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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

K6AAN, Mike Dugger

Hello everyone,

The month of December brings us great opportunities to spend some quality face-to-face time with our fellow radio operators. There are several local Christmas celebration meetings going on this month involving the radio clubs in our immediate area. The first, of course, is our own Christmas Meeting that is scheduled for December 7, 2023, 1800 hrs., at the Hollywood Cafe in Lodi. I'm looking forward to a great night of good food and fellowship. We do have a white elephant gift exchange planned for the meeting. Full information on our Christmas meeting, ticket purchase info etc., is available on the club website, www.lodiham.org. Reservations are limited to the first 45 people to sign up, so make your ticket purchase right away if you are planning to attend. Calaveras ARS has a Christmas breakfast scheduled for Dec. 2, 1000 hrs., at the Murphy's Hotel in Murphy's. Stockton Delta ARC has their dinner meeting scheduled for Dec. 14, 1800 hrs. at the Shipyard Restaurant in Stockton. I plan to attend each of these meetings and hope to see many of you there!



This is the last newsletter article that I will author as your club president. It has been a great pleasure to serve the past two years as president and I am very pleased with what the club has been able to accomplish. From a near standstill due to pandemic lockdowns, to a full-fledged 501(c)(3) corporation with a healthy treasury, new website, and several new members. It has been a great ride! None of the achievements the club has made would have happened without the ongoing support of every one of you members. Special recognition is due to the following people who have served as officers, board members, and directors. Erich Sullivan, Kristen Dugger, Barry Marson, Mike Zane, Bob Officer, Ron Simpson, George Chraft, and Stan Trevena. A very special thank you to Rick Manies, Keith Colgan, Paula Shepard, David Lichtenhan, Barry Marson, and Fred Coe. They have been very instrumental in managing the club finances, website design, and donating a long list of drawing prizes and radio equipment.

I have great confidence in the elected 2024 officers to keep things on course and plan some great events for the membership to enjoy. Always remember that this club belongs to the membership and needs the cooperation and support from the whole group to be successful. Please support the club and the new leadership team any way you can as we all have something very special to be proud of.

Mike Dugger
K6AAN

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

KK6ES, Erich Sullivan

Hello LARC!

I wanted to take a final moment in the newsletter as your Vice President, to say that it has been a pleasure to serve over the last two years. As I look behind us, I am reminded of the many endeavors and large strides forward that the club has taken and I am hopeful that the club will continue to develop and grow. Remember, it isn't all what the Board does that makes the difference, but it's the collective efforts of all members that makes it a success. As the saying goes: "Teamwork Makes Dreamwork".

I especially have been honored to serve alongside Mike Dugger, who I can say with confidence has a heart for this club and a passion for Amateur Radio. Thank you, Mike, for your leadership and service to this club. It has not gone unnoticed! I would like to also echo what Mike said above, in regard to a special thank you and recognition for those who have served as officers, board members and directors: Kristen Dugger, Barry Marson, Mike Zane, Bob Officer, Ron Simpson, George "Skip" Chraft and Stan Trevena. I share the same sentiment as well, in saying a very special thank you to Rick Manies, Keith Colgan, Paula Shepard, David Lichtenhan, Barry Marson, Fred Coe as well as Craig Thompson for the kind use of his home and property for field day and Nancy Robertson for providing the club with its nice swag! Every one of you has made a positive impact on this club and I can't thank you enough for all that each of you has represented and done.

Remember – this is *your* club, and quite frankly one of (if not) the best in the San Joaquin valley in my opinion. In closing, I would like to welcome and pass the torch to Emilia Seiferling, KI6YYT as your new incoming Vice President!

Have a safe Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

73
- Erich Sullivan
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FROM THE NET DIRECTOR

N6TCE, Bob Officer

This is the slow month of the year. A shortage of sunlight and the short days drag everyone down.

So, for a change make this the Month of the NETs! Remind your ham friends to participate in the nets. If you have a spare radio or scanner, loan it to a person interested in ham radio. In conversations with the new hams that take their Tech License Examination, about 1/2 are taking the examination because they have a friend that has a license or have listened to a scanner.

Every time you talk on the radio, remember you are an ambassador, and you represent your club and amateur radio in general. Your actions do make a difference. This is a tentative schedule of Net Control Stations:

December 2023	<i>12/6 N6DT</i>	<i>12/13 KK6ES</i>	<i>12/20 N6TCE</i>	<i>12/27 K6AAN</i>	-
January 2024	<i>1/3 N6TCE</i>	-	-	-	-

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

Happy Holidays,
Bob, N6TCE
N6TCE@arrl.net

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY ARES

N6TCE, Bob Officer

Hello all –

I sit here and know of the swift approach of winter and the storms and fog which come with its arrival.

This is not only ARES stuff, but general for everyone.

This last fall we had two Simulated Emergency Exercises (SETs). The reason we have these drills is to discover what we need to do better in emergency conditions. The major take away from the two drill was when reporting, we need to do a better job of our location.



The best way is using at least a 4 decimal place Latitude and Longitude. For example the format is ##.#### by -###.####. There are both applications for iOS and Android phones. For iOS I use the Maidenhead app. Because it can give you the 4 Decimal places and does Maidenhead location to five parts. LL##ll##ll

Wikipedia has a good explanation, and using the different types of location formats is more than I want to cover in a newsletter. It makes a good set of three 10-minute presentations.

Now the newest fad among location schemes is called “What Three Words” often seen written as W3W. Every three-square meters on the globe has been defined as Three Words. Two examples:

1. The handicap parking space at the Stockon Sailing club is: ///tolls.starts.stump
2. Casa Flores’ new outdoor dining area in Lodi is: ///scarcely.cooks.vibrate

Problems have surfaced and the rush to embrace this system has slowed down. Individual accents often make the words hard to understand the W3W. For the Stockton Sailing Club for example could be misheard as ///trolls.starts.stump, which is in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean between Spain and Nova Scotia.

I suspect there is no fool proof system of giving your location. That is one reason our cell phone uses two systems. A GPS signal from at least 4 satellites and triangulation from the cell towers. Modern 911 call centers use the data from your cell phone to get your location. For a check they usually want to give your location in the form of “on Road X between Points Y and Zed”. This gives the Call Center Operators information to give the first responders a set of cross streets.

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NETS & MEETINGS



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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 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.

EVENTS



DECEMBER 2023 EVENTS & CONTESTS

Text in blue can be clicked for more information!

- 7th – **LARC Christmas Dinner** – 6PM at Hollywood Cafe, Lodi. Tickets sold in advance!
- 14th – **SDARC Christmas Dinner** – 6PM, Shipyard Restaurant.

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 desktop phone 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!*

Merry
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
New Year