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Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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February Meeting

Friday February 8th, 7:00 pm at Cedar Lanes.

See Page 2 for program details.

DUES ARE DUE

Check the address label on your Skip. If there is no asterisk after your call sign, you need to get your dues in. Also the auto patch code will be changing soon, if you are not current - No Access Code - Plus March will be your last issue of the Skip news letter. Lets keep our new club president smiling and our new program director neck deep in resources, so he can bring us some fabulous activities.
-WA6HII

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

"The Prez Sez"

Harold Reeks – KF6CL

The January club meeting was well attended and I think everyone had a good time.

Thanks to Pat W6YEP and Chuck W6DPD for an interesting and informative program.

Donuts and coffee were again available at the meeting.

We also had a fine selection of drawing prizes to choose from.

Due to the closing of the restaurant at Cedar Lanes there was a question about our continued use of the meeting room. However after some additional negotiations with Cedar Lanes management we have been assured access at least the rest of this year...Good News!

As of this writing Pat W6YEP and his committee are hard at work on this years Hamfest. We are going to need lots of help to make this years event a success.

Be sure and check-in on our local area nets Sunday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. On the Fresno Repeater 146.940. The nets will keep you informed on all the local ham activities.

I want to remind everyone to support your club. Dues are due, it's only \$15.00 a year. A real bargain.

I hope to see a big crowd at our next club meeting Friday, February 8th, 7:00 p.m. Cedar Lanes. Bring a friend.

73's Harold Reeks - K F 6 C L

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Treasurer's Report

1/20/2002

Income:..... \$595.30
Expenses: \$177.00

Balances at end of Period:

Checking Account..... \$2,891.69
Savings Account \$3,985.00
Petty Cash on Hand \$50.00
Un-deposited Funds \$65.00
Total Cash \$6,991.69

Papers and Cans

Paper: (0 Loads 0 lbs) \$0.00
Cans: (0 Load)..... \$0.00

F.A.R.C. Membership

Full Memberships 88
Family Memberships 12
Comp Members..... 0
Life Members 15
Total Memberships 115

February Meeting

Our next regular club meeting will be on Friday, February 8th, at Cedar Lanes. Our programs will feature ham radio FM test equipment. — What is it and how is it used? Am I on frequency? How come the other operator sounds better? Bring your HT or mobile radio into the meeting. We can check your power and frequency right there! Paul—W6WYT and Ken—WA6IOB will give a layman's demo of what to expect in a new radio. Tank up on coffee 'n' donuts while to boys milk 50 watts out of your 2-watt HT.

-Pat Fennacy—W6YEP

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FARC receives an instant rebate or discount on new ARRL memberships processed in this manner.

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



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

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

01/03/2001

Members present: KF6CL, WA6HII, W6JWK, W6DPD, W6YEP, KA6J, K6YRZ, WA6OIB, W7POR, K6MI, Visiting KF6ZSW. Absent: WS6X.

The minutes from the previous Board of Directors meeting were read. W7POR motion to accept the minutes as read, WA6OIB second. Minutes approved as read.

Discussion: FARC equipment inventory. Harold, KF6CL requested the board compile a list of all FARC owned equipment. All present were in agreement. Harold will handle the task of performing the inventory, with Ken WA6OIB to assist.

Report: Web page. The new FARC web page is currently under construction, with Craig, K6QI taking on the task of webmaster. Craig has asked for any page content anyone may have to be e-mailed to him at K6QI@arrl.net. He has also requested pictures and a short biography from each board member to be included on the page. You can view the page at www.qsl.net/W6TO.

Discussion: Club treasury. Ken, WA6HII reported that while the club remains solvent, we do need to be concerned about future expenses. There was brief discussion about various ways to build the treasury to support future programs.

Discussion: Meeting location. Kim, KF6ZSW, reported that Cedar Lanes will soon be changing management. FARC has been notified that with this new management, we will be charged to continue use of the facility. Kim also reported that there is a possibility that Cedar Lanes may be soon be unavailable for us to use as our meeting place. It was decided to continue holding our meetings at Cedar Lanes through April, and begin immediately searching for a new location. Thanks to Kim, KF6ZSW for her efforts in assisting with this issue.

Discussion: Hamfest. This years hamfest, tentatively, as of this writing will be held at Riverland, on May 3-4. Vendors will be admitted free, but will be encouraged to donate raffle prizes. There will be a BBQ, door prizes, raffles, VE testing and overnight camping will be available for a fee. Pat W6YEP made a motion to accept the Riverland location, pending approval of Riverland management. John K6MI second. Motion carried with one opposed. Pat, W6YEP agreed to chair this years hamfest, with Ken WA6OIB and Kim KF6ZSW as co-chair.

