



LODI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
NEWSLETTER FOR October 2021

Club Meeting October 7th LIVE!!

The Lodi Amateur Radio Club meeting will be Thursday, October 7th, 2021
6:30 PM at Casa Flores Restaurant 400 E Kettleman Ln, Lodi CA.

The meeting starts promptly at 6:30. If you plan to eat dinner then arrive early as usual.
We do plan to have a raffle so bring your piggy banks!!

Now Hear This!

WB6BET, Jim Seiferling, Club Secretary:

Lodi ARC Board Announcement

On September 17, the board of the Lodi ARC received an email from President Barry, K6ZZD, resigned his position as President and his upcoming position of Immediate Past President in 2022. We all thank Barry for his service in these very difficult times.

A special board meeting was held Friday evening, September 17. Per our bylaws, Vice President Mike K6AAN assumed the position of President, at the time of Barry's' resignation email was received. At the board meeting, Erich Sullivan, KK6ES, was appointed Vice President. Both Mike and Erich will serve in their positions until December 31, 2021. Per the bylaws, Emilia Seiferling, KI6YYT, will continue to finish her term as Immediate Past President. She was then appointed to the position of Immediate Past President for the year 2022.

Note that election of officers for the year 2022 will occur at the general club meeting on October 7, 2021. A big thank you should go to Ron, KG7OR, for leading the board member team to previously revise the constitution and bylaws. With those revisions in place, we had a smooth transition of power on our board.

It was brought to the boards' attention that home Covid test kits are available at Walgreen, Rite Aid pharmacies, and on Amazon. A kit of 2 tests costs in the range of \$20-25. With that information the board added a line to our procedures for attending the next club meeting. A negative home test will be accepted as another document that could be used to attend the meeting.

Covid Procedures; done OUTSIDE before entry.
Ron, N6GKJ, will take your forehead temperature with an IR

thermometer. If you have a temperature over 100 degrees you will not be allowed to enter the meeting.

To attend our next meeting, one of the following three must be presented outside the restaurant.

A vaccination card.

A negative Covid lab test report, not older than 3 days.

A negative Covid home test, not older than 3 days.

These procedures may be modified for future meetings, but for this point in time we will adhere to the above requirements.

Face masks will be optional.

They are not required to enter the restaurant for anyone, at this time.

The restaurant staff do wear masks. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do.

If you are uncomfortable attending a group function, please stay home. Don't put unnecessary stress on yourself.

We will attempt to have the tables in the banquet room arranged as tables of 6 persons each, with the tables spaced apart.

Post meeting notes will be sent, via email, to all club members.

KG7OR, Ron Russell, Club Treasurer

PayPal payments

We have established our own PayPal account. Effective immediately, please follow the new procedure below to pay the club for dues or other expenses via PayPal.

If you are experienced in using PayPal to pay the club, the procedure will be familiar except that you now pay the club directly instead of sending your payment to the Treasurer's personal account.

The new procedure:

1. Log into your PayPal account.
2. Click the blue "Send" button.
3. In the "Send money" field, enter: LodiHams@gmail.com
4. Click the blue "Send to" button with the envelope graphic.
5. Enter your dollar amount. (It will replace "\$0.00".)
- 6 *Important:* in the "Add a note field," enter an explanation of what you're paying for plus your name and call sign (if any).
7. On the next screen, note "Paying for an item or service." Don't change it, or you may be charged a transaction fee.
8. Follow the prompts to complete your payment.

Note: please do not skip step #6. Without it, the only information we get about the source or reason for your payment is the mail ID that sent it, and that's not enough.

In the future we will also have a link on our website for making PayPal payments. Members will be notified when the link is established.

ARRL Membership

There is a distinct advantage to our club in having a majority of our members as American Radio Relay League members. If you're not thoroughly familiar with the ARRL follow this link - <https://www.arrl.org>

For now, you can help the club a great deal by letting us know whether you are a current ARRL member. Please send an email message to LodiHams@gmail.com with your call sign if you are a member so that we can note it on our roster. If you have a family membership in the league, include the name/call sign of your family members who are covered by your ARRL family membership.

Thank you in advance for responding to this request.

