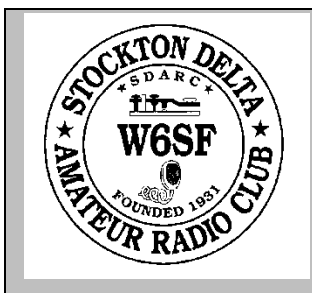


# Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



## W6SF FLYSHEET



ARRL MEMBER

P.O. BOX 690271 STOCKTON, CA 95269-0271

December 2012

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## PRESIDENT'S QST

**QST QST QST** - I've sat here in front of my computer for several hours contemplating what to write as my last President's QST. It's appropriate that one should feel a touch of sadness at the close of something as wonderful as being in this position for the last two years. It's been a very busy year for the club with lots of growth & change in the last 12 months. I am pleased to report that the club is alive and well and reports earlier this year that the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club was "dead", a "relic" or "on their way out" have been proven false.

2012 has been a great year for the club. We have expanded our service to the community with several new public service events. We sponsored a ham radio display for disaster preparedness through the Stockton Stake of the LDS Church. We participated in Museum Ships Weekend, ARRL Field Day, and California QSO Party. Several members participated in November Sweepstakes and likely will also get on the air for the 10-Meter contest this month.

In 2012, we began licensing new hams by sponsoring a "ham cram" every other month at Dameron Hospital. I'd like to think this is one of the best things we have done this past year and I hope to see more members participating in 2013. We have helped license over 30 new Technicians, 5 Generals and 2 Extra class operators through these classes. These efforts also brought several new members to club in 2012 and I anticipate several more in 2013. Looking forward, I hope we will start a more organized effort to mentor these new folks, help get them on the air, make good choices for equipment and teach them the basics of operating as they begin to explore the Amateur Radio hobby for themselves.

It's through the combined efforts of each of you; your hard work, dedication and commitment that any of this got done at all. Bunches of Saturdays were given up in support of the Blind Center, the March of Dimes, the Stockton Bicycle Club, Rotary Clubs and many others. While our friends and neighbors were still in their beds on Thanksgiving morning, several of us were out early in support of over 3500 people making a difference against hunger and homelessness in our community. Who does that?

**WE DO THAT!**

2012 has felt a little like the middle episode in a trilogy. At the end of 2011, we had some challenges that we had to work through. We pulled together, adjusted our goals, strategy and plans. Now, as we near the end of this part of the story, we see the dividends our hard work is starting to create. I'm pleased to hand over the gavel at our annual Christmas dinner to Charlie, WB6NVB. I'm most confident that Charlie is the right leader to take what we learned in 2012 and before, and, with lots of your help and the help of a new Board of Directors, deliver on an even better Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club in 2013.

As for me, I think I'll enjoy sitting in the back of the room again.

Thank you all for your hard work. Without each and every one of you, we wouldn't have a club. I want to extend a special "Thank You" to the Board of Directors this last year who have put in countless hours on behalf of the membership. To each of you I say, "Job Well Done"

See you all at the Christmas Dinner on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Tell a friend and bring them along.

73,

John, NZ6Q



## NOVEMBER ELECTION RESULTS

Please join me in congratulating the officers for 2013.

President	-	Charlie, WB6NVB
Vice President	-	Paul, N6KZW
Treasurer	-	Peter, KD6CPA
Secretary	-	Eric, W6INP
Member at Large	-	Glen, K6KJQ

Under the current bylaws, the position of Trustee is appointed by the Board of Directors each year. Shirl, AA6K is likely to be re-appointed for another term at the Board's first meeting for 2013. The positions of Membership Chairman & Newsletter Editor will also be appointed or re-appointed in 2013.



