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Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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**Aug. Meeting, Aug. 9th, 7PM at Cedar Lanes (Cedar & Shields),
Program To Be Announced On The Net**

Weekly Gatherings

Country Waffles:

Saturday & Monday mornings 7:00 a.m.
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"The Prez Sez"

I am writing this article from my travel trailer, parked near a little town in Oregon, named Lincoln City. We left Fresno on the first of July and have been traveling from place to place enjoying beautiful weather except for one day, the very day we had reservations to go salmon fishing. The wind was just too strong to go out, so we'll try again later.

It has been great fun making contacts and checking into the various nets. One contact I made was particularly interesting. It was the morning our salmon trip was canceled. We drove out on a point next to the ocean and I was tuning around 75 meters when "lo and behold" I heard a familiar voice! It was Gene, W7POR giving the weather report for Madera and it was to be another hot day in the valley. We were able to make contact and I told him about the 75 degree weather we have been having; eat your heart out, Gene.

I want to thank everyone who attended our Field Day. I haven't seen the final point totals yet, but I know it was a successful Field Day because everyone was having a good time. Also we introduced Ham Radio to some new young people, and we had some "first time" HF operators as well.

This is a list, as I have it, of those who participated in this year's event:

Jim WS6X, Bob W6FRH, Perry K6XJ, John KF6ECA, Benny KW6N, Robert KG6KMN, Richard KE6SHL, Joel KD6PCZ, Pat W6YEP, Lee AC6WS, Ken, WA6OIB, Keith KA6LAC, Lois N6MLD, Craig K6QI, Jim KE6SHK and his wife Lucy, Bill KF4EOP, Gwynne WA6VZM, ED KC6LPL, Bob WA6ITN, Gene W7POR, Kim KF6ZSW, Pat KG6BXZ, John KG6AWB, My wife

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6/14/02-7/16/02

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Expenses:\$ 552.74
Checking:\$ 2,678.21
Savings:\$ 5,095.06
Petty Cash:\$ 50.00
Total:\$ 7,823.27

Papers and Cans:4,940.4 lbs. , \$174.06

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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

ARRL in Search of LGL's

The Local Government Liaison (LGL) appointment is available to ARRL members who are interested in monitoring city and county government for ordinances that may contain items that are not in the best interest of Amateur Radio. Every city and county should have someone watching them. The appointee can get on the agenda mailing list for the planning commission and city council/board of supervisors so he/she can be aware of the pending issues to be considered. This is an important position. If you are interested in a LGL appointment, contact your SM, the information in on page 12 of QSTor at w6dpd@arrl.org

Charles McConnell W6DPD
Section Manager, San Joaquin Valley Section

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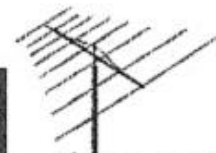


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PREZ SEZ (continued from page 1)

Edith and I KF6CL. Also thanks to Ted, K6FGE for bringing the CW trailer up to the site. I'm sure I have missed some and for this, I apologize.

The next big club event will be the Picnic. Ken WA6OIB and Gwynne WA6VZM are once again graciously hosting this event. The date is Saturday, July 27th. Make this one, if at all possible; we always have great food and good company.

Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend as we will be in Kalispell, Montana visiting our granddaughter and her husband, and the weekend of the 19th and 20th we will be attending the Glacier-Waterton Hamfest. After traveling this far, we want to take in some of this beautiful country.

Remember to save your papers and cans for the club; it's what pays for the scholarship and helps us stay in the black.

Well, that's it from here,
73 Harold KF6CL

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

LETTERS TO SKIP

8 July 2002

Persons:

I just received Volume 63, Issue 7, of Skip. Some of you might recognize that as the July 2002 issue.

It is really nice to learn that I am not getting any older. I used to celebrate my birthday on 21 July, having been born 21 July 1937.

But this latest issue, showing the July Birthdays, leaves me out. I guess that qualifies for two events:

[A] I am not having a birthday this year, and,

[B] The Boner award can go to the person responsible for this list, if it turns out that I do have a birthday.

Changing subjects, I was very happy to see the differences between pink and white noise explained. I learned it slightly differently, based on spectrum and bandwidth, but this explanation seems to work.

I appreciate the membership roster. That does help quite a bit.

I enjoyed reading the article about CW. Having once been a CW operator at Field Day for the club, I am in favour of keeping CW on the test. Being able to use another mode of transmission (spit in the mike) is not the parameter - it should be whether a person is able to communicate and knows how the thing operates.

Well, that's it for now. As another HAM used to say, "Oh Well."

73

Stuart Home -WB6VRJ
Fresno, CA

SKIP NOTE: Sorry to report to you Stu, but you are indeed getting older! Unfortunately your birthday information was not in the data base. It is only as good as what the members give us. Evidently, it was not provided the last time you filled out the membership form. Believe it or not, some members don't want us to know, HI. Happy Birthday!



