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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

KD6SUN, Kristen Dugger

Greetings All,

We have made it to July and Summer is officially here.

One of the events that always means summer is Field Day. We had a wonderful Field Day out at the Thompson Ranch this past weekend, special thank you to Craig for allowing us to use such a wonderful venue. We enjoyed a day of ham radio, camaraderie as well as fun. I'd like to take a minute and say a huge thank you to all the folks who helped set up, take down, and make field day happen this year. Without your help setting up all the antennas, stations, tables, etc. this event would not have been so successful. The weather was a little warm, but we were able to take refuge under the pop ups, shady trees out at the ranch which made it bearable. With three stations set up we were able to get a few contacts made and we even had a few guests come out to see what Field Day was all about.

Looking forward, I wanted to remind you all that we have changed the date of our July meeting to accommodate the Fourth of July. Our July meeting will take place on July 11, 2024 at Casa Flores Restaurant at 6:30pm. We will be having our Field Day recap and there will be a silent auction as well. I hope to catch you all at the next meeting and on the air.

73,

Kristen Dugger
KD6SUN
LARC President



FROM THE NET DIRECTOR & SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY ARES E.C.

N6TCE, Bob Officer

Hello everyone,

This is where you usually see remarks from the Lodi ARC's Net Director. Allow me to switch hats and put on my ARRL's appointed Emergency Coordinators hat first.

This is summer; Expect hot and dry weather. Some places (usually the east side of the valley) will get summer thunderstorms and the chance of lightning strikes will grow. These lightning strikes have been known to cause wildfires; in fact we currently have one such fire burning outside of Fresno. After a thunderstorm (and if you have had nearby strikes), be on the lookout for fire and smoke.

One question often asked: When do I call 911 and report an incident? The answer is defined by looking at the word "Emergency", which is: An immediate chance of loss of life or property. Once you grasp the meaning, you should know when to call 911.

- 1) Fire is an emergency
 - You see smoke from an unknown source? That might be a priority, information which is timely in nature. It could also be an emergency. I would err on the safe side.
- 2) Observation
 - You observe a trailer being towed and a chain dragging, and sparks being thrown. This could fit either as a priority or emergency. Use your judgment. I am sure that the local fire department or CalFire would rather make a patrol of the area rather than fight a 10-20 acre or more fire.



A recent set of fires along a rural road all downwind happened a few weeks ago. The road leads to a dump site. Odds this set of small fires was started by dragging chains on a trailer. The results were three fires a few miles apart, each about 20 acres each.

One of the most useful things in the old phone book was the telephone numbers of various Public Agencies. I have a file on both my laptop and phone with non-emergency numbers. Those care where the information is important (urgent) but not an Emergency.

Knowledge is Power!

Local fires on state or county lands where CalFire is involved: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents>

That web site has been improved in the last year. It now shows helicopters, tankers and observations flights. I was surprised at how many flights were in the air and how aggressive CalFire has been during this fire season.

Fires on Federal lands, an interactive map: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/fire/information>

Generally, a good place for general information: <https://yubanet.com/fires/>

Evacuation maps by zone: <https://protect.genasys.com/search?>

Note: Not all counties have been zone mapped. In that case evacuation areas are usually designated as areas between roads. The ones I see locally during or after a heavy rain is east of Lehman Road south of Linne Road and west of Bird Road.

Now back to the normal Net Director stuff.

I am looking for one of two more net control operators to add to the rotation. Either temporary or permanent. Maybe you would like to stand in only occasionally when the Net Control Op is on vacation. I can accommodate that. If you just want the experience once, I am happy to do 1 on 1 coaching for you.

New Hams: If you want to get to know people on the radio better, become a net control operator. This allows them to learn your voice and get to know you a little too. Drop me an Email or talk to me about it at a meeting.

Note: You become a list member of the net after checking in **3 times in a row**. You could move up the roster by checking-in, while missing a net and not checking-in could move you down the roster.

We are halfway through the year, and the total check-ins at the end of June are 1,065 for the Repeater net and 772 for the Simplex net. Operators continue to improve their stations and it shows in the signal reports.

For a fun exercise, maybe we could have everyone note who they can hear and how strong their signal is (or the fact you can or can't hear them at all). I can make up an abbreviated list of known check-ins. With a little work, it might make a good presentation.

The following are the upcoming Net Control Operators:

July 2024	7/3 KZ6DAV	7/10 N6DT	7/17 K6AAN	7/24 KK6ES	7/31 N6KZW
August 2024	8/7 KZ6DAV	8/14 N6DT	8/21 KK6ES	8/28 N6TCE	-
September 2024	9/4 KZ6DAV	9/11 N6TCE	9/18 KK6ES	9/25 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 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.

FOR SALE

VIRTUAL SWAP MEET



- **Tri-Ex THD 434 Crank-up Tower –Make an Offer!**

4 Sections, extends to 36 ft; retracts to 11.5 ft. Comes with tilt over base, rotor plate and one set of guys. Good mechanical condition. Make offer. Trade? Looking for 500W ATU or Manual Tuner. Picture on request. Really want Tuner!!

Contact Dennis/W6UHQ, W6UHQ@ARRL.NET

- **Motorola HT-1000 (VHF) – \$65.00 ea. (Two Available)**

I have two Motorola HT-1000 VHF handheld radios available, 16 channels, already programmed for local repeaters and simplex. Included are new OEM antennas and Motorola rapid chargers. Two available at \$65 each.

Contact Mike Dugger, lodihamsgmail.com

- **Anytone AT-878UV – \$275.00**

I have an Anytone AT-878UV DMR/FM portable radio for sale. 7W VHF/6W UHF. Comes with two (2) QB44HL Li-Ion 3100mAh Batteries and Nagoya antenna. S/N 12301192720022.

Contact Bob Officer, n6tce@arrl.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

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 and any pictures (optional).

Don't forget to let us know when your item sells so we can remove the post!
