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Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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Don't Forget The Christmas Dinner/Awards Dec. 14 At the Santa Fe Basque

Weekly Gatherings

Country Waffles:

Saturday & Monday mornings 7:00 a.m.
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Another year has passed and our club is alive, well and in good hands for the next year. I am very proud of this years board, they have taken some positive steps to both help preserve amateur radio and be a positive influence in our community.

Thanks to Pat W6YEP for the interesting and educational programs you presented this year at our meetings. One of the most positive things that has happened in a long time is when Pat and Ken WA6OIB started up ham radio classes again. Both of you have worked hard at Hamfest and Field Day you are both greatly appreciated.

Jim KA6J has done an outstanding job as secretary this year, with some of the most precise and accurate record keeping I have ever seen. I am glad you are continuing as secretary for another year.

Kim Davis KF6ZSW took on one of the most difficult jobs in the club as treasurer and membership chairperson, and did a fantastic job. Kim will be a great president next year.

Something we can all be proud of is the initiation of two scholarships next year at F.C.C. This is a real positive thing for our community.

Thanks to Chuck W6DPD for your work in setting up these scholarships. We want to thank Ted K6FGE, Bob WA6ITN, Jim K6HAU John W6JWK, and everyone else that helped with the papers and cans. Without your efforts we wouldn't have any scholarships.

I appreciate the way our Sunday night net has been run this year. Thanks Gene W7POR and all your net controllers for an outstanding job.

It has truly been a team effort this year, thanks for all your support and most of all thanks to all the club members who participated in club activities this year.

I hope to see you all at this years Christmas Awards Dinner DEC. 14th at the Santa Fe Basque , reservation information is in Skip.

Thanks to all...73... Harold KF6CL

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NOV., 2002

Income:\$1,345.13

Expenses:\$ 64.80

Checking :\$3,899.81

Savings:\$5,101.48

Petty Cash:\$ 50.00

Total:\$ 9,051.29

Paper & Cans: 189.76

**FARC MEMBERSHIP: IT'S TIME TO RENEW
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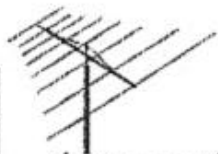
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**AMATEUR RADIO VE EXAMS
UNLICENSED THRU EXTRA CLASS
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-----ARRL VEC-----**

2003

Exams for all Amateur license classes will be conducted on the following dates in Fresno California. All exams are given on Sunday and begin at 1:00 PM.

- February 2
- April 27
- August 3
- November 2.

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 Highway 99, take Clinton Ave. exit East, four miles to First Street, 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 Street, turn right, continue one block past Clinton, right on Yale to Orchard. Look for signs.

Theory exams are multiple choice. Code Exam is fill in the blank. Express mail is used to send paperwork to ARRL, who sends data to FCC via electronic mail, thus assuring the fastest possible service on new licenses which typically arrive in about two weeks.

BRING. Two ID's, one with photo. Taxpayer ID Number (Social Security Number), ULS registration Number or FCC Registration Number. **Fee \$12.00 per test session. Bring Exact change.** Original and copy of Amateur License and CSCE's if upgrading. Talk in on 146.94 repeater.

Walk-in's only, no pre-registration.

More Info?? Contact Chuck W6DPD, 559-431-2038

VE Exam Report

On Sunday Nov. 3, 2002, 5 candidates took 9 exam elements. The results were:

Tech 1, Tech with HF 1, General 2, and Extra 0.

Thanks to the following volunteer examiners for assisting in the test session: Rod, WB6QDN; John, W6JWK; Bob, W6RUJ; Paul, KF6QJM; Dick, W6GV; Dave, KO6JL; Victor, N1VM; Jack, AC6LT; Ken, WB6C; and Craig, K6QI.

The next exam in Fresno will be on Sunday Feb. 2, 2003.

Exams will be given in Oakhurst in December and in Madera in January.

Check the <http://www.arrl.org> exam area for the dates.

Attention Pre-1987 Techs

There are a number of OLD Techs in Fresno. These are hams who held a Technician license issued before March 21, 1987. Since the rules change in 2002, these Amateurs are now qualified for a General class license.

To upgrade to General, the OLD Tech needs to appear at a VE Session, pay the exam fee, provide proof of holding a Tech before March 21, 1987 (a copy of license, a copy of a callbook page after 1968 showing the license, a printout from the 1993 QRZ CD showing an effective date before March 21, 1987) provide a copy of your current license and the original, and 2 forms of ID, one with a picture. You will leave the session with a General Class license.

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Operating Tip of the Month

Using the term "for I.D." is not necessary. There should be no reason to transmit your call sign **other than** to identify your station. Identification is required every 10 minutes during a conversation and at the end of a conversation or series of communications. Conversations do not have to come to a halt while you identify. ("Stand by, everyone, while I say my call sign.") Simply say your call sign once within 10 minutes.

- Recommendation: while talking, say your call sign once every ten minutes. Don't say "For I.D., this is KF6xxx." Don't say "For license preservation purposes, this is KF6xxx." Do not over-identify.
- Note: if you hear someone say "for I.D.," they may be trying to gently remind you that 10 minutes have passed and you should identify your station. Take the hint and say your call sign the next time it is your turn to talk.

