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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

K6AAN, Mike Dugger

Hello Everyone!

Our club field trip to Roget Park on April 22 had a nice turnout of 14 persons and some very favorable weather. We were able to get two stations on the air, one HF and one UHF-VHF. New hams in attendance were able to see how HF operates and were given an opportunity to make contacts. It was fun to



Pierre Petuya (Left) with Mike Dugger K6AAN (Right)

get everyone together for a few hours, play radio, and help others get acquainted with new aspects of radio operations. Many thanks to all those who showed up, pitched in to load and unload gear, and especially to our Treasurer Mike Zane for building the HF antenna that we used on that day!

Our next meeting on Thursday May 4th, 2023 will have a few new things on the agenda. Al Hill will give a quick presentation on the Stockton Club's planned operation for the Linden Cherry Festival which is happening at the end of this month. Our members are welcome to volunteer to work the event,

regardless of club membership, if they would like to help out. Mike Zane has a short show and tell on electronics to present. After that, we will have a discussion on our upcoming Field Day plans. We will explain what the rules will be regarding equipment, power, and the operation schedule for the event. A food plan is already



We made contact with Lefty (Steve Jens K6CTQ) in NV during the Field Trip!



setup which will provide food throughout the day with an Italian dinner on Saturday evening catered by DaVinci's of Lodi. The food option will be prepaid prior to the event in order to provide an accurate count. No food option will be available for purchase on the day of our event. Payment options are being setup on Square for card purchases. We will also accept checks and cash at the May and June meetings also. Prices and further details will be announced during the May 2 meeting.

Field Day this year will be at Craig Thompson's Ranch on Davis Rd. The address will be provided at the next meeting. There is plenty of shade, trees for antennas, real restrooms, etc. for everyone's comfort and enjoyment. Remember that an event this large will require plenty of help with setup and takedown of antennas and the other gear. We will have a VE testing session in the afternoon on Sat. June 24 during the operation. It will be for testing only and anyone wanting to test for a new license or upgrade will be welcome. A drawing will be held after dinner on Saturday with some special prizes available also. I hope to see as many of our members come out for Field Day and enjoy all the goings on!

73,
Mike K6AAN

FROM THE NET DIRECTOR

N6TCE, Bob Officer

This month has been busy for us all now that the rain has stopped for a few weeks. The Wednesday night nets continue to be active and busy. Please remind your friends who are Amateur Radio Licensees about the time and place of the net. We have several newly licensed operators in the area, so be sure to keep your ears open and give them a warm welcome!

I have arranged two testing opportunities to take an examination for a radio license or upgrade your existing radio license. The 1st opportunity to take an examination will occur on the USS Lucid during Museums Ship's weekend. That event takes place on June 3-4, 2023. Because we are guests on this ship, I ask you to contact me and make arrangements before showing up. Testing takes place only on Saturday, June 3. This session is an examination only (test-only event) and is **not** a Ham Cram. A few people will be there to give a poor man's tour of the ship. Remember, this ship is not ADA-accessible. The ship is undergoing a restoration, and working parties will be taking place. Museum Ship's Weekend is a great time to come out and visit and get a little experience on HF Radio.

The 2nd event is at the Lodi Amateur Radio Clubs Field Day event. Again, please get in touch with me ahead of time. While there will be many Volunteer Examiners at LodiARC's event, I would like to set the examination times so it doesn't interfere with Field Day's radio operations.

Net Control Operators Update

The following are tentative net control operators for May, June and July. If anyone has a conflict with the Wednesday Night Repeater Net, drop me an e-mail for early check-in.

May 2023	<i>5/3 N6DT</i>	<i>5/10 K6AAN</i>	<i>5/17 K6DCL</i>	<i>5/24 KK6ES</i>	<i>5/31 N6TCE</i>
June 2023	<i>6/7 N6DT</i>	<i>6/14 K6AAN</i>	<i>6/21 N6TCE</i>	<i>6/28 KK6ES</i>	-
July 2023	<i>6/5 N6DT</i>	<i>6/12 K6AAN</i>	<i>6/19 N6TCE</i>	<i>6/26 KK6ES</i>	-

Bob Officer, N6TCE
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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 drawing so bring your piggy banks!!

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EVENTS / QST!

MAY 2023 EVENTS & CONTESTS

- 4th – LARC Monthly Club Meeting
- 6th – [Delta Century Ride](#) – Jessie's Grove Winery
- 20th – [Linden Cherry Festival](#), 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- No ARRL Contests for this month!

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*](#)

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 – \$ 300.00**

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. This is a great value, as the radio currently goes for \$479.95 new, and the CW board is \$99.95 extra as of the date of this publication from MFJ.

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!*

