

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



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Welcome to the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club



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OCTOBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH 7:00 PM STOCKTON SAILING CLUB

**4980 BUCKLEY COVE
STOCKTON, CA**

QST QST QST... The October meeting of the Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club will be held at the Stockton Sailing Club Auditorium, 4980 Buckley Cove Rd in Stockton. The Sailing Club is located at the west end of March Lane, west of Interstate 5 on the left-hand side of the road just before you enter Buckley Cove Park.

HEAR-YE HEAR-YE The club bylaws designate October as the month to accept new officer nominations for the SDARC Board. Current Officers may be re-nominated, or new officers may be nominated from the meeting floor. Those not in attendance will be automatically placed on the ballot (just kidding). If you nominate someone not at the meeting, the Secretary will contact them to verify they accept the nominations. This will be the last meeting before the Alzheimer's Walk on Saturday the 14th so we will be discussing that action plan. There will be reports from the great first annual STAN-Joaquin Swap Meet and Picnic which was very well attended by hams as far away as northern Sacramento Valley and the San Jose. A picture slide show presentation will be on hand and it will be great fun. John NZ6Q and Annie will be giving a report on their CQP 2023 Mariposa County DXpedition and how the BuddiHex and full size 40 Meter vertical compared to previous years' antennas.

Pacificon is October 20th - 22nd. Are you ready? Your club has a lot going on and WE NEED YOU HERE TOO! So... grab your spouse, significant other or just that friend and we'll see you at the meeting!

ALSO AVAILABLE ON ZOOM IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND IN PERSON

Zoom Meeting Information: Topic: W6SF MONTHLY CLUB MEETING ON ZOOM

Time: Thursday, October 12th, 2023 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8715741939?pwd=aIRiTFhydFNtMIBQZXAwOUd2YTN1UT09>

Meeting ID: 871 574 1939 Passcode: 147165

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Mark, W6SXA

Thanks to everyone for helping make the First Annual Stan-Joaquin Ham Radio Picnic and Swap meet a huge success. Besides our members from Stockton, members of the Modesto, Manteca, Turlock and Lodi clubs were there as well. There were also hams from the San Jose area, the North Bay Area as well as the Sacramento area northward.

There was plenty of great food and lots of ham radio gear for sale. I'm already looking forward to the next one in 2024.

CQP was October 7th & 8th and then the Alzheimers Walk on the 14th and a Ham Cram and Exam the same day.

Then the big West Coast ham radio convention ... Pacificon on October 20th thru the 22nd at the Marriott Hotel in San Ramon, California. Wow ... lots to do this month.

Our Thursday morning Hamz-n-Eggs breakfast is still going strong. It's at the Omelet House on Cherokee Rd at Hwy 99. It's a time when we can all sit down and relax with no official business to transact other than ... just have fun with a lot of truly great friends. That's every Thursday morning at around 9:00am.

Everyone is welcome to join us whether you are a licensed ham or not.

CQ, CQ, CQ for the Stockton Delta Amateur Radio Club 10-meter net. If you have an HF rig and an antenna that works at 28.457 Megahertz, join us at 8:00 pm on every Thursday night except the evening of our club meeting. All classes of Amateur Radio operators, from Technician to Extra class are able to participate. You won't have to report on "your week in Ham Radio", just relax and have fun. It'll give you a chance to find out how well your antenna is working and how far your signal is getting out. We'd love to hear you.

73
Mark – W6SXA



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joyce, K6QBBQ

October is here, and we have a busy month ahead of us. First up is the California QSO party, October 7-8th. Charlie WB6NVB will be opened up the vineyard on Devries Road, and will be using the W6SF call sign for CA QSO party. There was another group of us up at Lake McClure in Mariposa County that same weekend working with John NZ6Q and Annie N6ACL.

The following weekend, October 14th is the next HamCram & VE testing at Fire Station #2 in Stockton. Also, that same day is the Walk to End Alzheimer's in the morning. Contact Paul N6KZW if you want to join us for this annual volunteer event.

After that we have Pacifcon ARRL Pacific Division Ham Radio Convention in San Ramon the 21-22nd. Come spend the weekend or come down for the day. This is a fun event with lots of vendors and great deals.

Some of the best deals are found at 6AM Sunday morning for the Swap Meet (don't forget your flashlight).

