

# Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



AN ARRL AFFILIATED CLUB

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Welcome to the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club.

Radio is the theater of the mind; television is the theater of the mindless...

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings all,

Rain, as I look out the window. Did I waterproof those coax connections? A trip to the roof is in order soon.

Nominations for club officers:

Thanks Chuck, **W6COB**, for stepping up to be the new president! Most of the other offices will remain the same. Our organization is blessed with a dedicated core of volunteers. " HOWEVER " You - yes, you can join in the organization needs, if only for one or two events, if only to share with us all at one meeting. Come join the radio geeks and those of us not so nerdy. HIHI

Folks, we have one community service event left this year: The Thanksgiving Day Run for the Food Bank of Stockton. Every year, this event has been growing; they expect up to 4000 runners this year. Our (your) participation is essential to this event running smoothly and for the safety of all involved. We will have a pot of Starbucks and Crispy Cream donuts for all participants. Of course, there is an incentive for those who can join us: a cool T-Shirt you can enjoy all winter long. I will be attending meetings with the coordinators soon. I suggest you contact your ham friends and neighbors to join W6SF for this event as soon as possible - the planning is in full swing. Email me at [n6kzw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:n6kzw@sbcglobal.net) We need to get your shirt size ASAP

See you at the Club Meeting on November 13th

73

Paul, **N6KZW**



## NOVEMBER MEETING NOTICE THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> , 2014 7:30pm

**QST QST QST** All members and their guests are invited to attend the November meeting on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The meeting will be held **at the Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Rd, just north of Eight Mile Rd in North Stockton.** Several members typically get together informally for supper prior to the meeting at local restaurants. Check in on the W6SF repeater on Thursday afternoon and ask where the group will be dining.

**The slate of officers for 2015 will elected according to the club by-laws. Program TBD**

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.

## CONSIDER A YEAR-END DONATION

**QST QST QST...** Now is also the time to consider a year-end donation to the club repeater fund, educational fund or raffle prizes for the upcoming Christmas Party. There are a number of great equipment bargains that would make great prizes for the Christmas Dinner year-end raffle. The club repeater system fund is used to manage, maintain and expand the club repeaters.

Members who would like to make a donation of cash or equipment to the club should contact Dave, **N6LHL** or Paul, **N6XZW**.





## **MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL OPERATOR'S SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2014**

Many thanks for those who are volunteering to be our Monday night net controllers for May and June.

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.

This is a great opportunity to improve your operating skill in a “minimal” pressure environment. Contact Dave **N6LHL** and sign up now for September & October. 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.

November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul, <b>N6KZW</b>	December 1 <sup>st</sup>	John, <b>NZ6Q</b>
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Charlie, <b>WB6NVB</b>	December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Guy, <b>W6MSU</b>
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Eric, <b>W6INP</b>	December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Paul, <b>N6KZW</b>
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Dave, <b>N6LHL</b>	December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Charlie, <b>WB6NVB</b>
		December 29 <sup>th</sup>	Eric, <b>W6INP</b>

**As the nights start getting colder and darker earlier, you might consider some of these nets to check-in as well:**

**Morning Traffic & Information Net** — This net meets Mon-Fri 7AM to 8AM. The subject is about traffic (as in cars), weather, and local information. Frequency: 145.390 - PL 136.5

**Lodi** — The Lodi Amateur Radio Club Net is every Wednesday night at 7PM. Frequency: 147.090 Mhz + offset, PL 114.8 Hz.

**Tracy** — The Tracy Amateur Radio Club Net is every Wednesday at 8PM on 146.655 - PL 100.0.

**SpaceNet** — Meets on Friday's at 8 p.m. on 145.390 - PL 136.5. Topics include the latest news from the world's manned and unmanned space programs, astronomy, weather, etc.



## **ARRL Centennial: W1AW Centennial Operations This Month**

October 29 <sup>th</sup> – November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Wyoming (W1AW/7)	Massachusetts (W1AW/1)
	US Virgin Islands (W1AW/KP2)	
November 5 <sup>th</sup> – November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Washington (W1AW/7)	Kansas (W1AW/0)
	American Samoa (W1AW/KH8) – through 11/18/2014	
November 12 <sup>th</sup> – November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Rhode Island (W1AW/1)	Mississippi (W1AW/5)
November 19 <sup>th</sup> – November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Arkansas (W1AW/5)	
November 26 <sup>th</sup> – December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Delaware (W1AW/3)	Louisiana (W1AW/5)
	Puerto Rico (W1AW/KP4)	
December 3 <sup>rd</sup> – December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Illinois (W1AW/9)	Maine (W1AW/1)

**Worked all States with W1AW:** Work each of the 50 states with QSOs with W1AW operating portable. W1AW/7 in Arizona counts for Arizona; W1AW/2 in New Jersey counts for New Jersey, etc. W1ØØAW in Connecticut does NOT count for Connecticut. Connecticut credit is given only for working W1AW/1 in Connecticut. A W1AW WAS certificate and a plaque will be available.

