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Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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June Meeting—June 14, 7 PM, M2
A film on Amateur Microwave Project

FIELD DAY
June 22 & 23

Weekly Gatherings
Country Waffles:

Saturday & Monday mornings-7:00 a.m.
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Silver Dollar Hofbrau:

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"The Prez Sez"

I want to thank everyone who participated in this years Hamfest. All reports are that everybody had a good time. Nothing but rave reviews on the tri-tip sandwich lunch. The prizes both selection and quantity were outstanding. The weather was perfect and Riverland is a great place to hold a Hamfest. The turnout for the swap tables was also very good, looks like a lot of equipment changed hands.

One thing for sure about any club event like Hamfest it takes a team effort to make it successful, and we had a really great team this year, no matter what the job somebody stepped up and volunteered and the job got done. This is a list of helpers as I have it...Paul KF6QJM, John KF6ECA, Rob KF6YLR, Gene W7POR, Kim KF6ZSW, Bob WA6ITN and grandson, Richard KF6SHL, Barbara KF6KDC, Pat W6YEP, Charles KR6KR and wife Janice, Gary KF6SMO, John K6MI, Keith KA6LAC, John KF6SVI, Ted K6FGE, Ken WA6OIB, Gwynne WA6VZM, and my wife Edith. I know I missed some people but to all who helped I thank you very much you did a fantastic job.

The next thing on the agenda is Field Day the third weekend in June the 22-23. The place is the same as last year Pineridge School at the top of Tollhouse Road. A preliminary meeting was called by this years chairman Bert WA6PTG at Cedar Lanes May 8th. Everything is progressing very well but we will need lots of help. Another Field Day meeting has been planned for Wed. June 5th. at 6:30 p.m. at my home. I live in the Cedar Lanes area talk in on Fresno repeater. Make your plans now to come up and join us for a fun filled Field Day weekend. We

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Savings:\$ 3,989.90
Petty Cash:\$ 50.00
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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.

- 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

Attention SKIP contributors

The new deadline is the 15th of the month. If you have something for the SKIP newsletter please get it to the editor no later than the 15th of the month in order for it to be printed in the following months SKIP.

Articles can be emailed to skip@oldtuberadio.com

F.A.R.C. Website

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING FRESNO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB EVENTS:

June 22-23	Field Day Pine Ridge School
July TBA	Club Picnic Ken, WA6OIB & Gwynne, WA6VZM Holden's
Aug. 9	Gen. Meeting Cedar Lanes
Sept. 13	Gen. Meeting Cedar Lanes
Oct. 11	Gen. Meeting Cedar Lanes
Nov. 8	Gen.Mt./Annual Swap Cedar Lanes
Dec. 14	Christmas Dinner/Awards TBA

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Bulldog Repeater	N6MTS	Fresno State	145.230	-	141.3
Central Cal Amateur Communications		Meadow Lakes	146.790	-	141.3
		Meadow Lakes	223.780	-	141.3
		Meadow Lakes	444.250	+	141.3
		Meadow Lakes	147.675	-	141.3
Clovis Amateur Radio Pioneers (CARP)		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
Madera County Amateur Radio Club (MCARC)	W6WGZ		147.180	+	none
			441.175	-	146.2
Fresno County RACES	N6HEW		147.150	+	141.3
Tulare County Amateur Radio Club	WA6BAI	Blue Ridge	146.88	-	103.5



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need help to put up antennas run generators operate the CW and SSB stations also take down Sun. morning. We will have a Sat. evening meal and soft drinks for those who participate, also Sun morning breakfast. This is a good opportunity for you new hams to operate HF, find out the fun you are missing and up grade. More info to follow.

Other club activities of note are the club picnic at Ken Holden's in Aug. the Christmas awards banquet this fall both are still in the planning stage. Last but not least is the clubs SCHOLARSHIP FUND of \$250.00 given to a student at Fresno City College. This is funded by your generous donations of papers and cans. Also I want to mention the hard work of Ted K6FGE and his crew in collecting those papers and cans. Keep up the good work it's a great project. That's it for this month ...

73s to all...Harold KF6CL

June Birthday Greetings to:

W6CSK, Benny Williams; W6SAY, Eugene Lai; KF6GKC, Jim Bianchi; WA6PTG, Burt Wilcox; KD6HIF, Jim Kellogg; KE6FUR, Larry Flaming; KG6ALG, Phil Cover; KG6ALF, Randy Orpe; KF6LXB, Terry Horak; and KG6IYX, Zachary Ledbetter.

EMCOMM 2002 at CART

Mayor Jose Flores and Bill Pennington were at CART last Saturday May 18, 2002 as guest speakers at the EMCOMM 2002 event. The mayor thanked all those who were and are still involved in emergency communications and services. Several communications experts were recognized for their dedication and contribution to emergency services and communications. Bill Pennington of the Office of Emergency Services (OES) talked about the inter-action of agencies and local governments during times of emergencies. Charles McConnell (W6DPD), ARRL Section Manager for the San Joaquin Valley, represented the ARRL.

Representatives from different groups and agencies spoke about their organization. Those represented were CHP, CAP, ARRL, ARES, RACES, OES/ACS, REACT, Clovis FD, CDF/Fresno County Fire, Channel 47 and CARS. Different communications vehicles, vans and trailers were on site for static display. Fire trucks, law enforcement vehicles and an ambulance were there for the public to check out. This was the first EMCOMM ever held in the San Joaquin Valley. There are plans for making this an annual event. Students from CART helped plan and host the event.

