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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

K6AAN, Mike Dugger

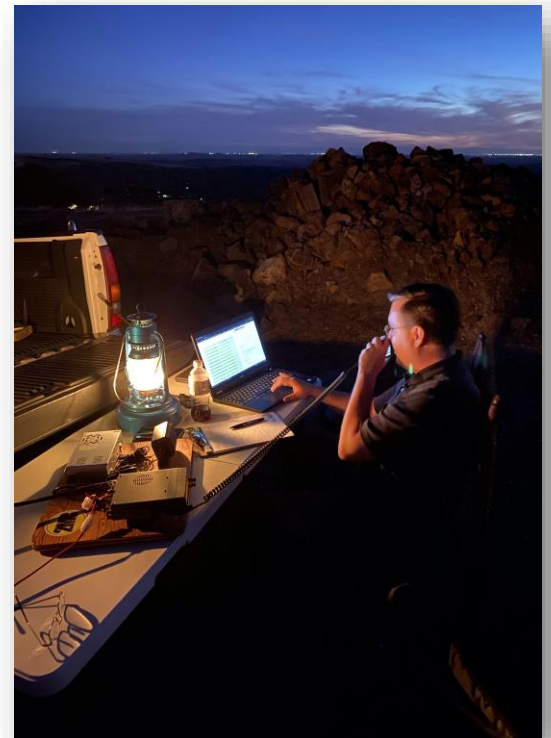
Greetings everyone!

The club will start out the month of November with our meeting that is scheduled for November 3rd at Casa Flores. There is no presentation scheduled for that evening so maybe we can answer some questions by any new hams or anyone else that needs help etc.

The local weather has definitely changed into fall mode and outdoor operating conditions have been excellent. Think about getting out with your equipment and operating away from home.

Wednesday nights provide great opportunities for using your gear in portable mode for the simplex net at 1830 hrs. and 2 meter repeater net at 1900 hrs. During the past two years, KK6ES, KD6SUN, and myself have conducted field operations on Wednesday nights on a regular basis. We have experimented with three different feed lines, 4 different antennas, three different radios, and both battery and generator power. A position close to our homes have provided us

with an excellent place to operate with a clear view of the valley. We have done many stints as Net Control Operators using our portable computers on battery power and internet provided from our cell phones.



As seen in the photo above, we use kerosene lanterns for light during our operations. This allows for good reliable lighting that has withstood rain, wind, etc. very well. The lanterns are Dietz brand and self-extinguish if ever tipped over so there is no fire danger.

The weekly trips to the hilltop have resulted in valuable experience in setting up and taking down quickly. We typically operate on both club nets and check into the TCARES Emergency Services Net prior to going home. We have learned a lot about operating efficiently in the dark as well as adverse conditions. All in all, we have had a lot of fun being outdoors and will continue the practice as long as the weather is tolerable without damaging our equipment.

I know that many of you have built battery boxes and have won DC power inverters as result of winning raffle prizes at the meetings. I highly encourage you to get out of the shack and put some of those items to field-use when you can. You might be surprised in the quality of signal you are able to produce and stations you are able to hear!

73!

Mike

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

KK6ES, Erich Sullivan

Many of you have probably been familiar with and have attended Pacificon, however if you have not I must say it is certainly worth the gander! This year was my first time attending and I must say that it was quite a full event with many presentations, vendors, a swap meet, a HUGE raffle, testing, demonstrations (pause as I gasp for air)... and so much more! It was awesome to be able to visit with fellow hams as well, both from ours and neighboring clubs. The event lasted from the 14th to the 16th of October over in San Ramon and was situated quite conveniently next to several shopping and dining outlets too, if you so desired.

Speaking of presentations, myself along with K6AAN and many others attended an excellent presentation by Rick Maines, N6DT (right) regarding the Mt. St. Helens

incident. I was very impressed with Ricks delivery and professionalism as a presenter! Awesome job Rick!

Among others, Gordon West, WB6NOA was in attendance (left), provided several sessions and was available to meet and even pick up a QSL card from! Gordo is 'quite a guy' as many will attest, as he 'hammed' it up during the "Breakfast with Gordo" session with jokes and puns. Not a bad way to start the day!

