



October 2001

Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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October Meeting

Will be at **Cedar Lanes**
3131 N Cedar, Fresno CA
Friday September 14th, 2001
7:00 p.m.
Talk in on W6TO Repeater
146.940— no P.L.

Rob, KF6YLR will be demonstrating his Laser Transceivers

"The Prez Sez"

Jim Bianchi – KF6GKC



The events of the last month were unbelievable. Ham radio had a place in all this. Some hams in New York were sending health and welfare messages for people concerned with their friends and relatives. This is where ham radio shines. We are a somewhat forgotten group until the daily means of communication no longer function normally. This shows the value of ham radio other than just a hobby.

As you may have heard, club elections are coming up, and all nominations should be submitted as soon as possible to me or any other board member.

I hope you can attend the next meeting at Cedar Lanes, which is working out very, very well.

73's, Jim Bianchi KF6GKC

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



CEDAR LANES

3131 N. CEDAR
FRESNO, CA 93703
PHONE : 559 - 222-4424
FAX: 559 - 222-4825

The Fresno Amateur Radio Club meets at Cedar Lanes the 2nd Friday of each month unless otherwise noted. Please take advantage of the good food at the Coffee Shop whenever possible.



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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

Treasurer's Report

For the period of 01/01/2001 to 09/20/2001

Income:\$6,959.84
 (Including Savings interest of \$15.66)
 Expenses:\$6,767.03

Balances at end of Period:
 Checking Account.....\$2,368.28
 Savings Account\$3,880.81
 Petty Cash on Hand.....\$50.00
 Un-deposited Funds\$51.50
 Total Cash 09/20/2001\$6,714.76

Papers and Cans Year to 9/20/2001

Paper: (4 Loads 22,048 lbs)..... \$496.08
 Cans: (1 Load) \$85.88

Membership

F.A.R.C. Membership 09/20/2001

Full Memberships 176
 Family Memberships 31
 Comp Members 7
 Life Members..... 15
 Total Memberships 229

ARRL

Join the ARRL through the FARC treasury.
 The Club benefits with each membership.
 Send completed ARRL membership form with pay-
 ment 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 for-
 warder 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

FARC Election Update

As of Friday 9-14-2001 there are 10 nominees for five positions on the club board of directors.

They are;

KF6YLR ROB MAVIS,
 W6WYT PAUL LAMBERT
 K6FGE TED MILLER
 K6HAU JIM LAUX
 W6DPD CHUCK McCONNELL
 W7POR GENE DAVIS
 KF6ZSW KIMBERLY DAVIS
 WA6OIB KEN HOLDEN
 K6MI JOHN MORRICE
 WA6PTG BURT WILCOX

All individuals capable and true. Remember vote for only five do not disqualify your ballot by voting for more than five candidates, less than five is acceptable.

Nominations will close at the OCTOBER club meeting, OCTOBER 12th. The ballots will be mailed out shortly there after. Return your ballot by Nov 5, 2001 if mailing, or at the NOVEMBER club meeting if attending.

Ballots will be counted and results announced at the NOVEMBER meeting.

If you have a club member you think would be a good candidate and they are willing, contact the nomination committee - W6PSQ JIMMY WAKEFIELD 559-227-1057 or come to the OCTOBER club meeting and nominate from the floor.

Nominations will be called for at that meeting before they are closed and the ballot prepared.

KEN WA6HII

Fresno City Fire Department Emergency Coordinator Needed

The Fresno City Fire Department is requesting a Amateur Radio Emergency Services team for the department.

If anyone is interested or wants more information, please contact Kent LeBarts, K6IN at (209) 723-2020 or k6in@elite.net



Skywarn Volunteers Needed

Skywarn is a cooperative relationship between amateur radio operators and the National Weather Service. Spotters are members of the amateur radio community who volunteer to be trained by N.W.S. to observe and recognize traits of occurring severe weather and utilize amateur radio to report their observations to N.W.S. through specified repeater systems throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

Amateur radio operators have long been involved with Skywarn in the mid-west and while California weather is more tame, we still encounter severe weather that affects life and property.

The National Weather Service can more quickly issue severe weather warnings to the public with the assistance of weather observation reports from trained weather spotters in the field.

There is currently no organized spotter group in Fresno County. We have a need for a County Skywarn Officer who would coordinate the Skywarn system in Fresno County and amateur operators interested in becoming spotters. These are volunteer positions.

Training will be provided by the National Weather Service office in Hanford to a location in Fresno.

