



January 2002

Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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## January Meeting

Friday January 11th, 7:00 pm at Cedar Lanes.

### 2002 Membership Dues

It's getting close to memberships being due.

**Please renew early.**

### 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  
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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.

## "The Prez Sez"

**Harold Reeks - KF6CL**

I hope everyone had a very happy holiday season, and that Santa brought you lots of new ham gear.

Thanks to Jim Bianchi for his service and dedication to our club. I am honored to be your club president this year, and want to assure every club member that we as board members will do our very best to carry on the high standards and tradition of the Fresno Amateur Radio Club.

Ham radio is changing so rapidly it's hard to imagine what the latest technology will bring.

Our club members have a great accumulation of talent and knowledge to offer. My goal is to tap this resource and get everyone involved in some club activity this year.

I am asking for your ideas on club activities this year; what would you like our club to be active in? Contests, community projects, boy scouts, school demonstrations, emergency radio, special event stations, ham radio classes, or scholarship programs?

Anything is possible with your support. Let's have some fun with our hobby this year.

Contact me or any of the other board members with your ideas.

73's Harold Reeks - K F 6 C L

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### 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

## Treasurer's Report

12/19/2001

**For the period of 01/01/2001 to 12/19/2001**

Income: .....\$10,672.57  
(Including Savings interest of \$24.86)  
Expenses: .....\$10,275.98

Balances at end of Period:  
Checking Account.....\$2,687.50  
Savings Account.....\$3,791.87  
Petty Cash on Hand.....\$50.00  
Un-deposited Funds.....\$15.00  
Total Cash 12/19/2001.....\$6,554.37

### Papers and Cans Year to 12/19/2001

Paper: (7 Loads 34,558 lbs).....\$777.57  
Cans: (1 Load).....\$85.88

### Membership

#### F.A.R.C. Membership 11/24/2001

Full Memberships.....180  
Family Memberships.....30  
Comp Members.....7  
Life Members.....15  
Total Memberships.....232

### ARRL

Join the ARRL through the FARC treasury.  
The Club benefits with each new 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-  
warded with a check from the club.  
FARC receives an instant rebate or discount on  
new ARRL memberships processed in this manner.  
No Applications will be delayed

## 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. Exams are given on Sunday and Begin at 1:00 P.M.

- February 3
- May 5
- August 4
- November 3

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

### Upcoming VE Exam Dates

December

09 Mountain ARC  
01:00 PM Walk-ins allowed  
Edward Hamilton (559)642-2789  
7th Day Adventist Church, Holbrook Hall  
5060 Road 426, PO Box 2467  
Oakhurst, CA 93644



The National Weather Service would like to start a SkyWarn program in Fresno County. This would include a net operation on the 146.94 repeater for gathering observations during weather events. Spotters are needed to relay information to a control operator. Spotters can be either mobile or at a fixed location. The National Weather Service will provide a two hour training class, in Fresno, for those of us interested in participation. If you are interested in joining the SkyWarn team contact Ted Miller, K6FGE, on the 146.94 repeater or call 431-1441.

### Attention!

### SKIP Contributors

Due to time limitations, all information (articles, ads or columns) for the SKIP must be provided to the editor by the 20th of the month in order for it to be published in the following months issue.

This deadline is required to be able to get the SKIP edited, printed and mailed out to the club members in a timely manner and prior to the months club meeting.

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### Code Practice

Those of you who wish to get their code requirement, here is your opportunity to learn the code!

Starting at 0 words per minute.

**When:** Tuesday nights following the Madera ARC Net at approximately 7:30 pm.

**Where:** Madera ARC Repeater—147.180 + no tone

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Minutes

NOV. 29, 2001

The meeting was called to order at Cedar Lanes, by President Jim, KF6GKC at 07:15pm.

Members present: WA6HII, W7POR, W6YEP, WA6OIB, K6MI, KF6CL, WS6X, KA6J, K6YRZ, W6JWK, W6DPD, KF6GKC, and visitor Kim, KF6ZSW.