## DECEMBER MEETING NOTICE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER 2012



**QST QST QST PLEASE RSVP TO ATTEND DECEMBER 13TH AT 7:00PM**

**MARIE CALLENDER'S RESTAURANT  
2628 W MARCH LA (AT INTERSTATE-5)  
STOCKTON, CA 95207**

The Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club 2012 Christmas Dinner and end-of-the year raffle will commence at 1900 hours at the Marie Callender's Restaurant, 2628 W March La, Stockton, CA

Talk-in:

SDARC 2M repeater 147.165Mhz + PL 107.2

NEW SDARC 440Mhz repeater 444.575 + PL 107.2

The dinner will start at 1900 hours PST (7PM). No host bar is available. Dinner selections are \$19.99 each and include salad, dinner, drinks, dessert & tip. Bring your spouse or significant other, bring a date, bring a ham radio friend! Members from Galt, Lodi, Manteca, Tracy and Modesto clubs are welcome to join us. Get the word out! Our menu includes:

**Country Fried Steak** - A generous beef steak dipped in seasoned batter, topped with a creamy country-sausage gravy and served with fresh mashed potatoes and fresh seasonal vegetables.

**Fresh Roasted Turkey** - Hand-carved, served over our apple-sage stuffing, and topped with homemade giblet gravy. Served with fresh mashed potatoes, tangy cranberry sauce and fresh seasonal vegetables.

**Braised & Slow Roasted Pot Roast** - Tender chunks of chuck roast slow-simmered for full flavor and tenderness, topped with a cabernet beef reduction. Served with fresh mashed potatoes and fresh seasonal vegetables.(this is listed as a Low Calories meal for all you weight watchers!)

### **The Raffle:**

This year there are several great raffle prizes to be won. ShirL, AA6K will be master of ceremonies for the raffle.

**A Unique and One-of-a-Kind Amateur Radio themed quilt, hand-made by Bob, KJ6SVX's wife., This quilt features a CW theme and is a perfect accent to your home or hamshack. Retail value \$Priceless**



A \$350.00 gift certificate from Ham Radio Outlet



Vintage CW Key(s)

(representative sample only)



Baofeng UV-5RB 2M/440 transceiver

Several smaller items again for the best of the \$1.00 raffle.

Great fun, a great way to help the club make a few \$\$\$ and you could walk away with some very cool stuff. This is the holiday party you do not want to miss!

Don't miss this annual fun time! Please RSVP to myself (John, NZ6Q [john@litz.com](mailto:john@litz.com)) and/or Paul, N6KZW ( [n6kzw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:n6kzw@sbcglobal.net) )

73

John, NZ6Q





## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup> 2013 MEETING**

**QST QST QST ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS.** The Annual General Meeting of the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club will be held on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:30PM.

The meeting will open with a review of club business by the newly elected Board of Directors. The dues schedule for 2013 will be decided by the membership present. Afterwards, be sure to put in a few bucks for the after meeting raffle and take home a little bit of ham radio treasure. A unique collection of items will be available to compliment any station. Don't miss out on your chance to win some great prizes.

Doors open at 7:15 PM for meet and greet. Club business begins at 7:30PM. New hams and anyone interested in Amateur Radio are encouraged to attend. Invite a Friend!

Directions to the meeting:

From Stockton – You can now take Lower Sacramento Rd as the new underpass is open between Hammer Lane and Eight Mile Rd. Check it out!

From North or South on I5 - Travel on I5 to 8 Mile Rd and go east on 8 Mile Rd to Lower Sacramento Rd. Turn north onto Lower Sacramento Rd and the church is about 1000 ft north of the intersection on the left.

From North or South on 99 – Travel on 99 to 8 Mile Rd and go west on 8 Mile Rd to Lower Sacramento Rd. Turn north onto Lower Sacramento Rd and the church is about 1000 ft north of the intersection on the left.

Parking: Ample parking is available; we meet all the way in the back of the church complex in one of the classrooms.



## ***W6SF CHRISTMAS DINNER***

***Marie Calendar's Restaurant – March Lane, Stockton***

***Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM***

***RSVP today to N6KZW***





## 2012 TURKEY DAY RUN & WALK AGAINST HUNGER NOVEMBER 22, 2012

**Several** club members braved the early morning cold and the admonishment of a few spouses to support the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Run & Walk Against Hunger on Thanksgiving Day morning. The club provided much needed communication support for the event. We were the “eyes and ears” of race day organizer who appreciated our help on delivering a nearly flawless event. The annual run benefits the Stockton/San Joaquin County Emergency Food Bank and I personally saw two separate truckloads of food leave the parking lot at the end of the event.

