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Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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JAN MEETING - JAN 10, 7 PM CEDAR LANES/CA CAFÉ

CLUB MEMBER, MIKE BAVOSO/W6YDE WILL BE PRESENTING A TAPE "HAMS IN SPACES;"
AMATEUR RADIO WITH SATELLITES. THANK YOU MIKE/W6YDE!
ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS, PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING. THIS SHOULD BE VERY INFORMATIVE!
GENERAL MEETINGS ARE THE 2ND FRI OF EACH MONTH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

PLEASE E-MAIL ME YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS TO SAVE FARC POSTAGE! YOU CAN RECEIVE YOUR SKIP VIA E-MAIL. WOW; WE ARE IN THE YEAR 2003!!!! MY EMAIL ADDRESS IS kdavis@gotnet.net . YOUR INFO WILL BE IN OUR DATA BASE AND FORWARDED TO OUR WEBMASTER/ VICE-PRESIDENT, CRAIG/K6QI. AND IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAIL YOUR SKIP TO YOU. PLEASE CONTACT ME WITH QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, 645-6849.

THE PREZ SEZ: "WELCOME AND GREETINGS TO EVERYONE FOR THE NEW YEAR!"

I want to wish all of you a very "Happy New Year!" I am looking forward to a great 2003 for FARC. I promise you that this will be a fun and productive year! We are already underway with our 2003 plans. KF4EOP/Bill will be our 2003 Hamfest Chairman. Bill's first committee meeting was on Dec. 30th for our April 26th Hamfest. Hamfest will be at Riverland again this year. We will be keeping you posted. Hamfest is one of the club's major events of the year. I know that Bill and his committee will do a great job!!!!

Another major event is Field Day. Plans are already underway. WS6X/Jim will be our 2003 Field Day Chairman. Mark your calendars now for June 28 and 29 at Pine Ridge School. As you can see in your Skip's Field Day article the club did great in 2002. Jim is very excited about our upcoming 2003 Field Day. He will be contacting all of you CW operators soon and I will be contacting the phone operators.

Rob/AE6GE will continue being our Skip Newsletter editor. He is doing a great job! Please e-mail or mail him your articles/ideas.

I want to thank all of you who attended our Dec. 14th Christmas and Awards Dinner. We had a lot of fun! Special thanks goes to our prize donors: Bianchi's Jewelers (Jim Bianchi/KF6GKC), Jimmie Wakefield/W6PSQ, Lee Rhoy/AC6WS, Chuck McConnell/W6DPD, World Radio Magazine, and Ham Radio Outlet!!!! Special thanks also goes to our M. C. for the evening, Gene Davis/W7POR.

Certificates for 2002 accomplishments given out that evening: AC6LT/Jack Baker, Brown Sugar Net; AC6WS/Lee Rhoy, Hamfest & Field Day; K6HAU/Jim Laux, Papers & Cans; KA6J/Jim Haynes, Net Control Station & Secretary on the Board of Directors; KA6LAC/Keith Graves, Hamfest & Field Day; KE6SHK/Jim Watkins, Field Day; Lucy ...continued on page xxx

Weekly Gatherings

Country Waffles:

Saturday & Monday mornings 7am-
Corner of Blackstone & Dakota

Silver Dollar Hofbrau:

Thursdays @ Noon.
Corner of Hwy 41 & Shaw

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR 2003 MEMBERSHIP DUES NOW! THIS IS YOUR REMINDER. YOU WILL NOT BE BILLED. PLEASE REFER TO THE 2003 FARC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ON THE BACK PAGE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON, GENE DAVIS, AT gdavis@gotnet.net OR CALL HIM, 645-6849. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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TREASURER'S REPORT:

DEC.2002 thus far,

Income:\$ 422.00
Expenses:\$ 610.67

Checking:\$3,121.14
Savings:\$5,101.48
Petty Cash:\$ 50.00

TOTAL:\$8,272.62

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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

The Prez Sez—continued from front page

Watkins, Field Day; KE6SHL/Richard Pack, Hamfest and Field Day; KF6HNF/Pat Pack, Hamfest; KF4EOP/Bill Hoey, Field Day; KF6CL/Harold Reeks, Field Day, Hamfest & President on the Board of Directors; Edith Reeks, Hamfest and Field Day; KF6QJM/Paul Storvold, Hamfest; KF6SVI/John McGraw, Hamfest; KF6ZSW/Kim Davis, Hamfest, Field Day, Net Control Station & Treasurer on the Board of Directors; KG6AWB/John Martin, Hamfest and Field; KG6BXZ/Pat Martin, Hamfest and Field Day; W6DPD/Chuck McConnell, Board of Directors; W6JWK/John Pritchett, Board of Directors; W7POR/Gene Davis, Hamfest, Field Day, Net Control Manager & Board of Directors; WA6ITN/Bob Allen, Papers & Cans, Hamfest & Field Day; WA6OIB/Ken Holden, Hamfest, Field Day, Summer Picnic & Board of Directors; WA6VZM/Gwynne Holden, Field Day & Summer Picnic and WS6X/Jim Clymer, Field Day and Board of Directors.