We finished off September with the Stan-Joaquin Picnic and Swap Meet on the 30th. It was a very well attended event, with lots of swap meet vendors and of course great food. Hams from all over the region attended including the following clubs: Modesto, Stockton, Manteca, and Lodi. We also had one guy who came from the north bay area, driving 2 hours to get there. Remember, the October 12th club meeting is nominations for the 2024 officers. We will vote in the 2024 club officers at the November meeting. Looking forward to all the great October events!

73
Joyce K6QBQ



MONDAY NIGHT NET

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>

Additional volunteers are always welcome for net control duties. It's not very difficult to run a net and will help to share the load.

There is a new Net Control Script online. Check it out! Thank you Ron KG7OR for your hard work on tightening up the verbiage and helping make the Monday Night Nets even better!



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Hamz & Eggz

W6SF WEEKLY BREAKFAST MEETING THURSDAY'S AT 9:00AM

Members AND GUESTS gather weekly to enjoy Hamz & Eggz at the Omelet House, 3455 Cherokee Rd off Hwy 99 in East Stockton. Club members start gathering around 9:00 so **come early** if you want a good seat!

Check in on the W6SF repeater Thursday morning to find who is coming out and make sure you ask someone to save you a seat! Everyone is invited 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. Refills are free!



W6SF SEPTEMBER MEETING REPORT

The W6SF September meeting was held on Thursday, September 14th at the Stockton Sailing Club. Twenty-two people attended in person and an additional six members on Zoom.

Club members started gathering about 6:30PM to catch up and talk. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Mark W6SXA by asking those in attendance to introduce themselves. There were several new members and guests in attendance.

We recapped the August meeting, reporting on the great food and great fun we had and the great presentation by Mike K6MDS.

The subject of raffles was discussed. A motion was made by Paul N6KZW, 2nd by Jeff KK6VXB to pay the \$30 fee to register as a raffle holder with the State of California. Motion carried.

Mark W6SXA discussed the upcoming STAN-Joaquin Swap meet and BBQ on September 30th in Manteca. There was a discussion regarding the \$130 use fee required by the city of Manteca. After a motion by Jeff KK6VXB to pay the fee, Steve KN6ZJJ offered to donate the fee to club. No motion was required.

Jeff KK6VXB motioned with Joni KN6WVX 2nd to approve the Stan-Joaquin Swap Meet and the Alzheimer's Walk as club sanctioned events. Motion carried. Paul N6KZW to send out the IC-205 information before the event. Bob N6TCE reported on the Red-Skies drill on 9/30 and the Great Shake-Out drill on October 19th at 10:19 AM. John NZ6Q reminded club members that Pacificon was coming up in October as well on 10/20 – 10/22. Annie N6ACL reported the Christmas Dinner will be at the Shipyard Restaurant at the Port of Stockton on December 14th.

Coffee and refreshments were provided by Annie N6ACL. John NZ6Q gave a presentation on "Why Radiosport or Contesting" and demonstrated the ties that good contesting skill connect with good EmComm operation in the event of a disaster. Also, it's a lot of fun!





**HAMCRAM / VE SESSION
SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH
DOORS OPEN 7:45 AM
STOCKTON FIRE STATION #2 -
BRET LAWES CLASSROOM**

**110 W SONORA ST,
STOCKTON, CA 95202**

We are back at the Fire Station for the next HamCram study and VE Test Session! The next HamCram study and test session will be held at Stockton Fire Station #2 - Bret Lawes Classroom, 110 W Sonora St, Stockton, CA 95202

If you are interested in doing a HamCram Study Session, OR you are testing for an upgrade, or you or a family member wants to get your license, please pre-register at www.w6sf.org/hamcram.html. HamCram study session starts at 8:00 AM and the doors will open at 7:45.

