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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Keith Colgan, N7DXC

A New Year with New Opportunities.

Looking back on the last few years, the Lodi Amateur Radio Club has made some outstanding advancements. We've added to our social media presence, sharpened net operations, attracted new community interest, qualified as a non-profit organization and added some new faces to the Board of Directors and Special Committees.

As we look forward, our meetings will continue to feature varied presentations on topics of special interest and plans are underway to put our communications skills to practical use.

For example, Winter Field Day is scheduled for Saturday, January 25th at Hogan Lake Dam in Valley Springs (see our Facebook page or website at lodihams.org for details). The reserved location is sheltered with large picnic tables and clean restroom facilities ... making it a suitable venue, rain or shine.

Members are encouraged to take turns operating the contest station, to pick the brains of our willing "Elmers", and enjoy working displays of equipment, operating modes, antennas and mobile radio installations. To finish off the day, it is customary for the Club to meet for a meal at a local restaurant.

See you there! Bring a friend!

Keith – N7DXC

LARC President



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

N6TCE, Bob Officer; ARRL's Emergency Coordinator for San Joaquin County

Net Director's Report:

I would like to thank all the Net Control Operators for their work in making each and every net successful. The last net of the year had a much better attendance than I anticipated. The Simplex net had about 50% of normal and the Repeater Net had 31 check-ins and had two 'Third-Party' traffic messages passed.

The End of the Year totals were down slightly. The Repeater Net total was 2,003 check-ins, down from the prior year's record of 2,045 check-ins. The Simplex net total for 2024 was 1,406 check-ins, down from the prior year's total of 1,431 check-ins. I suspect the reason was that we had 3 major holidays fall close to Wednesday night. Next year, we must contend with Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve falling on a Wednesday.... but I have a plan.

Tentative Net Control Ops for the month of January are:

December 2024	12/04 KK6ES	12/11 N6TCE	12/18 K6AAN	12/25 N6TCE	-
January 2025	1/01 N6TCE	1/08 K6AAN	1/15 KK6ES	1/22 TBD	1/29 N6KZW
February 2025	2/05 TBD	2/12 TBD	2/19 TBD	2/26 TBD	-

As you see we are short one Net Control Operator. I would ask all of you to consider being a NC, if only for a few nights. It is a good way to get to know everyone. I know it isn't for everyone, but I found it to be fun. It is a good skill set to have, and the software is easy to use. If you can use a number pad and down arrow you are 'good to go'.

I wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Bob, N6TCE

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Q&A



Barry Marson, K6ZZD

Q: When/where were you first licensed? A: "I was licensed in Lodi in July 2009."

Q: Your license class? A: "Amateur Extra."

Q: What/who inspired your interest in amateur radio? A: "I taught high school chemistry for 37 years. Every year we discussed wavelength/frequency. Radio was something that kids understood".

Q: How old were you at the time? A: "Adult."

Q: What was your first transceiver? A: "Yaesu FT-60R."

Q: On what modes do you operate? A: "HF and VHF/UHF: SSB and limited CW. I enjoy operating mobile with low power. Toss in satellites and APRS."

Q: Does a certain operating mode define you as a ham? A: "No."

Q: What is your favorite transceiver for your preferred operating mode? A: "Elecraft KX3, Yaesu 817, Icom 9700."

Q: What is your favorite antenna for your preferred operating mode? A: "A small magnetic loop for HF. An Elk log periodic for VHF and satellites."

Q: What is your most memorable contact? A: "I made a contact with Belgium from Lodi with 5 watts."

Q: What is your most memorable operating location? A: "There are many. I was operating low power from an RV park near Lompoc, Ca. I was using a loop antenna. I made contact with a ham in Denver who was also using low power and a loop antenna."

Q: Is there a new facet of amateur radio that you have never explored, but are interested in exploring? A: "Not at this time. I'm still trying to build my CW skills. It's slow going."

Q: What advice would you give to anyone that is just beginning to develop a spark of interest in amateur radio? A: "Go for it. You will find some aspect of radio that "speaks" to you."

*Members, please consider taking 10 minutes to complete and submit the attached questionnaire. Let's make our newsletter more interesting by highlighting what makes our club interesting.....You, the member!

<https://forms.office.com/r/v8ynmU3SZJ> Please submit an accompanying photo (optional) to kn6kkz@gmail.com

NETS & MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT NETS

- 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 on the first Thursday of each month starting at 18:30 hrs, located at **Casa Flores Restaurant, 400 E. Kettleman Ln, Lodi, Ca.**

Lodi Amateur Radio Club

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Traveling out of town? Stay connected to the nets with AllStar!

Simplex Node# 27946

UHF Repeater Node# 27936

Sign Up for AllStarLink:

<https://www.allstarlink.org/portal/register.php>

EVENTS/QST!

EVENTS

The Calaveras Amateur Radio Society invites you to participate in their new 40-meter net. The net takes place each Monday at 09:00 hrs. on a frequency of 7.195 SSB. The net is a low-key, roundtable format, and all are welcome to check in.

Jan. 01: ARRL Straight Key Night

Jan. 02: Club Meeting: 18:30 hrs. Casa Flores

Jan. 04: ARRL Kid's Day- Jan.

Jan. 04-05: ARRL RTTY Roundup

Jan. 18-20: ARRL January VHF Contest

Jan. 25-26, 2025: ARRL Winter Field Day. 09:00 01/25- 16:00 01/26. 2713 Hogan Dam Rd. Valley Springs, Ca.

FOR SALE

VIRTUAL SWAP MEET

Be sure to also check out the new Virtual Swap meet page on the club website! [lodihams.org](https://www.lodihams.org)



Node Ventures ClearNode -\$200.00 + shipping

Purchased 2-3 years ago but never configured or used. Does not include microSD card. Pre-configured microSD cards can be purchased from Node Ventures for \$85 and can be found here: <https://www.node-ventures.com/store/Register-Pre-Owned-ClearNode-Download-SD-Card-p453701312>

Contact Steve/N7FH, highfly_guy@yahoo.com

- **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

- **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.

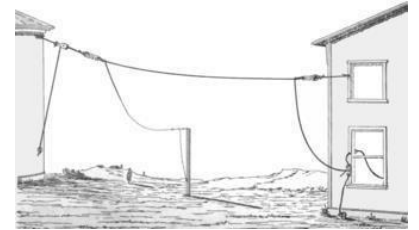
Contact Mike Zane, n6zw@comcast.net

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!

RANDOM WIRES



*Members, please share recent amateur radio related links that you find interesting. Please forward to kn6kkz@gmail.com

The Last Morse Code Maritime Radio Station in North America: Bartell's Backroads

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GzN-D0yIkGQ>

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=GzN-D0yIkGQ>

How Ghost Radio Signals Could Hold the Key to Finding Missing Flight MH370: This Week in Amateur Radio

<https://twiar.net/?p=26800>

9X2AW to be active from Rwanda: Jan. 27-Feb. 15; Callsign Lookup by QRZ

<https://www.qrz.com/db/9x2aw>