Endorse the W1AW WAS Certificate with the Territorial Stickers for working W1AW/KG4, W1AW/KH2, W1AW/KP4, W1AW/KP2, and many others that will be active.

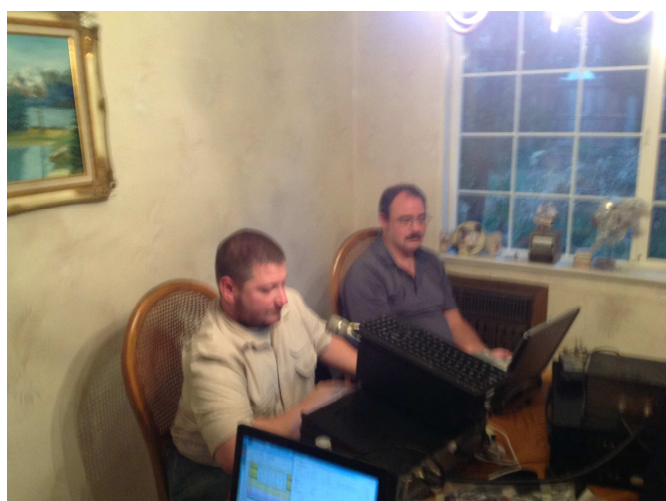
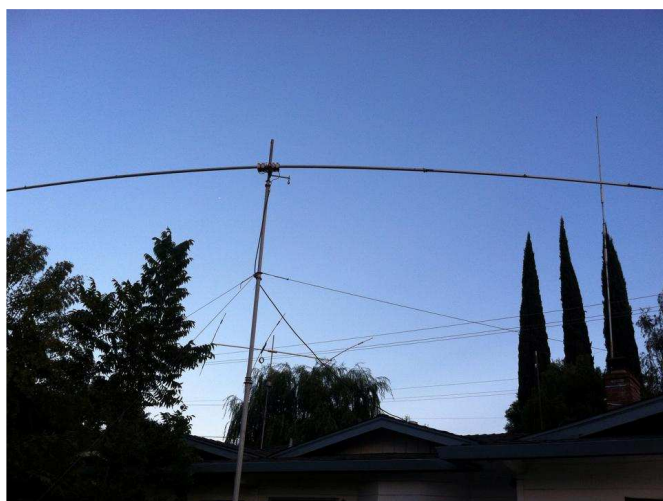




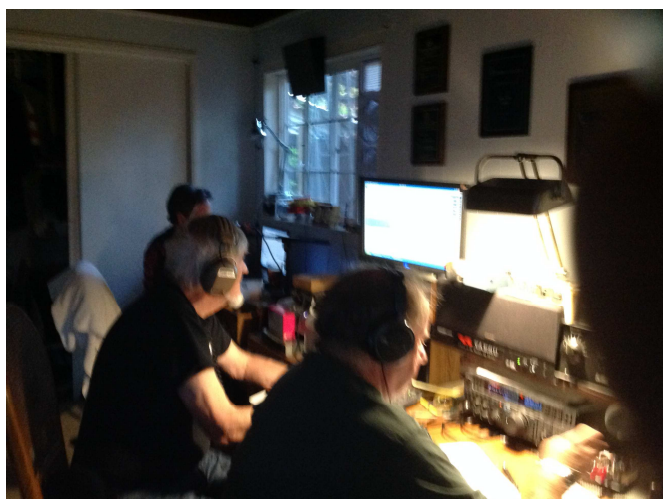
## W1AW OPERATION COMES TO STOCKTON

The Centennial QSO party has been a great time for many of us to dust off old HF rigs, clean up aging antennas and be inspired and renewed in our love for the hobby of Amateur Radio. It was our privilege to report to the membership on our trip earlier this year to W7RN and help host the W1AW/7 operation at Tom's fine station. I have great respect for Tom – even more now that we did it here.

Preparations were made over the course of several weeks prior to the event on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Bob, N6TCE, Bob, N6GTO, Ed, N6XMA and Bill, AE6J were huge helps in getting stations set-up and new antennas in the air in my small city lot at the NZ6Q home station. My next door neighbor offered the space above her house to help spread out the antennas. Great neighbors are worth their weight in copper wire! One addition was a rotating 40M dipole which replaced (temporarily) the front yard flag pole and then pushed up to 30 feet.