The Test Only sessions will start at 3:00 PM

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



October 20-22, 2023

**San Ramon Marriott
2600 Bishop Drive
San Ramon, CA 94583**

PacificonSM gives you three great days of activities for one low cost:

- * A full slate of outstanding Forum presentations about a wide range of amateur radio topics
- * An all-day Antenna Seminar (additional fee required)
- * Gordon West, WB6NOA: Author, educator, speaker and irrepressible promoter of all things ham radio
- * A large Vendor Expo filled with exciting products and exhibits
- * An outdoor Swap Meet
- * Youth Activities
- * Electronics kit building and soldering instruction



- * A One Day License Prep Class to prepare you to pass the amateur radio Technician license examination and get your first amateur radio license
- * A One Day License Prep Class to prepare you to upgrade to the General Class level
- * Two days of License Testing
- * A Special Events Station where you can operate and contact other hams worldwide, even if you don't have a General or Extra Class license
- * A wonderful Banquet with Keynote Speaker (additional fee required)
- * Our annual Wouff Hong Initiation ceremony
- * A chance to hear about and discuss important national amateur

radio issues with top ARRL leaders

- * A chance to win radios and other great prizes throughout the convention

And perhaps the best part - *a chance to interact and share information with lots of other amateur radio enthusiasts to further (or begin) your own knowledge and to advance the hobby.* Sign-up details are available at www.pacificon.org



W1AW Remote Operation returns to California October 10th – 17th On-The-Air

As a part of the Year of the Volunteer celebration, the mystical callsign W1AW will be traveling to the corners of ARRL-land. ARRL members in each state/territory will be asked to operate their stations for two different weeks using the callsign W1AW/x where x is one of the local regions: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, KL, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH7, KH8, KP2, KP3, or KP4. For example, California's first week starts Feb 15 2023, at 0000z and will run through January 31, 2023, at 2359z, using the callsign W1AW/6. Each state will coordinate the time/band/mode slots throughout the week and hams will be able to operate their own station as W1AW/6.

Each state W1AW coordinator will make a schedule to optimize the on-air time for those interested in running the callsign. Contact John NZ6Q if you would like to be W1AW/6 between October 10th through the 17th nz6q@arrrl.net

I will send you a link to the sign-up page and you can select your operating 2-hour time slots for voice, CW or digital modes. The sign-up page also gives you the rules and requirements for sending a logbook afterwards.

This is a great opportunity to get on the air and have some fun, maybe earn a W1AW Worked-All-States Certificate, talk to the President of the ARRL (I did during the Centennial QSO Party in 2014), meet a bunch of new people and learn more about the hobby while you're doing it.

National Fire Prevention Week Special Event October 8th – 14th On-The-Air

On behalf of the Stockton Fire Department Amateur Radio Club, W6SFD, you're invited to participate as the special event station N6F. You may operate Voice, Data (including FT8), or CW depending on your license privileges. You will be using the call N6F for this event. "CQ CQ N6F Fire Prevention Week Special Event Station". Please remember a special event call does not impart any operating privileges. You must operate within your own license privileges or that of a control operator, if present. All N6F stations must transmit from within California. The rules require giving out the call of the holder of N6F once an hour, so give out your call (i.e. NZ6Q) at least once an hour (see instructions).



Please also announce a fire safety tip as often as possible, that is the main point of this event. There is a link to the safety tips at www.hamfire.com Sign-up page will be online soon. There should be only one station on the same band/mode at the same time. Therefore, select available band/mode slots on the signup sheet and operate only those you have selected. You can select pre-planned times or look for and select any available times during the event. If there is a call entered in a slot, you should assume they are on whether you can hear them or not. If for some reason you are not able to operate at a time previously selected, please remove your call from the signup sheet so it will be available for someone else.

Have fun and if you have any questions email me at john@litz.com or text me at 209-331-3078. Thank you for your help making this a successful event. You can find more event info at www.hamfire.com



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY ARES MEETS TUESDAY NIGHTS 19:30 HOURS ON WB6ASU REPEATER

The big hospital drill is behind us. Next up is the Great California Shake Out Earthquake Drill on October 19th at 10:19 AM. See details at: www.shakeout.org



THE GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKE-OUT EMERGENCY PREPARDNESS DRILL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH AT 10:19 am

I am in planning mode for this, and I am adapt a drill scenario. Incident Action Plans and the rest of the ICS forms will be ready for distribution in October.

September was National Preparedness Month. How prepared would you be to be deployed to assist in a natural disaster like a major earthquake? One of the considerations to think about is what to do with displaced people? If a major earthquake hit the San Francisco Metropolitan area, damage here could be minimal – but the aftershock of possibly millions of displaced people coming to or through San Joaquin County could go on for weeks.

