

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



AN ARRL AFFILIATED CLUB

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February 2020

Welcome to the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club

FEBRUARY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH Meeting starts at 7:00 PM



**STOCKTON PD E911 CENTER
TOUR
MEET AT THE E911 BUILDING
WEBER AVE AT CENTER ST**

PARKING LOCATED IN THE LOT ACROSS THE STREET

QST QST QST... The February meeting of the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club will be held on Thursday, February 13th starting at 19:00 hours. The meeting will be a tour of the Stockton PD E911 Center and the City of Stockton Emergency Operations Center.

It is important that everyone arrive on-time for the meeting as we must be escorted into the secure area of the Eberhardt Building.

Once the business meeting is completed – a very short agenda – we will have small group tours of the E911 Center. After everyone completes the tour, there will be a training on reporting emergencies via Amateur Radio and an opportunity to have questions answered.

Tell your friends about this exciting meeting and plan on attending!

STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES REMAIN JUST \$20 SINGLE AND \$30 FAMILY

The Board recommended no dues increase for 2020. \$20 for a single membership, and \$30 for a family membership - when the family lives under the same roof. Click on the [PayPal icon](#), and pay at that point with your credit or debit card.

Joining SDARC is a great value and a great investment in your hobby.

You can also send a check for dues to:

Stockton-Delta A.R.C.
P.O. Box 690271
Stockton, CA 95269-0271



COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE **Pedaling Paths to I**

Saturday, February 2



June 27 – 28, 2020



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

- Bob, N6TCE

Greetings to all,

Last month we started the year with a great turn-out. Thank you, all who attended.



I would like to thank Steve, W1SRD, for the great presentation on his experiences during the Ducie Island Dxpedition, and a hint about the future South Orkney Island Dxpedition that will take place next month. I am sure we all wish the group a safe journey there and back,

At January's meeting we voted to retain the Club dues at the current level. Those dues allow us to maintain the W6SF repeater system, pay for events like the summer picnic and provide some refreshments at club events. You can pay by PayPal, check or cash at a meeting. The preferred method is PayPal.

Also at this month's meeting we will finalize the plans for the Peddling Paths for Independence Bicycle Ride. A preliminary assignment sheet is out and I understand we have a few slots still open. This event is a great chance for newer hams to learn how Amateur Radio Nets operate and how Amateur Radio provides services to the communities. For more experienced Operators, they might get a chance to mentor a newer Ham Radio Operator. John and I will be promoting the idea at the up-coming Ham Cram so we might have a few newer Hams there. A Win-Win situation for all.

I spoke with Steve, NC6R, Saturday at the MLDXCC meeting, and he was happy we had already budgeted the money for weed clearing at the repeater site. While it is still wet and cold, it will not be for much longer. A few warm days and the grass will start growing like the weeds they are. Thinking and planning ahead saves the need for panic later.

February's meeting will a tour of the Stockton PD's 911 Call Center. The information is up on the web page. Please arrive promptly by 7:00PM.

This tour and meeting idea came about after Brent, W6YNO, came upon a deer/motorcyclist collision. This could serve as a reminder to all, there are many everyday places that we visit which do not have cell phone coverage in our area. This accident was at one such location. Brent's quick use of Amateur Radio to put out an Emergency Call which was answered quickly. John NZ6Q handled the phone call to the 911 Center. The proper agencies were notified and help was sent. Kudos go to Brent and John.

In emergencies minutes count. In any emergency event, make your use of those minutes efficient and effective. We will be covering during our meeting how to effectively interface with 911 Emergency Call Centers.

March's Meeting is in the planning stage. Remember, I may be leading the parade this year, But without a band I wouldn't be anything at all.



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.

February 3	Charlie WB6NVB
February 10	John NZ6Q
February 17	Eric W6INP
February 24	Dave N6LHL

March 2	Mike K6AAN
March 9	Paul N6KZW
March 16	Bob N6TCE
March 23	Charlie WB6NVB
March 30	John NZ6Q

HAM-U
SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH 2019
FIRE STATION #2
110 W SONORA ST, STOCKTON, CA
8:30 AM TO 3:00 PM

The next session of Elmer University, now called "HAM-U" is scheduled for March 14th at Fire Station #2 Copsey Hall. This is where the newcomer begins the journey of discovery and the seasoned veteran keeps informed of the latest technology in this huge hobby we call Amateur Radio. 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 want to help teach new hams how to get started and offer this "personal guidance".

These sessions are an opportunity for the new and experienced ham to discover some of the many opportunities there are in Amateur Radio to "find your world". There are also opportunities just to ask questions and get on the air.

