



March 2001

Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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March Meeting—March 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Ernie Pyle Elementary School, 4140 N. Augusta., Corner of Ashlan and Augusta.

Hamfest April 28th

Any ideas or suggestions please bring them to the next meeting.

2001 Meeting/Activity Dates

- March 9th.....Ernie Pyle School
- April 20th.....Ernie Pyle School
- April 28th.....Hamfest
- JuneField Day
- JulyVacation
- August.....Club Picnic

“The Prez Sez”

Jim Bianchi – KF6GKC



The HamFest is creeping up again, and that means that the Board will be asking you all to help like we did last year. As you know, the HamFest will be at Coombs' Ranch again this year. We are lucky to get this facility. It gives us quite a bit more room to do more things. I believe that Burt, WA6PTG, is putting together a transmitter hunt. If you have any ideas for an activity that you would like to have at the HamFest, please contact me or another Board member.

I spoke with our treasurer, Ken Griffin, and he said that he is doing fine after a little repair work to the old ticker. So if you don't see Ken out and about as much as normal, you'll know why. Ken also said that the dues are still a little behind and that we will be changing the auto patch code, and you will not receive your Skip if you are not current.

I would like to congratulate all the new upgrades from the last exams. This will give you many more hours of fun for now and for the rest of your life.

If you have or know of any speakers who would like to come and speak at any of our meetings on Fridays, please contact me or Harold Reeks.

73's, Jim Bianchi, KF6GKC

Weekly Gatherings

Country Waffles:

Saturday & Monday mornings @ 7:00 a.m.
Corner of Blackstone & Dakota

Silver Dollar Hoffbrau:

Thursdays @ Noon.
Corner of Hwy 41 & Shaw



Board of Directors

Treasurer's Report

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02/20/2001

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For the period of 01/01/2001 to 02/20/2001

Income:.....\$1,336.07
(Including Savings interest of \$00.00)
Expenses:.....\$490.49

Balances at end of Period:
Checking Account.....\$2,952.23
Savings Account.....\$4,001.13
Petty Cash on Hand.....\$50.00
Un-deposited Funds.....\$00.00
Total Cash 12/31/2000.....\$7,003.36

Papers and Cans Year to 12/31/2000

Paper: (1 Load 5,153 lbs).....\$115.94
Cans:.....\$00.00

Membership F.A.R.C. Membership 12/31/2000

Full Memberships.....104
Family Memberships.....17
Comp Members.....0
Life Members.....15
Total Memberships.....136

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Unapproved Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

02/01/2001

The meeting was called to order by President Jim, KF6GKC at 07:30pm.



F.A.R.C.
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Fresno, CA 93712



Members present:

KF6GKC, WA6HII, W6JWK, K6YRZ, W7POR, KA6J.

Old Business:

Continued planning for the up-coming hamfest. WA6HII volunteered to contact local vendors for donations and support. The menu was affirmed to be tri-tip sandwiches, chili, chips and drinks. Skip, K6YRZ accepted the position as hamfest director again this year, and will be calling last years volunteers to solicit their participation in this years event. Skip will also ask for volunteers at the February general meeting.

FARC two meter net:

Discussion on the state of the net. The board reviewed the coordination of the net controls by Gene W7POR, and appreciated the efforts made by Gene to establish continuity of the net operation.

New Business:

Club equipment:

The board discussed the possibility of purchasing an additional HF radio.

After lengthy discussion, the board decided to present to the membership the idea of purchasing an entry level HF rig, such as a Yaesu FT-840, or an Icom 718 to be used during field day. The radio would then be raffled off to offset costs. The idea would be discussed with the membership at the

February club meeting. Motion to proceed provided no significant membership objection by Gene, W7POR. Second by Skip, K6YRZ. Unanimously approved.

Motion to close at 08:56
Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Haynes
KA6J, Secretary.

QST - QST - QST

This is the last skip for those who have not renewed there club membership for the 2001 year. Check your address label, If there is no autopatch code or (*) after your name your dues are not current. No (*), no SKIP after this months issue. About 20 days after this SKIP to insure continuing to receive this very nice club news letter, and support the club in bringing you events like the Hamfest, club picnic, xmas dinner, and what have you.