The Shake-Out Drill is great opportunity to introduce your boss to your EmComm aspects of your amateur radio hobby and license. Ask your employer to take 15 minutes from your day and check-in to the Emergency Net on the air or send a “Did You Feel It” Drill Message through WinLink. Show your employer or supervisor the www.shakeout.org website and ask to register your workplace as a participant in the drill. Since your checking into the net, your workplace is now participating in the drill!

This is a BIG part of why we check-in to the net and we drill monthly.

Bob – N6TCE
San Joaquin County ARES
Emergency Coordinator

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. MOVING SOON TO THE WEBSITE www.w6sf.org/swapmeet.html

• **65 FT Self-Supporting Tri-Ex Crank-up Tower** – ONLY ONE TOWER LEFT!! These towers are several thousand dollars new and reasonably priced at \$600 each which can include 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



YAESU FT-840 TRANSCEIVER - Yaesu FT-840 HF Transceiver is for sale. All HF Bands 100w compact reliable transceiver with 12-v switching power supply. SSB, CW, AM (25W), FM modes, 80 – 10 M HF. Asking \$300 Contact John NZ6Q 209-687-0774 or nz6q@arrl.net Great first radio at a budget price. Also comes w/Antenna Tuner



ICOM IC-706MK2 TRANSCEIVER – Icom IC-706MK2 HF + VHF Transceiver for sale. All HF Bands 100W compact reliable transceiver great filters, great “first rig” for new hams. Get on the air on 10Meters and 6Meters Technicians + 2M VHF 25W so you can have one radio that does it all. Remote mountable face plate if you decide to go mobile (cable required). Excellent condition. Asking \$500 John NZ6Q 209-687-0774 nz6q@arrl.net



KENWOOD TS-570D TRANSCEIVER – All HF Bands 100W compact reliable transceiver with great filters and great audio. Very good “first rig” for a new ham. 160 – 10 Meters, no 6-Meters on this radio. Very good condition. Asking \$300 John NZ6Q 209-687-0774 nz6q@arrl.net



MIRAGE B-5016G 2 meter amplifier (144-148 Mhz) in excellent condition and working. It comes with the manual. . This is a 50 watt in 160 watts out amplifier. Asking \$125 John NZ6Q 209-687-0774 nz6q@arrl.net



Look for the club SWAP PAGE at www.w6sf.org also!

2023 CLUB MEETING DATES & SCHEDULED TRAININGS

January 12	Annual General Meeting, Pedaling Paths, VOTA John NZ6Q
February 9.....	Meeting – Pedaling Paths, CQ DX Marathon
March 9.....	Meeting – Parks on the Air / steam
April 13	Meeting – TBD
May 11.....	Meeting – Museum Ships Weekend
June 8	Meeting - Field Day Final Prep
July 13	Meeting – HamSpeak
August 10.....	Meeting – (1800 hours) RDF – Fox Hunting & Club BBQ
September 14.....	Meeting – RadioSport – CQP Prep
October 12.....	Meeting - Nominations for Officers 2023 – Shake Out
November 9.....	Meeting – Elections – TBD
December 14	Christmas Dinner / Year End Celebration (1800 hours)
December 31.....	Straight Key Night

HamCrams for 2023 – 7:45 AM - Stockton Fire Station #2 or LDS Church Ham La in Lodi

February 11th April 15th August 12th October 14th December 9th

Ham-U Training Day – 8:30 AM Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints Lodi, CA

