



April 2002

Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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April Meeting

Friday April 12th, 7:00 pm at Cedar Lanes.

See Page 3 for program details.

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"The Prez Sez"

We all had a good time at last months meeting. Pat had a very nice selection of vintage radio equipment on display. Also it was fun to see some of this equipment operating and hear the history and stories connected to it.

We are going to try and make this program a yearly event. Thanks to all those who brought in there equipment. Congratulations to Chuck W6DPD on his appointment as Affiliated Club Coordinator for ARRL S J V section.

Plans are progressing on Hamfest 02, if you check ARRL web you will see our Hamfest announcement listed. Remember the date May 3 and 4. The Hamfest actually gets underway Sat. morning the 4th. but all indications point to a bunch of early birds arriving Friday afternoon to spend the night. My plans are to have a get together Friday night, a pot luck or community BBQ would be fun. Good food brings good friends together, i'm open for suggestions. If you can let me know how many of you plan to be down Friday it would be helpful. Remember you will have to make camping arrangements with Riverland Resort phone (559)897-5166. Be sure and let them know you are with the Fresno Amateur Radio Club group.

Saturday morning is when things really get going so be there early. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

Something I would like to talk about this month is event participation. The meetings have been well attended and our membership is growing. What I would like to see is an effort by all club members to bring a friend someone who might have an interest in ham radio if they were exposed to it. There are some old timers that may need a ride or just don't like to drive at night, give them a call invite them to our next meeting. I want to encourage all those new hams to get involved join our club and have some fun. The next meeting will be April 12th. at 7 pm at Cedar Lanes corner of Cedar and Shields.

See you all there...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.

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Treasurer's Report

03/20/2002

Income:422.60
Expenses:25.00
Checking:3,788.50
Savings:3,985.00
Petty Cash:50.00
Total:\$ 7,773.50

Papers and Cans:

Cans: 86 lbs:94.50
Plastic: 5.6 lbs:2.75
Total:\$97.25

F.A.R.C Membership: 180

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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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

April Meeting

LINEAR AMPS

The program for FARC April meeting will focus on what's available in high frequency (HF) linear amplifiers. Which units are dreamboats and which ones are a pain in the final? What's grounded grid? Do transistors really have more fun?

On display will be a Ten-Tec Titan (pair of 3CX500s), a Collins 30L1 (four 811s), a faithful Yaesu FL2100 (pair of 572Bs) and a really grand-daddy, the infamous Harris-Gates HFL-1000 (single 4CX1000). A couple of the units will be open for inspection. Which rig is the one your mother warned you about?

Please don't pour coffee down the blower exhaust! If you do, we'll all be singing "That's the night the lights went out in Georgia (or Fresno)". See you at the meeting, y'all.

Pat Fennacy—W6YEP

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 -

W6DPD appointed San Joaquin Valley ARRL Section Manager

ARRL Field and Educational Services Manager Rosalie White, K1STO, has appointed Charles P. "Chuck" McConnell, W6DPD, of Fresno, California, to replace Don Costello, W7WN, as ARRL San Joaquin Valley Section Manager.

McConnell will take office April 1. W6DPD served as SJV Section Communications Manager/Section Manager from 1976 to 1989, as Pacific Division Vice Director in 1989 and 1990 and as Pacific Division Director until 1993--following the election of Rod Stafford, KB6ZV (now W6ROD), as ARRL Vice President. He continues as Pacific Division Assistant Director.

McConnell also is Affiliated Club Coordinator, and he continues to hold Official Relay Station and Official Bulletin Station appointments in San Joaquin Valley. Costello has served as SJV SM from January 1997. His leadership skills in public information and emergency communications are also noted through his Public Information Coordinator position for SJV (since February 1994) and as Emergency Coordinator (since January 1998). Prior to his first term as SM, he served as an Assistant Section Manager, starting September 1996.

Editors Note: Congratulations Chuck! We know you will do a great job.

OES ACS MAR V

The California State Office of Emergency Services Mutual Aid Region V Auxiliary Communications Service net is every Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. on the N6MTS Repeater at 145.230 MHz.

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

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PO Box 783,
Fresno, CA 93712
The club benefits with each one processed

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 |
| 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 |
| | | Joaquin Ridge | 440.350 | + | 141.3 |
| Fresno Amateur Radio Club (FARC) | W6TO | Meadow Lakes | 146.940 | - | none |
| | | Meadow Lakes | 223.940 | - | none |
| | | Meadow Lakes | 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 | Madera | 147.180 | + | none |
| | | Madera | 441.175 | - | 146.2 |
| RACES | N6HEW | | 147.150 | + | 141.3 |
| Tulare County Amateur Radio Club | WA6BAI | Blue Ridge | 146.880 | - | 103.5 |

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:

F. A. R. C.—P.O. Box 783 -Fresno, CA 93712

Silent Key

Frank Maul, W6ZYR, became a Silent Key on Saturday March 23, 2002.