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Landmark Bill Could Provide Amateurs Relief from Restrictive Covenants

From the ARRL Website

NEWINGTON, CT, May 15, 2002--A bill introduced in Congress May 14 could provide relief to amateurs prevented by private deed covenants, conditions and restrictions--CC&Rs--from installing outdoor antennas. Rep Steve Israel (D-NY) introduced the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act." The measure--H.R. 4720--would require private land-use regulators to "reasonably accommodate" Amateur Radio antennas consistent with the limited federal preemption known as PRB-1, which now applies only to states and municipalities. Rep Greg Walden, WB7OCE (R-OR)--the only Amateur Radio operator in Congress--and Rep Pete Sessions (R-TX) have signed on as original cosponsors.

The measure contains but one sentence: "For purposes of the Federal Communications Commission's regulation relating to station antenna structures in the Amateur Radio Service (47 CFR 97.15), any private land use rules applicable to such structures shall be treated as a state or local regulation and shall be subject to the same requirements and limitations as a state or local regulation."

H.R. 4720 was expected to be assigned to the Telecommunications and Internet Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

After the ARRL ran into a brick wall trying to convince the FCC to include CC&Rs under the limited federal preemption known as PRB-1, the League's Board of Directors agreed to pursue a congressional remedy. ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, and other League officials met with Israel, Walden, Sessions and others on Capitol Hill earlier this year to discuss the prospect of such a bill and how it should be worded. With the proposal now in the legislative hopper, Haynie says the "really hard work" is up to the amateur community, League members or not.

"It becomes important for all of us to write your congressman, call your congressman and voice your support," Haynie said. "This will have to be a grassroots effort, and we're going to pull out all the stops."

Israel, whose father, Howard, is K2JCC, said in a statement read into the Congressional Record that his bill would subject private land-use regulations to the provisions of the FCC's PRB-1 preemption policy.

"Under current law, the FCC does not apply this policy consistently," Israel said, noting that PRB-1 now applies only to state and local zoning and land-use regulation of ham radio antennas. "My bill addresses this issue and provides amateur radio licensees with the ability to negotiate reasonable accommodation provisions with homeowners' associations, just as they do now with public land-use regulators."

Haynie said the measure "doesn't mean you can put up whatever you want to put up, but at least it brings the people to the table so you can negotiate something." He said the important thing to point out is that the bill, if passed by both houses of Congress and signed by the president, would give amateurs living under CC&Rs an opportunity for reasonable accommodation they don't have now, without getting involved in expensive and time-consuming litigation.

In his statement, Israel called CC&Rs "a growing challenge" to Amateur Radio's ability to provide public service communication. Good faith negotiations, he said, "ensure that an amateur radio operator's technical needs are met, while preserving the aesthetics and interests of a neighborhood."

In urging his colleagues to support the legislation, Israel said the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act "will help to protect the vital function of Amateur Radio as an emergency communications and public safety resource."

The ARRL encourages members of the amateur community to contact their congressional representatives and urge them to sign on as co-sponsors and to support the H.R. 4720. Visit the US House of Representatives "Write Your Representative Service" Web page for information on how to contact your representative. A sample letter can be found on the ARRLWeb.

The League requests those writing or e-mailing members of Congress--whether or not they are supporting this legislation--to copy ARRL on their correspondence--via e-mail to ccr-bill@arrl.org or via US Mail to CC&R Bill, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. Correspondents should include the bill number, H.R. 4720, as well as their name and address on all correspondence.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT: KF6CL, KF6ZSW, W7POR, W6DPD, W6JWK, KA6J, WS6X, WA6OIB. Visiting KE6SHL.

ABSENT: WA6HII, K6MI.

The meeting was called to order by President Harold, KF6CL at 9:00pm.

The minutes of the previous board meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers report: Total paid members to date, 205. Total income for the period 899.53. Expenses 1657.16.

OLD BUSINESS:

Scholarship: There was a question raised by John, W6JWK, concerning stipulations attached to the FARC scholarship. Primarily that there be no stipulations attached in regards to race, color creed or sex. It was affirmed that there were no such stipulations.

Christmas Dinner: Kim, KF6ZSW reported that she has checked menus and meeting rooms at the Santa Fe Basque and Cedar Lanes. Further details will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Hamfest Report: Pat W6YEP reports that most all preparations are in place for the hamfest. Coffee will be started at 6:30am, with the price for coffee and a doughnut to be 1.00. Lunch will be served at 11:30 and will be 5.00 for the sandwich and beans, and 1.00 for a drink.

Equipment Report: Harold, KF6CL has completed the FARC equipment inventory and reported to the board.

Repeater interference: It was decided to ask Ken, WA6OIB to immediately activate the two-meter repeater PL, to be set to 141.3, during the commute

hours. This should eliminate the interference we have from bay area stations. Ken indicated he could have the PL working by 5/3/2002. Motion to PL the repeater during the above mentioned times by W7POR. Second by WS6X.

Motion by John W6JWK to move to a Committee of the Whole for discussion. Second by W6DPD.

Return from Committee of the Whole.

NEW BUSINESS:

The deadline for submission to SKIP has been moved to the 15th of each month.

Chuck, W6DPD raised the question over the price of advertising in SKIP. He indicated that our rates are extremely low and should be revised. It was decided that since the rates have been published, and current advertisers invoiced, we would revisit the issue at the end of the year.

June Meeting: Although it was published that there would not be a general meeting until August, the board would like to investigate the possibility of having a meeting in June.

Field Day: Radios needed for field day. Bert, field day chairman will get any assistance needed from the board.

Sunday two-meter net: There was brief discussion over non-members being called during the roll call. Only members will be called during roll call. Gene, W7POR will adjust the preamble accordingly as to eliminate any confusion.

Motion to adjourn at 9:04pm by John, W6JWK. Second by Jim, WS6X.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Jim Haynes
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