Event organizers reported over 3500 registered participants on the 5K & 10K courses which followed the Stockton waterfront through downtown around the Weber event center and back to the Banner Island Ball Park.



The net was started at 0700 by John, NZ6Q & Ed, N6XMA as net control operators. We set up net control by the event sign-in tables in front of the Banner Island Ball Park. Our crew was strategically placed around the course at each turn. Stockton PD closed off Fremont St, part of Center St, and Weber Ave.

The event started at 0800 with a Kid's ¼ Mile Fun Run. The “official” race start was at 0830 with 5K Walkers, 5K Runners and 10K Runners. Walkers enjoyed the scenic waterfront path while 5K runners and 10K runners took to the streets.

Operations were conducted on the K6KJQ 444.325 repeater located on top of the police station downtown. We enjoyed flawless HT coverage on the course. At net control, Paul, N6KZW donated his “Go-Station” for use as net control. Ed and I ended up splitting operations between the go station and HT work as several times we needed to consult the large course map which was set up behind us by the entrance to the ball park – just out of sight from our position. (note for improvement next year – be closer to the big map!)





A great big “Thank You” to the following operators who made this possible:

Ed, N6KZW  
Bryan, KJ6RGE  
Eric, W6INP  
Dan, KI6FTT

Paul, N6KZW  
Chris, KJ6RGD  
Shirl, AA6K  
Bill, WB6DNG

Peter, KD6CPA  
John, K2JPR  
Dave, N6DCH

The event organizers expressed their thanks both on the air near the end of the run and in personal emails. Each member received a very sharp long sleeve shirt for their hard work and I’m sure you’ll be enjoying them as much as I am mine on these cold mornings. Great job everyone.



## ANNOUNCING A NEW CLUB UHF REPEATER ON THE AIR

**444.575 PL 107.2 + 5Mhz**

If you haven’t had an opportunity to check it out, you’re missing out! Thanks to the planning of our new board member, Glenn, K6KJQ and with a lot of hard work, the club is proud to announce the “birth” of a new W6SF UHF Repeater in Stockton.

The repeater hardware has been donated to the club by Knox, K6NOX. The new repeater is located on Knox’s tower in downtown Stockton at about 170 feet above ground. Knox is also donating the space in his communication center for the repeater.

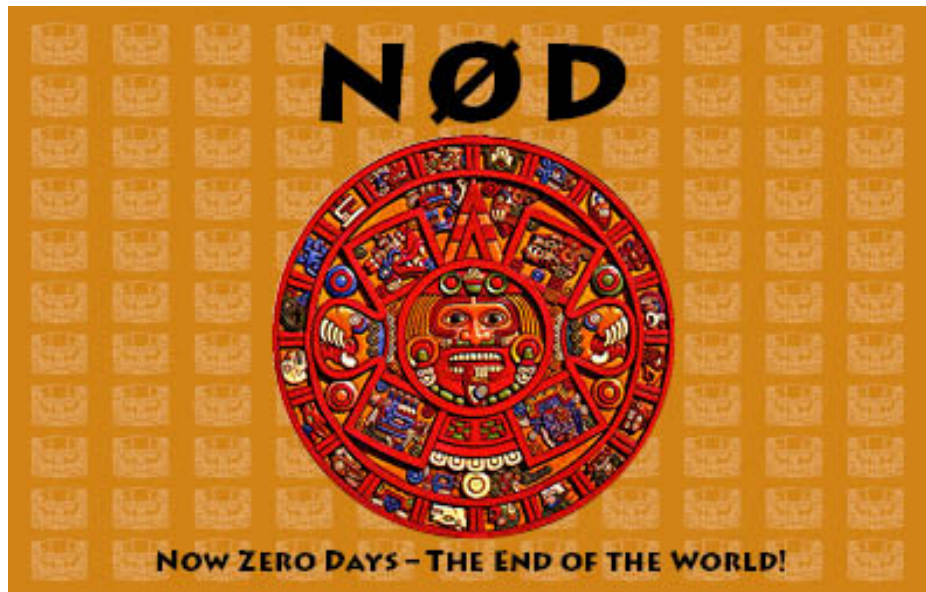
We’ve been conducting a lot of testing and have been able to hit the repeater ‘mobile’ in Modesto and Elk Grove. Portable (HT) coverage is excellent in Stockton and there have been several excellent reports. Paul, N6KZW reported that he could wake up in the morning, turn on his HT and hit the repeater before even getting out of bed. (HIHI). So far, we’ve been able to work the repeater on an HT as far north as the Sacramento county line, west well out into the Delta, southwest toward Tracy and south along the 120 bypass (HT in car), southeast to Ripon and east to the Calaveras County line.



