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NOW HEAR THIS!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Keith Colgan, N7DC

With Field Day behind us and temperatures still in the 90's, this is a good time to take stock of how our Club is doing as an ambassador of amateur radio.

Please take a few minutes to email the Directors (lodiham@gmail.com) your considered recommendations. These may include suggestions for day trips, meetings programs, technical talks and why we need a new president (just kidding). Make them constructive but don't pull any punches. We need your input and appreciate your contributions.

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



It is summer. A time filled with BBQ's, family gatherings and travel. If there is a known reason to be absent from the net, please drop quick note to me.

Net Control Stations: (subject to change)

July 2025	7/02 Simplex K6AAN Repeater KN6TRU	7/09 Simplex K6ZZD Repeater N6DT	7/16 Simplex KK6ES Repeater K6AAN	7/23 Simplex KK6ES Repeater N6KZW	7/30 Simplex N6KZW Repeater N6DT
August 2025	8/06 Simplex N6KZW Repeater KN6TRU	8/13 Simplex N6DT Repeater N6KZW	8/20 Simplex K6AAN Repeater KK6ES	8/27 Simplex K6ZZD Repeater K6AAN	-
September 2025	9/03 Simplex N6KZW Repeater KN6TRU	9/10 Simplex N6DT Repeater N6KZW	9/17 Simplex K6AAN Repeater KK6ES	9/24 Simplex K6ZZD Repeater K6AAN	-

Contest Operations

Fall ARRL VHF Contest September 13-15, 2025,

ARRL September Contest

This is fun contest. It operates 1800 UTC Saturday, ends 0259 UTC Monday. This contest is fun to work as a mobile or rover. Lots of people drive to the mountains and work as a portable station.

CQP: California QSO Party

October is CQP month. It's not too soon to plan operations. See the link. If you are a Tech, ask around on the repeater, several hams in the Club operate from home. This is different, because operators want to contact you and get your county in their log.

How do you make your Station one of the ones most wanted? Check out the listings by rarity in the County Rareness Listing

https://www.cqp.org/results/2024/CQP_2024_CA_County_Rareness_Data.pdf

This listing changes from year to year. Two years ago, San Joaquin County was number 3 most wanted. Last year it became 31st on the list.

Another suggestion is to take a drive with a 20 meter rig to Yuba, Colusa, or Napa counties. Rovers are popular activities. Take a look at the list; Drive someplace; Operate the radio;

Have a picnic.

Until next month, 73

Bob, N6TCE

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www.sjcares.org

MEMBERS' CORNER

RICK MANIES, N6DT- STAYING CONNECTED FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE

Nancy and I took a 10 day trip to Japan to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We arrived July

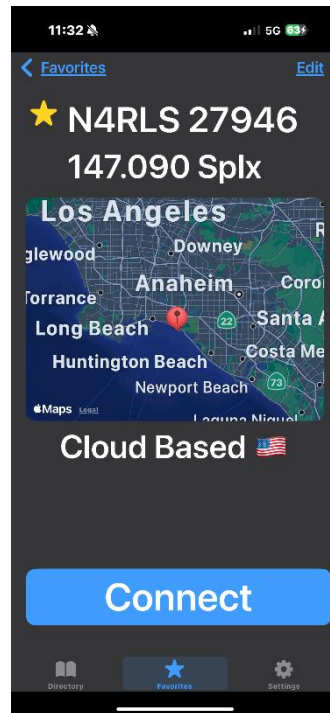
1 and returned home on July 10. Big visit is a trip work Disney Tokyo, which includes the Disney Sea Park which is exclusive to Japan. We also visited World Fair Expo in Osaka. We traveled with our daughter and her family. Since I have an All-Star account for Ham radio, I was able to use the RepeaterPhone app and make contacts back into the states via Ham radio. Prior to the trip I'd contacted JRRL and found out that operating the radio phone app did not require any additional licensing because it uses the Internet as an interface to make the connection. I contacted Mike Dugger K6AAN while in Japan and it was a very comfortable copy.

I was going to try to connect for the weekly check-in with the repeater, but the 16-hour time difference made it a bit difficult. I was able to

connect to the UHF repeater on United Airlines Internet, while returning home from Japan, but the connection was in the middle of the night.



Rick and Nancy in Osaka Japan



ADDITIONAL 2025 FIELD DAY PHOTOS! - COURTESY OF BRIAN, W6DLY

Click link to view album!

