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NOW HEAR THIS!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Keith Colgan, N7DXC

Several of our members took good advantage of the beautiful fall weather to operate in the field. Rick Manies, Brian Daly, Stu Bennett and Mike Dugger set up to work POTA (Parks on the Air) at New Hogan Lake. Looks like Brian is having the most fun.

Closer to home, yours truly and Dennis Merritt tested antenna performance at Lodi Lake. After a few minutes of transmitting only 2 watts with a home brew end-fed vertical cut for 20 meters, listening stations around the world began reporting our signal via WSPRnet as shown in this screen shot.

If you're interested in such activities, let one of us know.

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



Emergency communication?

We plan and drill and hope we never have to use those skills. On October 10, at 1020 we had our annual Earthquake Drill. Over the years it has evolved from the Great California Shake Out to a worldwide drill and exercise. Locally, I operated two small nets. One designed around the needs of our sight impaired Amateur Radio Operators. We had nearly all the sight impaired operators check in. The point was made in a real quake with furniture that could move could create situations which places them in potentially unknown conditions.

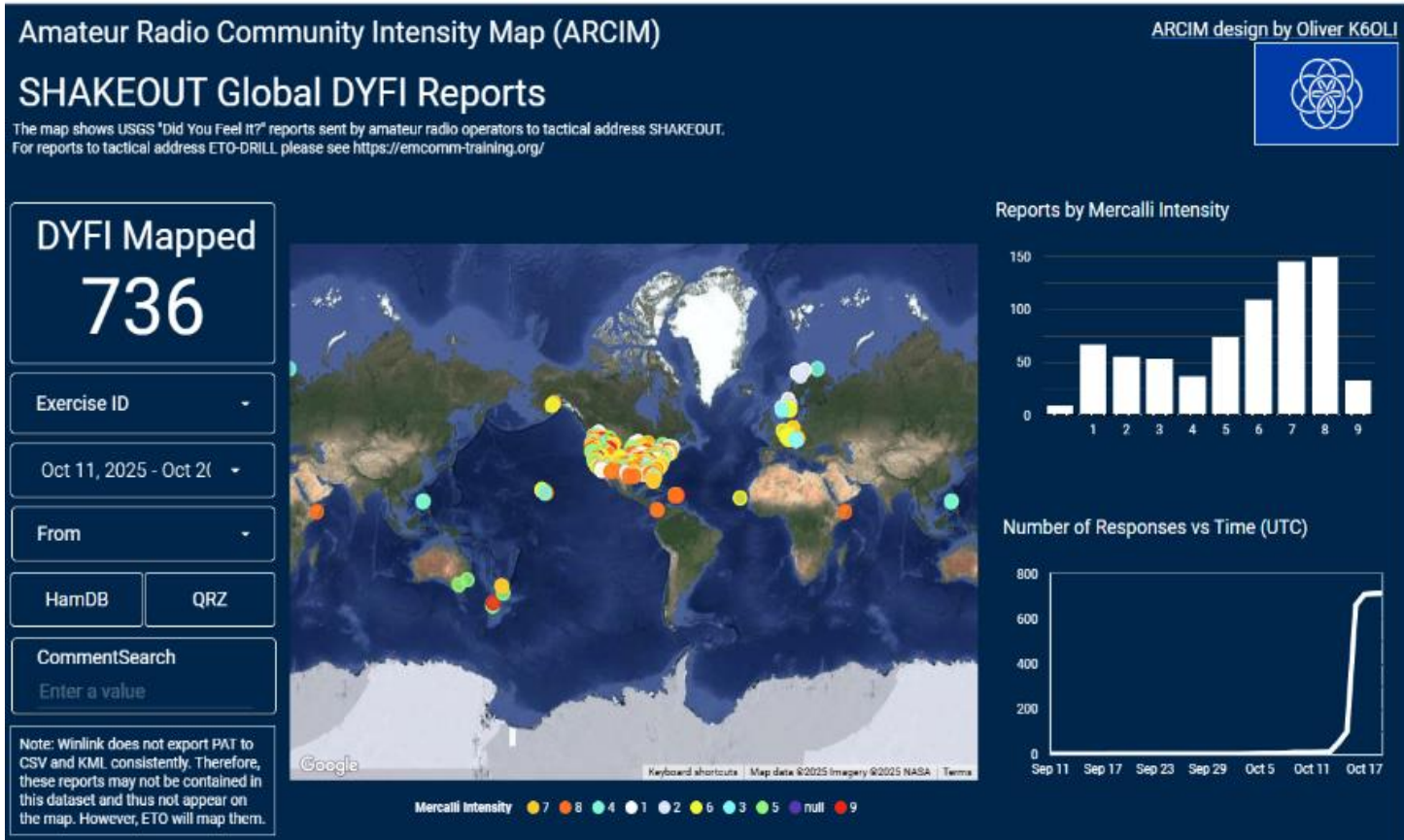
For the local amateur community, this exercise was a general success with about 32 check-ins. The drill itself saw amateur radio operators across 46 U.S. states and 12 countries submit an incredible 873 DYFI reports, with 735 mapped on the Amateur Radio Community Intensity Map (ARCIM). Participation grew over 50% year-over-year, with new stations joining from Sweden, and strong showings from Norway, Puerto Rico, and Tennessee—matching the traditional strength of California and the West Coast.

DYFI reports from Amateur Operators using WinLink and RF can quickly be compared to reports sent via the WWW and Internet. With a large quake there will be a doughnut hole at the epicenter with no web reports. That indicates phone and internet services are not functioning inside the non-reporting area. DYFI reports are also objective observations of conditions after a quake. That is not information that can be read from a seismograph needle. The USGS values all DYFI reports no matter if the source is via the web or Winlink.

