



LODI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
NEWSLETTER FOR November 2021

Club Meeting November 4th LIVE!!

The Lodi Amateur Radio Club meeting will be Thursday, November 4th, 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!!

COVID 19 Procedures: Must be done 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.

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.

Now Hear This!

K6AAN, Mike Dugger, Club President

President's Corner

After the big rainstorm last weekend I was very happy to find my antennas and out
door radio equipment all in good shape despite the beating from the rain and wind.
The fall weather we will be having for awhile is a good break to get out there and fix
or replace any of your gear that needs attention. Remember, it's always a good idea to
get someone to help or at least spot you while working on the roof or any other risky
locations!

We are coming into a very busy time for our club and local amateur radio. We have
resumed having our monthly meetings in person at a new location. Casa Flores has
been a big improvement in the way or good food and a lot bigger meeting room to
better accommodate the club. Our next meeting is Nov. 4, 2021 and arrangements
have been made for separate meal tickets for everyone attending. We have a Mobile

Roundup scheduled for Nov. 6. This is an opportunity to bring out your mobile rig if you have one, and provide an example and maybe some advice to newer members contemplating a mobile installation. There might even be a swap table or two out there and always some good fellowship for sure.

There will be a club Christmas Party held at Casa Flores on our December 2 meeting date. Check out all the info for this event in your email and in this newsletter. Please be sure to buy your tickets before attending the dinner as prepayment is very important to make sure there is plenty of food for all. December 4th will be the Reindeer Roundup Contest which should be a great time on the radio. Get out there and participate, the more the merrier for sure. There have been quite a few new licensees generated from local testing lately. Please listen for those new folks and try your best to help them out with a pleasant conversation and direct them toward any mentoring they might be looking for. I'll look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming events. Stay healthy, stay safe!

Mike
K6AAN

WB6BET, Jim Seiferling, Club Secretary:

Lodi ARC Mobile Roundup

Saturday, November 6, 2021, 8 am to 10 am
Parking lot between Starbucks and Burger King
Kettleman Lane, just west of Hutchins, Lodi
Talk in: 147.090 Mhz, +600 Khz offset, PL is 114.8 Hz.

All mobiles are encouraged; HF & VHF installations.
Anyone can attend, so hams that haven't installed a radio/antenna in their vehicle can get ideas on how to do it. No club affiliation is required.

Please make sure your vehicle is clean; inside and out. You will be representing the ham radio hobby. If you have a name badge, call sign hat, or club shirt please wear them.

Mobiles; Let's keep all mobiles parked together, so we don't impact regular customers at Burger King, Mr. Pickles, or Starbucks.

Non mobiles: please park a bit away and keep all the mobiles in line. You are not committed to the entire 2 hour period and can leave anytime you want. This is a no fee, rain or shine event.

Each mobile is encouraged to put an 8"x10" paper in their side window with the antenna(s) manufacture(s) and radio(s) in and on the car. If the vehicle has a HF installation, we encourage the ham to also post a list of all DXCC countries and USA states worked mobile. Everyone can get a drink and/or a carry out breakfast and stroll back to the vehicles.

We encourage everyone to patronize either Starbucks or Burger King. If you have a "GO BOX" then bring it!!

LODI ARC CHRISTMAS PARTY

When: Thursday, December 2nd. Our normal meeting night

Time: 6 PM

Where: Casa Flores Restaurant, Kettleman Lane at Central Avenue, Lodi

Members and 1 guest allowed - \$16.00 each, paid in advance.

Members and 1 guest allowed paying upon arrival - \$21 each.

Non-members - \$22 each paid in advance.

Non-members paying upon arrival - \$26 each.

All dinner prices include tax and gratuity.

Maximum capacity is 60 persons; first paid reservations get priority seating.

Please pay ahead of time and let the treasurer enjoy the evening.

The same goes with your 2022 Dues. Paypal preferred (see instructions below).

If you can't pay ahead of time, exact change is required for all cash payments.

We will not make change. You may pay via personal check.

The menu will be a full buffet with three entree items; chicken enchiladas, chile colorado, and beef tacos. The buffet will include rice, beans and tortillas. Chips and salsa will be on the tables and will be refilled as needed. Each person will get a non-alcoholic beverage with refills.

Casa Flores is aware that the only drinks the club is going to pay for are non-alcoholic drinks which are part of the meal package. Members may take a stroll to the bar for adult beverages if they desire.

There will be a raffle with nice prizes.

1 ticket/\$5 or 5 tickets/\$20

There will be a themed gift exchange, like we've done since 2010.

