

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



AN ARRL AFFILIATED CLUB

WWW.W6SF.ORG

APRIL 2016

Welcome to the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Chuck Tift - W6RD

Derek Eels - KM6BJK

Mike Dugger is now K6AAN



**CLUB NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO CONFIRM FOR
SATURDAY APRIL 9TH SWAP MEET**

The club needs volunteers this week for Saturday's SWAP MEET. Please contact Dave **N6LHL** or Paul **N6KZW** and let them know you can help out ASAP!



MARCH MEETING REPORT STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MARCH 10TH 2016 7:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Guy W6MSU at 7:30PM. It was reported that Dan **KI6FTT** has had to step down as President. A new President for 2016 was discussed. Guy W6MSU stated that he could not assume the office of President and the floor was opened for nominations. Charlie WB6NVB and Paul N6KZW were nominated with special election to be held on April 14th during the April meeting.

We had a new member at the meeting, Derek Eels, UOP Student who was studying to get his license. He passed by the way on March 23rd and is now KM6BJK.

We finalized plans for the April 9th Swap Meet at the Comcast Building in Stockton. A number of members volunteered to assist with the event. John NZ6Q discussed some of the logistics for the day with parking, vendor spaces, and parking for buyers and sellers. Dave N6LHL brought up the need for portable bathroom since the bathrooms inside Comcast will be “off-limits” to buyers. (Editor’s note: The subject of a portable bathroom was discussed with Comcast and permission for one on-site was denied.)

Other upcoming calendar events were discussed briefly.

The March of Dimes Walk for Babies will be Saturday April 23rd in the morning starting near UOP. We will need about 6 operators for this event.

The Delta Century Bike Ride will be Sunday May 1st starting at Jessie’s Grove Vineyard/Winery on Turner Rd in Lodi. Approximately 12 – 15 operators are needed for this event.

Club members wanting to volunteer can do so on the club website at www.w6sf.org/eventvolunteer.html



STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's that time of the year when all members of the club look forward to getting your tax refund and now is a great time to donate a little bit of that windfall to your radio club. Again, as in the past, the club has bills to pay – site and shack rental up near Fiddletown, insurance, PO Box, Website costs (when's the last time you checked into www.w6sf.com), NARCC dues and church donation – to name some of the larger ones.

At our January 14 membership meeting, we voted to continue the present level of dues for this year. \$20 for a single membership, and \$30 for a family membership, when the family lives under the same roof.

Please get your 2016 dues into the club treasurer as soon as possible. We have a PayPal account, and you may go to the club website, click on the PayPal icon, and pay at that point with your credit or debit card. You can also send a check for dues to:

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

This will be the last month that a call for dues is made through the newsletter. ***The treasurer may request that members who have not paid their 2016 Dues by April 14th meeting be removed from the membership roster and dropped from future mailings.***

California QSO Party

51st Running Of The CQP!

1600 UTC October 1, 2016 **to** **2200 UTC** October 2, 2016

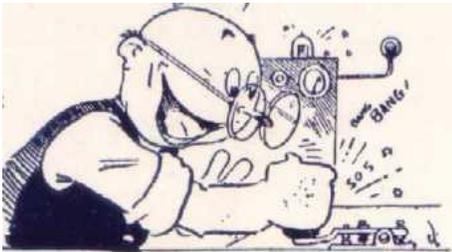
Are you ready?

MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL OPERATOR'S SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2016

The club holds a weekly net every Monday night beginning at 8:00PM on the **W6SF** Repeaters on 147.165Mhz VHF and 444.250Mhz UHF. Club Repeater information is listed at the end of the newsletter.

We need more Net Control Operators! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Dave N6LHL. This is a great opportunity to improve your operating skill in a "minimal" pressure environment. The Net Control Script is available on the club website at....

<http://www.w6sf.org/netcontrolscript.html>



If you have a conflict, please contact Dave **N6LHL** as soon as possible in order to secure a replacement.