The minutes from the previous board meeting were read and approved with the exception of the price listed for the Christmas Dinner. Due to expenses that were not available to the board at the last meeting we needed to increase the price for the dinner from 15.00 to 18.00 for those paying in advance. 20.00 at the door.

Christmas Dinner: The gifts/prizes have been purchased by Jim KF6GKC and John W6JWK. The award certificates have been completed by Ken WA6HII. The table decorations will be picked up by Kim, KF6ZSW.

Next years meeting list needs to be compiled and sent to Cedar Lanes, to insure that we have the room secured.

2002 Officers Elected:  
President, Harold, KF6CL  
Vice President, Pat, W6YEP  
Treasurer, vacant (Ken, WA6HII will intern through January)  
Secretary, Jim KA6J

The board had a brief discussion on the duties of the treasurer. It was decided that the membership duties are not a function of the treasurer and need to be moved to the secretary position. There was discussion about software requirements for maintaining the membership roll. Jim, KA6J and Jim, WS6X will research some possible software options and report to the board.

Discussion Web Page: It was brought to the boards attention that the club web page is out dated. It was decided to delete the existing page and all links, and proceed with building a new page. E-mail accounts also need to be changed, as the club e-mail address is not correct.

Motion to close the meeting at 08:45.  
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Jim Haynes KA6J  
Secretary

## ARRL STUDY PANEL RECOMMENDS ELIMINATING NOVICE BANDS

*From the ARRL Letter dated December 21, 2001*

On the basis of nearly 5000 survey responses, the ARRL Novice Spectrum Study Committee has recommended that the ARRL petition the FCC to eliminate the Novice CW subbands and allow Novice and Technician with Element 1 credit licensees to operate CW on the General 80, 40, 15 and 10-meter CW allocations at up to 200 W output. The panel suggested setting aside portions of those bands for "slow CW operation" to aid new CW operators in enhancing their skills. The committee recommended refarming the current Novice/Tech Plus subbands in part to allow expansion of the phone allocations on 80, 40 and 15 meters.

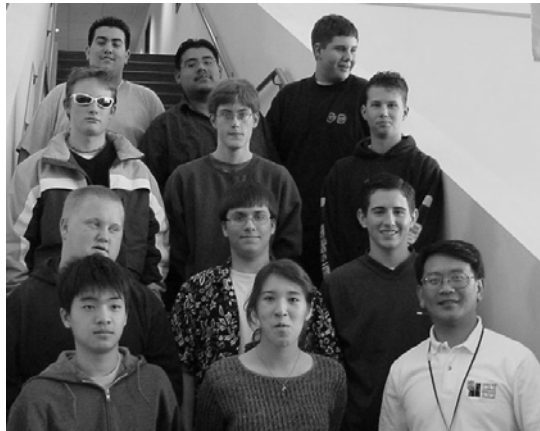
The committee's complete report will be presented to the ARRL Board of Directors for consideration during its annual meeting in January. The committee's determinations were based on opinions expressed by 4744 respondents to an ARRL Novice Spectrum Study survey launched in June. Those expressing their opinions included ARRL members and nonmembers. Nearly 61% of those responding were Extra class licensees.

The committee, chaired by ARRL International Affairs Vice President Rod Stafford, W6ROD, has been studying the status and usage of the Novice/Technician Plus HF bands with an eye toward determining what changes to usage of that spectrum might be needed now that the FCC no longer issues new Novice licenses.

The survey offered possible refarming options for each of the bands involved--including no change at all. Generally speaking, the predefined options proposed retaining Extra class CW subbands on the affected bands, setting aside expanded CW reserves for all license classes except Technicians lacking Element 1 credit, and dividing the remaining spectrum into expanded phone segments for General, Advanced and Extra class operators. A guiding principle was that no class of licensees would lose any privileges as a result of refarming.

The committee's report says that if the ARRL Board adopts the plan, the League should include any request to the FCC to implement the changes within an omnibus filing encompassing other issues, rather than as a separate petition. Consideration of any necessary ARRL Band Plan changes would follow ultimate FCC approval.