The theme for this year will be "England" for the invention of the Magnetron. This made RADAR possible in WWII. Put on your thinking caps and come up with some interesting presents related to England (or radio). Keep the cost in the \$20 range. Only those persons bringing a present can participate in the exchange. Your spouse may also bring a gift as well. Please wrap your gift and put your name inside the package so we know who it came from. The more people that participate, the more fun it is.

HOW TO PAY YOUR DUES OR OTHER PAYMENTS VIA PAYPAL

Dues are \$20 single, \$25 family.

PayPal payments

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). See note below.
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 email ID that sent it, and that's not enough.

Payments can also be mailed to Treasurer Ron at:
2839 Bristol Lane, Lodi, CA 95242-9661
Make checks out to; Lodi Amateur Radio Club

KG7OR, Ron Russell, Club Treasurer

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOVEMBER 14th

On Sunday, November 14th, the Stockton-Delta club will provide radio support to the *Giro D'Vin* bike ride, on the rural roads around Woodbridge and Acampo. Volunteers are needed for fixed portable locations to monitor and relay information about passing riders, and for SAG vehicles (mobile units patrolling the roadways to maintain route markings and aid riders in distress). Volunteers do not need to be Stockton-Delta club members.

Communications will be via one of the local repeaters, with our WB6ASU two-meter machine being likely, but other options are possible including simplex. Those details will be announced as the date gets closer.

To sign up, go to www.w6sf.org and click EVENT SIGNUP in the menu on the left. If the sign up form for the bike ride is not posted by the time you read this, wait a couple days and try again. For more complete info, monitor the Stockton-Delta net, Monday at 8:00 pm, 147.165 MHz, PL 107.2 Hz. (PL not required if you're only monitoring.)

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.

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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.

N6GKJ, Ron Simpson, Club Media Director:

Going forward, I would like to have any articles submitted no later than the 25th of each month. It makes building the Newsletter easier if spread over time.

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 Radio. 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

San Joaquin County ARES Update
N6TCE, Bob Officer, SJCARES EC

November ARES Notes
Bob Officer, San Joaquin County ARES Emergency Coordinator

The month of October had 2 ARES events.

One was the Alzheimer's Walk for a Cure event. This small-scale event had ARES members and other Amateur Operators acting as Course Marshals and Safety Look-outs. Scattered over the 1-mile course as eyes on the ground. The event was done, and when the ribbon was tied, no one was hurt. A success story. The Organizing "Alzheimer Association" group was so glad they donated "Volunteer Shirts."

Someone remarked, "I am a Ham operator and will work for T-Shirts."

The second event was a well-planned Simulated Emergency Training or SET built around the Great California Shake-Out. What was different was this was done within the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Framework. Using an Incident Commander (IC) who took a request from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) for "Did You Feel It" reports from Amateur operators in the field. At the same time, we also took reports of utility outages and other damage reports that could be passed to the EOC.

The Net Control Station came upon the Lodi repeater and announced the start of the drill. The exercise started with the words "This is a drill," and all reports were to start and end with "this is an exercise or drill." (no one wanted a repeat of the 'War of the Worlds' radio play scenario.) Soon we had reports of various damages and DYFI reports. Two different Exercise reports were sent via WinLink Express 2000 to the USGS office using their DYFI template.

NCS for the drill received 35 reports from stations across 6 different counties.

Several stations have reported they practiced copying the call signs and most of the reports from amateur stations. (this was one of the exercise's stated goals.) Being a net control operator is a learned skill. You can only learn it through practice and OJT.

I am preparing a formal After Action Report or AAR. Therefore, anyone that wishes to make a comment about the exercise and how to improve it is wanted.

Upcoming events of note which will be built around a NIMS framework:

Vino de Giro Nov 14 (possible)
Run against Hunger Nov 25
Reindeer Round-Up (VHF simplex contest) Dec 4

Our weekly Tuesday night ARES Net except for the 4 Tuesday, either a Zoom or in-person meeting. We are currently looking for a centrally located place in Stockton to hold in-person meetings.

Remember to keep the EC informed of any changes in contact information or any ICS courses you have completed.

Currently, I am is not requiring the EC-01 course. However, the ARRL is in the process of rewriting the ARES requirements, and these changes will change the current ARES Practical Task Book and EC-01 coursework.

Please keep working on the NIMS/FEMA ICS online classes for ICS 100, 700, 200, and 800. These courses are the basic groundwork which all Served Agencies (SA) and Agencies Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) require before you can be deployed in the field.

Requests have been made for a Flood/Levee Drill for next year. I have taken the requests in hand will start working towards that goal.

Everyone, please have a safe All Saint's Eve.

Remember, in an emergency, see things in the proper order. First, yourself, you can't help anyone if you are not safe. Then see to your family's safety, you can't concentration on helping others if you are worried about family and loved ones. Next comes your community. Have a plan in place.

