LODI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
N6SJV

NEWSLETTER

July 2025

NOW HEAR THIS!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER
Keith Colgan, N7DC

Well, we did it! Congratulations to all that were able to participate in Field Day. It had all the classic signs of a successful event: emergency readiness, training camp instruction, and a gourmet food binge.

To spice things up, certified pilot Peter Maynes (N6UAS) joined us from **Hero Point LLC** to demonstrate the practical uses of a commercial drone.

One aspect of Field Day is the opportunity for young and old to work together and learn from each other. As seen in the photo, it may have taken three grown men to pull a nylon string through a tennis ball, but we are good innovators and had lots of fun figuring things out.

.   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

Folks, this is a new feature for me to write. This new column will attempt to list the common upcoming contests and events, and I welcome your feedback. I will report on VHF and HF contests. I will cover some of the popular CW contests as well.

Why do most people contest? Because it is fun. It improves your radio skills.

Remember, Technician Class Licensee, you have privileges on 6 and 10. The experience of making a 6 or 10-meter contact is a real thrill. I earned my 1st DXCC on ten meters using a shortened CB antenna. It seems most of us missed the June VHF contest. I participated by giving out contacts. I did not keep a log. I had a scratch sheet with the number of last contact. In the words of John Lee, K6YK the contest was pitiful. A person with a small uhf/vhf could have done well.

There is another VHF/UHF contest in the fall. The date is September 13-15, 2025. Look for the announcement here in August.

Ham Radio is all about participation. There are numerous ways to stay active. One of them is contesting. The contest is all about making contact and the exchange. The exchange is considered passing a message. Most of the time, the exchange is an incremental number, your call sign, and location. Sometimes, the exchange may include the year you were licensed, the amount of power you are using, or occasionally a grid square. The contest operator will log the information and send in a log.

Field Day is not a contest, is an 'Event.' There is a slight difference. The goal is to attempt to make contact with every ARRL section. CalQSO is a contest.

A good comprehensive listing can be found at: https://www.contestcalendar.com/contestcal.php

2025 RAC Canada Day Contest
The 2025 Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) Canada Day Contest starts at 0000 UTC on Tuesday, July 1, and will run for 24 hours. Stations in Canada send a signal report and their Canadian province or territory. VEØs and stations outside Canada send a signal report and a serial number. Contacts with stations in Canada or VEØ (Canadian maritime mobile stations) are worth 10 points, while contacts with stations outside Canada are worth 2 points. Contacts with RAC official stations are worth 20 points. Visit www.rac.ca/contesting-resultsfor more information.

CQ World Wide VHF Contest Rules for 2025

The 2025 CQ World Wide VHF contest has been split into two dedicated weekends- one weekend for analog (SSB/CW/FM) operation and one for digital operation.
The Analog Weekend begins at 1200 UTC on Saturday, July 5 and concludes at 1200 UTC on Sunday, July 6. The Digital Weekend starts at 1200 UTC on Saturday, July 19, and concludes at 1200 UTC on Sunday, July 20. Note that the start and end times of the contest have changed from previous years.
Other new rule changes include the addition of new low-power categories (100 watts maximum) for Single Operator Low-Power All-Band and Single Operator Single-Band participants. Additionally, Single Band categories have been added for QRP participants.
All participants are now able to use spotting assistance, with the rules aligning with what is allowed in ARRL VHF contests.

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest , Jul 1, 0100z to Jul 1, 0159z; SSB; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6; RS + age group (OM, YL, Youth YL or Youth); Logs due: Jul 2.

Until next month, 73

Bob, N6TCE
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Net Control Stations: (subject to change)

May 2025	**5/07** KN6TRU **Simplex** N6KZW	**5/14** N6TCE **Simplex** K6AAN	**5/21** KK6ES **Simplex** K6AAN	**5/28** K6AAN **Simplex** KK6ES
June 2025	**6/04** N6DT **Simplex** K6AAN	**6/11** N6KZW **Simplex** K6ZZD	**6/18** KK6ES **Simplex** K6AAN	**6/25** K6AAN **Simplex** N6KZW
July 2025	**7/02** KN6TRU **Simplex** K6AAN	**7/09** N6TCE **Simplex** K6ZZD	**7/16** K6AAN **Simplex** KK6ES	**7/23** N6KZW **Simplex** N6DT

Note: The May and June rows end with a "-" in the final column. The July row has a fifth column: **7/30** N6DT **Simplex** N6KZW

FROM THE N6SJV REPEATER TRUSTEE

Erich Sullivan, KK6ES

New Interference Reporting Tool!