April 4th Scott, **KK6VYP**

April 11th Charlie, **WB6NVB**

April 18th Eric, **W6INP**

April 25th Dave, **N6LHL**

APRIL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB APRIL 14TH 2016 7:30 PM

QST QST QST ALL Members and Guests are invited to attend the April 2016 meeting on Thursday, April 14th, 2016. The meeting will be held at the Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 N Lower Sacramento Rd just north of Eight Mile Rd in North Stockton beginning at 7:30 PM.

We will be electing a new President to complete the 2016 term vacated by Dan **KI6FTT**. Charlie **WB6NVB** and Paul **N6KZW** are running for the office. We will also be discussing the March of Dimes Walk for Babies on Saturday April 23rd in Stockton. The Delta Century Bike Ride is Sunday May 1st starting at Jessie's Grove Vineyard in Lodi and riding through the Delta from Lodi to Courtland, to Walnut Grove and back.

Members needing transportation assistance to or from the meeting should contact Paul **N6KZW** or John **NZ6Q** or a club officer. We will arrange assistance for you.

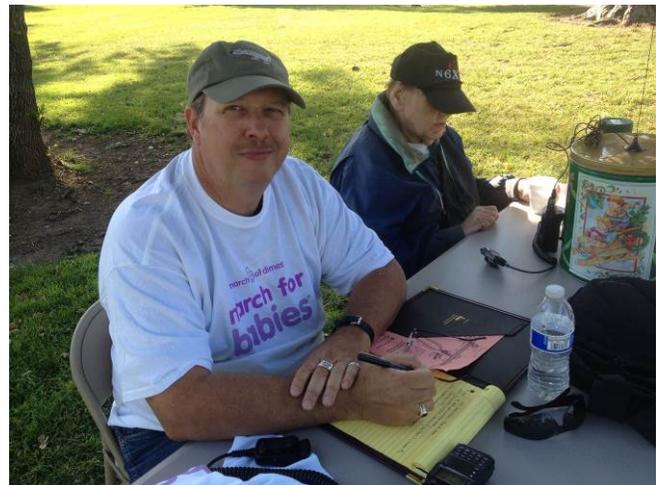


MARCH FOR BABIES EVENT – SATURDAY APRIL 23RD

The March of Dimes March for Babies is coming April 23rd on the Pacific Ave Miracle Mile. Over a million people in 900 communities participate in March for Babies raising millions of dollars each year.

The Stockton-Delta ARC provides communications support to improve safety along the route and relay logistics back to the Event organizers. Club Members wanting to volunteer can sign-up on the Event Volunteer web page (www.w6sf.org/eventvolunteer.html). More information will be provided at the April 14th meeting.

We need about 6 operators for this event. This is a pretty low-key event and a great opportunity for someone who would like to learn or improve their net control skills or who has never been involved in a Public-Service event. We would pair you with an experienced “Elmer” operator to help you get started.



Pictures from 2015 March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon



**FIRST ANNUAL STOCKTON-DELTA ARC SWAP MEET
SATIURDAY APRIL 9TH 7:00 AM TO 1:00 PM
COMCAST BUILDING – STOCKTON
6505 TAM O SHANTER DR**

