



# LODI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB N6SJV

# NEWSLETTER

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# NOW HEAR THIS!

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*KD6SUN, Kristen Dugger*

Hello All!

Welcome to 2024; Hopefully you had a wonderful holiday season and got to spend some time with friends, family, and fellow hams. This is my first newsletter as your new Club President and I'd like to take a minute to thank our past officers for their substantial contributions. Over the past year our club has become a 501 (3) (c) non-profit, our website has been revamped, and we gained quite a few new members. Without this hard work, our club wouldn't be where it is today. This has laid the groundwork for us to have a very successful and prosperous 2024.

Our first meeting will be held on January 4, 2024 at Casa Flores Restaurant in Lodi, CA. The meeting will start at 6:30pm, and if you'd like to have dinner prior to the meeting we have the room beginning at 5pm. I hope to see all of you there for our first meeting of the year. As we transition into a new year, the time to pay our dues is now. Individual dues are \$35, Family dues are \$45. You can pay your dues by Square directly from our website at [lodiham.org](https://lodiham.org) under the 'Become a Member' section, or pay them in person by cash or check at our meeting January 4th, 2024. If you are planning on paying by check or cash, please make note of what the payment is for. This helps our Treasurer classify our transactions.

We are heading full speed ahead into the new year with our first event, Winter Field Day. Winter Field Day will be held on January 27, 2024 at the New Hogan Lake Visitor Center in Valley Springs, CA from 0800-whenver we finish. The address for the Visitor Center is 2713 Hogan Dam Rd. Valley Springs, CA. There will be club radios set up, power, clean restrooms, and a covered area to operate. Club equipment will be set up, so please do not bring personal HF radios out for this event. There will be a talk in frequency set up for this event, which will be the club VHF repeater at 147.090 (+600 kHz offset, PL is 114.8 Hz). You are more than welcome to bring food, snacks, and beverages. After the event finishes up, we will be heading to Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs, CA for an evening meal. All are



welcome to join. If you do plan on attending the evening meal, please RSVP to [lodihamsgmail.com](mailto:lodihamsgmail.com) or directly to Mike Dugger K6AAN. This is shaping up to be a fantastic event, and we hope to have many participants come out and enjoy the day. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Kristen Dugger  
KD6SUN

## FROM THE NET DIRECTOR

### *N6TCE, Bob Officer*

Changes are in the wind.

Folks, this is the time of the year we make assessments and plan changes. While our nets are unique and fun, sometimes they tend to bog down. Please listen closely to the net's preamble. That is where the net control operator takes the time to tell you what he wants in your report. Several times in the last year, the club president has asked the Net Control Operator to poll the net members.

When you make your personal report, let us all try to make it brief. Everyone likes to hear about your accomplishments, but to keep things moving briskly, try to report "New" or unique contacts or maybe state a goal for the following weeks. You could even challenge net members to 'up' their Amateur radio game.

Ron, N6JKG, has put up an All-Star node, which allows net members to check the net in when they are out of the area. I invite Ron to write a short, how-to-do All-Star article.

I know one of the hardest things for a newsletter editor is to get the articles and content fodder. I have done newsletters and know that Erich, KK6ES, does a good job, but we can make his job easier. If you have an idea, write it up and run it by him. You can submit those to our club email, [lodihamsgmail.com](mailto:lodihamsgmail.com).

Clubs function because there are volunteers to do things. Eventually, they tire and wish to take a step back. The club will continue to function because other people step forward. As your club's Net Director, my job is to set the focus and to have Net Control Operators. We have a great script which we use as a framework to run the net. Each Net Control Operator runs the net in the way they want, giving each net a flavor of their own. I want to see more people step up and become net control operators. We have just enough net control operators, so each person has a slot about every 5 weeks. Three more operators would be close to a net control operator once every other month.

Before starting the New Year 2024, I want to thank all the Net Control Operators for their work. It shows in the continued growth of the net.

Repeater Net totals (in check-in's):

**2023:** 2,045  
**2022:** 1,881  
**2021:** 1,868  
**2020:** 1,655  
**2019:** 1,553  
**2018:** 1,501

Simplex Net Totals

**2023:** 1,563

I have no totals for the prior years. I am working on getting a full data dump of the years before 2018, when I became Net Director for the Lodi ARC. I will also seek the data for the prior years for the simplex net.

This is a tentative schedule of Net Control Stations:

January 2024	1/3 N6TCE	1/10 K6AAN	1/17 N6DT	1/24 KK6ES	1/31 K6DCL
February 2024	2/7 N6TCE	2/14 K6AAN	2/21 K6DCL	2/28 KK6ES	-
March 2024	3/6 N6DT	3/13 N6TCE	3/20 K6AAN	3/27 N6TCE	-

Bob, N6TCE  
[N6TCE@arrl.net](mailto:N6TCE@arrl.net)

# MEMBERS CORNER

## BUDGET PRICED PORTABLE FULL-DUPLEX FOR FM SATELLITE OPS



New Years Greetings to all!

I just wanted to share the results of some experiments with working FM satellites (portable). Achieving full-duplex operation is easily done with a nice pair of FT-60's, or equivalent high-end Japanese HT's, but I have been experimenting with entry-level radios, trying to find a low-cost combo that will work together to provide solid full-duplex operation for portable FM satellite ops.

The goal of my experiments has been to find an economical solution for having two radios dedicated solely to FM satellites and provide an always-ready "grab-and-go" portable satellite kit (without tying up \$400 in HT's to do so).

The winning combo for me is the Baofeng GT-5R for uplink, and the Yaesu FT-4XR for downlink. \$130 in combined HT's seems to get the job done reliably. The FT-4XR has the added benefit of operating on its own for single radio/half-duplex ops, as it is programmable for split band RX/TX per channel (an advantage that its FT-65R sister lacks).

73,

Vince, KN6KKZ  
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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.

**Lodi Amateur Radio Club**  
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# EVENTS

## JANUARY 2024 EVENTS & CONTESTS

*Text in blue can be clicked for more information!*

- 4<sup>th</sup> – **LARC Monthly Meeting** – 6:30PM at Casa Flores, 400 E Kettleman Ln, Lodi CA.
- 27<sup>th</sup> – **Winter Field Day** – 8AM, New Hogan Lake Visitor Center, 2713 Hogan Dam Rd. Valley Springs, CA.

# FOR SALE

## VIRTUAL SWAP MEET

- **Yaesu FT-991a Package – \$1,200.00**

This package contains the Yaesu FT-991a, along with the FC-40 Tuner, MD-90 Desk Mic and an extra control cable! New prices for each item normally go for:

Radio: \$1299.95

FC-40 tuner: \$329.99

MD90 desk Mic: \$174.95

Xtra Control cable: \$69.99

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For a total of: \$1872.99

I am selling this package for **\$1200.00**. Thanks, and Happy New Year!

Contact Dave Lichtenhan for further, [dlich2263@icloud.com](mailto:dlich2263@icloud.com)

- **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](mailto: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](mailto:n6zw@comcast.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](mailto:n6zw@comcast.net)

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***Interested in posting something for sale here?***

*Please send your request to [LodiHams@gmail.com](mailto:LodiHams@gmail.com) to be considered for the next newsletter, no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. **Please ensure** to include your contact information to go along for the sale item!*

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