• 65 FT Self-Supporting Tri-Ex Crank-up Tower – These towers are several thousand dollars new and reasonably priced at \$600 each which can included limited delivery area around Stockton, CA Hand Crank included on each and are in solid shape. Estate Sale from N6GTO – John NZ6Q 209-331-3078, nz6q@arrl.net



• Shure Model 444 Desk Microphone – Classic Microphone sounds and looks great next to any rig, but Kenwood, Heathkit and Yaesu tube rigs seem to give it the most prestige. Wired for 4-prong plug typical for classic tube transceivers Hi-Lo impedance switch on bottom . Asking \$60 or BO John NZ6Q 209-331-3078 <a href="mailto:nzeequaper:nzeequ



• Kenwood TS-570D HF Transceiver 160m — 10m — with microphone, power cord, & manuals. Outstanding receiver, 100 watts on 160 meters thru 10 meters, built in antenna tuner and excellent noise reduction circuits. Great Kenwood audio for both transmit and receive. In original boxes. Great starter radio — easy to operate. Asking \$400. Click here for EHAM.NET reviews. John NZ6Q 209-331-3078 nz6q@arrl.net ***SOLD PENDING FUNDS...



• Yaesu FT-990 HF Transceiver 160m — 10m — with microphone, built in AC power supply, & manual. Outstanding receiver, 100+ watts on 160 meters thru 10 meters, excellent built-in antenna tuner with roller inductors and almost 10:1 range. Has a couple of minor cosmetic flaws. Great starter radio — easy to operate and no other equipment needed. Asking \$400. Click here for EHAM.NET reviews. John NZ6Q 209-331-3078 nz6g@arrl.net ***SOLD



2021 CLUB MEETING DATES & PROPOSED TRAININGS

April 8 Meeting – Tall Towers – Bob Hess W1RH

May 13...... Meeting – Get on your SOTA – Steve, WG0AT from Colorado

June 10 Meeting - Field Day Final Prep

October 14...... Meeting - Nominations for Officers 2022 - DMR - Vince KM6IRY

HamCrams for 2021 - 7:45 AM - Stockton Fire Station #2

February 6th April 10th August 14th October 23RD December 11th

Ham-U Training Day - 8:00 AM Fire Station #2

September 18th – CANCELLED UNTIL MARCH OF 2022

Club Events 2021

March 21st – Ride/Walk 4 Art Valley Springs – April 19th – Rookie Round-up On the Air Event

April 24th – STEAMFEST 2021 VIRTUAL Presentations

April 24th – Stockton Sailing Club Event Stockton Sailing Club – **TBD**April – May – Weed-Whacking on the hill Fiddletown Repeater Site - TBD

May 2ND – Delta Century Ride Jessie's Grove Winery – **CANCELLED FOR 2021**

Jun 4TH – 6TH – Museum Ships Weekend USS Lucid, Stockton, CA

June 19TH – Kids Day Stockton Libraries – **CANCELLED FOR 2021**

June 26TH – 27TH – ARRL Field Day

July 3RD – 4th of July Parade

October 2ND – 3RD – California QSO Party

Club Field day Site, Stockton, CA

Downtown Stockton – **COMPLETED!**Club Field Day Site, Stockton, CA

October 15 – 17 – Pacificon 2021 San Ramon Marriott
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November 25 – Run Against Hunger Waterfront – Downtown

December 10 – 12 – ARRL 10M Contest Club Field Day Site, Stockton, CA









A HAM'S CALENDAR

September 9th, 2021 – SDARC September Meeting - 1800 hours – Contest and Logging Software / CQP Planning, Stockton Sailing Club Classroom, 4980 Buckley Cove Way, Stockton, CA... All members are encouraged to attend – Meeting starts at 7:00 PM

September 25th – 26th, 2021 – CQ WW RTTY Contest - 0000Z on 9/25 to 2359Z on 9/26 – worldwide RTTY contest by CQ Magazine www.cqwwrtty.com

October 2nd - 3rd, 2021 - CAL QSO PARTY Contest - 1600Z 10/2 to 2200Z on 10/3. www.cqp.org

October 3rd – 9th, 2021 – N6F NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK SPECIAL EVENT – W6SF club members are again invited to participate as N6F from your home station. More info to come www.hamfire.com

October 15th – 17th, 2021 – PACIFICON 2021 - San Ramon Marriott, Antenna Classes, Swap Meet, ARRL Dinner, Breakfast and more www.pacificon.org

October 21st, 2021 – Great ShakeOut Earthquake Exercise 10:21 AM – More information coming. A joint exercise with SJCARES and a hospital exercise is the same day and we are looking for operators who may be asked to respond, or at least 'check-in' on the disaster from your home or job.

October 23rd, 2021 – HamCram + Test Session, Stockton Fire Station #2 Doors open at 7:45 AM - Test session starts at 3:00 PM after the HamCram is completed. Pre-registration required www.w6sf.org/hamcram.html

SEPTEMBER STATE QSO PARTIES

Colorado	09/04/2021	09/05/2021	Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association
Tennessee	09/05/2021	09/06/2021	Tennessee Contest Group
Alabama	09/11/2021	09/12/2021	Alabama QSO Party
Iowa	09/18/2021	09/19/2021	Story County ARC
New Hampshire	09/18/2021	09/19/2021	Port City Amateur Radio Club
New Jersey	09/18/2021	09/19/2021	Burlington County Radio Club
Texas	09/18/2021	09/19/2021	Texas DX Society
Washington	09/18/2021	09/19/2021	Western Washington DX Club
Maine	09/25/2021	09/26/2021	Wireless Society of Southern Maine
California	10/02/2021	10/03/2021	California QSO Party

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. To submit articles for the monthly newsletter, email N6ACL annettel@westwayfeed.com

W6SF CLUB INFORMATION

MEETINGS: Regular meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Stockton Sailing Club, 4980 Brookside Cove, Stockton, CA – off March Lane 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, September 9th starting at 1900 hours (7:00 PM) This meeting will be in person at the Stockton Sailing Club and on Zoom. Members and guests are welcome – info in this newsletter.

WEEKLY NETS: Held each Monday evening at 1900hrs is the W6SF New Ham/Tech Net hosted by Paul N6KZW and Others. 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.

San Joaquin ARES Net: Tuesday evenings 1930hrs on 147.090+ PL 114.8 Hz

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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