The dining room table served as an additional operating position and saw plenty of use. It was great to have operators self-described as “new testers” or “new to being DX” come over and sit and work the radios.



Bob, **K6DGQ** got more than a few CW contacts on 10M. He did a great job working a respectable pile-up of JAs. LT, **KJ6YVF** learned from the “Zen” QSO Master Dan, **KB6UNC** and quickly had a full house of calling stations on 40M SSB.

Dave, **N6LHL** came over and pulled a shift on 15M SSB. Charlie, **WB6NVB** pulled a “remote” shift early one morning on 40M SSB. Bill, **AE6J** came by almost every night after work to help fill up logs on 10M, 12M and 20M phone. Bill also helped keep us going with jars of his delicious home-made salsa!



Bob, **N6TCE** was instrumental in getting everything set up. I can't thank him enough for giving up two weekends prior and a couple of evenings to help make and string up antennas, test everything and help get everything together. In all, we made about 1200 Qs as W1AW/6 but had 10X as many fun moments and great memories.

## THE BUDDI-POLE DEMO OCTOBER CLUB MEETING REPORT

Our club meeting in October started about an hour earlier than usual with a great demonstration of the Buddi-pole antenna in the parking lot of the church. Bill, **AE6J** and Bill, **AA6GI** from the Stanislaus Amateur Radio Group came out and set-up their Buddi-poles starting about 6:30PM. Several members got the chance to listen and make contacts on 15M SSB & CW and 20M SSB. We worked the Caribbean, South America, W1AWs and even a DX-Pedition to T30 Kiribati.



Chuck **W6COB**, LT **KJ6LYF**, Dave **N6DCH** and Bill **AA6GI**



Bill **AE6J**, Dave **N6LHL** and Eric **W6INP**

The club meeting was a good time had by all with lots of stories of CQP adventures and contacts made during CQP. The order of business included the nomination of club officers for 2015 and Chuck, **W6COB** received the (so-far) unopposed nomination of President next year. The rest of the club officers received unopposed nominations for their offices as well. The membership also authorized the Treasurer to spend up to \$350 on gift certificates for the annual raffle during the Christmas Dinner.



# GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKE-OUT EARTHQUAKE DRILL REPORT

The Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club participated for the third year in a row in the 2014 Great California Shake Out Earthquake Preparedness Exercise.

Club members and other local hams were called to respond by Net Control Ed **N6XMA** on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:16AM with a recording of the exercise pre-amble on the W6SF repeater. Several members and guests checked in to report their availability during the mock 'disaster' drill. This was our 4<sup>th</sup> year participating as a club. It was good to hear all the check-ins which even included a check-in from Guy, W6MSU at the San Joaquin Office of Emergency Services station.

10th Annual Run & Walk  
Against Hunger



Thanksgiving morning,  
November 27, 2014

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RUN & WALK AGAINST HUNGER STOCKTON FOOD BANK FUND-RAISER

Paul **N6KZW** is looking for volunteers for this year's Thanksgiving Day "Run Against Hunger" to benefit the Stockton Food Bank. The venue runs from the Stockton Ports Banner Island Ball Park on Fremont Street, around Weber Point then down Weber Ave to Morelli Park and back. There are fun runs for the kids starting at 8:00 AM, fun run/walk 5K and a 10K run. (10K runners take the course twice)

Stockton-Delta ARC supports the run by providing communication along the course and being the "eyes and ears" of the race and EMS should emergency response be needed. We are looking for about 12 – 15 volunteers to staff key points along the course as well as net control at the start-finish line. Plan on being on the course just before 7AM (when Stockton PD closes the streets) and we are usually finished by 10AM. You should have plenty of time to be back home and help the YL, XYL or YM finish with your Thanksgiving Celebrations.

This is one of our biggest volunteer events of the year. Don't miss out on your opportunity to be part of the 'action' and score yourself a cool long-sleeved volunteer t-shirt. Contact Paul **N6KZW** at [n6kzw@comcast.net](mailto:n6kzw@comcast.net) ASAP and get your shirt size and assignment today.



## CLUB MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN

# WHEELS FOR MEALS RIDE OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> TRACY & LIVERMORE CALIFORNIA

Paul **N6KZW**, Randy **K6TVT**, Ed **N6XMA** and John **NZ6Q** all came out to assist the Tracy Amateur Radio Club and Alameda County ARES Group in supporting the 100K Wheels for Meals bike ride over the mountains on October 17<sup>th</sup>. This incriminating “selfie” was snapped at the first rest stop on the 100K course – the PG&E substation on your way into Tracy from the first summit climb.