Discussion: Field Day. The dates this year will be June 22-23. It was agreed to hold field day at the Pineridge school, as was last years field day, pending approval from the school. Ken, WA6OIB will contact the school and confirm our use on those dates. No field day chairman has been appointed as of this writing.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on January 30, 2002.

Board members requested e-mail notification in advance of scheduled board meetings. Secretary Jim, KA6J will notify all board members via e-mail on the Monday preceding a scheduled board meeting.

Discussion: FARC pic-nic. Ken, WA6OIB agreed to hold our annual club pic-nic at his home again this year. The date will tentatively be set for July 20, or July 27.

Discussion: The Policies of the Board of Directors, as attached to the FARC by-laws. John, W6JWK made a motion to eliminate the attachment in its entirety on the basis of its content being dated and irrelevant to the present board. There was a second by Skip, K6YRZ. Discussion: Ken, WA6OIB suggested not to eliminate, but to modify those existing as necessary. Discussion: Harold, KF6CL suggested the board vote to reject each item one by one if necessary, and to modify those items in need of change. Call for vote on the motion. 4 in favor, 6 opposed. Motion defeated.

New motion by Ken, WA6OIB. Motion to form a committee to evaluate the above mentioned policies, with that committee to report back to the board their recommendations on which policies to eliminate and/or modify. Second by Harold, KF6CL. Call for a vote on the motion. Carried with 4 opposed. The committee was not formed at this meeting.

Report: FARC meeting programs by Pat, W6YEP. January program will be on the Dxpedition to East Timor. February will be FM emission standards. There will be test equipment demos, and a talk on FM emission standards. March will be an Old and New. There will be demonstrations and displays of vintage Amateur equipment, and the new state of the art gear, with discussions on the operation of both.

Motion to adjourn at 09:15PM by WA6OIB, second by Gene W7POR.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Haynes, KA6J
Secretary.

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 147.675 - 141.3 Clovis (CARP)
 444.725 + 141.3
 1283.300 - 141.3
 8:00pm 145.230 - 141.3 OES MAR V
 47.330 + 100.0 Cal-Nev Swap
 145.210 -

Swap Section

Do you have a for Sale or Want?

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Place your for Sale or Want in the SKIP!
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Hy Gain 15 M beam 3 element \$40.00
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 Heavy duty transmitting type 300 ohm line \$20.00
 Small power transformers, coax, guy wires, rotor cables, tubes, sockets.

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February Birthdays

KG6DGW	MICHAEL STROUD	WB6QDK	BARBARA BENSON
W6DWU	BOB HAVEN	KE6THP	EVA MANLEY
KD6E	RON ZASTOVNIK	KD6WBA	DAVID HOGE
N6FUB	RICHARD POLSON	WS6X	JIM CLYMER JR
WB6GJG	DAVE FINLEY JR	KF6YLT	JONATHAN FEY
W6OW	JAMES STEINKRAUS	KA6Z	TOM KIPPS
KF6PEQ	PHIL STEFFORA		

Local Repeaters

Organization	Call sign	Location	Freq	Offset	Tone
Bulldog Repeater	N6MTS	Fresno State	145.230	-	141.3
Central California Amateur Communications (CCAC)		Meadow Lakes	146.790	-	141.3
		Meadow Lakes	223.780	-	141.3
		Meadow Lakes	444.250	+	141.3
		Meadow Lakes	444.725	+	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
Fresno Amateur Radio Club (FARC)	W6TO	Meadow Lakes	146.940	-	none
			223.940	-	none
			444.200	+	141.3
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		147.180	+	none
			441.175	-	146.2
RACES	N6HEW		147.150	+	141.3
Tulare County Amateur Radio Club	WA6BAI	Blue Ridge	146.880	-	103.5

Upcoming VE Exam Dates

03-Feb-2002

Sponsor: FRESNO ARC INC

Time: 01:00PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: CHARLES P MC CONNELL (559) 431-2038

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: SEVENTH DAY ADV CENTRAL CHURCH BEHIND RADIO PARK 2980 E YALE FRESNO, CA 93706

23-Feb-2002

Sponsor: TCARES

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: CARL H CROCI (209)962-7146

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: TUOLUMNE COUNTY LIBRARY 480 GREENLEY RD SONORA, CA 95370

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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cation.

2002 F.A.R.C. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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