



LODI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
NEWSLETTER FOR December 2021

Club Meeting December 2th LIVE!!

The Lodi Amateur Radio Club meeting will be Thursday, December 2th, 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

Greetings to all,

The past couple of weeks have been very tough on all of us with the untimely passing of our Secretary Jim Seiferling WB6BET. Jim was a very talented and caring man. He served as our club secretary for many years and did a fantastic job.

His weekly net reports and activities were always very well researched and a great asset to the net. We will miss our good friend Jim but he will never be forgotten.

This club is made up of many special and caring people who have offered support, condolences, as well as prayers for Emilia and she is very thankful for all you have done.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of our members and friends at the upcoming Christmas Dinner on Thursday Dec. 2. The Casa Flores Restaurant has been updated on the expected attendance and all raffle prizes that were on order have arrived. Thanks to everyone that helped out our Treasurer Ron by

getting your prepaid reservations for the dinner done in a timely manner. The dinner is going to be a great time for all attending and a chance to finally get together as a big group for the holidays. Bring your piggy banks along as this will be the largest raffle the club has ever had!

Finally, I want to thank each and every one of you for being part of our club this year. The amateur radio service continues to grow despite the challenges that have been thrown our way. We are looking forward to moving the the club ahead and there are many activities in the works for next year in the planning stages at this time. I hope you all enjoy a safe and happy holiday season!

73

Mike, K6AAN

President's Corner

LODI ARC CHRISTMAS PARTY

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

Time: 6:00 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.

Mike, K6AAN

KG7OR, Ron Russell, Club Treasurer

OUR CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

We are required to provide copies of our constitution and bylaws to every new member upon joining, and that is done by directing you to their location on our website. You can view or download them here:

<https://lodiarc.org/Documents/LARC-Const-2020.pdf>

<https://lodiarc.org/Documents/LARC-Bylaws-2021.pdf>

Alternately, go to our home page at <https://lodiarc.org>, click the *Member Pages* tab at the top, then select the Constitution or Bylaws in the menu at the lower right.

Regardless whether you're a new member or an old hand, we recommend that everyone have general familiarity with the Constitution and Bylaws in order to better understand how our club operates.

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 N6GKJ Ron at:
1418 Bordeau Dr, Lodi, CA 95242
Make checks out to; Lodi Amateur Radio Club

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.
Ron, KG7OR

N6GKJ, Ron Simpson, Club Media Director:

In Memory of Jim Seiferling, WB6BET

Jim Seiferling was a good friend and mentor to all. I met Jim during one of the ARRL VHF Contests. As I got to know Jim, I learned he was from Lodi. I told Jim about our fledgling club. He showed up at the next meeting and has been here ever since. Jim was a strong supporter of our club. His knowledge and experience was a great resource and benefit to all. I became good friends with Jim, and in time came to love him as a brother. Jim's reputation and kindness was one of the reasons our club has flourished and grown. I will miss him and his wisdom...

REST in Peace old friend.

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.

Technical update to our Packet Radio Network

As of Friday Nov, 26 2021 the packet node frequency on Gopher Ridge has been changed to 145.07 MHz, the reason for the change is in keeping with the statewide plan to keep emergency communications on 145.07 MHz. Secondarily this frequency is not as busy as 145.03 MHz.

Sites and Frequencies for the N6SVJ Packet Network:

Lodi - 145.03 MHz lodi03
Gopher Ridge - 145.07 MHz GOPHER (Statewide Emergency)
Bear Mnt - 145.03 MHz bear03 COMING

There will be a WinLink2000 Server tied to 145.03 MHz for San Joaquin County.
The location of this server is still TBD

Ron, N6GKJ

N6TCE, Bob Officer, Club Net Director

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

December 2021

12/01/21 N6TCE
12/08/21 K6AAN
12/15/21 WB6BET
12/22/21 K6ZZD

12/29/21 N6TCE

January 2022

1/05/22 N6TCE

1/10/22 K6AAN

1/17/22 N6GKJ

1/24/22 K6ZZD

San Joaquin County ARES Update
N6TCE, Bob Officer, SJCARES Emergency Coordinator

ARES Notes for December 2021

Hello all!

Amateur Radio Emergency Services Emergency Coordinator Has many jobs built into the title. I Recruit members, Plan and help train them for possible missions. I coordinate activities and the training with other groups.

In November we had our Second Face to Face Meeting and viewed an edited version of a new video.

It covered the shake-out drill and what we learned and That errors. Our much newer organization had a good discussion following the video. The organization well established and has a well trained group of volunteers. We will get there eventually.

Our Take away was we must train to the mission set by the agencies we serve.

The USGS was glad to get the Did You Feel It (DYFI) reports, both via Radio or IP using WinLink Express or The USGS web server.

The 2022 HayWired exercise is coming up soon. CalOES, and other agencies are in the planning stage. Exercise Kits will be available soon. Our local OES and EOC will be participating. So will our county ARES Group (SJCARES).

Continue to work on taking the ICS classes 100, 700, 200 and 800

Continue watching the <https://sjcares.org/2021/10/08/san-joaquin-county-ares-notes/> web site for the latest news.

73 and Best wishes for everyone to have Happy Holidays and wonderful New Year!
Bob, N6TCE

Why I Became A Ham

Share your story with us, if you are willing to write a few paragraphs about why you became a ham radio operator and what you you would like to achieve, we would be happy to hear your story. Please submit your story to n6gkj1@gmail.com no later than the 25th of the month!!

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

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