Further enhancements are planned to expand the portable (HT) coverage footprint including voting receivers in Stockton, Lodi and toward Manteca.

Thank you again to Glen, K6KJQ who found the frequency (coordination pending) and has been really driving the project.

Also, thank you to Knox, K6NOX for the huge gift of equipment, Eric, W6INP for his donation to pay for the 444.575 crystals, Paul, N6KZW for coordinating the initial testing, and Peter, KD6CPA for getting the coordination submitted to NARCC.



That's right! The end is finally near. According to one of the three Mayan Calendars, the End of the world will occur on December 21, 2012. To celebrate this—literally—once in a lifetime event, Special Event Station N0D (Now Zero Days) will be activated for three days during and possibly after the end of the world. December 20; is a celebration of the end of the world. December 21, the day of destruction, we will be on the air as long as possible. December 22...that is a little iffy right now.

Amateur radio stations around the crumbling globe are invited to contact N0D, who will be operating from a secret undisclosed location. QSL with SASE to the address in QRZ. If Doomsday actually does happen, we regret that a QSL will not be possible so hold on to your SASE until the 22nd at least.

You can celebrate Doomsday by contacting N0D directly on the air. Amateurs can also become an official Doomsday station by registering on our website. You will be given a registration number and the authority to identify yourself as an Official Doomsday Station followed by your Doomsday number.

Check out the website at <http://www.nowzerodays.com>





**DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> HAM-CRAM  
0800 – 1600 HOURS  
DAMERON HOSPITAL ANNEX  
Lincoln & Acacia Streets, Stockton  
(Across Lincoln St from Dameron Hospital)**

If you are not a volunteer examiner, but would like to help out with a HamCram Exam session, you can easily sign-up on the ARRL website <http://www.arrl.org/volunteer-examiners> . **We NEED MORE VEs.**

Tell your friends... No tedious preliminary home study. No long, once-a-week classes. You attend for just one day, 8:15 AM to 4:00 PM, and you're done. Thousands of men and women, ages 16 to 90, have quickly succeeded in the past ten years. Just in time to get your license or upgrade before Christmas.

Sign-up at <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3015701043/eorg#>

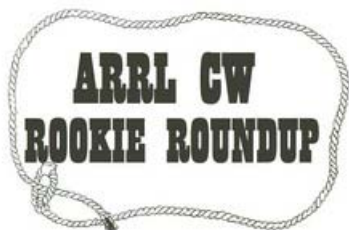
***Amateur Radio in Space: NASA Now Accepting Applications for  
Hosting a Real-Time Conversation with ISS Crewmembers***

NASA is now accepting proposals from US schools, museums, science centers and community youth organizations -- individually or working together -- to host an Amateur Radio on the International Space Station ([ARISS](#)) contact between May 1, 2013 and November 1, 2013. To maximize these radio contact opportunities, NASA is looking for organizations that will draw large numbers of participants and integrate the contact into a well-developed education plan. Radio contacts are approximately 10 minutes in length. ARISS contacts are supported by the program's US partners -- the ARRL and [AMSAT](#) -- and their member volunteers, as well as other international space agencies and Amateur Radio partners. Proposals are due January 28, 2013.



Interested parties can visit the [ARRL website](#) or the [NASA Teaching From Space website](#) for information about proposal requirements and how to submit a proposal, as well as links to audio and videos of archived contacts. Five information sessions are also available for groups who are considering submitting an ARISS proposal. Access to the Internet and a telephone line are required to connect to a session. Information on how to sign up for these sessions is available on the ARRL and NASA websites.