## CART STUDENTS PASS AMATEUR RADIO TECHNICIAN TEST



On Nov 18, 2001, eight students from the Center for Advanced Research and Technology (CART) passed the Technician exam for Amateur Radio Operator's License. The new "Hams" are students of the Advanced Telecommunications lab (PM), a class that Ramon Floro (K6BD) teaches at CART. The students took 6 weeks to prepare for the test and some of the lesson theories were covered in their Telecommunications class. The students that passed the test are: Christopher Perry, Sean Kirkpatrick, John Harris, Christine Karr, Patrick Ritter, Cheenew Vang, Josh Stohl, and Devin Crump.

Three additional students passed the Technician license exam held at Oakhurst on Dec 9, 2001. They are Michael Callaghan, Ben Mulford and Joaquin Jacobo.

## Fresno Amateur Radio Club 2001 Membership by License Class

Extra.....	61
Advanced.....	36
General.....	36
Technician Plus.....	29
Technician .....	64
Novice.....	2
No License.....	4
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<b>Total .....</b>	<b>232</b>

## 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 add can be up to 30 words in length and  
must be Amateur Radio related.

**Members = \$FREE!**

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**Non-Members=\$2.50**

(\$2.50 for ea. 30 words after first 30)

**WANTED**—Older VFO for Tube Type Transmitters. 7.5 MHz—Rob, KF6YLR (559) 227-6243

**FOR SALE**—1KW Ham Station—All or part—50% off. Call Ted Kizirian, W6UBK (559) 255-8098.

## January Birthdays

KG6AWB	JOHN MARTIN	KA6PNL	EDWIN VONDERBECK
KG6AWD	JOHN MARTIN	W7POR	GENE DAVIS
N6BYI	DAVID COLLINS	K0REO	GIL HERNANDEZ
K6CBR	FRANK JONES	KC6SPV	ERIC ANKNEY
K6ESL	JOHN McCONNELL	W6SRU	LLOYD BURNS
W6GV	RICHARD WILSON	WA6TOB	GARY GLEIM
K6HAU	JAMES LAUX	WB6UCQ	RAYMOND FIRTH
KE6LYI	ROBERT STUCKY	K6YRZ	JAY W (SKIP) TYSON
KB6NBT	CHARLES R WILCOX		

### Local Repeaters

Organization	Call sign	Location	Freq	Offset	Tone
Central California Amateur Communications (CCAC)		Meadow Lakes	146.790	-	141.3
		Meadow Lakes	223.780	-	141.3
		Meadow Lakes	444.250	+	141.3
Clovis Amateur Radio Pioneers (CARP)	K6ARP	Meadow Lakes	147.675	-	141.3
		Meadow Lakes	444.725	+	141.3
		Meadow Lakes	1286.300	-	141.3
		Joaquin Ridge	145.430	-	67.0
		Joaquin Ridge	224.880	-	141.3
		Joaquin Ridge	440.350	+	141.3
		Meadow Lakes	146.940	-	none
Fresno Amateur Radio Club (FARC)	W6TO	Meadow Lakes	223.940	-	none
		Meadow Lakes	444.200	+	none
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Kings Amateur Radio Club (KARC)	KA6Q	Hanford	145.110	-	100.0
		Castle Peak	147.240	+	100.0
		Santa Rita Peak	224.440	-	100.0
		Hanford	441.675	+	100.0
Madera Amateur Radio Club (MARC)	W6WGZ	Meadow Lakes	147.180	+	none
		Meadow Lakes	441.175	-	146.2
RACES	N6HEW		147.150	+	141.3
Tulare County Amateur Radio Club	WA6BAI	Blue Ridge	146.880	-	103.5

### 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 -

### FARC Website

I spoke with Craig, K6QI about being the FARC web master, and he accepted.

He has already applied for authorization with QSL.net for permission for a qsl.net/W6TO page and should be getting the OK soon. If you have any ideas, pictures, page info you can send it to:

k6qi@mediaone.net

Jim—KA6J



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New licenses can receive a free membership during the first calendar year licensed. You must provide a copy of your license with your application.

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**2002 F.A.R.C. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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

**Help Wanted:**

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