There are many other 2002 awards to be given out at upcoming meetings. Please plan on attending to receive your certificate!

Special Awards highlighted: K6HAU/Jim Laux received The J. Allen Ross Award for Jim's selfless deeds and exemplary contributions. W6JWK/John had the pleasure of presenting this award to Jim. KG6BXZ/Pat Martin received the Boner Award and she will be listening to find the 2003 recipient; so be careful, hi! KF6CL/Harold Reeks received his beautiful 2002 President's Plaque. AC6LT/Jack stated that the Alligator Award will be going to W6YEP/Pat Fennacy.

I want to thank everyone again for their continued help and support to FARC. Remember to bring your papers and cans to our upcoming meeting for our FCC Scholarships.

Take Care and I look forward to seeing all of you at our meetings, Kim/KF6ZSW

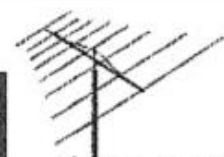
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Operating Tip of the Month

One of the most important things for new hams to learn is to "K-H-T." That is "key, hesitate, talk." You must consciously learn to push the microphone PTT button, pause slightly, and then begin speaking. If you push the button and speak simultaneously, the first word or the first part of a word may be cut off. This is also true for linked repeater systems. Once you key the repeater it may take a split second or two for the controller to bring the other repeaters into transmit. This does not facilitate effective communications. Hopefully, if you learn to do it correctly from the first day, it will become subconscious -- you will do it automatically. If this is the case, you will earn the respect and admiration of your peers. If not, you will be forever labeled as a sub-standard operator.

See you next month, 73...Rob—AE6GE

Ham Radio License Class Starts January 14, 2003

The Clovis Amateur Radio Pioneers (CARP) will be sponsoring a free beginners class at the Clovis Senior Center on Tuesday nights from 7 to 9:30 pm starting January 14, 2003. The class will last 8 weeks and the last class will include a licensing exam. The Senior Center is on fourth street across from Clark Middle School. For more information please contact Ray Harkins at 559-875-9413.

The study manual will be the Gordon West Technician Class book available at any radio shack store. Please have the book for the first class.

Morse code is no longer required for a beginners license but an optional Morse Code study class will be offered for those wishing to take the code test.

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FRESNO AMATEURS SCORE BIG IN FIELD DAY RESULTS

by Gene Davis, W7POR

The Fresno Amateur Radio Club tallied 3,892 points to command the 124th spot out of 468 participants in the 2A Category for the 2002 Field Day, according to ARRL results. Thirty six operators managed to make 928 verified contacts which included Phone, CW, Low Power and Satellite emergency power stations operating under the Club Call W6TO. For the multi-op, emergency power 2A category, FARC was at the top and nearly a thousand points over the number two group, in the San Joaquin Valley Section for 2A operation. Here's how it looked:



CALL	POINTS	OPS	CLUB
W6TO	3,892	36	Fresno ARC
W6SF	2,982	10	Stockton Delta ARC
W6BW	1,862	18	Mountain ARC
K6EO	1,770	15	Southern Sierra ARS
KA6Q	1,032	15	Kings ARC

The only group to score higher than FARC in the SJV Section was W6SW, The San Andreas Faultline Survivors operating in the 4A category. They had 6,344 points with 2,172 QSO's.

Out of approximately 2,100 entries in all categories, W6TO took the 443rd spot. Top score was earned by W3AO, The Potomac Valley Radio Club/Columbia Amateur Radio Association with 33,442 points in Category 38A.

Congratulations to all the other groups and individuals who worked hard to win their place in the listings. You can check complete results on the ARRL Web Site, www.arrl.org

The annual event was held June 22 and 23 at Pine Ridge School in the Sierra near Shaver Lake. It was the classic Field Day with tents, RV's and great food. Preparations are already getting started for Field Day 2003. You should set aside the calendar date, June 28,29 and join us for the fun and excitement.

January 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

CHARLES WILCOX	KB6NBT
DAVID SMITH	W6TE
DAVID W. COLLINS	N6BYI
GARY GLEIM	W6OCW
GENE DAVIS	W7POR
GIL HERNANDEZ	K0REO
GRANT STOREY	W6NTK
HAROLD KALINIAN	KG6LIM
JIM LAUX	K6HAU
SKIP TYSON	K6YRZ
JOHN MARTIN	KG6AWB
JOHN MC CONNELL	K6ESL
KIM DAVIS	KF6ZSW
LLOYD BURNS	W6SRU
PAUL CALKINS	KE6JST
RAYMOND FRITH	WB6UCQ
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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

12/05/2002

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

Members Present: W7POR, KF6ZSW, KF6CL, W6DPD, WA6OIB, KA6J.

Absent: W6YEP, K6MI, WS6X, WA6HII, W6JWK.

Member Elect Present: K6HAU, WA6ITN, W6PSQ.

