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Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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MAY MEETINGS -BOARD MEETING MAY 1ST, 7 PM/CEDAR LANES. MAY GENERAL MEETING- MAY 9TH: RICK/KA6Y WILL HAVE AN INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION ON ANTENNAS. THIS WILL BE GOOD INFORMATION FOR ALL OF US; SO PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING! AND PLEASE DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR HAM SHACK PICTURE CONTEST! K6QI/CRAIG WILL PRESENT THE CLUB MEMBER'S HAM SHACK PICTURES THAT WERE SUBMITTED AND YOU WILL GET TO VOTE ON YOUR FAVORITE SHACK PICTURE!!!! GENERAL MEETINGS ARE THE 2ND FRI OF EACH MONTH, 7 PM, AT CEDAR LANES/CA CATERING UNLESS OTHER WISE NOTED.

Happy Mothers Day! The Prez Sez



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE VERY INFORMATIVE APRIL MEETING. RICK/KA6Y DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB WITH HIS PRESENTATION! IF YOU HAVEN'T RETURNED YOUR QUESTIONAIRE BACK TO RICK PLEASE DO SO. WE WANT TO SEE ALL OF YOU MORE INVOLVED WITH OUR COMMITTEES AND EVENTS!

I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR 2003 HAMFEST AND MAKING IT SUCH A SUCCESS!!!! SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO THE 2003 HAMFEST COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL/KF4EOP; GENE/W7POR; MARCUS BEEDLE; HAROLD/KF6CL; EDITH REEKS; TED/KF6FGE; BOB/WABITN; STEVE/K6FDR; RICHARD/KE6SHL; JIM/KB6NAZ; MARIAN WEBER; JUDY/K6JDY; ROBERT/K6RGR; JOHN/K6MI; CHUCK/W6DPD; ROB/AE6GE; BARBARA/AE6GF; JOHN/KG6AWB; PAT/KG6BXZ; RICK/KA6Y; TOM/KG6KYU; MARCI/KG6KYT; CRAIG/K6QI; AND JIM/KA6J. A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO ARRL PACIFIC DIVISION VICE-DIRECTOR ANDY OPPEL/N6AJ0. WE WILL BE FORMING OUR 2004 HAMFEST COMMITTEE VERY SOON; IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT CHAIRMAN BILL/KF4EOP (298-1915).

OUR CLUB'S NEXT BIG EVENT IS THE 2003 FIELD DAY AT PINE RIDGE SCHOOL, JUNE 28-29. CHAIRMAN JIM/W6SX AND HIS COMMITTEE HAS BEEN WORKING AWAY ON ALL OF THE DETAILS!

SEE ALL OF YOU AT OUR MAY 9TH MEETING!

TAKE CARE, KIM/KF6ZSW

2003 FIELD DAY!

Please contact Field Day Chairman Jim/WS6X, 292-8353 or Kim/KF6ZSW, 645-6849 if you would like to get involved this year! Training for SSB phone operation will be on May 10th and CW on June 14th. Please call us for more details! 73 KF6ZSW

Weekly Gatherings Country Waffles:

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

Silver Dollar Hofbrau:

Thursdays @ Noon.
Corner of Hwy 41 & Shaw

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Long time club members Lee/AC6WS and Ken/WA6OIB discuss the March 2003 meeting.

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Three of our 2003 Board Members, Gene/W7POR; Ken/WA6OIB and Chuck/W6DPD, are waiting patiently for our meeting to begin!

**Treasurer's Report
March 2003**

Income: \$ 333.45
Expenses: \$ 2021.82

Checking: \$ 4031.26
Savings: \$ 5114.22
Petty Cash: \$ 50.00

Latest membership total: 155

Note: the "Expenses" figure includes the preparation costs for Hamfest.

Remember that your newspapers and cans, recycled through the club, adds a substantial amount of income for the club. Bring your newspapers, in bundles or bags, and aluminum cans to the monthly club meetings. Ted, K6FGE, and crew will be there to receive them.

WA6ITN



Our very special guest speaker for March, ARRL Pacific Division Director Bob Valio/W6RGG, giving his very informative talk on Ham Radio in 2003!

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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 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 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 High-
way 41, take Shields Ave exit, turn right
(East), 1 mile to First St., turn right, con-
tinue 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 2 weeks.