Why I Became A Ham

By Ron Simpson - N6GKJ

This all started for me in the sixth grade. My teacher Mrs. Wakefield knew that my interest in science and electricity was high based upon my science fair entries and the books I would check out from the school library. There was a program in my grade school called MGM (Mentally Gifted Minors). All though I had not been at that school long enough to qualify I was accepted into a sub program put on by the school that year.

Across the street from my school lived a ham radio operator, Vic Bell WB6YOL(SK) He was putting on a CW class for the MGM students. I was introduced to Mr Bell and was all set.

We did code practice every other week and theory education every other week.

I was up to 13 WPM and had a solid grasp and understanding of enough material to get my Novice License. I asked my parents if I could take the test and become a ham radio operator. They told me NO, there. was no future in this and it was a waste of my time.

I was not happy at all about this. So being the good kid I did what I was told and kept getting my good grades and developed a long and lasting friendship with Vic Bell. He lived around the corner from me and I spent much time there in the shack watching, learning and absorbing. He talked all over the country on HF, his code speed was about 60 WPM.

He used a Vibroplex Bug. He rarely wrote down his messages, he simply decoded them in his head and responded.

During my time with him I had learned how to build small projects from things I had seen in books and magazines.

One particular project required a part we could not find. He sent me to Fred Coe, WB6ASU. I rode my bike from Kettleman Lane to Turner Avenue where his TV and Radio shop was.

My whole life changed when I walked in that door. I gave him the part number and he gave me the part. IT was supposed to be about \$10 ... in 1972 \$10 was a lot of money for a sixth grader.

I went back home, build the regenerative Short Wave receiver and it did not work!

I took it back to Fred's shop and asked for help. I left it there, this was on a Friday, and went back in a few days later. He fixed my receiver. I had made a couple of mistakes. A wrong resistor value and a miss wired lead on the main coil. He seem to be happy that I had gotten as far as I did.

I would go in there from time to time and hang out. I never asked a bunch of questions and did not bug him. I just watched and learned. By the time I was in High School I actually went to work for Fred, cleaning the shop, watching his dogs (cleaning up after them really) and sorting parts.

I got to know some of the guys that hung out there WB6DTD Al Arentz (SK), WB6DTB Dave Young, WA6JIV Dave Field, W6QQF Wade Schick and a few others. I had already known Tom Daley WA6OSX from a Radio Shack visit. So as time goes on I start going on service calls with Fred, pick up and delivery of TV sets. I ran that same routine with Tom as well. After another few years of hanging out at Fred's Shop I was playing with old tube type mobile radios, and bought a Twin V VHF Motorola radio and made that thing play. From then on I was hooked on radio.

In my Senior year of High School I took the test for my 2nd Class FCC License and passed it!

In 1981 after many years had passed, I was working as a Two-Way Radio tech for the local Motorola Dealer and finally decided to get back to my roots and went down to the FCC Office in San Francisco and took my Technician Class test. I had to take the 5WPM code test as well. I passed both tests and within 4 to 5 weeks I got my call sign, I was now N6GKJ! (funny now you get a call sign in a few days)

I spent the next several years enjoying many facets of Ham Radio Contesting, Field Day, building repeaters, and many hundreds of other projects.

In 2006 I finally upgraded to General just by filling out an FCC Form 605. I took the Extra Class test and failed it in the most miserable way. I went back a month later and passed the Extra Class test.

I have mentored many over the years, I brought many family members to the hobby.

I enjoy Ham Television (ATV), MW communications, I have a passion for VHF/UHF simplex, various modes and formats. I have built many of the repeaters in this area and maintain most of them. I am also a supporter of Allstar Link Systems. I have built many Allstar nodes.

There is nothing like this hobby in the entire world. As I reflect back on my life, my interest in this hobby has been the driver for my career. I would not be where I am at without Fred and many others. Get the young people involved early. This is a hobby that can shape lives.

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

November

4 Club Meeting

6 Mobile Round up

13 Motherload DX (Zoom)

14 Bike Ride Support W6SF

18 Board Meeting, 6:30 pm (Zoom)

December

2 Club Meeting

4 Reindeer Roundup (VHF Sprint)

11 ARRL 10-Meter Contest

25 Christmas

2021 Year at a Glance (minus state QSO parties)

10/30 CQ Worldwide DX Contest SSB

11/6 ARRL Sweepstakes Contest CW

11/20 ARRL Sweepstakes Contest SSB

11/25 Thanksgiving

11/27 CQ Worldwide DX Contest CW

12/3 ARRL 160-Meter Contest CW

12/4 Lodi ARC Reindeer Roundup

12/11 ARRL 10-Meter Contest

12/25 Christmas

12/25 Stew Perry Top Band Challenge (Big Stew)-CW

