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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

K6AAN, Mike Dugger

Greetings everyone,

Our next club meeting is scheduled for April 6th, 2023 and we will have some planning to take care of. We have received some excellent suggestions as to which Lodi parks would be best for a field trip operation. At the next meeting, let's get a park chosen and schedule the date for our first field trip! The club will provide all the equipment. The idea is to get our equipment out there and allow everyone that wants to operate a chance to get on HF, regardless of their license level. There will be plenty of extra class control operators there to help those who need assistance.

We have secured permission from our member Craig Thompson to use his ranch location on Davis Rd. for Field Day 2023. This is where we ran Field Day before the pandemic and is a very safe and comfortable environment. I'll be looking for persons with interest in attending the event along with set up and take down. Field Day this year will be done with club radios and associated equipment. We need to get some things worked out regarding operating times, food, etc., depending on how we decide to operate. We will be looking at antenna setup and preparation on June 23rd, operation on June 24th, and takedown/cleanup on June 25th. I'm really looking forward to conducting Field Day this year and we have a very nice location in which to do so!

We recently received a new Baofeng BF-F8HP dual band handheld radio courtesy of N6DT, Rick Manies. This radio will be featured as a drawing prize at the April 6 meeting. Don't forget that we're currently running a special drawing for the limited edition ARRL Handbook. Tickets will be available for all upcoming drawings at the meeting. The Square payment system is available to use credit and debit cards for all club-related financial transactions. Remember to contact the club Secretary prior to the meeting if

you have any announcements or you would like to do a presentation.

73! Mike, K6AAN



FROM THE NET DIRECTOR

N6TCE, Bob Officer

Hello Lodi Club Members,

We have some exciting news to share with you! On March 22nd, both nets set all-time records with 35 check-ins on the simplex net, and an incredible 50 check-ins on the regular repeater net!

What made this occasion even more special was the diverse group of operators who joined the nets, including several new hams and some less frequent operators. It was a great reminder that there are many more people out there listening to the net who may not always check in.

As we continue to grow our nets and make them more interesting and fun, we want to hear from you! How can we keep the net fresh and lively? What sort of other content, if any, would you like to hear? This is your net!

So please, take a moment to think about what you'd like to hear on the net, and share your thoughts with us. We're always looking for ways to improve. Feel free to send those thoughts to LodiHams@gmail.com!

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the Lodi Club!

Net Control Operators Update

Below are the Net Controls for April, May and June. Substitutions are possible:

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| April 2023 | 4/5 N6DT | 4/12 K6AAN | 4/19 K6AAN | 4/26 KK6ES | - |
| May 2023 | 5/3 N6DT | 5/10 K6AAN | 5/17 K6AAN | 5/24 KK6ES | 5/31 N6TCE |
| June 2023 | 6/7 N6DT | 6/14 K6AAN | 6/21 N6TCE | 6/28 KK6ES | - |

Bob Officer, N6TCE
Net Director

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY ARES

N6TCE, Bob Officer

Amateur Radio Included in FEMA Guide for National Emergency Preparedness

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released a final version (March 2023) of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Functional Guidance. The guidance, which provides a framework for communications resources within incident management, officially includes support from amateur radio operators. The expanded Communications Unit (COMU) structure now includes the Auxiliary Communicator (AUXC) role, which covers personnel from services that provide communications support to emergency management, public safety, and other government agencies. This includes amateur radio.

So what does that mean?

Professional Emergency Managers had in the past the choice of planning with or without Amateur Radio Operators. Now by federal mandate, they must develop plans to use amateur radio operators. That means



working with the Local ARES or RACES groups. The Emergency Managers in any disaster must decide how and where they use volunteers, more so with radio operators. Volunteers might end up manning a Public Safety Radio or using Amateur Radio to past traffic <messages>.

In the next few months, the ARES net will practice using Field Situation Reports, Local Weather Reports, and the ICS-213 message form. The group will work on both sending a message by voice and then relaying it over Winlink 2000 digital message system.

The ICS-213 is in this link here:

[https://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/icsresource/assets/ics%20forms/ics%20form%20213.%20general%20message%20\(v3\).pdf](https://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/icsresource/assets/ics%20forms/ics%20form%20213.%20general%20message%20(v3).pdf)

The Winlink 2000 Local Weather Reporting form is on the web here:

[https://emcomm-training.org/WLT%20June%2023rd%202022%20Local%20Weather%20Report%2003%20\(3\).pdf](https://emcomm-training.org/WLT%20June%2023rd%202022%20Local%20Weather%20Report%2003%20(3).pdf)

For those that do not have Winlink installed and want to try their hand at copying a Field Situation Report, I have a printable PDF I can sent you. E-Mail your request to N6TCE@arrl.net. Thanks to Ron (KG7OR) for fixing that form for everyone.

In closing, a quick mention that the ARES web page has been updated as well.

Bob Officer

ARRL's Emergency Coordinator for San Joaquin County

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 drawing so bring your piggy banks!!

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EVENTS / QST!

APRIL 2023 EVENTS & CONTESTS

- 6th – LARC Monthly Club Meeting
- 16th – [Rookie Roundup - Phone](#)

QST!

- ❖ **New Payment Portal** - <https://lodiarc.square.site/>
- ❖ **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](#)

- ❖ **Plans for a Clamp-on RF Current Meter!** - Check it out by going to:

<http://www.ifwtech.co.uk/g3sek/clamp-on/clamp-on.htm>

- ❖ **Interesting Read!** – A book available from Amazon, “*The CW Way of Life..*”:

[Click here to View on Amazon](#)

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, n6zw@comcast.net

- **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, AH0U@ARRL.NET

- **Hy-Gain AV-18HT – \$ 1,200.00 OBO**

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 or 209-747-3287

- **Antennas – Contact for Details**

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

- **MFJ 9420X – \$ 350.00**

MFJ 9420X, 20 Meter SSB & CW XCVR with Mic. Radio has installed CW board-(415B). CW board was installed by MFJ, and both radio and CW board were aligned by MFJ. Radio is like new and very clean. Radio is 14-14.350 MHz-20 meters only, and does not come with a power cord. I have had good audio reports on the radio and it puts out 10 watts. Radio new currently goes for \$429.95, and the CW board is \$89.95.



Contact Chuck Sullivan, at AC6EH@sbcglobal.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!