KEN GRIFFIN WA6HII, TREASURER

February Meeting

The club meeting was very interesting again this month. The speaker was Mike Stahl, K6MYC From M². He talked about a Dxpedition he went on recently. He showed us pictures of Monsterrat and told us about his DXpedition. He explained what the island looked like and the weather. Which

March Birthdays

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|--------|------------------|--------|-------------------|
| KG6ALK | Wm Downer | W6JXY | Jake Mirigian |
| KA6BLD | Cecil Nuckels | KF6KDC | Barbara Powell- |
| KE6BTC | Harold Kroeker | | Quillin |
| KB1BTZ | Emma Fry | W6KOC | Robert Wendel |
| KD6BWE | Matthew Schiller | AC6LT | Jack Baker |
| KG6BXZ | Pat Martin | KC6LYS | Gerrilyn Peterson |
| KG6CDS | Bob Randle | WB6QWT | J. W. Powers |
| WA6CTR | Paul Sullivan | W6RUJ | Robert Bondurant |
| KG6DAM | Keityh Lightfoot | KF6TOC | Lawrence Myers |
| AC6DK | Richard Kullberg | KF6TRO | Gregory Scanlan |
| W6DPD | Chuck McConnell | KF6VAG | Jim Classen |
| KF6ECA | John Dillon | KE6WFE | Les Talbert |
| KG6ENP | Jackie Orpe | W6YEP | Pat Fennacy |
| N6IQ | Claude May | WA6YYY | Doug Johnson |
| WA6ITN | Robert S Allen | KF6ZXO | Guss Keith |
| WJ6J | Chuck Smith | W6ZYR | Frank Maul |

ARRL

Renew your membership or join the ARRL through the FARC treasury. The Club benefits with each membership. Send completed ARRL membership form with payment made out to F.A.R.C. to:

F. A. R. C.
P.O. Box 783
Fresno, CA 93712

Memberships received will be grouped and forwarded with a check from the club. FARC receives an instant rebate or discount on ARRL memberships processed in this manner. No Applications will be delayed

bands were good for operating and which ones were tougher to get. He told us what different antennas they used. He also informed us of the good and bad, about his likes and dislikes about the island. Everyone was quite intrigued with the stories he had to tell. We thank him very much..

Mike also informed us he has a new puppy, his name is CQ. His grandson also passed his general exam at the age of 11, congratulations.

Again Thank-You very much Mike Stahl.

Editors Note

Hi Everyone,

The club had the raffle for the clock at the last meeting. Barbara, KF6KDC (ME), was the winner. It is a very nice clock and looks real nice on my desk. Thank you all very much.

Last week Ken, WA6HII, was in the hospital for a few days. He had a balloon angioplasty done. His family came down to see him and help him out. He went in on Thursday and got out on Saturday. He had to stay in bed for 13 hours straight. There were a couple of doctors standing over him talking about the surgery. Ken of course was wanting to move around. As they were talking to one another, standing over Ken, they discussed about how the artery that they worked on was the largest one in the heart. Also, how if someone was to move around and upset it, how they wouldn't feel much at all it would just make you feel kind of tired and how you could just kind of go into a deep sleep, permanently. So Ken, on behalf of the club please take it easy. His doctor also informed that he has to slow down, Ken told him he had to get some things done for the club and stuff, the doctors reply was that is all over now. So those of you out there that can spare some time and take a few things off of

Ken's chest (no pun intended), it would be much appreciated. We would like to keep him around awhile longer. We are all glad to see you are recovering from surgery and hope you feel better soon.

Thank you all very much, Barbara-KF6KDC.

VE Corner

Amateur Radio VE Exams in Fresno
Unlicensed thru Extra Class
Fresno Amateur Radio Club – A.R.R.L. VEC

Exams for all Amateur license classes will be conducted on the following dates in Fresno, California. All exams are given on Sunday and Begin at 1:00 P.M.

May 20

August 19

November 18

Theory Exams are multiple choice. Code Exam is fill in the blank.

Location: Seventh Day Adventist Central Church, 2980 East Yale, Fresno California 93703. One block south of Clinton and one block west of First Street, southwest corner of Yale and Orchard. Watch for signs.