Swap Meet – Test Session – HamCram – Fun

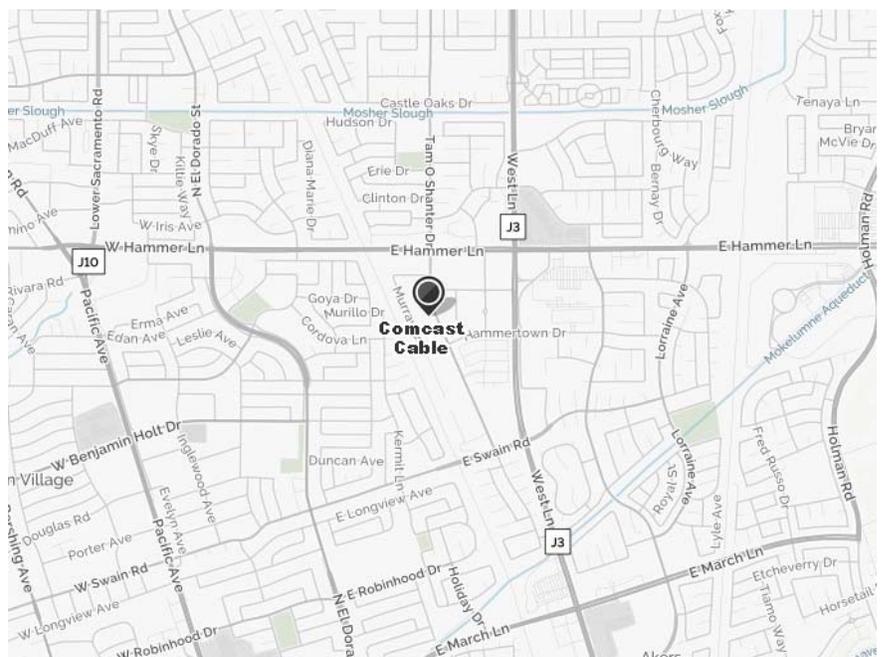
Open to all Northern California hams with lots or a little electronic toys to sell. The Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club sponsored flea markets many years ago. It is now time to renew that tradition. This flea market is to be held in the parking lot of the Comcast Corporate offices in Stockton Ca. This event will be in tandem with the Stockton/Ham Cram starting at 8:00AM. Walk-in testing for new licenses and upgrades will be available throughout the day with final testing at 3:00 PM for the Ham Cram class.

Seller's spaces will only be a \$5.00 donation. Spaces are a single parking space wide and sellers that arrive early enough can park in a space and "tailgate" their items. Please sign-up in advance at www.w6sf.org so we can plan enough spaces for sellers. You do not need to pay for your space until you arrive at the event. The parking area will be available for sellers beginning at 6:00 AM

Club members can donate equipment now for sale at the club table.

During the swap meet, WALK-IN test sessions for new licenses or upgrades will be available. The WALK-IN test session is \$15.00 cash for the test. Please bring exact change. A single payment covers your testing for that day. Hot coffee, drinks, snacks and donuts will be available for purchase supporting local youth.

Start gathering your items now!



DIRECTIONS:

From Hwy 99, take Hammer Lane Exit west toward Stockton. Tam O' Shanter Dr is the next traffic light west of West Lane approximately 1.5 miles from the Freeway. Turn left onto Tam O' Shanter and the building will be about ½ mile south of Hammer Lane on the right.