This is an opportunity for the amateur radio community to use your considerable talents and skills as radio operators to serve your communities in times of severe weather conditions.

Interested individuals can contact me regarding the Skywarn system by sending e-mail to: w7wn@elite.net

Donald W. Costello, W7WN
 Director,
 Skywarn Field Operations
 National Weather Service, HNX

Upcoming Contests

Month	Date(s)	Contest	Modes	Bands
October	6	TARA PSK31 Rumble	PSK31	80 40 20 15 10 6
	6-7	California QSO Party	CW/Phone	160 80 40 20 15 10 6 2
		Arkansas QSO Party.	CW/Phone/PSK31/RTTY	80 40 20 15 10 2
		Oceania Contest (Australia)	Phone	160 80 40 20 15 10
		YLRL YL Anniversary Contest	CW	
	10	Ten-Ten Day Sprint	AM/FM/SSB/CW/RTTY	10
	13-14	Pennsylvania QSO Party	CW	160 80
		FISTS CW Fall Sprint	CW	80 40 20 15 10
	21-22	Illinois QSO Party	Phone/CW	160 80 40 20 15 10 6 2
		Asia-Pacific sprint	CW	20 15
		Worked All Germany Contest	SSB/CW	80 40 20 15 10
		JARTS WW RTTY	RTTY	80 40 20 15 10
		VK/ZL/Oceania Contest	CW	80 40 20 15 10
	24-26	YLRL YL Anniversary Contest	Phone	
	27-28	CQ WW DX Contest	Phone	
		Ten-Ten International Net Fall QSO Party	CW	10

Local Nets

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 -

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)

For Sale:

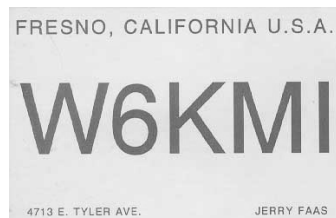
HENRY 2K D-5 Amplifier. 2 KW P.E.P.
 With manual, unknown condition (looks good)
 Best Offer.
 KB6NBT 559-338-2300

Wanted:

Yaesu FT-23 Manual or parts
 Rob, KF6YLR 559-227-6243,
 kf6ylr@oldtuberadio.com

W6KMI - JERRY FAAS - SILENT KEY

January 25, 1910 to July 26, 2001



(This is from Jerry's own Internet information)

Been a Ham since high school days back in 1928. I had the call of NU6APW, but lost it back then when I failed to renew it and got this call, W6KMI, in 1933. My transceiver is a Kenwood TS850. The antenna is a Hygain TH6DDX Tribander. I work mostly twenty meter Pactor on 14.080 MHz in the mornings. I use an AEA PK-232MBX TNC with a 486 computer and color printer. I was a radio officer on a Liberty Ship in the South Pacific during World War Two during the Leyte Invasion. After the War, I went to work for the State of California, Communications Division and retired in 1974. I am just getting over colon cancer. I work two meter Packet with an Icom 28H into a Ringo Ranger antenna. I have three power poles in my yard. Got them after WW II. when they were closing the Army camps in this area. Power poles were lying in the roads, for the taking. My satellite station is a two meter all-band Kenwood and an Icom all-band rig running 75 watts. The antenna controller is a Yaesu G 55400b Dual Controller. My other hobbies include Lionel trains and raising Koi Fish.

73, Jerry W6KMI
Have a Great Day

Best Regards to you too, Jerry old friend. Kim and I enjoyed the visits with you and Lillian and dining at "your favorite," Javier's Mexican Restaurant.

Jerry held an Advanced Class Amateur License and had several computers in his shack. He was always anxious to learn and experience new technical adventures, proving age should be no obstruction to any of us. He was a long time member of the Fresno Amateur Radio Club. He is the one who discovered his long time friend, Howard Bobbit, WA6BUH, had died alone in his home. He loved his little dog, Baby and his Koi Fish. Jerry built the two Koi Fish ponds, complete with his own filter design. He also built his own home, which later became his elaborate "ham shack." I asked him one time, "Where did you learn to build a house, Jerry?" He told me he saw a crew of carpenters erecting a building, and, as he put it, "I watched how **they** did it." Jerry Faas is survived by his wife, Lillian, a daughter and grandchildren who live in southern California and a long list of friends including Chuck and Sylvia Wheeler who live in Baja California Sur, Mexico. He loved visiting them and fishing from their ocean-going cabin cruiser. He and Chuck kept in touch via 20 meters. Jerry belonged to a local bridge club and regularly helped serve meals to the "old folks" at the Ted C. Wills Community Center. He also attended several of the ham breakfasts and luncheons held in the Fresno area. Unfortunately, there was no funeral to allow us to say a "Personal Farewell," and many friends may not yet know Jerry succumbed to the cancer that took him. Perhaps this small article will serve that purpose. We, and his many friends will miss him very much.

