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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

K6AAN, Mike Dugger

Hello everyone!

The month of September promises to be very busy in the amateur radio world. We do not have any club events planned this month, other than our monthly meeting on Sept. 1. There is a presentation planned for that evening to be given by N6DT, on the subject regarding the Mt. St. Helens disaster. Outside of our own club there are swap meets, contests, a sky full of satellites and many other radio activities to participate in, all depending on how active you want to be.

Some small pieces of equipment have been purchased by the club for use at our meetings and events. Two five-foot-long folding tables and a heavy-duty extension cord have been added to our inventory. We are also going to take delivery on a small folding table to setup the projector on for our presentations. This will save time and provide a safe, stable base for the projector and laptop computers. We will also be looking into the purchase of a couple of pop-up shelters for our future outdoor adventures. We are somewhat limited in how much gear we can accrue before we outgrow our storage locker, which we do not want to have happen.

Planning has already begun for this year's Christmas dinner. A few raffle prizes have already been obtained and several more will be purchased soon. This year's Christmas raffle will definitely be one to remember! Especially because someone is going to take home the battery box and solar charging system built by N6GKJ. Ticket sales have been brisk for the drawing on this prize as anyone can buy a ticket and the winner does not need to be present to win.

I hope to see many of you at the next club meeting. Remember to spread the word and bring along a friend if you can. We have plenty of room for all persons interested in ham radio and remember to bring some money for raffle tickets!



FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

KK6ES, Erich Sullivan

One of the best things about the Amateur Radio hobby, is when it grows with new interest from folks coming on board and acquiring a license. This is especially true and exciting when it's across so many age groups and generations.

During our last Board Meeting, we were told about one individual who just passed their Technician exam. Okay – no more suspense!

On behalf of the Lodi Amateur Radio Club, I would like to take this moment to offer our **Congratulations** to Colin Meeks (KN6VMQ), for passing the Technician exam! In fact, Colin (at age 7 as I understand it) even prepared and studied well in advance of that exam day, where he walked in and took the test.

Excellent job Colin and welcome to the hobby! We look forward to hearing you on the air!

As a side note, to new Amateur Radio Operators who recently acquired their license for the first time within the last 30 days, check out **Page 4** below!

73, Erich

FROM THE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

N6GKJ, Ron Simpson

Updates to the WB6ASU Repeater System:

As some of you have noticed, the repeater system although working is not quite up to par. There are still some issues yet to be resolved. We have developed an issue with the time clock giving the wrong time. It could be as simple as a power spike glitching the clock board. The next trip to the repeater site will be to look into this and implement a fix. We still have more work to do up there.

There is a new antenna to be installed and duplexer alignments for VHF and UHF. I am still putting together the 900 MHz repeater for Bear Mountain. There is a slot in the cabinet already set aside for it. We appreciate your patience with our issues!

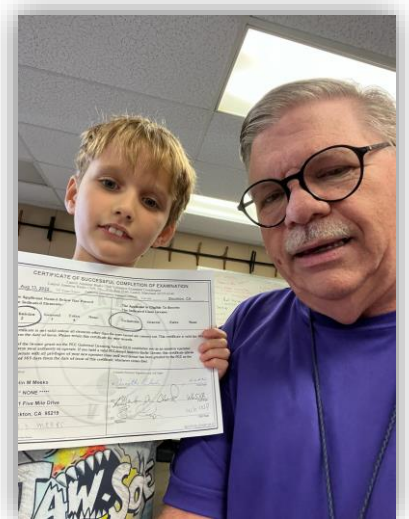
Technical update to our Packet Radio Network:

As of **Sunday, March 27, 2022** the packet radio transceiver at Bear Mtn. was replaced and a battery backup system was installed. All is working great and back to normal.

Sites and Frequencies for the N6SJV Packet Network

- **Lodi** - 144.39 MHz - n6sjv-1 - APRS Digi
- **Gopher Ridge** - 145.07 MHz - GOPHER (Statewide Emergency)
- **Bear Mtn** - 145.03 MHz - BEAR03

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



Colin Meeks KN6VMQ (Left), with Rick Maines N6DT (Right)

FROM THE NET DIRECTOR

N6TCE, Bob Officer

Below are the Net Controls for this month. Substitutions are possible:

September 2022	9/7 K6ZZD	9/14 N6TCE	9/21 K6AAN	9/28 KK6ES
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Bob Officer, N6TCE
Net Director

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY ARES

N6TCE, Bob Officer

I have been working on writing an Incident Action Plan and the rest of the paperwork for the Oct 20th "Shake Out Drill". This will include 2 presentations, including a short 15-to-20-minute presentation about how even if you are not an amateur operator, how you can take part and participate. Along with that, a full tabletop exercise for ARES members.

Lastly, I am still looking for a place to have a face-to-face ARES meeting. More to follow!

