

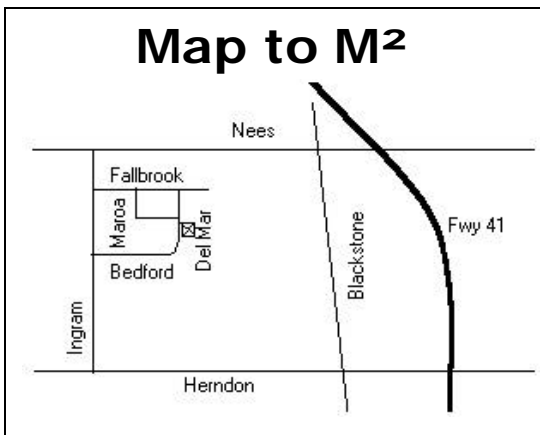


May/June 2001

Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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June Meeting — Will be at **M² Antenna Systems** Pinedale Location
7560 N. Del Mar Ave, Fresno CA
Friday June 8th, 2001, 7:00 p.m.
West of Blackstone/North of Herndon (see map below)
Talk in on W6TO Repeater 146.940— no P.L.



"The Prez Sez"

Jim Bianchi – KF6GKC



Another HamFest has come and gone. It was great to see everyone having a great time—from the trading, to the swaps, to all of the displays that we had set up, and the raffle. We also want to thank Chuck and all who helped with the VE testing. Congratulations to the new hams. (My daughter is one of the new hams.) Once again, thank you to all who helped put this HamFest together.

We are now looking for a new site for our meeting place as last month was our last contract date with the school. It is getting more difficult to work with the school district in acquiring the site, and we are not sure that we will be able to acquire it for any future meetings. If anyone knows of any alternative sites, please contact me or any other board member with this information.

We have started selling tickets for the Kenwood that we will be using for Field Day. Tickets are \$5.00 each with a \$3.00 discount Me & Eds coupon.

73's, Jim Bianchi, KF6GKC

Field Day 2001

June 23 & 24

Location TBA @ June Meeting

Weekly Gatherings

Country Waffles:

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

Silver Dollar Hofbrau:

Thursdays @ Noon.
Corner of Hwy 41 & Shaw



Board of Directors

Treasurer's Report

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05/31/2001

Vice-President: Harold Reeks KF6CL
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For the period of 01/01/2001 to 05/31/2001

Secretary: Jim Haynes W6PXM
(559) 294-8390
w6pxm@pacbell.net

Income:.....\$5,276.61
(Including Savings interest of \$11.15)
Expenses:\$5,089.14

Treasurer: Ken Griffin WA6HII
(559) 292-4811
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Balances at end of Period:
Checking Account.....\$3,045.17
Savings Account\$3,210.08
Petty Cash on Hand.....\$50.00
Un-deposited Funds\$40.00
Total Cash 12/31/2000.....\$6,345.25

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John Morrice K6MI(559) 275-7373
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Papers and Cans Year to 3/21/2001

Paper: (1 Load 5,153 lbs).....\$313.74
Cans:.....\$00.00

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Membership

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

Full Memberships 172
Family Memberships 29
Comp Members..... 7
Life Members 15
Total Memberships 223

Worldradio

Subscribe or renew through FARC.
Make check out to F.A.R.C. mail with Worldradio form to:
F.A.R.C.
PO Box 783,
Fresno, CA 93712
The club benefits with each one processed

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

Club Meeting Locations

It appears, at this time, The Club may have a new meeting location that will take us through the rest of the year. Gene Davis W7POR and Kimberly Davis KF6ZSW have been in touch with a facility and it is looking very promising. Kimberly is doing the negotiating Gene is communicating with the club officers and everyone is very pleased with the their efforts.

Attend the next Club meeting at M2 Friday June 8th and get an update.
73 KEN WA6HII.



Image from 2001 Hamfest—Food!