## On the Air: Rookies Ride the Wave in the ARRL CW Rookie Roundup



Newly licensed CW buffs can get their copying skills in shape on Sunday, December 16 as the CW edition of the ARRL Rookie Roundup takes to the airwaves! The Rookie Roundup combines a competitive event with some on-the-air training, with the goal of bringing fun and Elmering into the 21st century. Who is a Rookie? Any amateur licensed for three years or less, regardless of license class. If you received your license in 2010, 2011 or 2012, you're eligible to compete as a Rookie; stations licensed before 2010 can only submit checklogs, but they will be recognized in the final results. Old Timers are encouraged to get on

the air and work the Rookies. This is an immediate, hands-on way to teach good operating practices to those just getting started. The Rookie Roundup is also an excellent activity for clubs, offering a chance for club members to open their doors to those newer club members. Read more [here](#).



## A HAM'S CALENDAR

**December 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> – ARRL 10-Meter Contest** – Second full weekend of December. Starts 0000 UTC Saturday; runs through 2359 UTC Sunday (December 8-9, 2012) Rules can be found on the ARRL website at [www.arrl.org/10-meter](http://www.arrl.org/10-meter) .

**December 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM – W6SF Christmas Dinner & Holiday Party – (Note time change from regular meeting night)** Marie Calendar's Restaurant, 2628 W March La, Stockton, CA 95207. RSVP today to Paul, N6KZW at [N6KZW@sbcglobal.net](mailto:N6KZW@sbcglobal.net) or John, NZ6Q at [john@litz.com](mailto:john@litz.com)

**December 15<sup>th</sup> 8:00AM – HAMCRAM** – Dameron Hospital Annex (across the street from the main hospital) Technician & General class licenses. Extra Class testing available. Sign-up at <http://sdarc-eorg.eventbrite.com/>

**December 16<sup>th</sup> – ARRL CW Rookie Round-up** – Get on the air all you “old timers” with your straight key or keyer and encourage the rookie CW operators. Check out the article in the Flysheet or the ARRL web site for more details.

**December 25<sup>th</sup> – MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE. HOPE SANTA DELIVERED YOU SOMETHING GOOD FOR YOUR HAM RADIO HOBBY THIS CHRISTMAS!!**

**January 1, 2013 – Straight Key Night** - 0000 UTC to 2359 UTC (4:00PM December 31<sup>st</sup> here to 3:59PM January 1<sup>st</sup>) It is a day dedicated to celebrating our CW heritage. Participants are encouraged to get on-the-air and simply make enjoyable, conversational QSOs. There are no points scored and all who participate are winners.

**January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 7:30PM – W6SF Annual General Meeting** – Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Rd, Stockton, CA. The annual general meeting will set the dues for the coming year and vote on the new constitution and bylaws.

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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 [n6lhl@softcom.net](mailto:n6lhl@softcom.net)

## 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, December 13<sup>th</sup> and is our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD AT MARIE CALENDERS RESTAURANT AT 7:00PM – WE ARE NOT MEETING AT THE CHURCH AGAIN UNTIL JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>.**

**WEEKLY NET:** Held each Monday evening at 8pm on **147.165+ PL 107.2 Hz** Members and visitors are invited to check in. There is also an unofficial get together on Thursday evenings (except meeting nights) at 7:30pm on **28.457Mhz.** Amateurs 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 **442.250Mhz +** with a PL of 107.2 Hz. These repeaters are normally linked

Located in downtown Stockton, W6SF operates a low-level UHF repeater on **444.575MHz +** with a PL of 107.2 Hz. This repeater provides for excellent portable coverage in the city of Stockton.

**CLUB SIMPLEX FX: 147.51 MHz.**

**CLUB WEBSITE:** <http://www.w6sf.org>

### 2012 CLUB OFFICERS:

President:	<b>NZ6Q</b> , John Litz	<a href="mailto:john@litz.com">john@litz.com</a>
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Membership Chairman	<b>KJ6RGE</b> , Bryan Moulton	<a href="mailto:b.moulton@sbcglobal.net">b.moulton@sbcglobal.net</a>
Newsletter Editor	<b>open</b>	

**CLUB DUES:** are \$20.00 per year for a single membership & \$30 per year for a family membership - payable to Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club at the address on the masthead. You can also pay your dues using paypal. Contact John, NZ6Q for details. We thank you for your continued support!