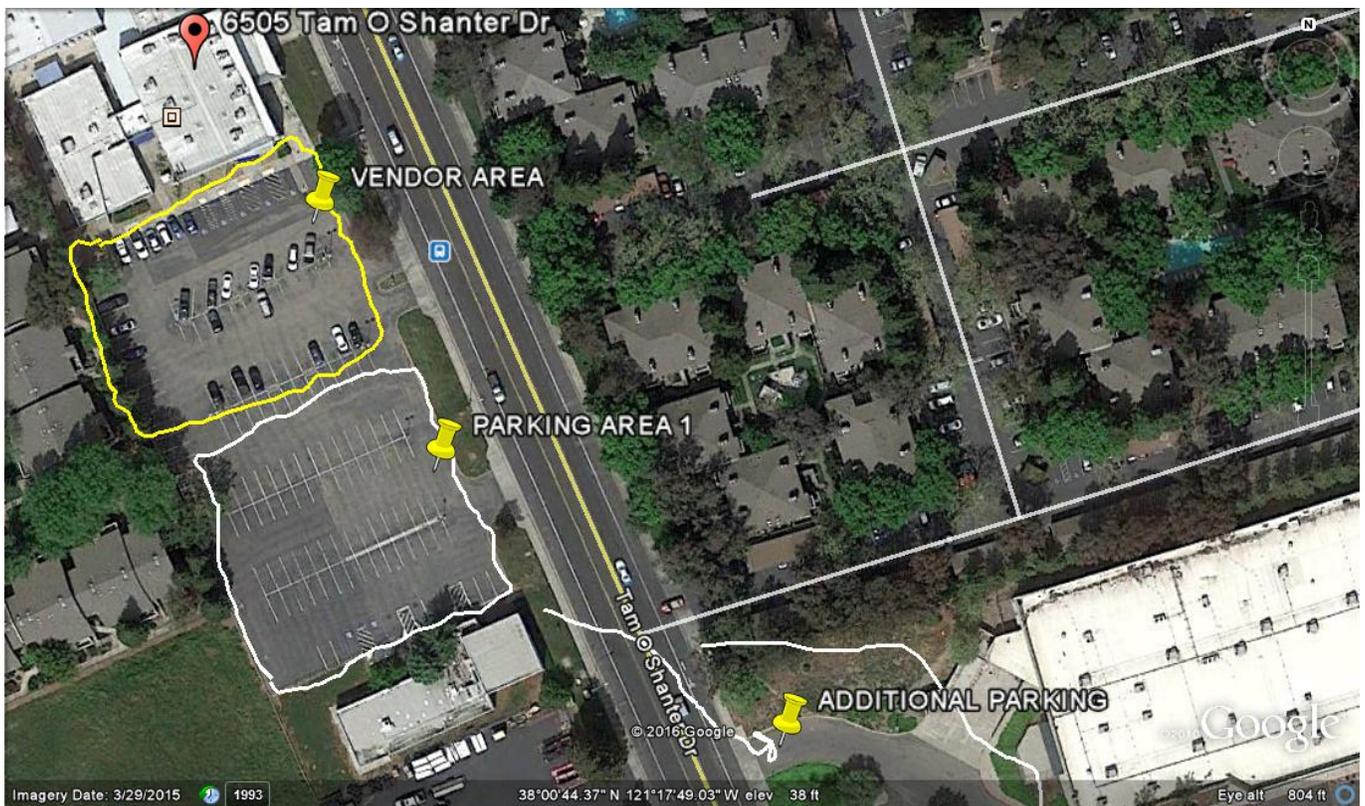
From I 5, take Hammer Lane Exit, go east approximately 4 miles to Tam O' Shanter Dr. Tam O' Shanter will be your first traffic light after the railroad under-crossing. Turn right onto Tam O' Shanter and the building will be about ½ mile south of Hammer Lane on the right

PARKING:

Sellers can park in their designated sales place and 'tailgate' or set up a table behind their vehicle. Sellers can also set up and then park their vehicle in designated parking areas.

Buyers can park their vehicles along the south edge of the parking lot or across the street at the parking lot for the old Tele-Tech building. PLEASE LOCK YOUR VEHICLE as the club cannot be responsible for items left in your vehicle. Please use caution when crossing Tam O' Shanter to the event.

NO STREET PARKING ON TAM O'SHANTER. Vehicles parked on the street will be subject to ticketing by Stockton PD and towed.



LOGISTICS:

There will be available AC power for testing of equipment at the Stockton-Delta ARC table. As with any swap, all sales are as-is and the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club is not responsible for any purchases.

The Comcast Building access will be restricted to those wishing to participate in the walk-in test session or taking the HamCram. Please be mindful of others who may be studying or taking a test.

Remember, this is a working office and all participants are expected to conduct themselves with the utmost respect and courtesy toward Comcast, its employees and the space which has been GENEROUSLY DONATED FOR OUR USE.

All sellers are expected to clean up their space at the end of the event and remove ALL unsold items. NO DUMPING ALLOWED.



This event is with cooperation with the
San Joaquin Valley Amateur Radio Clubs
USS Lucid Radio Group

APRIL HAM CRAM STOCKTON-DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB COMCAST BUILDING – STOCKTON 6505 TAM O’SHANTER DRIVE SATURDAY APRIL 9TH 2016

DOORS OPEN 8:00 AM



“Get Your License in a Saturday” is the perfect solution to getting your ham radio license in today’s busy world. No tedious preliminary home study. No long, boring once-a-week classes. You attend for just one day, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and you’re done. Thousands of men and women, aged 16 to 90, have succeeded in getting their Amateur Radio license this way. HamCram is not a class. It is guided study — six 50-minute reading sessions with 10-minute breaks and a 30-minute break for lunch. The FCC exam is given at the end of the day.