May Birthdays

KQ6AF	ROBERT PETERSON
AC6FD	EDMUND COTTERS
KG6FGK	EDWARD COATS
KD6HIA	ED ANKNEY
KA6J	JIM HAYNES
KB6JAQ	BOB NIGG
W6JWK	JOHN PRITCHET
KB6KGH	DAN GATHRIGHT
KR6KR	CHARLES PERKINS
KA6LAC	KEITH GRAVES
KC6LPL	ED CUTLER
W6MRP	HAROLD PETERSON
WA6PRE	MARSHALL HINCKLEY
WB6QDN	RODNEY BENSON
KQ6TG	GORDON KEETON
W7WP	ALFRED CONSTABLE
AC6WS	LEE RHOY
AJ6X	DON BURR
KF6YLR	ROBERT MAVIS
K6ZNJ	GREG GLEICHWEIT

2001 Runs/Races

The Pro Race Group of Fresno has asked the Fresno Amateur Radio Club to help out with ten races this summer. We have been asked to help them with the communications, as well as health and welfare for the runners in the events.

The events this summer are:

June 2001

10	Madera Ranchos Kiwanis Cross	
	The River Run	10k

July 2001

28	3rd Annual Komen Fresno	
	Race for the Cure Run	5k

August 2001

18	North Blackstone Lions Club Run	10k
25	Brian Sturgeon Run	4 miles

Sept. 2001

16	16th Annual Shinzen Run	5 miles
22	Sandy Clark Memorial Run	4 miles
29	Run to Read	4 miles

These events can give you a chance to try out new skills, and equipment as well as just being fun to do. As Amateur Radio Operators it gives us a chance to socialize with the public and familiarize them with the hobby, and the Fresno Amateur Radio Club.

These events will be announced on the Sunday Night Net, as well as the Brown Sugar Net Wednesday nights. If you would like to participate in these events please call; Bob Randel, W6LVH on the W6TO Repeater, or call Bob at 559-264-2356. I am in and out of the office a lot so please leave voice mail if I don't answer and I will get back to you.

June Birthdays

KG6ALF	RANDY ORPE
KG6ALG	PHILLIP COVER
K6CME	JACK PRUITT
W6CSK	BENNY A WILLIAMS
WD6FRS	HENRY FRY
KE6FUR	LARRY FLAMING
KF6GKC	JAMES BIANCHI
KD6HIF	JIM KELLOGG
KF6LXB	TERRY HORAK
WA6PTG	JAMES WILCOX
W6SAY	EUGENE LAI
KA6Y	RICK FORNES

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.

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.

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



Image from 2001 Hamfest—Testing Session

ARRL News

The ARRL Letter, June 1, 2001

Kid's Day is just around the corner: On June 16, 1800 to 2400 UTC, kids of all ages are invited to experience ham radio during Kid's Day. Amateurs are encouraged to invite youngsters into their shack to enjoy the fun. Kid's Day began in 1994 with a one-hour program created by the Boring Amateur Radio Club in Boring, Oregon. The youngsters exchanged names and their favorite colors. Forty kids participated. Last year, more than 1000 took part in the event, now sponsored by ARRL. There's no limit on operating time. The suggested exchange is name, age, location and favorite color. You may work the same station again if the operator has changed. Call "CQ Kid's Day." Complete information is on the ARRL Web site, <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kd-rules.html> and in the June issue of QST, p 48.

BBC to drop North American short-wave transmissions: The BBC World Service says it's eliminating its English short-wave transmissions to North America, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands on July 1. "The Beeb" says it will focus its delivery in English via its FM and medium-wave "re-broadcasting partnerships," together with 24-hour on-line audio service. "We know that our listeners have migrated away from short-wave and are now accessing us on FM, via the Internet and also in some areas on satellite, cable and on mobile devices," the BBC said. "In the US, three times as many people listen to us on FM as on short-wave, and one and a half million users access on-line each month." The BBC says the money saved by closing short-wave transmissions to North America will go towards funding its investment in future technologies. It's been reported that the move will save the BBC some \$700,000 a year.