Greetings everyone! I wanted to remind members of our new reporting tool

published on our website, lodihams.org for reporting interference cases to us. There

are a couple places on the website where you can find it. One is on the main menu at

the bottom and the second is with the repeater information located under "All About

Lodi ARC". This will allow us to report and track interference happening on our

repeaters coordinated frequencies. Keep in mind, interference can go both ways!

While we do our diligence in keeping our repeater system's transmissions in spec and within reason, there may be a case where

someone happens to notice interference from us. As unlikely as that may be, the form is there on the site for those cases as well.

73,

- Erich Sullivan, KK6ES
N6SJV Repeater Trustee

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.**

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Simplex Node# 27946
UHF Repeater Node# 27936

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

EVENTS/QST!

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The Calaveras Amateur Radio Society invites you to participate in their new 40-meter net. The net takes place each Monday at 0900 hrs. on a frequency of 7.195 SSB. The net is a low-key, roundtable format, and all are welcome to check in.

July 01: Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest

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July 03: Lodi Amateur Radio Club Meeting. Casa Flores Restaurant, 400 E. Kettleman Ln., Lodi 1830 hrs.

July 5-6 CQ Worldwide VHF Contest (Analog)

July 12-13: ARRL IARU HF World Championship

July 19-20: CQ Worldwide VHF Contest (Digital)

The Stockton Delta amateur radio club will be sponsoring the Stan-Joaquin Swap Meet on September 6, 2025. Location is the Ripon Grange Hall, Ripon, CA. Further information to follow when the event draws closer. Save the date on your calendars!

We have received a formal invitation from the Calaveras Amateur Radio Society to attend the Tri-County Club Picnic. This is a large picnic sponsored by Calaveras, Tuolumne, and Amador radio clubs. The date is Sept. 20, 2025, 1100-1600 hrs. at Angels Park, Angels Camp, CA. This is the main park in the middle of the town of Angels Camp, which has just opened after a complete renovation. There will be a swap going on with tables available. All members of Lodi ARC are welcome. If you plan to attend, please bring a side dish or some dessert.

FOR SALE

VIRTUAL SWAP MEET

Be sure to also check out the new Virtual Swap meet page on the club website! lodihams.org

- **Wanted: Looking for a 100Khz crystal for a project, or a good ol' Heath HD-20**
  Contact Dennis Merritt, W6UHQ at W6UHQ@ARRL.NET

- **Yaesu FTDX-3000D HF radio. Mint condition.** From a non-smoking environment. Asking $1,200.

  Yaesu FT101D MP -200 watt. HF Radio with power supply and speaker. Has all factory boxes, literature, OEM Microphone. Also has a Heil Gold Line Microphone. Smoke free, clean environment. Very low hours too. $4000.

  Yaesu FT100D UHF/VHF/HF radio. Used in shack only, never mobile. Very clean and everything works as it should. All literature and boxes included. $600.*Contact Rich LaValle, W6RJL at (209) 224-4118 for more information on the Yaesu rigs above.*

- **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

- **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

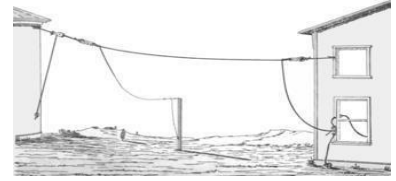- **EFHW/Random Wire Antennas Information – Available to Borrow**
  I have compiled a bunch of info on EFHW and random wire antennas, plus info on how to wind a line choke. Put all into a binder for anyone that wants to borrow it. Articles can be copied if needed, just put originals back in correct order.
  Contact Mike Zane, n6zw@comcast.net

*Please send your posting 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).*

RANDOM WIRES

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

Ham Radio Reports Fire; Helicopter Crew Extinguishes Just in Time- ARRL

https://www.arrl.org/news/ham-radio-reports-fire-helicopter-crew-extinguishes-just-in-time

Local, County, and State Governments Proclaim Value of Amateur Radio-ARRL

https://www.arrl.org/news/local-county-and-state-governments-proclaim-value-of-amateur-radio

Via the RSGB: GB2RS Morse Practice web page – This Week in Amateur Radio

https://twiar.net/?p=33172