April 29th

Club Events 2023

January 7 TH – Kids Day	On the Air Event
January 28 th - Winter Field Day	On the Air Event
February 13 th – 17 th – School Club Roundup	On the Air Event
February 15 th – 22 nd – W1AW/6 On-The-Air	On the Air Event
February 25 th – Pedaling Paths Bike Ride	Linden and surrounding areas
March 4 th - LDS Church Preparedness	Stockton LDS Church near UOP
March 4 th - 5 th ARRL DX Contest Phone	On the Air Event
March 25 th – STEAMFEST 2021	LIVE EVENT – Lincoln High School
April 16 th – Rookie Round-up, SSB	On the Air Event
April 22 nd – Stockton Sailing Club Event	Stockton Sailing Club Opening Day – Club booth and on the air
April 29 th - Ham-U	Lodi LDS Church – New Ham Training Day
April – May – Weed-Whacking on the hill	Fiddletown Repeater Site – Exact Date TBD
May 6 th – Delta Century Ride	Jessie's Grove Winery
May 20 th - Linden Cherry Festival	Parade Assist & Demonstration Booth
Jun 2 ND – 4 th – Museum Ships Weekend	USS Lucid, Stockton, CA
June 10 th - ARRL VHF Contest	On the Air Event
June 17 th – Kids Day	Stockton, Lodi, Galt Library Demonstrations
June 24 TH – 26 TH – ARRL Field Day	Site TBD, Stockton, CA
July 4 th – 4 th of July Parade	Downtown Stockton
September 30 th – STAN Joaquin Event	Northgate Park – Manteca w/SARA and other clubs
October 7 th – 8 th – California QSO Party	On the Air Event
October 8 th – 14 th NFPW Event	On the Air Event W6SFD as N6F
October 11 th – 17 th W1AW/6 VOTA	On the Air Event W6SF Members as W1AW
October 14 th – Walk to End Alzheimer's	Swenson Park, Stockton
October 19 th – Great Shake-Out Earthquake	On the Air
October 20 th – 22 nd – Pacificon 2023	San Ramon Marriott Hotel
November 18 th – 19 th ARRL Sweepstakes SSB	On the Air Event
November 23 th – Run Against Hunger	Waterfront – Downtown Stockton
December 9 th – 11 th – ARRL 10M Contest	On the Air Event



A HAM'S CALENDAR

October 8th – 14th 2023 – NFPW National Fire Prevention Week – On the Air Event – Sign up through the club website www.w6sf.org

October 11th – 17th, 2023 – W1AW/6 VOTA Activation – On the Air Event - Sign-ups are open to activate W1AW/6 at your station. Contact John NZ6Q for details nz6q@arrl.org

October 12th, 2023 – October SDARC Meeting – 1900 hours – Stockton Sailing Club, 4820 Buckley Cove, Stockton – Also on Zoom Video Conference. Nominations for Club Officers for 2024 will be opened. Program TBD

October 14th, 2023 – Walk for A Cure – Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Walk – 0800 hours – Swenson Park, Stockton Details and sign-up on the club website

October 14th, 2023 – HamCram – 0800 hours – Fire Station #2, 110 W Sonora St, Stockton Details in this issue.

October 19th, 2023 – Great California Shake-Out Earthquake Drill – On The Air Event 10:19 AM – Details in this issue

October 20th – 22nd, 2023 – Pacificon – ARRL West Coast Convention – www.pacificon.org

November 4th – 5th 2023 – November ARRL Sweepstakes CW - On the Air Event – Details at www.arrl.org/sweepstakes

November 9th, 2023 – November SDARC Meeting – 1900 hours – Stockton Sailing Club, 4820 Buckley Cove, Stockton – Also on Zoom Video Conference. Election of Club Officers for 2024. Program TBD

November 18th – 19th 2023 – November ARRL Sweepstakes PHONE - On the Air Event – Details at www.arrl.org/sweepstakes

December 14th 2023 – December SDARC Meeting / Christmas Party / End of Year Extravaganza – 1800 hours – Shipyard Restaurant – Port of Stockton, No host cocktails / Meet n Great 6:00 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM, Raffle and fun n games starts at 7:30 PM

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, October 12th at 19:00 hours...** Members and guests are welcome.

WEEKLY NETS: 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>

2022 CLUB OFFICERS & LEADERSHIP:

President:	W6SXA , Mark Cloud	Club Officers can be reached at sdarc@w6sf.org or
Vice President:	K6QBQ , Joyce Marciel	
Treasurer:	WB6NVB , Charlie Johnson	board@w6sf.org
Secretary:	N6ACL , Annie Lewis-Dopkus	
Member At Large:	KN6IOK , Al Hill	membership@w6sf.org
Call Sign Trustee:	WB6NVB , Charlie Johnson	
Repeater Trustee:	NC6R , Steve Allred	
Membership Chairperson	KN6TQZ , Kelly Greene	
Event Chairman	OPEN	
Newsletter Editor	NZ6Q , John Litz	

CLUB DUES:

\$25 SINGLE and \$30 FAMILY

Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club, P.O. BOX 690271, STOCKTON, CA 95269-0271

We thank you for your continued support!