



September 2002

Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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**September Meeting - September 13, 7 PM Cedar Lanes.
Guest Speaker To Be Announced**

Weekly Gatherings

Country Waffles:

Saturday & Monday mornings 7:00 a.m.
Corner of Blackstone & Dakota

Silver Dollar Hofbrau:

Thursdays @ Noon.
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"The Prez Sez"

It's that time of year again, the kids are going back to school, the weather is hot, the bands are noisy and it's election time once again.

This year we have six positions on the board up for election. We have a number of good candidates already signed up to run, it would be nice to see a few more candidates ready to step up and run. It's very important to understand the commitment you make as a board member. First it is a two year term, there are lots of decisions to be made that will impact the club for years to come. The position requires that you be able to work well with others, compromise, have some good ideas to contribute and be willing to take on a club office or club project. The opportunities are great and the pay is the feeling you get when you know you have done your best. If you are interested in running contact one of our nominating committee members, Ted K6FGE or Lee AC6WS or any board member. The deadline for candidates is by the end of our Sept. 13, 2002 club meeting. Each candidate will be given the opportunity to write a short article (75 words or less) telling us something about yourself, your ham interests and your ideas on improving our club and club activities. Your article will be published in the Oct. Skip along with a list of all candidates on the ballot. Ballots along with complete voting instructions will be mailed to all club members, make sure we have your correct mailing address. Ballots will be counted at 8 P.M. Friday, Oct. 11, 2002 at our regular club meeting at Cedar Lanes.

The next major club activity will be the Christmas Banquet. This year it will be held at the Santa Fe Basque on Sat. DEC. 14, 2002 at 7 P.M. The cost is \$18.00 per person RSVP we must have your money by DEC. 6, No tickets will be sold at the door. This is always a fun event, I hope to see you all there.

This year's scholarship has been awarded however I don't have the name of the recipient yet, as soon as we have it will let you know. So keep saving those papers and cans.

Hope to see you all at the next club meeting Fri, Sept. 13 at Cedar Lanes—Harold KF6CL



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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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Elections

The following club members have expressed interest in running for the board at the next election:

WA6ITN	Bob Allen
K6QI	Craig Carter
KF6ZSW	Kim Davis
K6HAU	Jim Laux
KE6SHL	Richard Pack
KF6FIG	Bob Sawyer
W6PSQ	Jimmy Wakefield
WA6PTG	Bert Wilcox

If you are interested in being a board member contact Lee, AS6WS or Ted, K6FGE. They are acting as the nominating committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Aug. 2002

Income:\$ 144.00
 Expenses:\$ 325.00
 Checking:\$ 2,497.21
 Savings:\$ 5,095.06
 Petty Cash:\$ 50.00

Total:\$ 7,642.27

Papers & Cans thus far: \$596.61
 FARC Membership:223

FRESNO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB 2002 SCHOLARSHIP

We are excited to report that our first FARC Scholarship has been awarded to Fresno City College electronics student: Peter Shade. This will help Peter with his college expenses. The thank you letter we received from the State Center Community College Foundation:

Dear FARC:

Please accept our sincere thanks for your contribution to establish the Fresno Amateur Radio Club Scholarship at Fresno City College. Our colleges and their programs are committed to providing excellence in education. Your gift helps maintain that excellence.


The Foundation exists for the sole purpose of supporting the students and campus programs of the State Center Community College District. Your contribution plays a part in improving the quality of life and economic well-being of the people in the communities we serve.

We appreciate your support of our colleges and students.

Sincerely,

Joan E. Edwards, Ed.D.

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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.

- 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

August 4 VE Session Report

Amateur Exams were given in Fresno on Sunday August 4, 2002, with the following results: 12 candidates took 13 exam elements. There were 7 Techs, 1 Tech/wHF, and 4 Generals. The pass rate was 92%. One of the Generals was the result of an old Tech upgrade. Thanks to the VEs who helped make this session a success: W6RUJ, WB6QDN, KK6LT, KF6QJM, W6GV, KE6SHL, KO6JL, and WB6C.

The next Amateur Exam session in Fresno will be on Sunday November 3, 2002. Other Exam sessions are September 15 in Oakhurst and October 19 in Madera.

There are a number of "Old Techs" in the area who can qualify for a General Class license by coming to a VE session, paying the test fee, presenting a the current license, and a copy of a license, callbook page, or a print out from the QRZ 1993 database showing an effective date of the Technician license before March 21, 1987.

Good luck on your exams.
73, Charles McConnell, W6DPD
Team Leader, Fresno VE Team



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING—AUGUST 1, 2002

The meeting was called to order by president Harold Reeks, KF6CL, at 7:12 PM at Cedar Lanes in Fresno`.