Local Nets

2001 June VHF/UHF Contest

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 - 103.5 Tulare Co. 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 -

The Clovis Amateur Radio Pioneers will be working the 2001 June UHF/VHF QSO Party Contest from the Clovis Senior Center again this year. Anyone, licensed or not, is welcome to come down and help work the contest.

For additional information contact Bill Sheen, KB6HRB on the CARP repeater system or at 559-325-0563



Image from 2001 Hamfest—Club Bus

Local Repeaters

Organization	Callsign	Location	Freq	Shift	Tone
Central California Amateur Comm. (CCAC)		Meadow Lakes	146.790	-	141.3
			223.780	-	141.3
			444.250	-	141.3
Clovis Amateur Radio Pioneers (CARP)	K6ARP/R	Meadow Lakes	147.675	-	141.3
Fresno Amateur Radio Club (FARC)	W6TO/R	Meadow Lakes	146.940	-	none
			222.780	-	none
			444.200	+	none
Kings Amateur Radio Club (KARC)	W6VFZ	Castle Peak	147.240	+	100.0
		Hanford	145.110	-	100.0
		Santa Rita Peak	224.440	-	100.0
		Hanford	441.675	+	100.0
Madera Amateur Radio Club (MARC)	W6WGZ/R		147.180	+	none
RACES	N6HEW		441.175	-	146.2
			147.150	+	141.3

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MAY 31, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by president Jim, KF6GKC.

Members present: KF6GKC, WS6X, K6MI, WA6OIB, K6YRZ, KA6J, W7POR, KF6CL, WA6HII.

Discussion: Meeting location for the FARC monthly meetings. We have essentially lost our present meeting place at the school. Various other locations were discussed and will be investigated further for a future decision. Alternative locations were: FSU, Manchester Center, Fashion Fair Mall, The old Sierra Hospital, Fresno City College, and Cedar Lanes. Ken, WA6OIB will contact FSU and Fresno City College. Gene, W7POR will contact Cedar Lanes.

The June meeting will be held as planned at the M2 facility, graciously offered by Mike Staal. The meeting agenda will be preparations for field day, with the new Kenwood radio up and operational.

Discussion: Field Day. A generator has been secured by Jim, KF6GKC. Several locations were discussed, Coombs Ranch, Radio Flats, Prather shopping center, Meadow Lakes. These options will be investigated and a decision will be announced at the June meeting.

Discussion: Club Pic-nic. Ken, WA6OIB has graciously offered to host the club pic-nic. The date has been set for August 11.

Discussion: FARC membership dues. Following a brief treasurers report, Ken, WA6HII illustrated for the board the increasing expenses the club is experiencing. Printing and mailing of the SKIP, insurance, meeting place, have all increased. A brief discussion followed, and the board may be forced to approve a dues increase sometime in the future.

Hamfest: This years hamfest was reviewed and an expense report was presented by Ken, WA6HII. The club lost over \$300.00 on this years hamfest. Low attendance by our own members was generally viewed as a primary cause. The board also briefly discussed planning for future hamfests.

Motion to close the meeting at 9:03 by Ken, WA6OIB, and second by Harold, KF6CL.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Haynes KA6J

Images from 2001 Hamfest



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)

WANTED—Older VFO for Tube Type Transmitters. 7 MHz—Rob, KF6YLR (559) 227-6243

FOR SALE—KENWOOD TS 520 with microphone. Field Strength meter. Telescoping antenna mast with 80/40/20 Meter Hustler Vertical. \$350.00 for all. Negotiable
Jake Mirigian W6JXY 559-439-1146



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City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
Bus Address: _____		Bus Phone: _____
Occupation: _____		Birthdate: _____
License Class _____		Year First Licensed: _____
ARRL Member? <input type="checkbox"/>		

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