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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

KD6SUN, Kristen Dugger

Greetings All,

It's hard to believe we are a quarter of the way through the year! Our May field trip will be on May 18th to Castle Air Base for open cockpit day. This will give us a chance to check out all the cool planes that they have on display and check out the radio gear they have onboard. This is a great opportunity to really see what equipment they were working with and get some firsthand accounts of operation since many of the docents that will be there actually were crewmen on those aircraft. I highly encourage everyone to attend. Details can be found on the website and Facebook page. If you do plan on attending, make sure you RSVP by emailing lodihams@gmail.com so we have an idea of how many folks will be in attendance.

Our next endeavor will be Field Day. Preparations are well underway and more info on Field Day is to come. We are looking for folks to help with set up the day before and on the day of Field Day. This is a big endeavor for our club and your club officers have been hard at work with planning to ensure that our event is successful. We are also looking ahead for the rest of the year to include future field trips and club events, so if you have any ideas for the future, please send those over via email. I look forward to catching everyone at the upcoming events and on the air!

73,

Kristen Dugger-KD6SUN
LARC President



FROM THE NET DIRECTOR

N6TCE, Bob Officer

Greetings Lodi Hams,

This year has flown by quickly for many of us. I think as I get older time passes quicker than it did when I was 5 years old!

We are now 1/3 of the way through 2024. One of the things I watch as net director are the numbers of weekly check-ins and compare the numbers to the past few years. The current count for this year is 700 check-ins. It is fairly easy to project an estimate of the check-ins, by multiplying by three.

Here are the past few years since I took the reins as Net Director:

Totals 2023 2045
Totals 2022 1881
Totals 2021 1868
Totals 2020 1655
Totals 2019 1553
Totals 2018 1501

Those numbers reflect the health of the club and they show a steady connection between activity on the net and club growth. Those numbers also reflect the club membership, and the members interests in the club activities. I think it is important to encourage newly licensed Amateur Radio operators to check-in to the net. I also think being a Net Control Operator is a great way to get to know the membership of the club.

At the request of the board, I wrote after relearning to write spreadsheets, a new logging method. While it is being used now, I know this is a serious debugging period. The words, "I thought it was a feature not a bug" has taken on a new meaning for me. It, like most all the club documents, resides on the cloud.

As a side note, please be understanding if Net Control asks you to stand by a moment during the net.

The following are the upcoming Net Control Operators:

May 2024	<i>5/1 N6DT</i>	<i>5/8 K6AAN</i>	<i>5/15 KZ6DAV</i>	<i>5/22 KK6ES</i>	<i>5/29 N6TCE</i>
June 2024	<i>6/5 N6DT</i>	<i>6/12 K6AAN</i>	<i>6/19 N6TCE</i>	<i>6/26 KK6ES</i>	-
July 2024	<i>7/3 KZ6DAV</i>	<i>7/10 N6DT</i>	<i>7/17 K6AAN</i>	<i>7/24 KK6ES</i>	<i>7/31 N6KZW</i>
August 2024	<i>8/7 KZ6DAV</i>	<i>8/14 N6DT</i>	<i>8/21 KK6ES</i>	<i>8/28 N6DT</i>	-

Until next month, be safe!

Bob, N6TCE
N6TCE@arrl.net

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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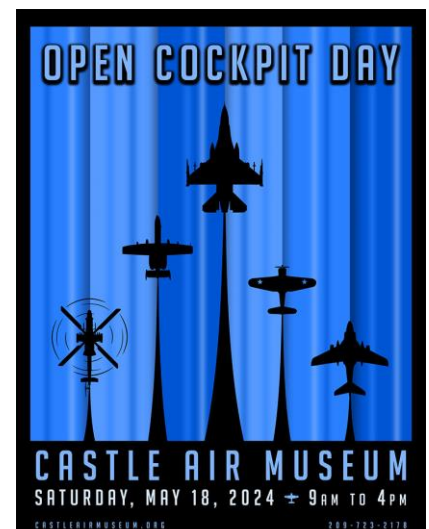
EVENTS

Open Cockpit Day

May 18th at Castle Air Base, 9AM to 4PM

5050 Santa Fe Dr, Atwater, CA 95301

Visit our website for more information at: lodiham.org or castleairmuseum.org



FOR SALE

VIRTUAL SWAP MEET



- **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

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)!*