See you next month, 73...
Rob—AE6GE

December 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

BOB SAWYER	KF6FIG
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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.

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<http://www.arrl.org> The ARRL website
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<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
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 MARC-Mountain Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.w6bw.org/>
 MCARC-Madera County Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.qsl.net/w6wgz/>

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 !

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

10/30/2002

The meeting was called to order at 07:05PM by president Harold, KF6CL.

Members Present: W6JWK, WS6X, KA6J, KF6CL, KF6ZSW, W7POR, W6DPD, WA6HII, K6MI, W6YEP.
Members Elect Present: WA6ITN, W6PSQ, K6QI.
Members Absent: WA6OIB.
Members Elect Absent: K6HAU.

The minutes from the previous board meeting were approved as read.

Treasurers Report: October income 177.69. October expenses 50.00. Total assets to date 11,137.52.

Meeting Location Report:

Kim, KF6ZSW reports that the California Café will require 50.00 for coffee and 50.00 for room rental beginning January for FARC general membership meetings. They will continue to provide a meeting room for our board meetings at no charge. Various other locations were investigated with no positive outcome to date. Kim will continue to search out alternative locations. Until further notice, the board decided to continue meeting at Cedar Lanes and pay the necessary fees.

Public Service committee Report:

The committee chaired by Kim, KF6ZSW, comprising of Jim KB6NAZ, Steve K6FDR and Robert K6RGR, met and discussed various ways FARC may become more involved in the community. Ideas discussed were:

Involvement in the Amber Alert program, Boy Scouts, A FARC sponsored elmering program, FARC banners to be displayed at local events, Sponsoring a booth at the local fair, Local high school events, New member announcements in SKIP, Presentations at local organizations, A morning VHF net, Monthly transmitter hunts.

The committee will meet again and further refine their ideas and make their recommendations to the board at a later date.

Christmas Banquet:

Jimmy, W6PSQ has donated some prizes to be awarded at the banquet. Some additional prizes are still needed. Jim, WS6X is in need of the names of the participants to receive awards at the banquet to complete the certificates. The cut-off date for reservations is December 6th.

Ham Class Report:

Pat, W6YEP reported that the last class was held on October 29th. Some students are still meeting for individual tutoring. Pat still feels that we still should see a 90% pass rate from those attending at the November 3 test.

NARC:

Gene, W7POR is still in need of the repeater equipment list before he can complete the filing with NARC.

Equipment Donation:

FARC has received a donation of equipment from John Anderson, KB6YS. John, K6MI and Craig, K6QI will inventory the equipment and transport it to the November 8th meeting to be sold.

Motion to close the meeting by Jim, WS6X, second by John, W6JWK.

Meeting of the new FARC board of directors called to order at 08:26PM.

Purpose of the meeting: to elect FARC officers for the 2003 calendar year.

Nominations were open:

President: Kim, KF6ZSW
Vice President: Craig, K6QI
Secretary: Jim, KA6J
Treasurer: BOB, WA6ITN

Nominations were closed. All those nominated were duly elected by the 2003 board members.

2003 Board Member Items to be Considered:

A budget needs to be developed for the 2003 calendar year.

The hamfest committee needs to be formed soon to begin work on the 2003 hamfest.

Motion to close the meeting by Gene, W7POR. Second by John, K6MI.

Meeting adjourned at 09:05PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Haynes, KA6J
Secretary

ARRL VEC EXAMINATION FEE TO RISE

Starting January 1, 2003, the fee charged all applicants at ARRL VEC-coordinated Amateur Radio test sessions will increase from \$10 to \$12 for the year 2003. This fee is charged to anyone applying for a new amateur license or upgrading their operating privileges. "While the number of examinees has remained relatively unchanged in the past 24 months, our cost of doing business--and the expenses incurred by ARRL VEs--continues to rise," said ARRL VEC Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ. "An adjustment was needed in the 2003 test fee if we intended to maintain the same level of service that our VEs and VE teams have come to expect." Applicants failing an exam element at ARRL sessions where examiners permit retesting on the same exam element also must submit a retest fee of \$12. Additionally, the maximum reimbursement ARRL VEC allows ARRL volunteer examiner (VE) teams to retain to directly offset their "prudently incurred" out-of-pocket expenses will go up from \$4 to \$6 in 2003 (this fee has remained at \$4 per person served since 1991). Jahnke said that adjusting the reimbursement level for ARRL VEs also was past due. For more information, contact ARRL VEC, vec@arrl.org.

From the ARRL Letter

N6ZGY Rover for ARRL 2003 January VHF Sweepstakes -January 18-20

Looks like we will be having another rover station for the January VHF contest. David Dansby, N6ZGY and Rob Mavis, AE6GE will be manning the N6ZGY/Rover Station for the contest.

The effort from concept to completion will be recorded on the web at <http://www.oldtuberadio.com/ae6ge/janvhf>

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UPCOMING FARC EVENTS:

Dec 14 Christmas Dinner/Awards
 Sante Fe Basque
 (Shields/Maroa)