Frank worked in broadcast TV for McClatchey Broadcasting (Channel 24) before his retirement.

April Birthday Greetings to:

KG6BBZ, Barney Schwedler; N6GPA, Biggie Burkholder; W6FRH, Bob Hervatine; KD6HTV, Christopher Denny; KG6HTE, David Blevins; N6BWW, Frank Bowen; WB6TGW, John Young; KF6DSR, Judy Haman; WA6HII, Ken Griffin; WB6YDE, Mike Bavoso; K6XJ, Perry Foster; KE6BDC, Tom Adams; N6DBH, Varoujan Kalinian; and K6ANM, Verne Johnson.

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The Technical Information Service (tis@arrl.org) has been around for a long time, but, thanks to the addition of new staff, it has an all new face! Questions on topics ranging from A (antennas) to Z (Zener diodes), and just about anything in between, are answered by expert ARRL Technical Coordinators and Technical Specialists in the field and at ARRL Headquarters. Our Headquarters technical staff will help you over the phone, refer you to a volunteer ARRL Technical Specialist in your area, or send you the needed information from a growing collection of information packages. For really difficult questions, one of our Laboratory Engineers will research our technical library and send you an answer by postal or electronic mail.

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 28, 2002

Members present: KF6CL, KF6ZSW, WA6HII, W6JWK, W7POR, WS6X, KA6J, WA6OIB, W6DPD, W6YEP. Visiting: KF6YLR. Absent: K6ML

The meeting was called to order by President Harold, KF6CL at 07:00PM.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion: Presenting minutes in SKIP before formal board approval. It was noted that the minutes are official documents of the club even before board approval, and thus should be worthy of publication. The secretary will however, electronically transmit the minutes as soon as they are compiled to each board member. Any corrections will be noted within five days of transmission, otherwise they will be submitted to the SKIP editor for publication. Upon formal approval of the minutes at the next board meeting, any corrections will also be noted in the next SKIP.

Discussion and committee report: The policies of the board of director's revision. The following is a brief recap of the board's decision on the following policies:

- Item# 1. Delete
- Item# 2. Retain
- Item# 3. Delete
- Item# 4. Delete
- Item# 5. Retain
- Item# 6. Retain with changes.
- Item# 7. Delete
- Item# 8. Delete
- Item# 9. Delete
- Item# 10. Retain with changes
- Item# 11. Delete

Additional policies were also presented by Gene, W7POR. Since these policies were not a result of the direction given the committee by the board, they will have to be presented at a later date as a new agenda item.

The above policies and their revisions will be published in their entirety upon completion by the club president Harold, KF6CL.

Hamfest Report: Pat, W6YEP. The facility has been secured for a fee of \$250.00. The lunch will be tri-tip sandwiches and additional items. There is still a need for a prize chairman. Parking will be handled by Lee, AC6WS. There will be four major raffle drawings, as well as the radio raffle. It was also suggested that we have director's prizes. The budget for the raffle prizes was set at \$800.00. There was also budgeted \$130.00 for tables and chairs, and other minor necessary items. The total

budget for the hamfest should be approximately \$2000.00.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurers report by Kim, KF6ZSW: Total paid membership to date, 164. Total income \$920.24. Total expenses \$471.03. Total cash on hand \$7230.90.

W6TO license plates: The plates have been recovered and will be reassigned to the CW trailer. Thanks to Skip, K6YRZ for his help in securing the plates.

New phone patch code will go into effect the first week of April.

Field day location has been confirmed. This year will be again at the Pineridge School.

SKIP: Rob, KF6YLR was present at this meeting to give the board information on the Skip publication expense. There was discussion on various ways to better control the expense. The size of the publication, optional electronic delivery, and advertising rates were some of the items examined. No formal decision reached.

Rob requested that all contributions to Skip be sent to him no later than the 20th of each month. There was discussion about the number of free issues mailed. The list was examined, and some recipients were deleted. The advertising rates will be printed in each issue of Skip. It was decided that the following advertising rates will be adopted: 25.00 for business card size, 35.00 for ¼ page, 65.00 for ½ page and 100.00 for a full page, annually. The rates will become effective June 2002. WA6OIB motion to approve the above advertising rates. WS6X second. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to close the meeting at 09:20PM.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Haynes, KA6J
Secretary



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