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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

K6AAN, Mike Dugger

Greetings Everyone!

The month of June is going to be the busiest month of the year for our club. Field Day is our biggest yearly club event. Plans are to set antennas up on the morning of June 23. Final preparations will be done the morning of June 24, with radio operations starting at 1100 hrs. Ops will continue throughout the afternoon and may continue overnight depending on interest and attendance. Takedown of equipment and cleanup is scheduled for the morning on June 25. If you are planning to attend, please be aware of the following guidelines:

No personal antennas, radios, power stations, or generators will be allowed on site. This is being done in order to minimize any interference between the stations we have planned to operate. You will need your own folding chair, headphones, and Morse key if needed. Please remember that Field Day is an exercise, not a contest. Our focus will be to get everyone on the radio that would like to operate with special emphasis on new hams. Please do not stand around the operating areas to socialize. Take your conversations to another area where voices do not disturb folks trying to operate.

Plans have been made to provide food throughout the day for those that would like to partake. Breakfast will be coffee and pastries. Lunch will be sandwiches, chips, fruit, and cookies. Dinner will be raviolis, salad, bread, and desert, catered by DaVinci's. Cost of the all-day meal plan is \$15 per member, \$23 per non-member. The meal plan is only available on a paid-in-advance basis and reservations are not refundable if you do not show up. No payments for the meal plan will be taken at the door. Payment for the meal plan can be taken care of in person at the upcoming meeting on June 1st, or online via the club payment portal (<https://lodiarc.square.site>). Water will be available throughout the day and will be provided by the club. As in the past,

we will be conducting a large drawing after dinner for some very nice prizes!



Our next meeting on June 1st will feature final planning and discussions regarding Field Day. We will also discuss planning for Museum Day at Micke Grove Park which will fall during the weekend prior to Field Day this year. There are no presentations planned for the May 1st meeting due to the discussions we will be having. If you are planning to attend either the Museum Day or Field Day events, you will want to attend our next meeting to get all the latest information. We will be asking for volunteers to assist in setup, takedown, and operations, at both events. I will hope to see many of you at Casa Flores Restaurant on 6-1-23 at 1830 hrs. for the meeting.

73

Mike Dugger
K6AAN

FROM THE NET DIRECTOR

N6TCE, Bob Officer

This job is odd, but fun. Finding and helping people become Net Control Stations is rewarding. I also get to know most everyone on the net. The following are tentative net control operators for June, July and August.

June 2023	6/7 N6DT	6/14 K6AAN	6/21 N6TCE	6/28 KK6ES	-
July 2023	7/5 K6DCL	7/12 N6DT	7/19 K6AAN	7/26 KK6ES	-
August 2023	8/2 K6DCL	8/9 N6DT	8/16 KK6ES	8/23 K6AAN	8/30 N6TCE

The Net Control Operator for the Simplex Net is currently Mike, K6AAN. I would like to thank him for serving double duty. As always, suggest to any of your friends which are licensed Amateur Operators to check in on the net!

Also, the next scheduled Ham Cram is August the 12th. Test-only is being offered on two dates in June. The 1st is on the USS Lucid during Museum Ship's weekend. This is by appointment only. We have a limited space. An appointment and an FRN number is required, along with a proper photo ID. No walk-ins, please.

The second is at the Lodi Club's Field Day site. Again because of limited space, an appointment is required. To make an appointment please email me at n6tce@arrl.net. To new Amateurs, I can recommend this is your chance to be mentored, and help make contacts on HF. There will be experienced coaches available to help you.

Speaking of new amateurs, The FCC has left the "KM6" call sign prefix and has started to issue call signs in the "KO6" range. If you hear one of these new hams or even one of the "KM6" call signs, give a big hello!

I found two other events/presentations that could be well worth your time, offered by the Mt Diablo ARC:

The 1st:

Why Does Ham Radio Work "When all else fails"?
Presented by Kristen McIntyre, K6WX, ARRL Pacific Division Director
Tuesday June 13, 2023 7:00 to 9:00 pm

This talk will explore the notion, that it is the lack of central organization which makes our radio service well suited to perform in circumstances where order has been replaced by chaos, that is common to Emergency Communication situations.

The 2nd:

Phones, Fires, and Failures
Presented by Alan Thompson, W6WN
Tuesday June 20, 2023 7:00 to 9:00 pm

This is a presentation about the colossal emergency communications failures during the Camp Fire [this wildfire began on November 8, 2018 in Butte County, CA.] that ripped apart a community and cost people's lives. I have seen the 2nd presentation several times. Each time Alan has added more material.