Till we meet again, Jerry, Good DX.
Gene and Kim Davis, W7POR AND KF6ZSW

JAKE FADENRECHT SILENT KEY

May 20, 1912 to July 27, 2001

Auberry resident Jacob B. Fadenrecht passed away peacefully July 27, 2001 at the age of 89, following a stroke on July 12.

Jake, as he was known to family and friends, was born in Bradshaw, Nebraska May 20, 1912, shortly after the infamous Titanic sank on its maiden voyage. The third son of Mennonites Bernhard and Sarah Nickel Fadenrecht, he and his family moved to Shafter, California when he was a youngster. There, he attended school through the eighth grade, but after that was needed to help work the ranch. During the depression, he and his two older brothers "rode the rails" in an effort to ease his parents' burden of raising his four younger brothers and sisters, working and foraging for food along the way for quite some time.

In November 1935 Jake married Virginia Horr of Armona (near Hanford, Kings County.) They lived in Shafter for about two years, where their daughters, Marilyn and Beverley were born. When the girls were still infants, they moved to Hanford, where he was employed as a radio and appliance repairman for Sears, Roebuck and Company. When television came to the valley, he learned to repair those, too, and had one of the first TV sets in Hanford in his home.

Jake became interested in ham radio, obtaining one of the early call letters, W6ARC, and still has several friends he began communicating with via Morse code about 50 years ago. While in Hanford, he was active in the Y's Men's Club, and joined the Naval Reserve in January 1954. He remained in the Reserve until October 1961.

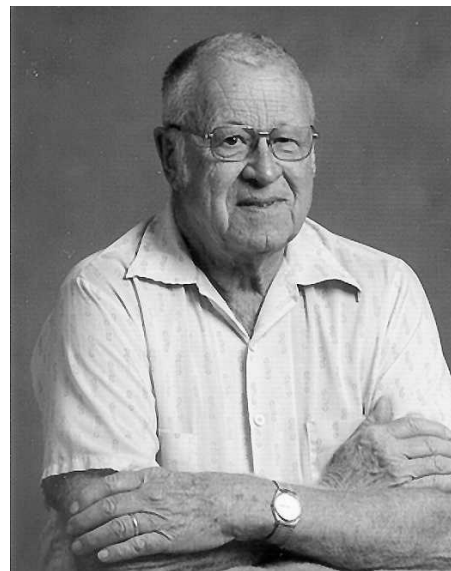
In the summer of 1955 Jake transferred to the brand new Fresno Sears store's service department and eventually became foreman. After more than 30 years with Sears, he and Virginia retired to the Mile High Park home they'd built in 1964.

About 1970, Jake and Virginia moved to Mt. Ararat Mobilehome Park. They liked to travel, spending winters in Arizona and part of the summers at Chester in northern California, and once took a trip to Germany and Austria. When they were home, they attended Auberry Community Church.

Jake was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Virginia, in 1993. He is survived by daughters Marilyn Couvillion and her husband Wayne and Beverley Sloan; grandchildren Jenny Lund and Nelson Lund of Fresno, Nancee Williams of Galt, Debra Couvillion of Madera and Ken Couvillion of

Watsonville. He has seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. Namesake and carbon copy of his mother's twin brother, Jake is best described by the words borrowed from a grave marker in the Tollhouse Cemetery: "It's not near as important how many years a fella lived, as how many other folks are right glad he did."

Jake's good and long life will be celebrated at a memorial service at Auberry Community Church Friday August 3 at 11 a.m., with Pastor Blake Slater officiating. Remembrances can be made to the ACC Memorial Fund, P. O. Box 213, Auberry CA 93602.



From The ARRL Letter September 21, 2001

WORLD TRADE CENTER AMATEUR RADIO VOLUNTEERS BEARING UP WELL

New York Amateur Radio Emergency Service and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service volunteers generally are in good spirits, but tired, says New York City-Long Island Section Emergency Coordinator Tom Carrubba, KA2D. "The mood is positive," he said, more than a week into the grim reality of the World Trade Center attack response. "Overall, it's going very, very well. Everybody's settling into the routine of the operation."