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HIGHER AMATEUR VANITY CALL SIGN FEE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 9

The FCC has officially set \$14.50 as the cost to apply for, renew or reinstate an Amateur Radio vanity call sign. According to a Report and Order adopted July 3, the new fee will become effective for applications received on or after September 9. The current vanity fee is \$12 for the 10-year license term. The FCC had proposed the new, higher fee in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (MD Docket No. 02-64) released March 27 to set Fiscal Year 2002 fees. In its R&O, the FCC took the opportunity to justify its charging the vanity fee for vanity renewals as well as for initial applications. In comments filed in the proceeding, the FCC said, Steven Karty, N5SK, and William J. Hanrahan, W1WH, supported the payment of a regulatory fee to cover the initial administrative cost but questioned having to pay the fee upon renewal. Hanrahan suggested that the FCC should be able to reasonably adjust the fee it charges initial vanity call sign applicants based upon actual administrative costs and that renewals should not incur any additional overhead. "Further, subsequent to the initial license term, no distinction should be made between vanity calls and systemically assigned calls," Hanrahan commented. The FCC now distinguishes between vanity and sequential call signs in its database as "HV" and "HA" respectively. The FCC said that because it continues to incur costs related to vanity call signs even after their issuance or renewal, it believes the regulatory fee at renewal is appropriate. "Section 9 of the Communications Act, as amended, provides for the recovery of the Commission's costs associated with its enforcement, policy and rulemaking, user information, and international activities," the FCC said in its Report and Order. "Every day, Commission staff are engaged in activities involving amateur vanity call signs, such as protecting the assignment of vanity call signs, investigating complaints on the improper or illegal usage of call signs, requests for call signs that are already assigned to someone else, and all related research that is necessary to insure the proper assignment of call signs." The FCC said it must collect nearly \$218.8 million through regulatory fees to recover its costs for FY2002. That's \$18.6 million--or approximately 9.3 percent--more than the amount designated for recovery through regulatory fees in FY2001. Of the total, the FCC estimated vanity fee revenue for FY2002 at \$130,500. The FCC has estimated that 9000 applicants would apply for vanity call signs in FY2002. A copy of the FCC Report and Order is available on the FCC Web site <http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-02-205A1.doc>.

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 -

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GARY	PAYNE	KE6CZ
JAMES	ISGRIGG	KF6FIL
JIM	HICKS	KB0PVQ
JOHN	McGRAW	KF6SVI
KEN	HOLDEN	WA6OIB
LARRY	VALENTI	K6PN
NICK	HAUCK	K6QPE
ROBERT	ROOD	KG6KMN
RUDY	RULLODA	AA6IZ
SOLOMON	WELLS	KD6GHC
WILLIAM A	HOEY	KF4EOP
WILLIAM R	SUTTON	KG6ZO

If you would like to share your birthday with other FARC members, please make sure you let us know by including all information on your application form or contact Kim Davis—KF6ZSW

Helpful Amateur Radio Websites

http://www.arrl.org	The ARRL website
http://www.qrz.com	QRZ Callsign Database
http://www.qsl.net	Free email and Website

Local Clubs Websites

CARP—Clovis Amateur Radio Pioneers	http://www.oldtuberadio.com/carp
FARC—Fresno Amateur Radio Club	http://www.qsl.net/w6to
KARC-Kings Amateur Radio Club	http://www.qsl.net/ka6q
MARC-Mountain Amateur Radio Club	http://www.w6bw.org/
MCARC-Madera County Amateur Radio Club	http://www.qsl.net/w6wgz/

F.A.R.C. Website

<http://www.qsl.net/w6to>

CC&R BILL HR 4720 GAINS ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

from the ARRL Letter dated: July 19, 2002

The bill now in Congress aimed at providing relief to amateurs faced with private deed covenants, conditions and restrictions--CC&Rs--in erecting antennas has gained additional cosponsors. Freshman Rep Steve Israel (D-NY) introduced the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act" on May 14. The measure--HR 4720--would require private land-use regulators--such as homeowners' associations--to "reasonably accommodate" Amateur Radio communication consistent with the PRB-1 limited federal preemption. PRB-1 now applies only to states and municipalities. Rep Greg Walden, WB7OCE (R-OR) and Rep Pete Sessions (R-TX) signed on as original cosponsors of HR 4720. Since its introduction, the bill also has attracted several additional cosponsors. These include Representatives J.D. Hayworth (R-AZ), Patrick Tiberi (R-OH), Patsy Mink (D-HI), Ken Calvert (R-CA), Rick Boucher (D-VA), Joseph Hoeffel (D-PA), John Duncan Jr (R-TN), Dennis Moore (D-KS), Charles Stenholm (D-TX) and David Price (D-NC). Visit the US House of Representatives "Write Your Representative Service" Web page, www.house.gov/writerep/ for information on how to contact your representative. The ARRL 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, HR 4720, as well as their name and address on all correspondence.

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UPCOMING FARC EVENTS:

- Aug 9** Gen. Meeting Cedar Lanes
- Sep 13** Gen. Meeting Cedar Lanes
- Oct 11** Gen. Meeting Cedar Lanes
- Nov 8** Gen. Meeting /Annual Swap
Cedar Lanes
- Dec 14** Christmas Dinner/Awards
Sante Fe Basque
(Shields/Maroa)