WB6ASU, Fred Coe, Repeater Trustee

Bear Mt. Update a new 2M antenna has been purchased and has arrived at my QTH. We are waiting on the fire conditions to change and the air quality to improve before we can plan a trip to the hill to change it out. We are also in the process of building a new radio cabinet with newer repeaters. More to follow as updates are available

N6GKJ, Ron Simpson, Club Media Director:

[Pacificon 2021](#) is right around the corner. Click the link above for more information. Pacificon has been postponed the last two years due to COVID 19, There are some requirements to attendance in relation to COVID 19 Safety. Please be aware before going.

The Club Newsletter is a little light this month as I took this over at the last minute. I am hoping that someone will step up to the plate and take this on. I know this is not anything like what you are used to seeing. But I am trying to relay pertinent information. I just ask all of you to send me information and details of your experience with Ham Radiio. I will strive to provide the same content or as close as I can. Thank you for your patience.

N6TCE, Bob Officer, Club Net Director

This is the Net Roster for the next two months. Net Ops please take note:

October

10/06/21 N6TCE
10/13/21 K6AAN
10/20/21 WB6BET
10/27/21 K6ZZD

November

11/03/21 N6TCE
11/10/21 K6AAN
11/17/21 WB6BET
11/24/21 K6ZZD

Great California Shake-Out Drill Exercise

Here we are entering fall. As San Joaquin County's ARRL Emergency Coordinator, I have a SET planned for October. A SET is short for Simulated Emergency Training. On October 21 at 10:21 is the Great California Shake-Out. The Shake-Out takes place to generate Earthquake Awareness and disaster preparedness. Unfortunately, we do live in an area where large quakes do happen. They can be as devastating to our communities as any hurricane or tornado.

This SET is the 1st organized for our group. All amateurs are invited to participate in this training exercise.

The Net Control Station will start a controlled net on either the Stockton (147.165.0 + offset PL107.2) or the Lodi (147.090 + offset PL 114.8) repeater. One of the repeaters will be down during the exercise. (no net traffic on that repeater, please)

The Net Control Station (NTS) will start by formally opening the net with the words: "This is an Exercise." After the initial announcement, the NCS will call for reports.

Next, listen to the NCS instructions on what should be in your reports.

There are four levels of message precedence:

1. Emergency (Relating to the immediate protection of life or property)
2. Priority (Partners and ARES® messages which are directly related to the emergency, but not as time-sensitive as an Emergency precedence message)
3. Health and Welfare (Inquiries or information about the whereabouts or condition of persons in the affected area)
4. Routine (Messages unrelated to any emergency: birthday greetings, net activity reports, etc.)

The Net Control Station will ask for Emergency Traffic 1st. Then Priority 2nd, Welfare traffic 3rd, and Routine 4th.

Normally the Net Director would set up alternate frequencies in a genuine emergency and move the routine and welfare traffic off the Main Net frequencies. However, for this SET, we will not be doing do that. Therefore, the NCS will not take routine or welfare traffic during this exercise.

Remember, this is an exercise; a drill is a chance to practice everyone's skills. You, as participants, can do more than check-in. For example, you might decide to practice copying call signs, and if you are doing well at that, try to copy the traffic.

Traffic itself will be the questions:

Did you feel it? Y/N

Severity?

Any visible damage in your location? Y/N

Are utilities functioning? Y/N

Not everyone will answer all the questions. For example, might you hear an answer to only the 1st or the 1st and last two questions?

I have included a possible log sheet, and everyone is welcome to print it off and practice logging.

This exercise is constructed upon something which has been well attended in the past. The only thing different is we will be treated as simulated emergency training. The difference is this exercise will be set up using the National Incident Management

System's (NIMS's) Incident Command System (ICS) forms and reported more formally than it has in the past.

RMS Winlink 2000 has a form for reporting a Earth Quake, and can be sent via IP address or digital radio. Just be sure to mark it exercise/ or not as the case may be.

USGS Did you feel it :

<https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eventpage/tellus>

RMS Winlink 2000 has a form for reporting a Earth Quake, and can be sent via IP address or radio. Just mark sure to mark it exercise.

Read more on the web here: <https://www.shakeout.org/california>

I have already signed up for San Joaquin County ARES. The S-DARC is all on board too.

