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NOW HEAR THIS!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

K6AAN, Mike Dugger

Greetings everyone,

With most of the large ham radio events behind us for the time being, it is time to focus on holiday celebrations. The Christmas Dinner for our club will be very special indeed this year. We have the Hollywood Cafe on Cherokee Rd. reserved for our December 2 meeting date from 1730 to 2030 hrs. This is a completely private event, and we have the use of the entire restaurant to ourselves. There is plenty of room for 45 people and maybe a few more, depending on interest. The dinner menu is tri-tip or chicken, mashed potatoes, green salad, bread and butter. There will be vanilla ice cream for dessert. Your \$44 reservation covers the meal, soft drinks, and all gratuities. Each reservation also comes with one drawing ticket. Several door prizes will be available, the grand prize being a Yaesu Ft-5DR handheld radio with accessories. Tickets are limited to one per reservation. All reservations must be paid for in advance and none will be available at the door. The club website is setup for online reservation sales or they can be purchased by sending a check to the club mailbox. Club membership is not a requirement to attend the Christmas dinner and anyone interested in amateur radio is welcome. Ticket sales have taken off quickly so don't wait until the last minute to get yours!

Our next meeting is on Thursday November 2, 2023, at Casa Flores Restaurant. We will be discussing 2024 dues and a revision to the club bylaws. Casa Flores will continue to be our meeting location in 2024 unless a better spot is found. The recent Fall weather has provided some very favorable weather for getting out in the field and doing some HF operating. Band conditions have been pretty decent lately as well. If you have any ideas about a field trip to operate in our local area, please share them with our group at the next meeting. Club radios, and other gear are available for any club sanctioned operations. Hope to see many of you on Nov. 2 at Casa Flores!

73, Mike K6AAN



FROM THE NET DIRECTOR

N6TCE, Bob Officer

Good news! This month we welcome back Dave, K6DCL to the roster of active Net Control Stations. This brings us up to a Total of 5 Net Control Operators. I am still looking for 1 or 2 more Net Control Operators. Operating a net is a skillset every amateur operator should seek to have.

This is a tentative schedule of Net Control Stations:

November 2023	11/1 N6DT	11/8 KK6ES	11/15 K6DCL	11/22 K6AAN	11/29 N6TCE
December 2023	12/6 N6DT	12/13 KK6ES	12/20 N6TCE	12/27 K6AAN	-

As usual, I will take the 1st net of the new Year on Jan 3rd.

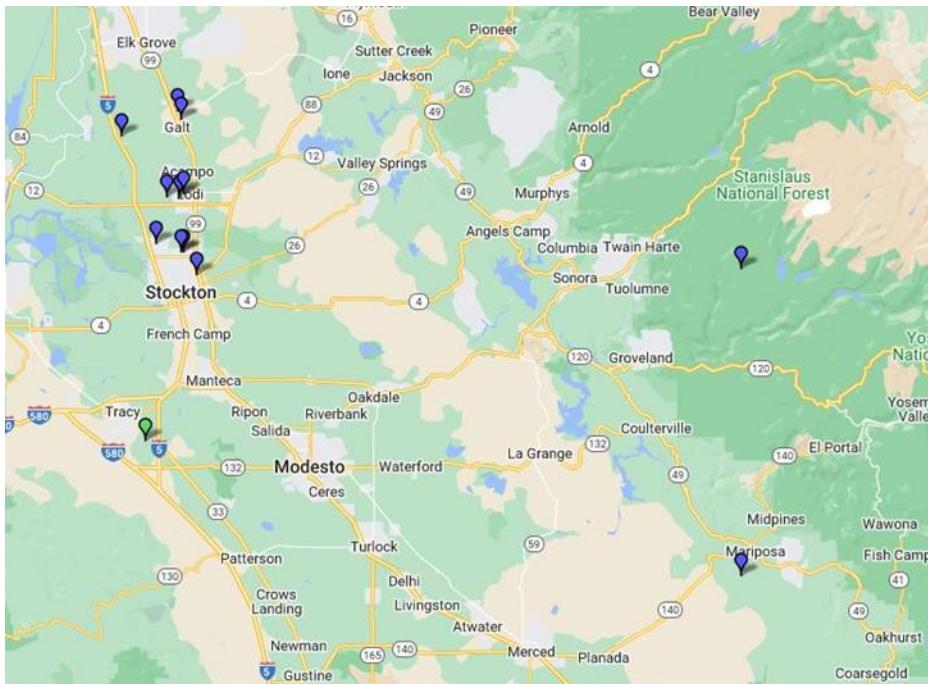
Bob, N6TCE
N6TCE@arrl.net

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY ARES

N6TCE, Bob Officer

October saw the Shake-Out 2023 drill; I consider it a success. I went over the result and my rough draft of the after-action report. OES was interested in the group's ability to get a quick assessment of conditions. I have yet to see the After-Action report from the SJV section.