Members Present: KF6CL, WA6OIB, KF6ZSW, W7POR, W6DPD, and WS6X.

Members Absent: WA6HII, W6JWK, W6YEP, K6MI, and KA6J.

Minutes and Treasury

The minutes of the June 6, 2002, board meeting were approved as distributed to the board.

The Treasurer reported the membership at 221. The total income between January and July, 2002, was \$5430.99 and expense was \$4181.11 for a net income of \$1249.80. The method to depreciate the club property will be investigated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Field Day. Jim Clymer, WS6X, reported that the club made approximately 3900+ points. the paperwork was sent to ARRL in a timely manner. There was lots of participation by the members. The Pine Ridge School will be sought for Field Day, 2003.

Picnic. Ken Holden, WA6OIB, reported that 46 members and guests attended the picnic. The cost to the club was about \$100.

Christmas Party. The dinner will be at the Santa Fe Basque restaurant on Maroa at Shields on Saturday, December 14, 2002. Eating will start at 7:00 PM. The entree will be fried chicken. The cost will be \$18 per person. The deadline to send in reservations (and money) is December 6, 2002.

Jim Clymer, WS6X moved, Gene Davis, W7POR, seconded, the budget for the Christmas party be \$500. Motion carried.

Jim Clymer, WS6X, will make award certificates.

Nets. The conduct of the club nets on the repeater was discussed. Some changes in the process on the Brown Sugar Net need to be made to ensure compliance with the station identification requirements on Part 97 of the FCC Rules.

NEW BUSINESS

Election: President Reeks, KF6CL, announced that Ted Miller, K6FGE, and Lee Rhoys, AC6WS, will serve as the nominating committee for the upcoming election. The committee report is due at the September club meeting. The holdover members of the board are W7POR, W6YEP, K6MI, W6DPD and WA6OIB. Six board members are to be elected. Charles McConnell, W6DPD, suggested listing the term expiration for each director be placed on the second page of SKIP.

Hamfest. President Reeks, KF6CL, talked about a joint effort among the clubs in Kings, Tulare, Fresno, and Madera counties to sponsor a valley hamfest. He will make the contacts to see if this might be possible. A suggestion was made to have a San Joaquin Valley Section Convention . The hamfest needs to make a profit.

Classes. The club needs to have ham radio classes to teach Amateur Radio, not just the question pool for a particular license exam. This would include code instruction and practice.

Repeater. It was noted that the use of the repeater is down.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Charles McConnell W6DPD
Secretary, pro tempore

Operating Tip of the Month

Before transmitting be sure the frequency (or "channel") is "clear" before you transmit. Think how **you** would like it if someone interrupted your conversation. A good practice is when you turn to a repeater or a simplex frequency, listen for a good half-minute before transmitting.

Rob—AE6GE

Surplus gear for the taking

Over most of my lifetime, I have bought "war surplus" gear when the price was right. I planned to buy other items of a higher price and put together a full home brew station. Due to lack of money or time, I never did very much with it. I have now reached the point where I must either throw it on the junk pile or give it away. There are a lot of very high quality parts such as variable capacitors and coils which are hard to locate nowadays.

I also have some items to sell. There is a 2000 volt power supply that must have cost the Navy over \$3000. It is quite dusty, but probably still workable, using silicon diodes instead of the original mercury vapor rectifiers. I also have a 28 volt REGULATED power supply that is probably in good shape. I got each of these for \$50 and will sell them at the same price. I got hold of a high quality crystal (from NASA) and built a precision 5 megahertz frequency standard oscillator. Make me an offer on that.

Any person who is interested should phone me or write to make a date to look the stuff over. If my wife answers the phone, try again. she might not remember to tell me.

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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:

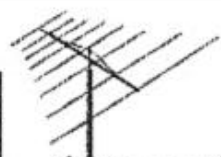
7:00pm 147.180 + Madera ARC
7:30pm 146.880 - 103.5 Tulare Co. ARC
7:30pm 147.030 + 100.0 Turlock ARC

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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<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/>

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

September Birthdays

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

ANNIE MOLINA	KF6ECE
BILL BLISS	KD6AHF
FRED ATTOIAN Jr.	KN6TA
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F.A.R.C. Website

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

2002 FARC CHRISTMAS/AWARDS DINNER

DECEMBER .14th 7 PM

SANTA FE BASQUE, 3011 N. MAROA (at Shields)

Fried Chicken/Family -Style \$18 per person.

You must reserve dinners in advance. Send your check before Dec. 6th.

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UPCOMING FARC EVENTS:

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)