Bob Officer
ARRL's Emergency Coordinator for San Joaquin County



Why I Became a Ham

Share your story! If you are interested, write a few paragraphs about why you became a ham radio operator and what you would like to achieve. We would be happy to hear from you!

Please submit your story to LodiHams@gmail.com no later than the 25th of the month!

NEW HAM

JUMPSTART PROGRAM



WELCOME PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- FREE Explore QRZ-1 VHF/UHF Handheld Radio
- FREE RT Systems Programming Software!
- 50% Discount on a USB Programming Cable

HOW TO APPLY:

- Create a free QRZ.com account
- Apply at www.qrz.com/jumpstart
- Receive your unique discount code from QRZ via email
- Go to gigaparts.com/qrzjumpstart
- Add your QRZ-1 to cart
- Use your unique discount code at check out.

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Available to New hams who have just obtained their first license from the FCC. Applicants must apply within 30 days of the license grant date per the FCC records.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT NETS

We have two nets, weekly on Wednesday nights:

- 6:30 PM – **Simplex Net**, 147.090 (No offset, No PL)
- 7:00 PM – **Weekly Club Net**, 147.090 (+600 kHz offset, PL is 114.8 Hz)

CLUB MEETINGS

Our club meetings are held the first Thursday of each month starting at 6:30 PM, located 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!!

QST! QST!

*Next Club Meeting is September 1st! Be sure to attend, as **nominations will begin** for next year's Club Officers! Further details will be announced during the meeting.*

EVENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2022 EVENTS

- **11th thru 13th** – September VHF Sweepstakes
- **18th & 19th** – 10 GHz & up Round 2 (Contest)

FOR SALE

VIRTUAL SWAP MEET

The following item is from the Estate of Jim Seiferling and for sale. All interested parties will have to make contact via the listed email address only. **DO NOT CONTACT** Emilia directly please. She has asked to not be involved in this process.

- **Elecraft KX3 - \$1500**

Used Elecraft KX3 in excellent condition. Bought from Elecraft fully assembled. **Includes:** KXFL3 Roofing Dual Bandwidth Filter for SSB/CW/DATA, KXAT3 Internal Wide-Range 20-W Automatic Antenna Tuner, KXBC3 NiMH Charger (w/ fairly new Panasonic eneloop BK-3MCCA 1900 mAh rechargeable batteries), KX3-2M Internal 2-Meter Module, MH3 Microphone, KXUSB-a cable, 12V power cable and Operating Manual. **Extra Items Included:** Low Rider stand by SOTA beams, KX3 Nifty Mini-Manual, Book: The Elecraft KX3- Portable by Fred Cady KE7X.

Contact Ron Simpson, n6gkj1@gmail.com for information.

- **Ameritron, AL1200 – Make reasonable offer**

High Power HF Amplifier, covers 160-15M, with an easy convert to 10M. Factory wire for 220-240V. Runs a very cool 1200 watts output, 1/2 hour 1500 Watts. Driving power approx 100w for FULL output. Weighs 77 lbs, 18 1/2X 17 X 10. Date of purchase 8-12-91. Was used approx from purchase date until approx. 2005, approx 3 hours a week during that time. Has been sitting idle in shack since. I no longer need high power. New AL-1200's from MFJ (Ameritron) are approx \$5,999.95! I also have the QSK-5 (new) but haven't installed it.

If anyone is interested they will have to make an offer, until I can find what used ones are going for.

Contact Mike Zane, n6zw@comcast.net

- **ICOM Package – \$750**

ICOM 475h AND ICOM 275a -- Both in excellent condition in and out! Two ICOM mast mounted preamps -- One VHF and one UHF; Both NOS new in box. ICOM satellite interface for normal or reverse doppler. **Sold as a package only.** Pick up at my QTH in Pittsburg.

Contact Bruce Croskey, AH0U@ARRL.NET

- **Kenwood MC-62 Mic – Make reasonable offer**

Kenwood MC-62 microphone, for the TM-281A, TM-V71A, or TM-D710G radios. This is from the Silent Key Estate of Jim, WB6BET. The mic is from a TM-V71A that Jim bought in 2021 to replace a stolen radio. His original mic was not stolen, so this one has never been used--it looks new. No set price; Any offer will be welcome. Proceeds will go to KI6YYT.

Contact Ron, KG7OR@arrl.net or 209-712-6200 (cell/text)



- **Hy-Gain AV-18HT – \$1500**

This is for a Hy-Gain AV-18HT 53ft tower, 10-80m, tilt-over hinged base, has not been used. Pick-up only.

Contact Bob LaRocca, ke6eang@gmail.com

Interested in posting something for sale here?

*Please send your request to LodiHams@gmail.com to be considered for the next newsletter, no later than the 25th of the month. **Please ensure** to include your contact information to go along for the sale item!*