Online discussions can be found here: <https://www.laxnortheast.org/exercises/shakeout>

and here: https://emcomm-training.org/Winlink_Thursdays.html

I posted the worldwide below. The online version allows you to zoom in to different locations.



Another Exercise?

Yes, people plan and drill for the worst. The upcoming BEACON exercise is in the planning stage. Did anyone attend the discussion at Pacificon?

You can read about it here: <https://www.beaconexercise.org/>

Special Events

One of the things I like is when Amateur Operators step up and provide a safety net at Special Events. This allows amateur operators a chance to train new hams, and to work in real life situations.

Hats off the Cecil, W6CPR, and Jennifer, KO6JKJ, for working together as net control at the Walk to End Alzheimer's. Jennifer is a new amateur radio operator, and I recognize her effort at learning new skills!

Our Next opportunity to serve the community is with the Stockton-Delta ARC. They are always looking for help with the special events.

2025 Run & Walk Against Hunger

Thanksgiving morning November 27th 6:30 am.

This event is usually over by 11:00 AM, so you can spend the afternoon with the family. With the government shut down food drives and donations are needed this year.

You can sign up to help here: <https://www.w6sf.org/eventsignup.html>

Lodi Net Control

One of the unique things that the Lodi ARC does is out 1830 simplex net. I have with Mike's, K6MDS's suggestion a new feature for gathering data on solar conditions and will add a weather feature soon. There is a Citizen Science opportunity for us to use.

I will be preparing a logging sheet for those that do not check in on the simplex net. All you need to do is log the stations you hear at your location.

Net Control Stations: (subject to change)

October 2025	10/01 Simplex N6KZW Repeater KN6TRU	10/08 Simplex N6DT Repeater N6KZW	10/15 Simplex K6AAN Repeater KK6ES	10/22 Simplex K6ZZD Repeater K6AAN	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	-
December 2025	12/03 Simplex KK6ES Repeater K6AAN	12/10 Simplex K6ZZD Repeater KK6ES	12/17 Simplex N6DT Repeater N6KZW	12/24 Simplex (blank) Repeater KK6ES	12/31 Simplex (blank) Repeater N6TCE

Note: The Simplex Control Station for Christmas Eve and New Years Eve are intentionally blank.

The Repeater net will be held, and this will be a chance to remember our best of Eve events.

Until next month, 73

Bob, N6TCE

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MEMBERS' CORNER

Receiving SSTV Images from the International Space Station

I had my first ever experience with SSTV recently and wanted to share. The International Space Station transmitted SSTV images between October 03-06 as part of World Space Week 2025. Six different images were transmitted throughout the event on a frequency of 145.800 MHz, using PD120 encoding. I was able to capture and decode (5) of the (6) images working portable without a PC. Equipment used was an Arrow II handheld yagi and a Baofeng GT-5R. Audio was split between headphones and a Sony PX470 digital voice recorder. The GoSatWatch iOS app was used for tracking, and the CQ SSTV iOS app was used for decoding images.



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!

The Blind Amateur Net Group (AKA “The B.A.N.G. Net”), has moved their net operations from the N6SJV repeater to the N5FDL repeater on the Coronado tower in Stockton. The net meets each Friday night at 2000 hrs. on 147.210 +0.6 offset, 114.8 tone. Net Control Operator Steve, KO6JKI welcomes all N6SJV club members to check in on the net.

The Stockton Delta ARC 40 meter net has changed the time from 1900 to 1800 hrs. due to band conditions. The net meets each Thursday night except for meeting nights. Frequencies are: 7.210-7.220 MHz LSB.

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.

Nov. 01-03: ARRL November Sweepstakes- CW

Nov. 06: Lodi Amateur Radio Club Meeting. Casa Flores Restaurant, 400 E. Kettleman Ln., Lodi 1830 hrs.

Nov. 08-09: ARRL EME- 50 to 1296 MHz

Nov. 15-17: ARRL November Sweepstakes- Phone

Nov. 20: *Last day to purchase tickets* for the Lodi Amateur Radio Club’s 2025 Christmas dinner.

Click here for Christmas dinner tickets. <https://lodiarc.square.site>

Nov, 27: Stockton-Delta ARC Run & Walk Against Hunger. Thanksgiving morning-0630 hrs.

<https://www.w6sf.org/eventsignup.html>

Dec. 11: Stockton-Delta ARC Christmas Dinner. Top Flight Cafe, 5000 S. Airport Way, Stockton. Starts at 1800 hrs. Please visit <http://w6sf.org/> for ticket info.

Dec.13: CARS Christmas Breakfast. Final location and time forthcoming.

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. \$75.

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.

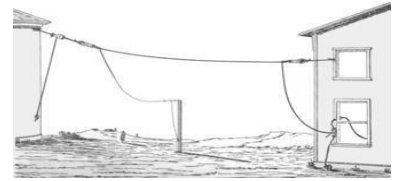
Contact Bob Officer, n6tce@arrl.net

- **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

Hacking Ham Radio for Texting

<https://spectrum.ieee.org/ham-radio-text-hacking>

A Tragic Reminder: Safety Must Come First in the Field – This Week in Amateur Radio

<https://twiar.net/?p=36573>

Amateur Radio Licensing Update During US Government Shutdown

<https://www.arrl.org/news/amateur-radio-licensing-update-during-us-government-shutdown>

LCARA HAM Radio: Building A GMRS Repeater - Part 1!!!! - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XIQ2VxDwM8&authuser=0>

