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Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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November Meeting - November 8, 7 PM Cedar Lanes
PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING FOR THE BIG ANNUAL SWAP!

Weekly Gatherings

Country Waffles:

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

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Thursdays @ Noon.
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The election is over and you have elected six new board members. Congratulations to the new members, Jim K6HAU, Bob WA6ITN, Jim KA6J, James W6PSQ, Craig K6QI, and Kim KF6ZSW. At the next board meeting your new board will elect a president, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer from the members at large. I have every confidence that your new board will step up and assume the responsibility of there new office. This is the time when we as club members should step up and support our new board. Be willing to help with club projects, participate in your clubs outings and offer constructive ideas. I hear complaints about the club click, in my experience these are the people who step up and do the job. Its easy to become one of the click, just offer to help and you will be welcomed with open arms. There are some of our members who may not be able to actively participate, some of them are helping in other ways such as collecting papers for the club, this is greatly appreciated. Every club member can be helpful in some way, Tell your board what activities you would like the club to be involved in. At the last club meeting I asked for some people to volunteer for a committee to give some suggestions on activities the club might get involved in, I had four volunteers step up, they are Kim KF6ZSW, James KB6NAZ, Robert K6RGR, and Steve K6FDR please get in touch with one of these members and give them your good ideas. At this time your club is in good financial condition however this could change as prices for everything we buy are going up such as insurance, postage, printing and our meeting place. We can offset a great deal of this increased cost with better participation in events like Hamfest this is an event the club has had to subsidize for some years and the Christmas/Awards Dinner which this year is Dec. 14 Th. 7 PM at the Santa Fe Basque, get your reservations in by Dec. 6th, the reservation form is printed in Skip or call any of your board members for more information. You must be pre-paid. Our next club meeting will be Fri. Nov. 8th 7 PM at Cedar Lanes, this will be the BIG SWAP MEET meeting, the swap tables are free but anything you bring and don't sell you will have to take back with you, we cannot use Cedar Lanes trash containers.

Bring your paper and cans to our next meeting . 73 Harold

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR SKIP NEWSLETTER MAILED OR IF YOU PREFER TO GET IT OFF THE CLUB WEB PAGE. CONTACT KIM AT kdavis@gotnet.net OR CRAIG AT k6qi@attbi.com



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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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ARRL

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The Club benefits with each NEW membership.
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TREASURER'S REPORT:

OCT. 1- OCT. 15, 2002:

Income:\$171.27
Expenses: (\$ 50.00)

Checking:\$2,619.48
Savings:\$5,101.48
Petty Cash\$ 50.00

Total:\$7,770.96

Papers & Cans Thus Far This Year: \$732.76

F.A.R.C. Membership: 226

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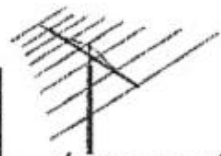
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Exams for all Amateur license classes will be conducted on the following dates in Fresno, California. Exams are given on Sunday and Begin at 1:00 P.M.

- 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, south-west 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

Papers and cans

Please bring your papers and cans to the monthly club meetings. Individual pick-up will no longer be available unless prior arrangement is made. Drop off points are available for those who can't make the Meetings, contact: Ted, K6FGE - John, W6JWK - Jim, K6HAU - Bob, WA6ITN, or Harold, KF6CL to arrange a time and place.

Please, either put the papers in brown grocery bags, or tie them in Bundles. Loose paper is difficult to load and unload. Aluminum cans Should be in large garbage bags. Cardboard is not accepted by the Recyclers.

Your help and co-operation is greatly appreciated by the volunteers who Have to handle them.

Ted, K6FGE

P.S. Additional volunteers are always welcome !

Swap Section

Do you have a for Sale or Want?

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November Birthdays

Operating Tip of the Month

Using "clear and monitoring" is not really necessary. Neither term is required by the F.C.C. or anybody else. If you call another amateur and that person does not answer, it is **not** necessary to advise "clear." You have already identified your station and any other identification or transmission is superfluous.

- Recommendation: use "clear" **only** to mean that you are shutting down operation and will not be there to answer any subsequent calls. Under normal circumstances, when you are finished with a contact but will continue listening, it is sufficient (and just right!) to merely say your call sign.
- Contrasting Recommendation: If you attempt to contact someone and there is no answer, you can notify others that you are finished by "signing clear." You can do this by saying, "KF6xxx clear," or "no contact, this is KF6xxx clear W6TO repeater." This allows someone who may have been standing by to go ahead and make his or her call.