Elmer University starts with a 30 minute "session-overview." This is followed by break-out sessions of various topics such as "Using DMR", "Digital Modes", "Building Go-Boxes", "Morse Code Basics", "Understanding & Building Antennas", "Ham Radio Contesting", "Good Operating Practices" and more depending on the volunteer instructors. The day concludes with a Q&A panel made up of several of the instructors. Attendees may select those sessions which are of most interest to them.

During the day, radio programming help and radio testing will be available to those who want assistance in programming or to check out their radio. Bring your radio.

There is ample parking at the Fire Station but we ask you to be mindful of "no parking" areas especially around the apparatus bay. Elmer University is held in one of the classrooms behind the training ground (mock city street). Register for Elmer University by clicking on the link below.

HAM-U

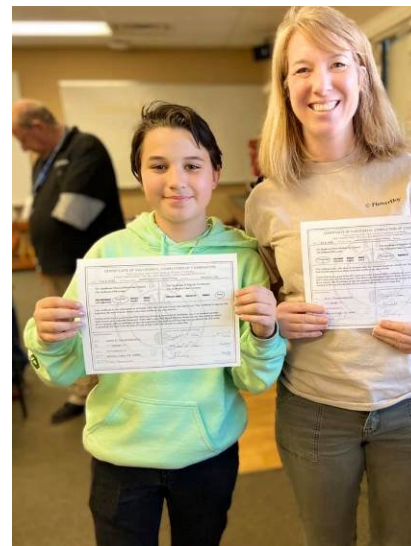
SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2020
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110 W SONORA ST, STOCKTON, CA 95202
8:30 AM TO 3:30 PM



HamCram February 8th - 13 New Licensed Operators

The February HamCram was held on Saturday, February 8th at Fire Station #2. Thanks again to the Fire Department for hosting these opportunities for people to get their Amateur Radio License.

In all, 12 new technicians passed their test. Of special note was the mom/son team of Ann and Justin Theodoropoulos of Walnut Creek. Great job to both of you on passing your test and Justin received a new FT-4XR Yaesu portable radio from the HamCram team.



Anton passed both his Tech and General Class license tests so he is a new General class ham.

Rita came in and studied for her Extra Class. On her first attempt she missed the mark by one question. The team rallied and stayed late for her to give a 2nd attempt at the 50 question test. It paid off as she passed and upgraded to Extra Class with her husband beaming ear-to ear.

Please welcome the following new hams and upgrades to new privileges when you hear them on the air!

New Technicians:

Ann	Theodoropoulos	KN6HNG
Justin	Theodoropoulos	KN6HNH
Tim	Simonsma	KN6HNO
Larry	Elam	KN6HNQ
Lawrence	Borgens	KN6HNP
Wayne	Luedtka	KN6HNK
Richard	Lowe	KN6HNM
Stan	Trevena	KN6HNN
Greg	Larsen	KN6HNS
Dale	Baker	KN6HNL
JOEL	KRAMER	KN6HNI
Mark	Umberger	KN6HNR

New and Upgrades to General Class:

Anton	Shevchenko	KN6HNJ
Rayna	Ritchie	WF6RQR
Kaitlyn	Olson	KN6GLX
Paul	Carlson	KK6EIU

Extra Class Upgrade:

Rita	Palacios-Rader	KD6BNV
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Remember to welcome our new hams when you hear them on the air. If you are fortunate enough to be their first contact, please take a moment to acknowledge it by completing the "First Contact Award" information on the ARRL website at:

<http://www.arrl.org/first-contact>

Next HamCram is....

APRIL HAM CRAM

STOCKTON FIRE STATION #2

110 W SONORA ST, STOCKTON

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH, 2020

DOORS OPEN 7:45 AM ... Sign up for the next HamCram clicking the link [here](#).



2020 CLUB MEETING DATES & PROPOSED TRAININGS

January 9	Annual General Meeting, W1SRD Dulcie Island
February 13.....	Meeting – E911 Center Tour
March 12.....	Meeting – Radio for the Rest of Us Presentation
April 9	Meeting – DMR Presentation
May 14.....	Meeting - Contest Operating and Logging (MSW & FD2018)
June 11	Meeting - Field Day Final Prep
July 9	Meeting – TBD
August 13.....	Meeting - T-Hunt/BBQ Potluck – Location TBD
September 10.....	Meeting – TBD
September 26	Club Breakfast Meeting – 9:30 – Location TBD
October 8.....	Meeting - Nominations for Officers 2021
November 12	Meeting - Elections
December 10	Christmas Dinner / Year End Celebration
December 31.....	Cosmic Bowling & Straight Key Night

