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Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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## March Meeting

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

See Page 3 for program details.

### DUES ARE DUE

#### MEMBERSHIP IS DOING GREAT!

We are getting memberships in daly. This is just a reminder: if you haven't sent your dues in; do it now! Check the address label on your Skip. If there is no asterisk after your call sign, you need to mail your check in today or pay at the March 8th meeting. I hope to see you all there! Remember, one benefit of membership is access to the auto patch and the code will be changing soon.

Kim—KF6ZSW

## "The Prez Sez"

Harold Reeks – KF6CL

By the time you read this column we will be well along with the planning of this years Hamfest. Be sure and reserve the weekend of May 3-4; that's the time. The place will be back at Riverland Resort next to the Kings River and highway 99. Come down Friday evening and join us around the campfire where we can swap tails about our great ham radio experiences. Once again overnight camping will be available. Swap tables will be open first thing Saturday morning so be there early, hot coffee and donuts will be ready when you get there. Pat;w6yep; is this years chairman and he is going to need lots of help to make this years Hamfest a success. This is a good opportunity for you new hams to get acquainted. So contact Pat and offer to help. This is a club event and we need your support. Look for updates as information becomes available. Be sure to check in on the Wednesday and Sunday night nets on 146.940 - for all club news and updates on the Hamfest. Good news on our meeting place at Cedar Lanes... the restaurant is re-opening, so join our group for dinner March 8,02. We usually get together about 6:00pm. The club meeting starts at 7:00pm. Last months meeting was well attended and was very informative. This month I promise to have enough chairs for everyone. Look for another interesting program from Pat, he will elaborate further in his news article.

Well that looks like it for this month. ...73's Harold KF6CL

### 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



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The Fresno Amateur Radio Club meets at Cedar Lanes the 2nd Friday of each month unless otherwise noted.

Fresno Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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## Treasurer's Report

02/20/2002

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Income:..... \$ 870.24  
Expenses: .....\$ 226.03  
Checking: .....\$3,390.90  
Savings: .....\$3,985.00  
Petty Cash: .....\$ 50.00  
Total: .....\$7,425.90

### Papers and Cans:

Papers: 5,117 lbs. \$ 115.15

**F.A.R.C. Membership: 159**

## Papers and Cans

Club Members please bring your papers and cans to the monthly meeting at Cedar Lanes. We will have vehicles their to deposit them in. Individual pickups have become to time consuming and costly, and will no longer be made. The club is grateful to those members who donate their papers and cans. The money received helps keep the club treasury solvent. Thanks for your support.

Ted K6FGE

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## 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.

Please provide material electronically if possible.

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## ARRL

Join the ARRL through FARC

The Club benefits with each NEW membership. Send completed ARRL membership form with payment made out to F.A.R.C. to:

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

## March Meeting

This month's club program will feature radio receivers and transmitters dating back to 1921. That's before FM was Fming. Included in this mobile museum will be Collins, Hammerlund, Heathkit and Gonset goodies "glowing in the dark." one or two rigs just off the assembly line will balance out the "state of the art" department. Some of the boxes will be turned on for the first time in years. The Fire Department and PG&E will be standing by. Got a neat radio? Show it off at our March 8th meeting at Cedar Lanes. Peek down the big horn speaker. The RCA dog's in there.

Pat Fennacy—W6YEP

## OES ACS MAR V

The California State Office of Emergency Services Mutual Aid Region V Auxiliary Communications Service is now active. OES ACS has appointed Ramon Floro (K6BD) as MAR V ACS Officer and Kent LeBarts (K6IN) as the Assistant ACS Officer.

MAR V ACS is now holding monthly training meetings and a net every Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. on the N6MTS Repeater at 145.230 MHz.

Anyone interested in joining or want information on the OES ACS, please check into the net on Thursday.

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**January 31, 2002**

Members Present: WA6HII, KF6CL, KA6J, W6DPD, WS6X, W6YEP, W7POR, W6JWK, K6MI. Visiting KF6ZSW, W6PSQ.  
Absent: WA6OIB

The meeting was called to order by President Harold, KF6CL at 07:28PM.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Hamfest: As of this meeting, there is not a firm commitment for the hamfest location. Numerous scheduling conflicts have surfaced. Every member of the board will continue to investigate possible locations.

Equipment Inventory: Harold, KF6CL and Ken, WA6OIB will proceed with an inventory of the club equipment.

The CW trailer needs new wheels and tires, and minor wiring repair. Pat, W6YEP motion to allocate \$250.00 to repair the trailer. Gene, W7POR second. Motion carried.