Below is San Joaquin County's "Did You Feel It" (DYFI) reports.



All drills and exercises are done so we can find our mistakes before a real-life event happen. My goal as the Emergency Coordinator is to get the gaps in coverage filled. Stockton, Manteca and the areas east of the San Joaquin River need to be filled in.

The DYFI report provides "Ground Truth" reports. In any disaster there is always a doughnut hole in the center where information is missing. These DYFI's are important, even more so when you become aware of a quake in your area and you didn't feel it. These intensity maps become important when you take into consideration that different soils can absorb or transmit the energy from a quake differently. As always, anyone

interested in ARES, please contact me or visit "Join San Joaquin ARES" at <https://sjcares.org/join-sjc-ares/>.



with its information by sending something like the following: KCØOBUD WA3XYZ R GM DAN NICE TO MEET U UR RST 579 579 QTH PITTSBURGH, PA PITTSBURGH, PA NAME PHIL PHIL HW? AR KCØOBUD WA3XYZ KN

The R sent after the initial call signs means that the other station copied EVERYTHING that you sent. Don't send R and then ask the other station to repeat part of the information that was sent. If you need the other station to repeat something send 'PSE RPT NAME', or 'RST', or 'QTH', etc. You can also send something like 'NAME?' or 'RST?' in your next transmission, and the other station should understand.

The Middle

Now, you chat back and forth about whatever you want: the weather, sports, your rigs, antennas, etc., using a format like the following: WA3XYZ DE KCØOBUD R blah, blah, blah, AR WA3XYZ DE KCØOBUD KN

Then the other station has a turn: KCØOBUD WA3XYZ R blah, blah, blah, AR KCØOBUD DE WA3XYZ KN

Technically, you don't have to send both call signs with each transmission. Some stations just send BK (back to you) and the end of a transmission and then legally identify the station every 10 minutes. Other stations will send both calls with each transmission so those listening will know who they are.

The Conclusion

To end the QSO just send something like: WA3XYZ DE KCØOBUD R blah, blah, blah, OK PHIL TNX NICE QSO HPE CUL 73 VA WA3XYZ DE KCØOBUD KN

I thank Phil for a nice QSO, say hope to see you later (HPE CUL), send best wishes (73). The VA "run together" (dididididah) means that's all I have. Similar to AR (dididididah) except it is only used in the final transmission from your station. Phil will then send his final transmission: KCØOBUD WA3XYZ R FB DAN TNX QSO 73 VA KCØOBUD DE WA3XYZ CL

The CL means that Phil is going to be closing his station and won't be answering any more calls. Phil could also end his call with a "dit dit". I would respond

A CHEAT SHEET

You might find it helpful to use a cheat sheet that you can refer to when your mind suddenly goes blank. Just fill in it and replace WA3XYZ with the other station's call sign. Is this frequency in use? QRL? (then LISTEN)

Calling CQ CQ CQ CQ DE _____ K

Answering another station's CQ WA3XYZ DE _____ AR

When another station answers your CQ

WA3XYZ DE _____ GM (GA, GE, GN) TNX CALL UR 559 (or 579, 549, etc) 559 IN _____, _____, _____
NAME _____ HW? AR WA3XYZ DE _____ KN

To end the QSO

WA3XYZ DE _____ R blah, blah, blah, OK TNX NICE QSO HPE CUL VY 73 GM VA WA3XYZ DE _____ K

If the other station initiates ending the QSO

WA3XYZ DE _____ R OK TNX NICE QSO HPE CUL VY 73 VA WA3XYZ DE _____

with a single dit. Ending a QSO with the dit dit — dit, or the "shave and a haircut...two bits" is a friendly way of acknowledging that the QSO has ended and you enjoyed the chat. It started back before anyone can remember with one Ham sending 'shave and a haircut' — dahdididahdit — and the other station completing it with 'two bits' — dit dit. It has shortened over the decades to stations sending 'dit dit' and 'dit'.