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/BEUxa39qMe9PwWQs5>



"Just A Radio Operator"

This poem was written in 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge,
by Robert A. Wallace, W1HH

Submitted by Bob Schuldheisz, K6DGQ

Oh, I'm winning the war with a telegraph key,
Thought I as I finished a "stack".
I hope this is not all the action I see
Just wearing my pants out in back.
I idly shuffle the blanks in my hand
And glance at the five letter groups.

I think of my brother in far foreign land
Fighting up front with the troops.
I check with my watch - where the heck's my R.J.?
I'm getting as hungry as sin.
An eight hour trick is enough for the day,
And I'm practically deaf from the din.

The "trick chief" gets up from the teletype chair
And says that he has one for me.
"Get your key oiled up, get that rig on the air,
Here's a honey - a long one O.P."
My relief gets a curse on his unknowing head
For his tardiness costs me my chow.
And this is a hell of a time for a sked,



*A US Army Signal Corps radio operator in 1943
in New Guinea transmitting by radiotelegraphy
(Wikipedia image)*

The net's QJZ about now.

But I slip on the cans and I rattle the key
And the rig is again on the air.
I give with the dits and the dahs just to see
If the station I'm calling is there.
A couple of calls and he sends "QRU?"
So I tell him I have an "O.P."
He sends me a "K" and I start a tattoo -
Pounding brass on my telegraph key!

I pass the first fifty, then wait for an sec,
While he starts the next block on the sheet.
I've found if you don't make an op break his neck
You get fewer requests to repeat.
A hundred, and fifty, and then fifty more.
She's long, I've a thousand to go.
My head's getting tired, my wrist's getting sore.
Can't use "bug" for this guy is too slow.

I'm passing a thousand, my fist is near beat,
Do I want an R.J. from T.C.?
Not a chance, Chief, you know once my sign's on the sheet
No one's sending that message but me.
We finally clear and I send him "AR"
And get one from him with his "ack".
The look that I give my relief leaves a scar
As I grab for my hat on the rack

Later:

I read how a shipment of arms saved a corps
Because it arrived there in time.
The corps that it saved was my brother's. What's more,
The message that sent it was mine!
Oh, I'm fighting the war with a telegraph key
But as long as they want me I'll stay.
It may not be combat but now I can see
How a message can help save the day.

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Robert Alexander Wallace W1MQV / W1HH

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!

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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.

Aug 02-03: ARRL 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest.

Aug 07: Lodi Amateur Radio Club Meeting. Casa Flores Restaurant, 400 E. Kettleman Ln., Lodi 1830 hrs.

Aug 16-17: ARRL EME- 2.3 GHz and Up.

Aug 17: RRL Rookie Roundup- RTTY.

Aug 16-17: International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend – 00.01 UTC 16th August 2025 to 24.00 UTC 17th August 2025 (48 hours) <https://illw.net/>

Aug 16-18: ARRL 10 GHz and Up- Round 1.

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!



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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! lodihamms.org

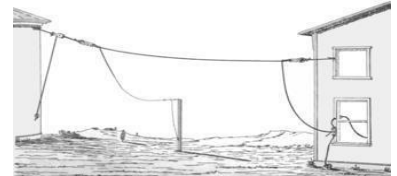
- **Wanted: I'm looking for a vintage 50, 60, 70s, novice station**, working. I have lotsa goodies to trade..... I have 3 Atlas 210X transceivers, 2 of them in the enclosure that I think Includes a PS. I have a rare HeathKit HW-7 QRP rig.... it is in fair cosmetic condition, but needs work.
I have a QRP watt meter from Heath that can go with it.... also have the manual on the HW-7 A Gipson Girl BC578 crank survival radio. Crank for SOS type. 3 Halli ancient receivers, S-120, S38A and another S38.
Pictures on request.
Contact Dennis Merritt /W6UHQ@ARRL.NET
- **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

Advisory Message: Calaveras County Volunteer Search and Rescue Team Locates and Rescues a mother and child, Upper Hwy 4

["Calaveras County Volunteer Search and Rescue Team Locates and Rescues a mother and child, Upper Hwy 4" from Calaveras County Sheriff's Office : Nixle](#)

Hamshack Hotline Comes to an End

<https://hamshackhotline.com/>

Amateur Radio Volunteers Serving During Texas Floods-

<https://www.arrl.org/news/amateur-radio-volunteers-serving-during-texas-floods>

International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend - ILLW

<https://illw.net/>



