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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

K6AAN, Mike Dugger

Greetings Club Members and Friends,

The upcoming month promises to be fairly busy in the local ham radio world. Local clubs are starting to plan their Christmas events already. Those of you with experience with gatherings know that these events must be planned and arranged a couple of months out, otherwise there is a distinct shortage of available locations and dates. Our Christmas dinner this year is all set up and we have already begun purchasing some of the raffle prizes.

The dinner is set for the night of our regular December meeting night, Thursday December 1st, at Casa Flores Restaurant. The meeting room will be available from 1700 hrs. onward, and dinner will be at 1800 hrs. We have scheduled a full buffet dinner with **chile colorado, chicken enchiladas, beef tacos, rice, beans, tortillas and your choice of a soft drink.** Your dinner prices are as follows:

Members and 1 guest - \$18 per person

Non-members - \$23 per person

All dinner prices include the tip. Any alcoholic beverages wanted can be easily obtained at the bar at individual expense. **Reservations are prepaid only, no tickets will be available at the door.** Seating is limited so first paid, first reserved.

A large, targeted raffle is planned and many valuable prizes will be available. The drawing for the GKJ Builds battery box and solar system will be held and we will finally find out who the lucky winner of that awesome prize will be! Please bring some extra cash with you and support the raffle as it is a major source of income that keeps the club going. **No financial transactions other than raffle tickets will be accepted the night of the**

Christmas dinner to minimize impact on the treasurer. All persons interested in amateur radio are welcome.



October 14, 15 and 16 are the dates for Pacificon this year. This provides a great opportunity to upgrade your license, attend seminars, and view some of latest equipment from a variety of vendors. I look forward to attending Pacificon this year and hope to see many of you there. Our October 6 meeting date will be the closing of nominations for 2023 club officers. Depending on the final results of the nominations, the lineup of club officers will be voted on during that meeting.

A presentation is also scheduled for the Oct. 6 meeting. The topic is "Shake Out 2022" and will be presented by our Net Director, Bob Officer. Hope to see many of you at the next meeting!

73
Mike
K6AAN

FROM THE TREASURER

N6NFB, Skip Chraft

As some of you may know, PayPal has historically given us issues, one of which recently has been with holding on to and not releasing some of our clubs' funds. After much work on this and recent discussion, it was concluded that the only easy way to resolve this was to close out our PayPal account, which has been completed successfully.

With that said, **we can no longer accept payments to the Club via PayPal**. We are currently working on getting a new online payment method started with Square, which should alleviate our past troubles we had with PayPal.

As I am in the process with Square being setup, it may not be quite ready yet by the upcoming club meeting, however status updates will be announced via upcoming nets and club meetings.

Skip, N6NFB

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.

FROM THE NET DIRECTOR

N6TCE, Bob Officer

Net Control Operators Update

I was asked to find a replacement for Barry, K6ZZD. He would like to step back and let someone enjoy being net control operator. Thank you, Barry, for all your help and time being net control! If you are interested in being a net control operator, please drop me an email at LodiHams@gmail.com. Ideally if we have one more NCO (net control operator), one would have the duty every 6 weeks.

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

October 2022	10/5 K6ZZD	10/12 N6TCE	10/19 KK6ES	10/26 K6AAN
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Bob Officer, N6TCE
Net Director

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY ARES

N6TCE, Bob Officer

While I was getting information together for the Shake Out Exercise on the October 20th, I started thinking about some of the Earthquakes I remember.

The 1983 Coalinga Quake was felt from southern LA county to Modoc County. That was only a Magnitude 6.2 Quake. This quake caused extensive damage locally and actually ruptured the surface. Close to us, is the Greenville Fault. All of us have driven or rode over this fault. As you travel west on Interstate 580, the highway passes the Union Pacific Railroad tracks just before you get to the Greenville Road exit. The tracks there actually run down the fault line. This fault has had 2 quakes, one on January 24th, 1985, registering at 5.4 Magnitude and a second one two days later on the 26th registering at 5.8 Magnitude. Geologists estimate this fault could produce an earthquake of 6.5 or higher.



This brings up the question: Are you prepared?

At the next meeting, I will be giving a presentation on October's Earthquake Drill. I hope you will all come and enjoy it.

I am still looking for a centrally located place to hold a face-to-face meeting for San Joaquin ARES with seating for 15-20 people.

Bob Officer, N6TCE
San Joaquin ARES EC

NEW HAM

JUMPSTART PROGRAM



WELCOME PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- FREE Explore QRZ-1 VHF/UHF Handheld Radio
- FREE RT Systems Programming Software!
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HOW TO APPLY:

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- 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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NETS & MEETINGS



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!!

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QST! QST!

*Next Club Meeting is October 6st! Be sure to attend, as **nominations will be closing** for next year's Club Officers!*

EVENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2022 EVENTS & CONTESTS

- 6th – LARC Monthly Club Meeting at Casa Flores
- 14th thru 16th – Pacificon 2022 (www.pacificon.com)
- 15th – 16th – [EME Contest, 50 to 1296 MHz](#)
- 17th thru 21st – [School Club Roundup](#)

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



- **Tower Sections & Antennas – Contact for Details**

This is for 4 sections of Rohn tower, including the top section. Four-element Cushcraft 15M beam. Three-element A3s triband beam; Plus, I "might" have a rotor that will work with either beam.

Contact Mike Zane by email, n6zw@arrl.net

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!*