HamCrams for 2020 – 7:45 AM Fire Station #2

February 8th April 4th August 8th October 10th December 12th

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

March 14th

Club Events 2020

February 22 nd – Pedaling Paths Ride	Devinci’s Deli, Linden, CA
March 21 st – STEAMFEST 2020	Lincoln High School, Stockton, CA
March 22 nd – Ride/Walk 4 Art	Valley Springs (Assist N6FRG)
May 3 rd – Delta Century Ride	Jessie’s Grove Winery, Lodi CA
Jun 5 – 7 – Museum Ships Weekend	USS Lucid, Stockton, CA
June 20 – Kids Day	Stockton Libraries
June 27 – 28 – ARRL Field Day	Club Field day Site, Stockton, CA
July 4 – 4 th of July Parade	Downtown Stockton
July 25 th – Stockton Sailing Club Event	Stockton Sailing Club
September 26 – Club Breakfast Meeting	Location TBD
September 26 - Miracle Mile Car Show Event	Miracle Mile
October 3 - 4 – California QSO Party	Club Field Day Site, Stockton, CA
November 1 – Giro D’ Vino Ride	Woodbridge Winery, Acampo, CA
November 14 – 15 ARRL Sweepstakes Phone	Club Field Day Site, Stockton, CA
November 26 – Run Against Hunger	Waterfront – Downtown, Stockton, CA
December 11 – 13 – ARRL 10M Contest	Club Field Day Site, Stockton, CA





COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE **Pedaling Paths to I**

Saturday, February 2

Pedaling Paths to Independence Bike Ride Saturday February 22nd Starting at 6:30 AM in Linden

The Community Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired will be sponsoring its annual Pedaling Paths to Independence Century Bicycle Ride in Linden on Saturday February 22nd. The ride is an annual fund raiser to support activities for its San Joaquin County clients. Early registration numbers indicate we should have a very good event!

The Stockton-Delta ARC has provided radio communications between rest stops, the start/finish line and SAG vehicles every year. In fact, SDARC is listed as a “flagship supporter” on the PPIB website. This year we will staff operators at Rest Stops in Linden, Farmington, and Milton. We anticipate supporting as many as 5 SAG (Service and Gear) wagons with communications and vehicle location utilizing APRS. Last year we had a lot of volunteers, and this year will be one of our biggest operating events.



This year we will again be advertising to the riders in concert with the Stockton Bicycle Club our “Central Dispatch” phone number. Each rider will be given this number to call directly to the Net Control Station in the event of an emergency or break down. Using APRS in each of the SAG Wagons, Net Control will be able to track the locations of SAGs and ‘dispatch’ the closest SAG Wagon to the reported break-down or other incident.

Volunteers can look forward to DeVinci's Deli providing us with a delicious pasta and salad lunch at their Linden restaurant after their assignment.

If you would like to volunteer, there may be a few posts yet to cover. You should contact the Event Chairperson, Mark W6SXA at w6sxa@arrl.net or go to the “Event Volunteer” Tab on the website www.w6sf.org

Bike rides like this give us an opportunity to demonstrate the capability of ham radio to others, and teach us how to handle radio traffic of varying priority while in the field. This event is great for new operators so come join the fun!



**THE WORLD OF S.T.E.A.M
IS COMING TO LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL
SATURDAY MARCH 21ST 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO STAFF OUR BOOTH**

The Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club is a returning presenter at the Lincoln High School World of STEAM EXPO coming soon on Saturday March 21st.

We will be setting up 2 HF stations running SSB and FT8. We want to have a 2M/440Mhz station set-up, a DMR station set-up, raffle prizes and working with Lodi ARC and the Mount Diablo ARC, we will have a demonstration of Digital Amateur Television.

More will be discussed during the Monday Night Net and at the March Club Meeting. Almost 200 youngsters and their parents visited our booth last year and we got several new licensed hams the following months through the HamCram program.



W6SF MARCH MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH Meeting starts at 7:00 PM

**WE WILL BE MEETING IN OUR NEW HOME
THE STOCKTON SAILING CLUB**

4980 BUCKLEY COVE WAY, STOCKTON

**GO ALL THE WAY WEST ON MARCH LANE FROM I-5 TO THE ENTRANCE
ON THE LEFT – RIGHT BEFORE YOU ENTER BUCKLEY COVE PARK**

QST QST QST... The March meeting of the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club will be held on Thursday, March 12th starting at 19:00 hours. The meeting will be at our new home – the classroom at the Stockton Sailing Club, 4980 Buckley Cove at the very west end of March Lane west of Interstate 5. When you go through the gate, we are in the very first building on your right. There is lots of parking.

Following the business meeting – we will have our speaker, Alan Thompson W6WN presentation on



Radio For the Rest of Us

For years, Amateur Radio Operators have stood ready to use Radio during emergencies like the Camp Fire Disaster in Paradise to help restore communications when normal communications fail. This has worked well to aid First Responders. However, it has become increasingly critical for the average citizen to also have alternative methods to communicate when cell phone and Internet services fail. Getting an Amateur Radio license requires passing a technical exam beyond the interests or capability of most average citizens. But there are viable radio alternatives that average citizens can use without passing a test or getting a Ham Radio license.