Directions: From Hwy 99, take Clinton Ave. exit east four miles to First St., turn right (South), one block right on Yale, one block. Look for Signs.

From Highway 41, take Shields Ave exit, turn right (East), 1 mile to First St., turn right, continue one block past Clinton, right on Yale to Orchard. Look for Signs.

Worldradio

Subscribe or renew through FARC.

Make check out to F.A.R.C. mail with Worldradio form to:

F.A.R.C.

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Fresno, CA 93712

The club benefits with each one processed

Amateur Radio Classes

The Clovis Amateur Radio Pioneers is Conducting a series of free ham radio licensing classes for Beginners to obtain a Technician Class License. The classes are held Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Clovis Senior Center in downtown Clovis across from Clark Jr. high school.

For those of you who wish to learn Morse Code, there is also a class session for that as well.

For More info contact Ray Harkins (KB6LQV) at 875-9413.

Bring: Two ID's, one with photo. Taxpayer ID Number (Social Security Number) or ULS registration number. Fee is \$10.00 per test session. Original copy of Amateur License and CSCE's if upgrading.

Talk in on W6TO/R 146.94/64 repeater.

Walk-in's only, no pre-registration.

More info contact Chuck, W6DPD, 559-431-2038

SUPPORTING THE FRESNO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

This month I will discuss W6PSQ Jimmy Wakefield. Jimmy is know by almost every member in the club. Why, because he is always out there supporting amateur radio and participating in club activities. Helping old members with their projects, and supporting the new ham as they start their amateur radio career. The Brown Sugar Net is an example. Jimmy started and supported this endeavor for some time, as an information source for primarily the new ham, but also for any body that had a Ham radio related question or needed help with a project.

Jimmy has held nearly all positions in the management and activities of the club. President, Secretary, Treasurer, events chairman.

Jimmy first joined what is now the Fresno Amateur Radio Club in 1936 and has been active in and a supporter extraordinaire since that time. Impressive record.. Jimmy is still a mainstay in many of the club activities, Active in the paper drive, ac-

tive in finding and promoting participation in community events, the marathons at Woodward Park are one example, every club meetings success is partly due to Jimmy being there and setting up one or more of the activities..

I have not been a member of Fresno Amateur Radio Club very long, but it did not take very long to spot Jimmy Wakefield as an individual that has a big influence in keeping the club glued together and moving along in a productive, positive manner. Like I mentioned before, Impressive record. Keep it up , and thanks

KEN WA6HII

ARRL News

The ARRL Letter, February 16, 2001

ALASKA, NEVADA JOIN STATES SEEKING PRB-1 LEGISLATION

Two more states have joined the list of those seeking to get Amateur Radio antenna legislation on the books. Efforts are under way to incorporate the provisions of the limited federal preemption known as PBB-1 into state law in Alaska and Nevada.

The Alaska proposal, Senate Bill 78, seeks a minimum regulatory height limit of up to 200 feet for Amateur Radio antennas or structures--similar to the Virginia Amateur Antenna law. The Nevada proposal, Assembly Bill 61, represents the first attempt on the state level to limit the impact of private covenants, conditions and restrictions--so-

| Local Repeaters | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--------------|---------|-------|-------|
| Organization | Callsign | Location | Freq | Shift | Tone |
| Clovis Amateur Radio Pioneers (CARP) | K6ARP/R | Meadow Lakes | 147.675 | - | 141.3 |
| Fresno Amateur Radio Club (FARC) | W6TO/R | Meadow Lakes | 146.340 | + | none |
| | | | 222.340 | + | none |
| | | | 449.200 | - | none |
| Kings Amateur Radio Club (KARC) | W6VFZ | Coalinga | 224.440 | | 100.0 |
| Madera Amateur Radio Club (MARC) | W6WGZ/R | | 147.180 | + | none |
| RACES | N6HEW | | 441.175 | - | 146.2 |
| | | | 147.150 | + | 141.3 |

called CC&Rs--on Amateur Radio antennas.