Policy Committee: John, K6MI agreed to chair the committee that will review the old "Policies of the Board of Directors", and recommend changes to the board. WA6OIB, KF6CL, and W6DPD will be on the committee.

### NEW BUSINESS:

The letter of resignation was read from Skip. K6YRZ. Motion to accept the resignation by Gene, W7POR. Second by K6MI. Motion carried with one abstain.

Jim, KA6J read the minutes from the previous board meeting. The minutes recorded on page two, PP 4 are amended as follows:

- "Discussion: John, W6JWK made a motion to eliminate the "Policies of the Board of Directors" that were drafted in 1971, 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."

Motion to accept the minutes as amended by W7POR. Second by W6YEP. Minutes approved.

Motion to accept Kim, KF6ZSW to fill the available position of

treasurer by Jim WS6X. Second by Pat, W6YEP. Motion carried.

Ken, WA6HII is stepping down from the treasurer's position. Jim, WS6X had been asked prior to fill the position and reported that he will be unable. Kim, KF6ZSW offered to accept the position. Chuck, W6DPD motion to accept Kim as treasurer. K6MI second. Motion carried.

Discussion: Skip newsletter expense. Jimmy, W6PSQ and Kim, KF6ZSW offered to investigate cost cutting options and will report to the board.

Jimmy, W6PSQ made a recommendation to the board that they develop a formal budget. Time did not allow further discussion. The board will re-visit the issue at a future board meeting.

Discussion: Coffee expense at the general meetings. The club is losing money. Many members are not contributing. There was discussion about charging members for the coffee and doughnuts. It was decided to make the need for financial support known in lieu of charging, and if the loss continues then charging may be the only alternative.

Discussion: Conduct during the Sunday night net. Recent events prompted discussion about the conduct of an individual during the net. The board wishes to express its concern that future conduct of this nature will not be tolerated, and could possibly result in legal action.

Discussion: Interference to our repeater. The interference to the .94 repeater by bay area stations was discussed. It was suggested to PL the repeater. (141.3). The board recommends investigation into 'selective' PL. W6YEP and WA6OIB will investigate 'best practice' and report to the board.

Pat, W6YEP made a motion to allocate \$20.00 to register our repeater with NARC. K6MI second. Motion carried. W7POR was appointed as our NARC representative.

Pat, W6YEP requested the board consider the possibility of the club getting involved in IRLP, (internet repeater linking project), and linking our UHF system to HF. The board responded favorably, and it was decided to table the issue until Ken, WA6OIB is present.

Discussion: W6TO license plates. The board made recommendation that the W6TO plates, which were left on our van when sold, be returned.

Motion to close the meeting by Gene, W7POR. Second by John, W6JWK.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM

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  
 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  
 147.330 + 100.0 Cal-Nev Swap  
 145.210 -

## March Birthday Greetings to:

W6ZYZR, Frank Maul; KF6ZXO, Guss Keith;  
 WA6YYY, Doug Johnson; W6YEP, Pat Fennacy;  
 W6RUJ, Robert Bondurant; WB6QWT, J.W. Pow-  
 ers; KE6OUG, Bill Parent; KC6LYS, Gerrilyn Pe-  
 terson; AC6LT, Jack Baker, Sr.; KF6KDC, Barbara  
 Powell Quillin; W6JXY, Jack Mirigian; WA6ITN,  
 Bob Allen; N6IQ, Claude May; KG6ENP, Jackie  
 Orpe; KF6ECA, John Dillion; W6DPD, Chuck  
 McConnell; AC6DK, Dick Kullberg; KG6DAM,  
 Keith Lightfoot; WA6CTR, Paul Sullivan;  
 KG6BXZ, Pat Martin; KA6BLD, Cecil Nuckels;  
 and K6BD, Ramon Floro

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## 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
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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
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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		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

## VE Exam Report 2/3/02

### 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.

- 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

On Feb. 3, 2002, 20 candidates took 22 exam elements. There were the following licenses earned: Technician 12, Technician with HF 1, General 1, Extra 2.

The following VEs participated as examiners: W6DPD, KF6QJM, WB6QDN, KE6SHL, W6GV, AC6TO, W6BBS, WB6C, AC6LT, and KK6LT.

The next sessions will be March 10 in Oakhurst and Hanford, April 13 in Madera, and May 5 in Fresno.

### Swap Section

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cation.

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License Class	Year First Licensed: _____		

