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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Keith Colgan, N7DXC

Two weeks ago the Calaveras Amateur Radio Society hosted the annual Tri-County Picnic at Utica Park in Angels Camp, CA. Surrounded by historic remnants of 1800's gold mining, several LARC members (including Mike Dugger, Eric Sullivan, Keith and Dianna Colgan, Rick and Nancy



Manies) renewed old acquaintances, ate too much and caught up on the activities of area clubs. See photographs on our website at

<https://lodiham.org/2025/09/22/tri-county-picnic/>

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 Control Stations: (subject to change)

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	-
October 2025	10/01 Simplex KK6ES Repeater N6TCE	10/08 Simplex N6KZW Repeater KN6TRU	10/15 Simplex N6DT Repeater N6KZW	10/22 Simplex K6AAN Repeater KK6ES	10/29 Simplex K6ZZD Repeater K6AAN
November 2025	11/05 Simplex KK6ES Repeater N6TCE	11/12 Simplex N6KZW Repeater KN6TRU	11/19 Simplex N6DT Repeater N6KZW	11/26 Simplex K6AAN Repeater KK6ES	-

Contest Operations

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

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ARRL The National Association for
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YOU CAN HELP US CHANGE THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF AMERICAN HAMS

The ARRL is focused on reducing legal restraints on the ability of American Amateur Radio Operators to engage in the active practice and enjoyment of Amateur Radio.

One of the most insidious and increasing threats to the survival of Amateur Radio and our ability to serve our communities and Nation, as we are required to do by Federal regulation, is the proliferation of private land use restrictions that prohibit the installation of outdoor antennas and that sometimes actually deny Federally licensed Amateurs from operating any amateur radios, regardless of where their antennas are located — in their attics, hidden in trees, or mounted on their vehicles.

Federal law — since 1996 — has guaranteed to every American — except Amateur Radio Operators — the right to erect antennas outside or on their residences for the purpose of TV reception, satellite TV and internet access, wireless internet access, and even wireless internet redistribution. But Amateur Radio operators are denied the equal right to erect comparable antennas.

Since 2005, Federal law has also guaranteed to every American the right to proudly display the American Flag by installing flagpoles in their yards. But, despite that right to install vertical poles in their yards — American Radio Amateurs are denied the right to use those vertical flagpoles as vertical antennas.

We believe the denial — to licensed Amateur Radio Operators — of the rights guaranteed to all non-Amateur Radio licensed American homeowners — the right to install antennas on the land they own — is without justification and should not be permitted to continue.

To eliminate these private land use restrictions, the ARRL has worked over the past several years with our elected officials to draft Congressional legislation — H.R. 1094 in the U.S. House of Representatives and S. 459 in the U.S. Senate — that, when passed will extend to all Hams the right to operate from their homes and the right to install antennas on the land they own. We have bipartisan support for this legislation.

BUT, WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PASS THIS LEGISLATION!!!

How can you help? By sending a letter to your Representative and Senators asking that they co-sponsor and support H.R. 1094 and S. 459.

How can you send these letters? It is easy.

Go to — <https://send-a-letter.org/hoa/> — enter your call sign and click on “Send My Letters” and your letters will be delivered to our Washington legislative team for hand delivery to your Representative and Senators.

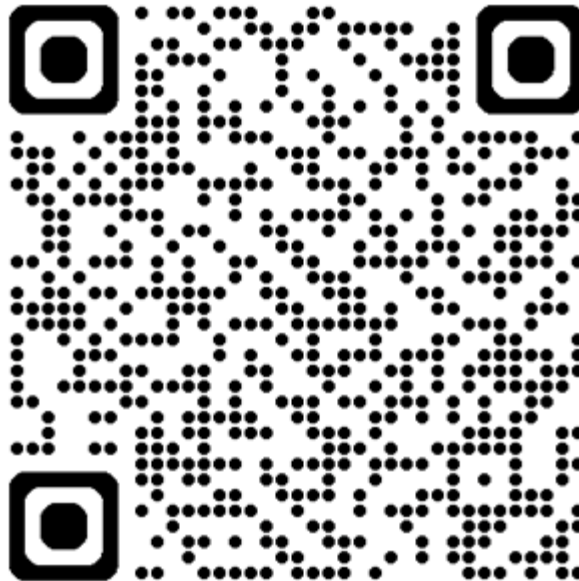
Does your individual letter matter? YES.

Your Representative and Senators need to know that the passage of this legislation is important to you.

Your letter could be the difference in whether we are able to pass H.R. 1094 and S. 459.