ARRL Alaska Section Manager Kent Petty, KL5T, credited "the dedicated and tireless efforts" of Dan Squires, KD7WN, and Rob Wilson, AL7KK, as well as ARRL Northwestern Division Director Greg Milnes, W7OZ, with moving the bill forward. Sponsored by Sen Robin Taylor, SB 78 was introduced February 8 and referred to the Community and Regional Affairs Committee.

The Alaska bill would establish a three-tier minimum regulatory height schedule that depends on the population density of the community in which the antenna is installed and the size of the lot on which it is sited. The minimum would be 75 feet in areas with population densities more than 120 people per square mile. A minimum regulatory height of 140 feet would prevail in areas with population densities of more than 120 people per square mile and a lot size of an acre or larger. The top-tier 200 feet minimum regulatory limit would apply in areas where the population density is 120 people or less per square mile.

Petty is encouraging members of the Alaska Amateur Radio community to contact their state senators and representatives to support the measure (visit <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/> for more information).

In Nevada, the PRB-1 bill was filed February 1 by Assemblyman Bob Beers, WB7EHN, and referred to the Committee on Government Affairs. The proposal (<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/71st/bills/AB/AB61.html>) would require local ordinances to "reasonably accommodate amateur service communications" and "constitute the minimum level of regulation practicable to carry out the legitimate purpose of the governing body." The bill would not apply to historic or architectural preservation districts.

In a unique twist, however, the Nevada measure would make "void and unenforceable" any provision in a deed covenant, restriction or condition that "precludes amateur service communications"

or "unreasonably restricts the placement, screening or height of a station antenna structure" that might significantly decrease antenna performance or that does not allow for the use of an alternative station antenna "at a comparable cost and with comparable efficiency and performance."

The bill's provisions would not apply to CC&Rs in Nevada already "executed and recorded" at the time the bill goes into effect.

Ten states now have incorporated the essence of PRB-1 into their lawbooks. For more information on PRB-1 and Amateur Radio antenna regulation, visit ARRLWeb, <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/#local>

Local Nets

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|-------------------|---------|---|---------------------|
| Sunday: | | | |
| 7:00pm | 146.940 | + | Fresno ARC |
| 8:00pm | 146.910 | - | Kern County |
| Monday: | | | |
| 7:00pm | 224.900 | - | 156.7 Condor |
| | 224.600 | - | 156.7 Condor |
| 8:00pm | 147.150 | + | Fresno RACES |
| Tuesday: | | | |
| 7:00pm | 147.180 | + | Madera ARC |
| 7:30pm | 146.880 | - | 136.5 Tulare ARC |
| 7:30pm | 147.030 | + | 100.0 Turlock ARC |
| Wednesday: | | | |
| 7:00pm | 146.940 | - | Brown Sugar |
| 7:00pm | 147.330 | + | 100.0 Kings ARC |
| | 147.240 | + | 100.0 |
| | 145.110 | - | 100.0 |
| | 224.440 | - | 100.0 |
| | 441.900 | + | 100.0 |
| 8:00pm | 28.445 | | 10-Meter |
| Thursday: | | | |
| 7:00pm | 146.675 | - | 141.3 Clovis (CARP) |
| 8:00pm | 147.330 | + | 100.0 Cal-Nev Swap |
| | 145.210 | - | |

Quote of the Month

If it aint broke, don't fix it

Swap Section

Do you have a for Sale or Want? This is the place for it!
Place your for Sale or Want in the SKIP!
Your swap can be up to 30 words in length and must be Amateur Radio related.

Members = \$FREE! (\$2.50 for ea. 30 words after first 30)
Non-Members=\$2.50 (\$2.50 for ea. 30 words after first 30)



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 year licensed. You must provide a copy of your license with your appli-
 cation.

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Help Wanted:

News articles, pictures of your
 favorite radio station, DX con-
 tacts, and other printable Ham
 radio related items

2001 F.A.R.C. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Name: _____ | | Date: _____ |
| Address: _____ | | Call Sign: _____ |
| City: _____ | State: _____ | Home Phone: _____ |
| Bus Address: _____ | | Zip: _____ |
| Occupation: _____ | | ARRL Member? _____ |
| License Class _____ | | Birthdate: _____ |
| Year First Licensed: _____ | | |