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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

KD6SUN, Kristen Dugger

Greetings all!

It's hard to believe we are already heading into April. From field trips to picnics and swaps, our spring activities are quickly approaching.

The Stan-Joaquin Swap Meet and Picnic will be held on April 27th. Details for that are on the club website, and we have reserved two tables at the Swap Meet for our club members to bring items they would like to sell. Please be mindful when bringing items so that others can utilize the space as well.

Our next field trip is coming up on May 18th to Castle Air Base for Open Cockpit Day. This is sure to be a fun event, and all info for this event can be found on the website as well.

March has also brought us two new members to our club, welcome to Jesus (KM6HEB) and Frank (W6CNN)! I'd also like to welcome Dave Voit (WB6TOU) to the board; Dave has stepped in to be our Technical Director. For the most up to date information on events, check out our club website. If you have any questions or need anything, please send an email to lodihamms@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting at Casa Flores on April 4th!

73,

Kristen Dugger
LARC President



FROM THE NET DIRECTOR

N6TCE, Bob Officer

Hello, Lodi ARC Net members and future members!

Things are changing.

On March 30, at the suggestion of several **Net Control Operators** and board members, I will be purging the current roster used for the Net Roll Call. Anyone who has not checked in the prior three months will be removed from the roster. Why? The current list is 323 call signs long. A few members who have not checked in are at the bottom of the active list, and below that part of the list are the guest check-ins. The NCO must go hunting for guest check-ins in that area, which is 20-30 stations long. We also strive to work on watching a station's check-in count, and when there are three check-ins in a row, they are moved up the list and become a regular net member. My goal is to get more people on board as NCO's, and maybe this is the direction we need to move in.

Also, I have mirrored the current website used by net control operators onto a Google Sheet. While it doesn't have all the pops and whistles, it does work, and eventually some of the automatic functions will happen. It all depends on how long it takes me to learn Google Sheets.

Spring is here, and people are starting to travel. Be safe, be wise, and continue to check-in on the net!

The following are the upcoming Net Control Operators:

April 2024	4/3 N6DT	4/10 N6TCE	4/17 K6AAN	4/24 KK6ES	-
May 2024	5/1 N6DT	5/8 K6AAN	5/15 KZ6DAV	5/22 KK6ES	5/29 N6TCE
June 2024	6/5 N6DT	6/12 K6AAN	6/19 N6TCE	6/26 KK6ES	

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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY ARES

N6TCE, Bob Officer

Hello, all.

Everyone is invited to listen in on April 16. SJCARES will be conducting an exercise on tactical net operations. After the exercise, the floor will be open for questions and comments.

The Place: WB6ASU Repeater
Date: April 16, 2024
Time: 1930

John, Annie, Karen, and I went to Groveland and tested a group of prospective hams. Last Sunday, I was pleasantly surprised to hear a newly licensed operator doing a really good job



of NCO for the Modesto North Stake Emergency Net. It is my opinion that every amateur operator needs those basic net control operator skills.

Look at any Net Script; they all contain the same basic set of information:

1. The net's name
2. The sponsoring group
3. The Scope and Point or Purpose of the Net.
4. Roll call or Polling of the members
5. Then, the net control calls for comments.
6. Some nets may then have a round table discussion about upcoming events.
7. Net closing, usually very standard wording.

Last, a simple question:

How many people have a simple list of non-emergency numbers near their radio? Let's say for example that an incident is called in to the radio, and you need to make a phone call for them. It isn't an emergency so 911 is out of the question. The call is a priority however, which means the information should be handled in a timely manner. I have on my iPad and desktop a listing of my county and nearby counties non-emergency numbers.

That is something to think about!

Bob, N6TCE
San Joaquin County's ARRL Emergency Coordinator

NETS & MEETINGS



WEDNESDAY NIGHT NETS

We have two nets, weekly on Wednesday nights:

- 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 the first Thursday of each month starting at 6:30 PM, located at **Casa Flores Restaurant, 400 E Kettleman Ln, Lodi CA.**

The meeting starts promptly at 6:30. If you plan to eat dinner then arrive early as usual.

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2024 International DX Convention at Visalia

April 12th-14th 2024

Visit their website for more information at www.dxconvention.org/

Stan-Joaquin Swap Meet and Picnic

April 27th 2024

Visit our website for more information at lodiham.org

Open Cockpit Day

May 18th at Castle Air Base, Atwater CA

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FOR SALE

VIRTUAL SWAP MEET

- **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)!