Testing-Only Also Available

The FCC exam session will be WALK-IN at the Swap meet starting at 8:30 AM. We administer all levels of amateur radio exams: Technician, General, and Extra class. One need not attend the HamCram just to take an exam. The cost for the exam-only is the officially-prescribed fee of \$15.00. If you’ve paid to attend the HamCram, the exam fee is included.

Sign up for the next HamCram by clicking the link [here](#).



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Online courses for the ham radio exams.



A HAM'S CALENDAR

April 9th, 2016 – Stockton-Delta ARC Swap Meet – Comcast Parking Lot, 6505 Tam O Shanter Dr, Stockton – 7:00 AM to NOON – Walk-in Test Session, HamCram, Vendor space \$5 per table – See this issue for The Flysheet and the website for details.

April 14th, 2016 – Stockton-Delta ARC Club Meeting – Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Rd, Stockton. Meeting Starts at 7:30 PM – Program TBA. Club raffle after the meeting.

April 23rd, 2016 – March of Dimes March For Babies Walk-a-Thon – 8:00 AM on Pacific Ave Miracle Mile. Details will be provided at the April 14th club meeting.

May 1st, 2016 – Stockton Bicycle Club Delta Century Bike Ride – 7:00 AM Start/Finish at Jessie's Grove Vineyard on Turner Rd in Lodi. More Details at the April 14th club meeting.

May 12th, 2016 – Stockton-Delta ARC Club Meeting – Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Rd, Stockton. Meeting Starts at 7:30 PM – Program sponsored by American Red Cross. Club raffle after the meeting.

May 27th – 29th, 2016 – CQ WPX Contest CW (starts 0000UTC on Saturday May 28th which is 5:00PM Friday PDT) – More Info: <http://www.cqwpw.com>

June 3rd – 5th, 2016 – Museum Ships Weekend (starts 0000UTC on Saturday June 4th which is 5:00PM Friday PDT) – Welcome Aboard the USS Lucid in Stockton, CA
More Info: <http://www.nj2bb.org/museum/>

June 9th, 2016 – Stockton-Delta ARC Club Meeting – Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Rd, Stockton. Meeting Starts at 7:30 PM – Program finalizing plans for Field Day 2016. Club raffle after the meeting.

June 18th, 2016 – ARRL Kids Day (starts 1800 UTC or 11:00 AM PDT) Get a young person interested in Amateur Radio by opening up your station or just getting on the air. More info: <http://www.arrl.org/kids-day> .

June 25th – 26th, 2016 – ARRL Field Day 2016 (starts 1800UTC on Saturday June 25th)
More Info: <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

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Do you have any suggestions, comments or concerns? We want to hear from you.
Do you have an idea that we, as a club can all benefit from? Let us hear about it.
Do you have any topic for discussion that YOU could and would contribute to the club?
We want to hear from YOU! To submit articles for the monthly newsletter, email the editor at john@litz.com



W6SF CLUB INFORMATION

MEETINGS: Regular meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month **at the Bear Creek Community Church, 11171 Lower Sacramento Road, just north of Eight Mile Road.** Members, guests, and people having an interest in Amateur Radio are invited to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday April 14th at 7:30PM.**

WEEKLY NETS: Held each Monday evening at 2000hrs on **147.165+ PL 107.2 Hz and 442.250 + PL 107.2** Members and visitors are invited to check in. There is also an unofficial get together on Thursday evenings (except meeting night) at 7:30pm **on 28.457.** Amateurs with the proper license are encouraged to participate.

CLUB REPEATERS: Located in the Sierra at 2500 feet, the club repeater covers the southern Sacramento and Northern San Joaquin Valleys. The call sign is W6SF, and can be heard on **147.165+Mhz** with a PL tone of 107.2 Hz. From the same site, the club also operates a 440MHZ repeater at **442.250 +** with a PL of 107.2 Hz.

The club also operates a UHF repeater located in downtown Stockton **444.575MHz +** with a PL 107.2Hz. Coverage includes the Stockton area as well as parts of Lodi, Manteca, Tracy and Ripon.

CLUB SIMPLEX FX: 147.51 MHz.

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

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CLUB DUES:

\$20 SINGLE and \$30 FAMILY
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We thank you for your continued support!