Go to — <https://send-a-letter.org/hoa/> — and help us by sending your letters to your Representative and Senators.

For ease of access to <https://send-a-letter.org/hoa/>, point your phones at:



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MEMBERS' CORNER

Sometimes Working DX is just Dumb Luck

I was monitoring my 20 Meter FT4 transmissions and my screen popped up FP5KE SAINT-PIERRE AND MIQUELON. I was shocked! These are French overseas territories that are located just on the edge of Nova Scotia, Canada. They are leftover territories from the British and French war in the late 18th century and remain the only French territories in North America. The location of Saint Pierre is where Marconi had his transmitting station and sent the first signal between North America and Europe.

A group of French amateurs had recently flown to Saint Pierre as a DXpedition to commemorate Marconi's original transmission. The population is less than 6,000 with no known licensed amateurs. They set up all their equipment in spite of bad weather and soon lost their 160 and 80 meter antennas to winds in excess of 60 miles an hour with constant rain. I worked this rare DX using FT4 (digital mode) on 20 meters. If I get the contact confirmed it will be my 100th country. However, truth be known, it was dumb luck. I wasn't even aware of their activity. Lesson learned, the only way you get dumb luck is to be on the air.

73's
Rick - N6DT

Remembering Jim Seiferling, WB6BET



Soon after I was licensed, Jim Seiferling, WB6BET (SK) kindly offered to assist me in selecting the appropriate equipment to set up my first 2-meter base station. I had selected a 12A P/S to power my new Kenwood TM-281A. Jim said, "Well, that's okay for the rig you have now, but trust me, in a few years you'll will have a radio requiring 20 amps and you'll need to buy a bigger one. Get a 23A P/S now and you will be prepared". Well, 5 years later I am ready to hook up a 20 A rig and I am prepared thanks to his wisdom.

The day following my very first Net check-in in January 2021, I received a beautiful welcome letter from Jim, who was the Club Secretary at the time. It was full of immensely helpful and useful information to help a new operator get started off on the right track. Jim truly was a Class-Act.

Vince, KN6KKZ

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 1830 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 0900 hrs. on a frequency of 7.195 SSB. The net is a low-key, roundtable format, and all are welcome to check in.

Oct. 02: Lodi Amateur Radio Club Meeting. Casa Flores Restaurant, 400 E. Kettleman Ln., Lodi 1830 hrs.

Oct. 04-05: California QSO Party. <https://www.cqp.org/>

Oct. 10-12: Pacificon. <https://www.pacificon.org/>

Oct. 11-12: ARRL EME- 50 to 1296 MHz.

Oct. 18: Walk to End Alzheimer's-Stockton. Volunteers needed, please contact Paul, N6KZW at n6kzw@sbcglobal.net

Oct. 20-24: ARRL School Club Roundup.

FOR SALE

VIRTUAL SWAP MEET

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

- **Yaesu FTDX-3000D HF radio.** Mint condition. From a non-smoking environment. Asking \$1,100.

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.

Anysecu WP-9900 25 watt dual band mobile radio. In new condition and programmed with local frequencies. Includes everything in the box.

Yaesu FT-8900 quad-band mobile radio. 50 watts, dual transmit and receive, cross band repeater capable. Does 2 meters, 70 cm, 6 meters and 10 meters FM. As new condition, Asking \$375.

All radios above are from a non-smoking, clean household environment. Contact Rich LaValle, W6RJL at (209) 224-4118 for more information.

- **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.

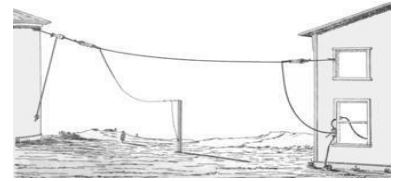
Contact Bob Officer, n6tce@arrl.net

- **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

Scientific American reports that radio will soon be used to transmit music to the home | October 1, 1920 | HISTORY

<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/october-1/scientific-american-reports-that-radio-will-soon-be-used-to-transmit-music-to-the-home>

The SCR-536 Handie-Talkie Was the Modern Walkie-Talkie's Finicky Ancestor

<https://spectrum.ieee.org/the-scr536-handietalkie-was-the-modern-walkietalkies-finicky-ancestor> <https://spectrum.ieee.org/amp/the-scr536-handietalkie-was-the-modern-walkietalkies-finicky-ancestor-2650280454>

Joe Walsh's Start in Ham Radio: Ham Nation 200 -YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GdZTyeejlI> <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=0GdZTyeejlI&pp=ygUTam9lIHdhdHNoIGhhbSB5YWVpYXV3D%3D>