The course covers both sides of the Altimont with cross overs at Patterson Pass and at Tesla Summit. Paul **N6KZW** supported the PGE rest stop; Randy **K6TVT** was SAG on the Tracy side as John **NZ6Q** & Ed **N6XMA** together were SAG on both east and west sides of the summit.

There were a few tired riders that needed SAG to the next rest stop, some incidents of flat tires needing repair and one potential emergency reported as a rider possibly having a heart problem on the ascent to the top of Tesla. That fortunately turned out to just be a leg cramp and EMS was not dispatched.

The San Ramon Valley Fire Comm Van was a sight to behold at its station at the Start-Finish line in Livermore. This is an annual event so put it on your calendar for 2015 and come join the fun again next year!







## CALIFORNIA QSO PARTY 2014 REPORT FROM MARIPOSA & MERCED COUNTIES

CQP 2014 saw the NZ6Q group head out to Mariposa / Merced County lines for a multi-multi expedition we hoped would be record-breaking in QSO points. While not so in points, it was record breaking in fun, comradery that is only possible in ham radio and commitment that next year we do it all again – only better!

Dan **KB6UNC** was allowed by his daughters to make the trip this year with the promise that he would be laden with Chocolate Chip cookies made by John **NZ6Q** upon his return. Promises kept - and in addition to a great job at **W1AW/6**, Dan put in a solid 300QSOs as **NZ6Q** on the air at CQP 2014-Merced.

This year's crew included Bob **N6TCE**, whose call sign was used for Mariposa County QSOs; Ed **N6XMA** who we are going to make into a contester yet! Bob **N6GTO**, Dan **KB6UNC**, Bill **AE6J**; and John **NZ6Q**. Paul **N6KZW** made it up Sunday in time to help us break down and get back to civilization safely.

The Merced operation of **NZ6Q** logged just over 500 QSOs and the Mariposa operation of **N6TCE** just under 300 QSOs.

What did we learn? We liked our site and decided that we want to do it again next year from here for the 50<sup>th</sup> running of CQP. We learned that you can't get a big operation set up in under a day effectively and so next year we plan on starting set-up on Thursday and not Friday. We learned that for CQP, having electricity on hand is a good thing. We learned that wire antennas are great, but we needed to plan the layout better next year. We learned, More BIC (butt in chair) time on simultaneous bands = higher QSO numbers. We had a lot of fun – sometimes too much.

Thanks to Robert **N6GTO**'s wife Kimber for a great meal of stew (pre-made for Friday night) and hamburgers – grilled to perfection by Robert on Saturday night. Thanks to Bill **AE6J** for breakfast both Saturday and Sunday. Thanks to Bob **N6TCE** whose motorhome made this event very very comfortable. Thanks to Ed **N6XMA** for supplying the operating tables, chairs and additional shade that kept us out of the sun and on the air.



## A HAM'S CALENDAR

**November 1 - 2, 2014 – ARRL November Sweepstakes – CW** – Go to <http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes> for announcement & rules

**November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – November Club Meeting / 2015 General Election - Bear Creak community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Rd, just north of Eight Mile Rd – Regular Meeting starting at 7:30PM.** Election of officers for 2015 according to the bylaws

**November 15-16, 2014 – ARRL November Sweepstakes – PHONE** - Go to <http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes> for announcement & rules

**November 27, 2014 – Thanksgiving Day Run for Hunger, Weber Point, Stockton, 6:30 AM – 10:00 AM** – See announcement and call for volunteers in this issue of the newsletter.

**November 29-30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – CQWW Contest – CW** – Great opportunity to increase your DXCC CW count. <http://www.cqww.com/rules.htm> for announcement & rules

**December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – December Club Meeting / Christmas Party – Location and Time to be Determined.** It was discussed in the October meeting to see if Chuck's would be open with the new banquet facility at Pacific Ave bowl by December 11<sup>th</sup>. More details will be at the November meeting.

**December 13-14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – ARRL 10-Meter Contest** – This a great contest and thanks to Technician allocations at 28.300 – 28.500 anyone can participate. <http://www.arrl.org/10-meter> for rules & announcement.

**December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 – ARRL Rookie Round-Up CW** – Break out your straight key or keyer and make some rookie contacts while practicing your CW. <http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup>

**January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – Straight Key Night** – Bye-bye keyer and hello straight key or bug. Time to enjoy the new year with some hand-made CW. <http://www.arrl.org/straight-key-night>

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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](mailto:john@litz.com)



## 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, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**

**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>

### 2014 CLUB OFFICERS & EXECUTIVES:

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### CLUB DUES:

\$20 SINGLE and \$30 FAMILY

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**We thank you for your continued support!**