Guest: KF4EOP.

The minutes from the Oct. 31, 2002 board meeting were approved as read.

Treasurers Report: Expenses for the month \$776.80. Income for the month \$690.33. Total club assets \$11,827.85.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hamfest: The date for the FARC hamfest was moved to April 26. The fees for Riverland have been paid and the date secured. The hamfest budget is as of this date still being worked out. There will be VE testing on Sunday. The hamfest committee will meet December 30 to draft the final details and present to the board at the January board meeting.

Meeting Location: A few other meeting locations were introduced and discussed. No locations have yet met our requirements. Kim, KF6ZSW and the board members are continuing their research for an alternate location.

Christmas Awards Banquet: 36 have paid as of this meeting. There are a few additional prizes still yet to be purchased. Jim, KA6J will purchase ham radio related door prizes from HRO. \$200.00 has been allocated for the HRO purchases. The total budget for the banquet will be \$500.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was brief discussion on developing a club informational flyer that could be distributed to various locations in Fresno, to give prospective members information about the club. The board was generally receptive about the idea. It will be further discussed at a future board meeting.

No further new business.

Motion to close the meeting by Ken, WA6OIB at 08:42pm. Second by Gene, W7POR.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Haynes
KA6J
Secretary



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

10.11.02

The meeting was called to order by President Reeks at 07:05PM.

Introductions:

The minutes were read from the previous general membership meeting and approved as read.

Treasurers Report: Income for September \$551.15. Expenses for September \$531.15. Total cash on hand 7643.27.

Ken, WA6HII questioned the treasurers report, asking if we are tracking club expenses and income separately from incidental income, donations, equipment sales etc. Treasurer Davis responded that she is tracking these items separately. Ken then asked if the club was breaking even, taking into account the above. Treasurer Davis responded that the club is just barely able to cover normal operating expenses at our present rate of income.

Pat, W6YEP reported that the amateur radio classes are progressing nicely. Attendance varies from approximately 15 to 18 persons. Most attendees are doing very well and should pass their exam.

President Reeks announced again the details of the Christmas Banquet to be held at the Santa Fe Basque, with a reminder that there will be no ticket sales at the door.

Trailer Report: President Reeks gave a report from the board appointed committee that was directed to give the membership a feasibility report on the possible purchase of a club trailer. He briefly detailed the physical specifications of the trailer as recommended. President Reeks then opened the floor for discussion. Some of the items discussed from the floor were:

- 1.How many times will the club use the trailer?
- 2.What about the purchase of a smaller trailer?

3.What is the value of the items we need to store in the trailer?

4.How many people are equipped to tow such a trailer?

President Reeks then asked that a committee be formed that will investigate how the club may become more involved in the community, to determine the need for a trailer. (insert volunteers calls here)

Election results announced: Of the ten candidates, the following is the vote counts:

W6PSQ-86

KA6J-81

KF6ZSW-78

WA6ITN-63

K6QI-62

K6HAU-58

W6WYT-52

KF6FIG-44

KE6SHL-41

WA6PTG-37

The first six listed will complete the board of directors for the following calendar year. President Reeks congratulated the new board members, and reminded them of their responsibility to the membership to attend the FARC meetings and activities.

President Reeks informed the membership of the California Cafes intention to begin charging the club 50.00 for coffee service during the regular club meetings. It was also noted that beginning the next calendar year, the club will also pay a 50.00 room rental fee. The board is actively searching for other opportunities.

Program: Pat, W6YEP displayed Kenwoods newest radio, the TS2000 in its various forms, and also displayed a commercial Command Technologies amplifier.

Door prize drawing:

Motion to close the meeting by WB6VRJ, second by W6FRH. Meeting adjourned at 09:52PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Haynes, KA6J

2003 FARC MEMBERSHIP SERVEY, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

PLEASE FILL OUT AND BRING TO AN UPCOMING MEETING, E-MAIL TO kdavis@gotnet.net or
MAIL TO: FARC/Attn: President, Kim Davis/KF6ZSW, P.O. Box 783, Fresno, CA 93712-0783

1. What type of general meeting programs would you be interested in? _____

2. Which club projects would you be interested in, serving as a committee member?

Hamfest Field Day Community Awareness Paper and Cans

Other _____

3. Please list any suggestions you may have for club meetings, etc.: _____

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP! 73, Kim



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UPCOMING 2003 FARC EVENTS:

- Jan. 10W6YDE/Mike Bavoso, "Hams In Space".
- Feb. 14DX Tape, "Heard Island/VK0IR", Chuck McConnell/W6DPD.
- Also: "Happy Valentine's Day"; be sure that you bring your YL or OM! We will have something special for Valentine's Day!*
- March14 ARRL Guest Speaker W6CF/Jim Maxwell Pacific Division.
- Apr. 11To Be Announced.
- Apr. 26Hamfest, Riverland.
- May 9KA6Y/Rick Fornes, presentation on antennas.
- Jun 13Field Day info.
- Jun 28-29 Field Day Pine Ridge School