As your new Emergency Coordinator, I think this will be a start in the right direction. The goal for SJCARES is to bring San Joaquin County up the the level of emergency preparedness of the surrounding counties if not exceed it.

I found out that our surrounding counties may be depending on us to help them in times of emergencies. For example, recently a request for communications help at El Dorado County's Large Animal Shelter came from their county EC. Currently, we have only 3 people in the county I could have sent to help in this mutual aid call. In the next few months, I hope to have another 5 or 6 Level 2 personal with the ability to be deployed in mutual aid situations like the recent CALDOR Fire.

To volunteer for deployment outside of the county, you must have the 4 ICS classes finished. In addition, participating in a simulated emergency net will help prepare you for real-life call-outs.

Additionally I have received a request for help at the Red Cross Shelter in Porterville. October is National Emergency Preparedness Month. Please, personally, take time to assess how well you and your family is prepared for an emergency? Do you have a family plan? Do you have a rallying point or a planned gathering place for everyone to meet?

How well is your home Quake resistant? Do you know where the major gas and electric lines are in your neighborhood? Do you know how to shut off the gas to your house?

I hope to hear everyone on October 21 at 1021 hours local time.

Bob Officer, N6TCE

ARRL EC for SJC

Why I Became A Ham

By Paula Shepard – KN6QKZ

I am a new Ham. I came from the CB world. My dad got into radios when I was a teen and started setting up systems. Later on, he and my mom got their Ham licenses and set up a nifty ground plane antenna. My Dad has been encouraging me to get my license too. In fact my mom still has her valid Novice Class license. For a long time it seemed like a huge thing to study for and take the test. I don't like tests to tell the truth. I have missed the CB. Those were good times with good friends. There were the warm summer evenings playing "radio tag".

As I grew older, other concerns entered my world. Safety for my family for one. I have children to look after and protect. Now we have PG&E shutting people off for days at a time now, and there are the wildfires, and other less visible looming threats. A person that is more self-sufficient is more likely to manage situations better and that may be the difference between living and dying for someone. I have in recent years been making a push to be more self-sufficient. I see radio as a means of taking a proactive step in that effort.

I do have a valid GMRS license and recently managed to get my hands on some handhelds that do GMRS and was really excited about it. So I checked that out and I find there is really no one around here within range. I was disappointed. GMRS was good for inter-family communications locally. But it was disappointing and unsatisfying.

A friend who is a Ham operator, had heard about how I'd hoped the GMRS would work out and suggested that I look into getting a ham license. He said just study for the test and take it. My friend then took a few minutes and looked at one of my handhelds and discovered that it could do ham too. The radio sprang to life in front of me, I was amazed as I heard people talking. It was WORKING. HOLY COW! It was really working! And it made me so happy.

From that minute on I threw myself into it and was ready to test in a matter of days. Studying while I listened to the newly reprogrammed handheld. I was on fire and it wasn't as hard as I thought. I am currently trying to study for the General Class test and running at about 70% but a lot is going on in life and I'm not finding the time or the energy that I'd like to in order to consistently study, but I'm going to keep at it. I'd like to take the Extra Class test down the road as well. I am not very techie but I have my dad and others that can help with that. I do have a fascination with the ability to talk across the country and globe. And I now know that ham radio can be done over the internet and that is slick if you ask me. I have even watched the ATV Repeater transmitting from Mt. Diablo online.

I can't wait to get a radio in the mobile. I have been stranded before in places with no cell signal. As a woman that is scary. Things can and do happen, and they do happen to you or your friends or your family if you aren't smart and prepared. If I have a radio that can really get out there I'm not alone and I can get help from someone official or familiar and that is huge. I also need to get the ARES form in. I'm dabbling a little here and there to see where I fit in, but for now I am pretty content to sit here on the side mostly and listen to you all talk. Learn by exposure I guess is my approach. In any case I'm having fun now and who knows where it will lead.

Club Nets

Wednesday

2M Simplex net: 147.090 MHz (simplex) 6:30 pm

2M Club net: 147.090 MHz (repeater, PL 114.8) 7:00 pm

Saturday

6M 12:00 50.135 MHz Horizontal Polarization

Mark Your Calendar

October.

2-3 CQP (see "Mother Load DXCC" and "website" for updates)

7 Club Meeting

15-17 Pacificon in San Ramon

21 Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)