Please don't fall into the habit of pluralizing. There is no need to send "73s." 73 by itself means "best wishes"; it is not proper to send 73s or 'best wisheses.'

Another tip to remember is that most Procedural Signs (like QTH) already mean phrases, and are intended to reduce the amount of sending you need to do to make your point. You don't need to use extra words when using prosigns like QTH. QTH PA is sufficient, not MY QTH IS....

A Final Word about Speed

Accuracy transcends speed. Most operators would rather copy slower accurate code with proper spacing than code sent fast with uneven spacing and many mistakes. Speed will come with practice.

Rule of thumb for spacing: The space between letters should be about as long as a dash — which is equal to 3 dits. The space between words should be about as long as two dashes (technically, 7 dits, but it's easier to estimate 'two dashes' since you DON'T want to start counting). Keep in mind that the person on the other end has to decipher your sending, so make it as clear for them as you can. Spacing is just as important as the letters themselves. Without spacing, it's all gibberish! Space between your letters, and pause ever so slightly between words.

It is asking for trouble to call CQ with a speed faster than you can comfortably copy, because that will probably be the speed somebody will use when answering you. Don't get frustrated if the other station doesn't slow down for you, even after you have sent PSE QRS (please send slower). The other station may be pressed for time, in the heat battle during a contest, or has been operating at a fast speed for so long that they have difficulty copying or sending slower. You also need to be courteous. Do not assume that everyone who does not slow down is being a jerk. If you cannot copy the other station, just say SRI TOO FAST, send them a 73 and move on. You are sure to find somebody that you can work.

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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 MEETING

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.

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EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2023 EVENTS & CONTESTS

Text in blue can be clicked for more information!

- 2nd – **LARC Monthly Club Meeting** at Casa Flores, Lodi!
- 9th – **SDARC Meeting** – 7PM, Stockton Sailing Club.
- 23rd – **Run & Walk Against Hunger** – More info at w6sf.org.
Sign up to volunteer by clicking [Here!](#)



Some artists of the 50's are revising their hits with new lyrics to accomodate baby boomers. Here's a few:

1. Herman's Hermits- Mrs. Brown you've got a lovely walker.
2. The Bee Gees- How can you mend a broken hip.
3. Bobby Darin- Splish Splash I was Having a flash.
4. Ringo Starr- I'll get by with the help from depends.
5. The Commodores- Once, twice, three times to the bathroom.
6. Marvin Gaye- Heard it from the Grape Nuts
7. Leo Sayer- You make me feel like napping.
8. Willie Nelson- On the commode again.
9. Procol Harem- A whiter shade of hair.
10. Johnny Nash- I can't see clearly now.
11. Helen Reddy- I am woman hear me snore.
12. Abba- Denture Queen.

A little humor, submitted by Mike Zane, N6ZW.

FOR SALE

VIRTUAL SWAP MEET

- **ACER 19-inch VGA Monitor – Proceeds will be Donated to the Club**



With power and VGA cables, manual and disk. Used maybe 25 hours as a test monitor for upgrading computers. It has a VGA input but will work with HDMI computer output with a VGA to HDMI cable. This was tested and works fine. Proceeds will be donated to the Club.

Contact Mike Zane for further, n6zw@comcast.net

- **EFHW/Random Wire Antennas Information – Available to Borrow**

I have compiled a bunch of info on EFHW and random wire antennas, plus info on how to wind a line choke. Put all into a binder for anyone that wants to borrow it. Articles can be copied if needed, just put originals back in correct order.

Contact Mike Zane, n6zw@comcast.net

- **Motorola Radius 2 Meter Radio - \$150.00**

I have a Motorola Radius 2 meter radio mounted in a Motorola rack, with an Astron 7 amp. power supply for sale. This radio has 40 watts output and contains 8 channels that are programmed for 7 local repeaters as well as 146.52 simplex. There is also a Motorola desk microphone included in the package. The radio has an Anderson Power Pole connector installed and is easily used for portable battery operation. This would be an ideal compact 2 meter station radio for a new ham. Price is \$150.

Contact Mike Dugger via email, sjdep97@gmail.com

- **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

- **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!