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

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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

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/>

VY1JA to be on the Air From Yukon Territory for Both Sweepstakes Weekends:


J Allen, VY1JA, in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, is in his new house and will be active for both November ARRL Sweepstakes weekends (CW and SSB) as his schedule permits to hand out that rare SS multiplier (Yukon Territory counts for the NWT multiplier). "I plan to put in a serious effort on each, but I take time for Tae Kwon Do and for church, so I miss some of the best time of the contest," he said. For the lower bands, he'll be running 500 W to a "V-beam" dipole (450 feet per leg); for the higher bands, he hopes to have a tribander up on his tower by contest time, if the weather cooperates. QRP ops take note: VY1JA does listen for SS participants in the QRP (5 W or less output) category every hour on the half hour. Other times, VY1JA has been active on 6 meters running low power. CW SS is November 2-4; SSB SS is November 16-18 (UTC). For more information on ARRL November Sweepstakes, visit the 2002 ARRL November Sweepstakes Rules page <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2002/nov-sweepstakes-rules.html>.

From the ARRL Letter

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

10/03/2002

The meeting was called to order by President Reeks, KF6CL at 07:06PM.

Members Present: WS6X,KA6J,W7POR,KF6CL, KF6ZSW,W6DPD,W6YEP,W6JWK.

Members Absent: K6MI,WA6OIB,WA6HII.

Visiting:W6PSQ

The minutes from the previous board meeting were read and approved with a correction on the date of the Turlock auction to the 12th.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Kim, KF6ZSW reports as follows: Income for the month, 551.15. Expenses for the month, 531.15. Total assets to date, 11,009.83. Membership to date, 224.

OLD BUSINESS

Citizen Corps: Jim, KA6J contacted our local RACES organization to inquire about their participation. While they had not been informed of the corps, they expressed interest, and will contact with their county official and inquire about the need for their participation. Jim will respond to the Mayor's letter and inform them of the local RACES group.

Depreciation of Club Assets: Jim, WS6X contacted Tripp, K6NS, as directed by the board, to inquire about the possibility of depreciating club equipment/assets. Tripp is willing to assist the club in any way possible. He requested a detailed list of all FARC assets for his review. Jim will gather the necessary information and forward to Tripp and report at the next board meeting.

Christmas Banquet: Kim, KF6ZSW reports that all is on track for the banquet. Club awards were the only item not completed.

Amateur Radio Classes: Pat, W6YEP reported that the class is progressing very well. There are currently 18 enrolled. Pat is anticipating a 90% pass rate at the scheduled VE session.

Trailer Committee Report: The board continues to investigate the possible purchase of a trailer to be used for club activities and storage. Several brochures were passed around. Pat, W6YEP gave the board purchasing options to consider. Due to the absence of one of the committee members, and several outstanding quotes, the board decided to table a decision until the next board meeting.

SKIP: Continued discussion on SKIP expense. Kim reports that approximately 30 members have elected to receive the electronic version. We need to continue soliciting the membership. The board directed Jim, KA6J to inform the SKIP editor and the club webmaster to make the electronic version available to all persons as soon as it is published.

NARC: Gene, W7POR reported that he is progressing with coordinating our repeater(s) with NARC. He is waiting for the technical information on the machines to be completed before he can complete the task.

Board Member Attendance: The board briefly discussed the problem attendance by board members at the monthly board meetings. The board discussed the probability of adopting a policy of notification in writing to those who are absent beyond a reasonable amount of meetings. The board recognized that each member elected by the membership has a responsibility to the membership to attend the board meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

California Café: The California Café has raised the fee for coffee at the general membership meetings to 50.00. The club is in an unfortunate position and at this time will pay the fee. We will begin investigating other meeting locations.

Kim, KF6ZSW reports that she has been contacted by John Anderson, KB6YS, wanting to donate some dated equipment to a deserving amateur. Harold, KF6CL will contact Mr. Anderson and obtain further details.

Motion to adjourn at 09:10PM by Gene, W7POR. Second by John, W6JWK.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Haynes, KA6J
Secretary

NEW CC&R BILL COSPONSORS CONTINUE TO STEP FORWARD

Despite the fact that action on the CC&R bill, HR 4720, is highly unlikely as the current session of Congress winds down, additional cosponsors continue to register their support for the measure. The latest--representatives Todd Platts (R-PA), Larry Combest (R-TX), Duke Cunningham (R-CA), and Mary Bono (R-CA)--raise the total cosponsor count to 34.

The recent spurt in cosponsors may have resulted from an eleventh-hour initiative in late September, when the bill's sponsor, Rep Steve Israel (D-NY), and the only two amateurs in the US House of Representatives--Mike Ross, WD5DVR (D-AR) and Greg Walden, WB7OCE (R-OR)--appealed by letter to their colleagues who had not already done so to agree to cosponsor the measure.

HR 4720 is aimed at providing relief to amateurs faced with private deed covenants, conditions and restrictions--CC&Rs--in erecting antennas. No more votes will occur until a post-election "lame duck" session that begins November 12 to complete several appropriations, homeland security and other high-profile

bills. Another lame duck session in December also is possible.

With further progress on the bill unlikely this year, the effort to secure a congressional solution to the CC&R issue will start all over again after the new Congress convenes in January. The current list of HR 4720 cosponsors and more information are available on the HR 4720, The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act of 2002 page of the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/hr4720>>.

From the ARRL Letter



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DECEMBER .14th 7 PM

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UPCOMING FARC EVENTS:

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