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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

#### K6AAN, Mike Dugger

Greetings Everyone,

As far as announcements go, the most important development for our club lately is the fact that Lodi Amateur Radio Club is now an official not for profit corporation, under 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. Our club member Rick Manies has mentored the board of directors in achieving this goal, including the completion of all documents, filings and applications. Our sincere thanks go to Rick for all the work and time he has spent on this project. Our new tax status will afford the club many opportunities in the future.

N6ZW Mike, N6NFB Skip, and I were able to move all the club owned equipment into our new storage space recently. All of our items were organized, and a complete inventory was taken as well. Additional shelves will be needed in the near future for storage of some of the drawing prizes and equipment. Two board members are actively shopping for the new shelving and also looking for two new popup shelters to be used for outdoor club events.

Our club secretary KD6SUN Kristen, has sent out email forms to all our membership to obtain updated information for the club roster. Please help her out by completing the form and sending it promptly. The information is important to keep our membership roster current and accurate. Kristen also found that our club information on the ARRL website was extremely outdated and inaccurate. After several attempts, she was able to obtain access and we are once again listed as an ARRL affiliated club with all our contact info etc., up to date.

Our next club meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2023, 1830 hrs., at Casa Flores Restaurant in Lodi. A short presentation by Mike Zane on PC board projects will be given, along with a briefing on the latest 501(c)(3) activity by

Rick Manies, and a presentation on Net Procedures and Etiquette by Bob Officer.

There will be a new development in the way I will conduct meetings. All members are certainly welcome to get up and make announcements etc. to the group. I have received feedback from the membership that some of these announcements have become too lengthy, resulting in off topic discussion that causes meetings to become too long. We also have to consider how long we occupy the meeting room, so we don't inconvenience the restaurant staff trying to clean up and close.

The new way of making announcements during a meeting will be to contact the Club Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. Kristen will record your info and place you on the agenda for the evening. Announcements will be limited to five minutes per person. This will keep the meetings flowing quicker and discourage rambling discussions. I am not trying to discourage camaraderie, but we must consider that many of our members have to travel some distance to attend the meetings and several have to go to work early the next morning.

Plans are being made for a couple of field trips to local destinations to set up our club radio equipment for the day, as soon as the weather improves. These events will serve to test the equipment and provide an opportunity for anyone to come learn how to operate on the HF bands. We will have experienced operators with extra class license privileges present, to assist with operations.

I will close by encouraging each of you to come enjoy our club meetings, participate in our drawings, and support your club.

73 Mike Dugger K6AAN

## FROM THE NET DIRECTOR

### N6TCE, Bob Officer

Lodi ARC Members,

2023 is off to a good start, along with a couple new Net Control Operators!

Last month on the 16<sup>th</sup>, Rick Manies (N6DT) did a bang-up job as Net Control Operator with 41 check-ins. Our second new Net Control Operator will be Dave Lichtenhan (K6DCL), coming up on the 15<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you to both of them for stepping up to the plate!

Last year in January (2022), we had a total of 148 check-ins and this year we had 114 in the *first three weeks*. If the net has the current average number of check-ins (38) on Wednesday night, the total will be 152 -- a gain of four more than last January.

Make sure you check into the net! It is the best way to keep up with current events in the Lodi ARC.

### Net Control Operators Update

Below are the Net Controls for February and March. Substitutions are possible:

February	2/1	2/8	2/15	2/22	-
2023	N6TCE	K6AAN	K6DCL	KK6ES	
March	3/1	3/8	3/15	3/22	3/29
2023	N6DT	N6TCE	K6AAN	K6DCL	KK6ES

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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 drawing so bring your piggy banks!!

## **EVENTS / QST!**

## **FEBRUARY 2023 EVENTS & CONTESTS**

- > 2<sup>nd</sup> LARC Monthly Club Meeting
- > 13<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup> –School Club Roundup
- ▶ 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> International DX CW
- > **25<sup>th</sup>** <u>Pedaling Paths for Independence</u>

### QST!

Membership Form Update – A Google form has been created to update our club roster and member information. The link for the Google form is below; Please go in and fill out the form in its entirety. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Club Secretary, Kristen Dugger at LodiHams@gmail.com.

### Click Here to Fill Out the Form

The Stockton Delta Amateur Radio Club is hosting *Pedaling Paths for Independence* and they need volunteers! The event will be on February 25, 2023. If anyone would like to sign up, please go to:

### http://www.w6sf.org/eventsignup.html

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## FOR SALE

## VIRTUAL SWAP MEET

#### • 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, make an offer, until Mike can find what used ones are going for.

Contact Mike Zane, <u>n6zw@comcast.net</u>

#### • ICOM Package - \$ 750.00

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, <u>AH0U@ARRL.NET</u>

#### • Hy-Gain AV-18HT – \$ 1,500.00

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, <u>ke6eang@gmail.com</u>

#### • 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, <u>n6zw@arrl.net</u>

#### • Anytone D878UVII Plus – \$ 175.00



This Anytone was bought at Pacificon this past year and hasn't really been used. Paid \$317 for the package. Asking \$175.00.

Contact Dave Lichtenhan, at 530-902-5432. Meet half way or deliver.





## Interested in posting something for sale here?

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