- There is a \$5.00 fee per student to attend each class session.
- Each presentation is presented In-person and simultaneously via Zoom.
- The In-Person classes will be presented at:

Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church
1578 Kirker Pass Road
Clayton, Ca 94517

- Go to: <https://www.mdarc.org/education-and-testing/class-details> to register.

I wish everyone to have a nice and safe summer. Please use sunscreen and wear a hat with face, neck and ear protection.

73

Bob, N6TCE
Net Director
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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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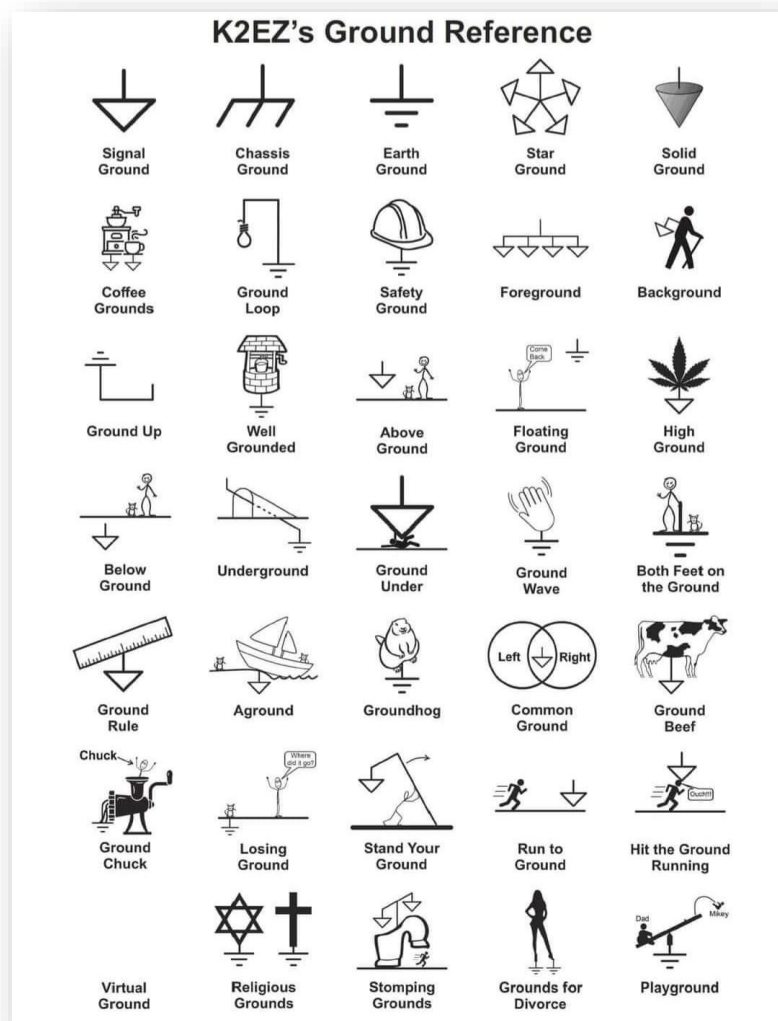
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JUNE 2023 EVENTS & CONTESTS

- 1st - LARC Monthly Club Meeting
- 3rd – 4th – [International Digital Contest](#)
- 10th thru 12th – [June VHF Contest](#)
- 17th – Museum Day at Micke Grove
- 24th – **LARC Field Day 2023:**
21030 North Davis Road
Lodi, CA 95242

QST!

- ❖ **New Payment Portal** - <https://lodiarc.square.site/>
- ❖ **Laser Comm's** – A share from one of our members; Check out this ham's QRZ, with description about using Helium Neon laser for his comm's in Ventura County – Pretty neat! - <https://www.qrz.com/db/WA6EJO>
- ❖ **For a little humor!** – “K2EZ's Ground Reference”:



FOR SALE

VIRTUAL SWAP MEET

- **FREE "XTAL SET SOCIETY NEWSLETTERS"**

I was a member of the Crystal Set Society for many years, and have collected many of the newsletters. The issues are not consecutive and are hit and miss, running from about 1996 till the demise of the organization.

I find these things fascinating and informative. Free to good home.. Delivery available.... cool 807 or hot joe appreciated.

Contact Dennis in Herald/W6UHQ by email, W6UHQ@ARRL.NET

- **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 Pittsburgh.

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

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!