Two dozen or more hams per shift are covering communications and logistical support for the American Red Cross as well as supplementing communication for the New York City Office of Emergency Management. "It's a great effort every day, 24/7, and it's expanding as we get more requests." A single, multi-purpose ARES/RACES net is being maintained on the 147.000 MHz repeater in Manhattan. New York City District Emergency Coordinator and RACES Radio Officer Charles Hargrove, N2NOV, is serving as the incident commander.

At this point, Carrubba said, the need for volunteers is being largely covered by amateurs from the Greater New York City Area--which includes New York City and Long Island, Eastern New York, Connecticut and Northern New Jersey. Hams have volunteered from all over, however, including at least eight Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club members from Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley. Hams are deployed to 13 American Red Cross shelters, two OEM sites, several staging areas, and Red Cross headquarters, and as net controls. At any given time, up to a half dozen amateurs are posted just outside the secure perimeter of the so-called "Ground Zero" World Trade Center site, where Carrubba described conditions as "terrible." Volunteers there have been asked to provide respirators and other protective clothing. Shifts at all locations

are 12 hours long.

Carrubba explained that Amateur Radio volunteers are being rotated in and out of areas and duties in an effort to equalize the stress. "The first 30 or 40 hours everybody does 'the iron man act,' I call it, because they're

running on adrenaline," he said. After that, everyone gets some rest and unwinds a little bit. "The people that are going back are fresh," he said.

Since September 11, more than 350 hams have volunteered in excess of 5000 work hours.

Carrubba anticipates the Amateur Radio support operations to continue for some time to come, since the normal telecommunications systems remain disrupted or problematic. "The communications in the shelter are being used like telephones," he said. Telephone service is available, but it can take 15 or 20 tries to get a call through. Carrubba said net traffic has been substantial, although there are occasional lulls.

Many more volunteers will be needed before the ARES and RACES operation stands down "Right now our task is a long-term effort, Carrubba said. "The schedule is being filled in on a day-by-day basis." To date, more than 200 individuals have signed up via the World Trade Center Disaster Relief Communications Web site, <<http://wtc.ab2m.net>>;

Carrubba expects that Amateur Radio assistance might be needed at least another week and possibly longer. "As long as there's a need for communications, we will be there," he said.

In the meantime, REACT International is seeking additional Amateur Radio and licensed GMRS users, primarily to support the Salvation Army's relief efforts in New York. "We still need volunteers," said REACT International Secretary Lee Besing, N5NTG, who added that some shifts on Wednesday went unfilled. "They're burning out and having to return to their jobs," he said. REACT is now running 20 volunteers per shift. Volunteers should visit the REACT International Web site, <http://www.reactintl.org/tragedy_09112001.htm>; or contact Charles Bessels, <NYCHelp@reactintl.org>;

FARC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES 9-14-2001

Meeting called to order by Vice president KF6CL Harold Reeks at 7:05 P

M.

1. Roll call of all present.
2. Treasurers report
3. Nominating committee report: 10 nominees reported. Those nominated;
KF6YLR ROBERT MAVIS, W6WYT PAUL LAMBERT, K6FGE TED MILLER, K6HAU JIM LAUX, W6DPD CHUCK MCCONNELL, W7POR GENE DAVIS, KF6ZSW KIMBERLY DAVIS, WA6OIB KEN HOLDEN, K6MI JOHN MORRICE, WA6PTG BURT WILCOX.
Nominations will remain open until the OCTOBER meeting, votes will be counted and reported at the NOVEMBER meeting.
4. Skywarn/wx reporting presentation.
5. Comments about jammer by W6JWK John Pritchett
6. WA6OIB Ken Holden about upcoming M2 open house.
7. W6DPD Chuck McConnell report about ARRL change in new member rewards for the club if done through the club.
8. California O. E. S. presentation by K6IN Ken.
9. Coffee break.
10. Presentation by W6BBS Frank Reynolds, regarding CART School radio station and need for donations. See W6BBS.
11. Meeting closed by KF6CL at 8:55 P M.

Minutes by WA6HII Ken Griffin

October Birthdays

W6AE Red Stillman	KK6LT Bob Gonzalez
N6J Gerald Bogdanoff	KB6OWI Clarence Klingenberg
KK6AW Kelsey Smeltzer	KQ6QX Joe Webb
WB6C Ken Walsh	WA6U Ed Bondshu
K6FGE Ted Miller	AD6VN Mark Hammonds
KE6HUUTerry Stashio	KE6VVOMelissa Gordon
KI6JQ David Hatch	KF6ZQY Kevin Perry

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.

November 18

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

Location: Seventh Day Adventist Central Church, 2980 East Yale, Fresno CA 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





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