Many folks attended the Technician and General licensing classes along with several testing sessions throughout the weekend. Several passed their Tech and upgraded to General and Extra which was great to see as it solidifies the fact that the hobby is still growing. It was a good opportunity to boot, since not only could you test out, but also walk over to

the vendor hall and pick up some great deals on a new radio, antenna, etc.! There was no shortage of gear, with HRO well stocked and many manufacturers representing.

At any rate, I look forward to next year and hope to see many of you there again!

73 -- Erich



FROM THE NET DIRECTOR

N6TCE, Bob Officer

Net Control Operators Update

Below are the Net Controls for the next two months. Substitutions are possible:

November 2022	11/2 K6AAN	11/9 KK6ES	11/16 K6ZZD	11/23 KN6STN	11/30 N6TCE
December 2022	12/7 K6AAN	12/14 KK6ES	12/21 K6ZZD	12/28 KN6STN	-

If you are interested in being a Net Control Operator, please drop me an email at LodiHams@gmail.com.

Bob Officer, N6TCE
Net Director

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY ARES

N6TCE, Bob Officer

Greetings, Lodi Club members and Newsletter Readers!

On October 20th many Lodi ARC members, along with San Joaquin County ARES (SJCARES) joined together in the *Great California Shake Drill*. We did what was expected during an emergency; Net Control took check-ins and reports from all amateur operators, however this year we attempted something new.

What was new? We started a second net. The NCS for that net was concentrating on handling radio messages in and out of the county. That second NCS's operator was also prepared to take voice messages and transcribe them to Winlink electronic messages. During that nets' operation, one e-mail over packet message from Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA), USNORTHCOM, was received and responded to appropriately -- all done over Winlink and VHF. Other operators directly filed their outbound county messages via Winlink and RF. That was first for our county.



If you are interested, here is a Geographic Information System generated map from DYFI reports filed via Winlink and VHF radio:

[GIS DYFI Map](https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1Betwc_VjgDMDkRzJQkodr1MFyuAXjRA&usp=sharing) (https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1Betwc_VjgDMDkRzJQkodr1MFyuAXjRA&usp=sharing)

Almost 1/3 of all reports came from San Joaquin County, including Bob, K6DGQ, who set up field operations in Micke Grove Park.

What does it all mean? As a county, we are nearly ready to respond to some emergencies. We are drilling and practicing the right things. FEMA found out during Hurricane Katrina that modern emergency managers and amateur radio operators did not speak the same languages. ARES did not train amateur operators to handle messages very well. The days

of a Ham person showing up with a radio have gone by the wayside. Today, ARES members must be trained better and slowly return to OES and EOC's as volunteers.

One of the biggest concerns of Emergency Management is liability insurance coverage. The Emergency Managers have found a way for Amateur Radio personnel to be covered. Enter the Disaster Service Worker enrollment program. DSW provides coverage when activated by a Served Agency. Responders must be pre-enrolled.

How can you be involved? Sign-up for ARES membership, take the 4 basic ICS online courses and fill out the ARES Task Book. Have the items signed off by the County Emergency Coordinator (that's me) and sign up to be a DSW. Drill and train to learn and keep your skill level up to the high standard that Emergency Managers will want to see.

Those who are interested, please feel free to see me!

Bob Officer, N6TCE
San Joaquin ARES EC

EVENT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2022 EVENTS & CONTESTS

- 3rd – LARC Monthly Club Meeting at Casa Flores
- 5th thru 7th – [Nov. Sweepstakes – CW](#)
- 12th – 13th – [EME Contest, 50 to 1296 MHz](#)
- 19th thru 21st – [Nov. Sweepstakes – Phone](#)
- 24th – [Run & Walk Against Hunger \(Turkey Trot\)](#)



QST! QST!

LARC Christmas Party is December 1st! Prices are:

\$18 for Members (plus one guest, per person)
\$23 for Non-Members (per person)

Send your RSVP and payment to:

**Lodi Amateur Radio Club
1030 S. Hutchins St., Ste. 4-127
Lodi, CA 95240-5251**

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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FOR SALE

VIRTUAL SWAP MEET

- **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 BL-27 UCA 1000 mAh rechargeable batteries), KX3-2M Internal 2-Meter Module, MH3 Microphone, KX3-2M Power 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.

- **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!*