Radio For The Rest of Us highlights these cell phone and Internet service vulnerabilities, and how our unconscious over-reliance on cell phones for virtually everything puts us at serious risk. The presentation suggests ways how Amateur Radio Clubs might help "the rest of us;" our families, our friends, and our community, stay safer in the face of cell-phone and Internet service failures.

Tell your friends about this exciting meeting and plan on attending!



N6FRG Calaveras Amateur Radio Society Event

Sunday March 22nd in Valley Springs

The Calaveras Amateur Radio Society CARS is looking for a few volunteers to help out at this years Ride & Walk 4 Art.

This will be the 5th annual installment of this popular cycling event at Hogan Reservoir in the Valley Springs Area. This Fundraiser supports the Arts Education in our Calaveras County schools.

A 25 mile-45 mile and new 75-mile bicycle route are offered. Not a cycling enthusiast no problem a 4 mile walk along Hogan is also offered.

Radio coverage is needed along the routes and check points. WB6ASU has offered the use of the Bear Mountain repeater site to aide in our coverage areas. Volunteers are needed and please bring you HT and extra battery. Always dress for weather conditions and bring fluids. Radio Amateurs will be reporting on bike riders passing check points, and calling for assistance when needed for the Riders.

Those interested in volunteering for this event, should contact N6FRG Club PIO KB6USJ Michael at hedko5@yahoo.com or visit the CARS website www.calaverasars.org

W6SF First Annual Cosmic Bowling Event – New Years Eve



SDARC Club members gathered together for fun and frolic at Pacific Ave Bowl's New Years Eve Cosmic Bowling event. Hopefully next year we get more members and we can "own" 3 or 4 lanes of the bowling alley.



A HAM'S CALENDAR

February 13th, 2020 – SDARC February Meeting - 1900 hours, Eberhardt Building – E911 Center, Weber Ave @ Center St, Stockton – All members are encouraged to attend. <http://www.w6sf.org>

February 10th – 14th, 2020 – ARRL School Club Round-up – Get on the air working school clubs from around the country – all ages elementary school to Universities. <http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup>

February 15th – 16th, 2020 – ARRL DX Contest – CW – W/VE stations to expand knowledge of DX propagation on the HF and MF bands, improve operating skills, and improve station capability by creating a competition in which DX stations may only contact W/VE stations <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>

February 22nd, 2020 – Pedaling Paths to Independence Bike Ride Event – Support the Blind Center Fund Raiser – Practice your portable operating skill - get details in this newsletter and on our website. <http://www.pedalingpaths.org>

March 7th – 8th, 2020 – ARRL DX Contest – PHONE – W/VE stations to expand knowledge of DX propagation on the HF and MF bands, improve operating skills, and improve station capability by creating a competition in which DX stations may only contact W/VE stations <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>

March 12th, 2020 – SDARC March Meeting - 1900 hours, Stockton Sailing Club, 4980 Buckley Cove, off W March Lane – Radio for the Rest of Us Presentation – All members are encouraged to attend. Come check out our new home <http://www.w6sf.org>

April 9th, 2020 – SDARC April Meeting - 1900 hours, Stockton Sailing Club, 4980 Buckley Cove, off W March Lane – DMR Basics – All members are encouraged to attend. Come check out our new home <http://www.w6sf.org>

April 19th, 2020 – ARRL Rookie Round-up – Rookie Roundup is a contest aimed at Amateurs licensed for three years or less. This six-hour event is held three times per year (April, August and December). Rookies can contact anybody, while "Old Timers" make contact with only Rookies. Mentoring is a big part of this event. <http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup>

STATE QSO PARTIES – Set a Goal to get WAS in 2020

South Carolina	02/29/2020	03/01/2020	Columbia Amateur Radio Club
North Carolina	03/01/2020	03/02/2020	Raleigh Amateur Radio Society
Idaho	03/14/2020	03/15/2020	Idaho QSO Party
Oklahoma	03/14/2020	03/15/2020	Oklahoma DX Association
Wisconsin	03/15/2020	03/16/2020	West Allis Radio Amateur Club
Virginia	03/21/2020	03/22/2020	Virginia 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, February 13th at 7:00PM. This meeting is at the Stockton E911 Center – Meet at the Eberhardt Building Weber Ave @ Center St in Downtown Stockton at 7:00 PM.** Members and guests are welcome.

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.** 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>

2020 CLUB OFFICERS & LEADERSHIP:

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Event Chairman	OPEN	
Newsletter Editor	NZ6Q , John Litz	nz6q@arrl.net

CLUB DUES:

\$20 SINGLE and \$30 FAMILY

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We thank you for your continued support!