Bring: Two ID's, one with photo. Tax-
payer ID Number (Social Security Num-
ber) or ULS registration number. **Fee is
\$12.00 per test session.** Original copy of
Amateur License and CSCE's if upgrad-
ing.

Talk in on W6TO/R 146.94/64 repeater.

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

More info contact
Chuck, W6DPD, 559-431-2038

F.A.R.C. Website
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Local Amateur Radio Repeaters

Organization/Sponsor	Callsign	Location	Frequency	Offset	Tone
CARP	K6ARP	Meadow Lakes	147.675	-	141.3
CARP	N6JXL	Meadow Lakes	224.380	-	141.3
CARP	N6VYT	Meadow Lakes	444.725	+	141.3
CARP	N6JXL	Meadow Lakes	1286.300	-	141.3
CCAC		Meadow Lakes	146.790	-	141.3
CCAC		Meadow Lakes	223.780	-	141.3
CCAC		Meadow Lakes	444.250	+	141.3
CONDOR	WB6BRU	Fresno	224.900		156.7
FARC	W6TO	Meadow Lakes	146.940	-	141.3
FARC		Meadow Lakes	223.940	-	none
FARC		Meadow Lakes	444.200	+	141.3
K6SIX	K6SIX	Mariposa	441.350	+	107.2
KARC	W6VFZ	Coalinga	224.440	-	100.0
KARC	W6EMS	Fresno	440.675	+	110.9
KARC	W6EMS	Fresno	1286.475	-	110.9
Kings ARC	KA6Q	Hanford	145.110	-	100.0
Kings ARC		Castle Peak	147.240	+	100.0
Kings ARC	W6IYY	Coalinga	147.330	+	100.0
Kings ARC		Santa Rita Peak	224.440	-	100.0
Kings ARC	N6DL	Coalinga	224.820	-	114.8
Kings ARC	KA6Q	Hanford	441.675	+	100.0
Kings ARC	N6OA	Coalinga	441.900	+	100.0
Madera Co. ARC	W6WGW	Oakhurst	147.180	+	146.2
Madera Co. ARC			441.175	-	146.2
MTS	N6MTS	Fresno State	145.230	-	141.3
NV6B	NV6B	Fresno	224.960	-	192.8
RACES	N6HEW	Fresno	147.150	+	141.3
W6DCP	W6DCP	Parkfield	147.240	+	

Results of the April 27 exam in Fresno:

Fifteen candidates took 15 exam ele-
ments. There were 4 Techs, 7 generals, and
1 Extra. The pass rate was 80%. Thanks to
the following Vets who gave part of their
Sunday to help with the exam session:
W6DPD, WB6QDN, KK6LT, KO6JL,
W6RUJ, KE6SHL, WA6RTS, W6GV,
KF6QJM, and WB6C



73, Charles W6DPD
VE Team Liaison

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RODNEY BENSON	WB6QDN

Did we miss your Birthday? Help us update the database. Please complete all lines requested on your membership renewal form. Or give me a call: gdavis@gotnet.net or (559) 645-6849. Thanks and 73, Gene, W7POR

Swap Section

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Donald Burr/AJ6X
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SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of March 2003:

SM Charles McConnell, W6DPD- ASM K6YK, ACC W6DPD, SEC K6IN, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC W7WN, TC W6TE. The following became silent keys in March, KB6GFB, KH6HQ, N6LSW, and W6KOE. They will be missed. Thanks to the Amateurs for participating in the SKYWARN program. The weather spotters help keep the local weather bureau office apprised changes in the weather conditions. Thanks to KE6ZOC for maintaining the SJV web page at www.pdarrrl.org <<http://www.pdarrrl.org/>> . Check out this site for news of the Division and of the Sections. The Fresno Hamfest is April 26, 2003, at Riverland Resort located at Highway 99 and the Kings River, 25 miles south of Fresno. Admission is \$1 with sellers at \$5. There is a swap meet with food prizes, tech demonstrations and card checking for WAS, WAC, DXCC, VUCC, and WAZ. Vice Director Andy Opper, N6AJO, will have an ARRL Forum. KA6Y will have a tech talk. Contact w6to@arrrl.net for information. See www.qsl.net.w6to <<http://www.qsl.net.w6to/>> for information too. The 2003 International DX Convention will be May 2-4, 2003 at the Holiday Inn at Visalia. Contact w6yd@aol.com for information and go to www.ncdxc.org <<http://www.ncdxc.org/>> and click on the dx convention link for information and a registration form. EMCOMM West is Saturday May 31 in Reno NV. Check www.cvrc.net/emcommwest <<http://www.cvrc.net/emcommwest/>> for information. Pacificon 2003 will be October 17-19, 2003 at the San Ramon Marriott in San Ramon CA. This is a new location for this convention. Check www.pacificon.org <<http://www.pacificon.org/>> for information. KF6FIR is the new EC for Stanislaus County. Officers for 2003 for the Mountain Amateur Radio Club are Pres K6IX, VP KK6XO, Sec K6BWO, and Treas WA6ONA. The club meets the 4th Thursday at the Sierra Senior Citizens Center at 7 PM in Oakhurst. The web page is located at www.w6bw.org <<http://www.w6bw.org/>> The Madera County ARC is celebrating its 46th anniversary this year. W6DPD completed the ARECC Level 1 course. Only 19 members in the SJV have completed the Level 1 course. Tuolumne County recently passed an ordinance for wireless communications towers. Amateur towers up to 60 feet are excluded from the provisions of the ordinance. Thanks to LGLs NI6Z and WB6GGY for keeping watch on this process. Thanks to Lloyd Brubaker. WA6KZV for 40 years of service as the EC for Eastern Kern County. KK6PA is the new EC for Eastern Kern County. K6YK operated on UO 14 on the train and portable from the vacation site in New Mex-

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Pictures from the March 2003 Meeting



Board Member John/K6MI listening to Bob/W6RGG acknowledging Chuck/W6DPD for all of his hard work he has given for many years to ARRL and FARC!!!!



FARC President Kim/KF6ZSW sharing a Ham moment with Bob/W6RGG.



At the end of the March meeting Bob/W6RGG helped with the general meeting drawing.



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Ever wonder why there are so many amateur radio operators but such little involvement in amateur radio club activities well, after 30 years of enjoying amateur radio I've come to the following conclusion. People get involved in amateur radio for many reasons, for some it's the technical challenges, for others it's the social side of the hobby, but for the true hard core activists, it's more. They have something most hobbyist lack; it's called "**PASSION**". Amateur radio is not just a hobby to these folks, it's a passion. They not only enjoy the operational, technical and social side of the hobby, but they enjoy improving, sharing and expanding the hobby with others. Well you ask, how can I get passionate about this hobby, by getting involved in activities. Being a lone ranger in any hobby gets boring and you will soon lose interest. Getting involved in local and national activities will drive you to a new level of excitement and **Passion** for your hobby. So where is this leading? Well I'm glad you asked.

The Fresno Amateur Radio Club is presenting the 61st Annual HAM-FEST/SWAPFEST

At Riverland Resort Saturday, April 26th, 2003. If ever there was a time to get more involved and have fun it's at the Hamfest. Support your local club and be part of the team by coming to this great event. There will be vendors selling all kinds of radio stuff, radio demonstrations, fantastic technical talks by Rick Fornes, KA6Y and our Pacific division ARRL Vice Director N6AJ0 and much more.

So if you want to really enjoy this hobby, it's time to come out of the closet. Yes, tell your friends, family and neighbors you are a Ham operator and start sharing the fun with others. And I promise you will start getting that thing we call **passion**.

Happy hamming
Rick Fornes
KA6Y
fornesasc@aol.com

In Memory of Jim Laux K6HAU



Jim was a long time member of FARC and was recently elected to the executive board. I first met Jim when I volunteered to help unload newspapers for the club. The club will miss his contribution to this ongoing task. We became friends when he helped me install my first radio in my pick-up. He was always ready to help with any project the club had going, and for this he received the J. Allen Ross Award at last year's Awards Banquet. I will miss hearing K6HAU on the club repeater, but most of all I will miss being called SIR by someone who deserved the title much more than I.

-Ted Miller K6FGE

WARREN F. MAGUIRE KD6DN

Life member KD6DN became a silent key on April 11, 2003. Warren was a long-time supporter of FARC. He will be missed. Warren was the owner of Maguire's Chevron Service Station for many years. In past years he donated the gas used in the generator for Field Day

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**FRESNO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2003**

The meeting was called to order by president Kim, KF6ZSW at 07:06PM.

Introductions

Presidents Report: President Kim announced that there were two openings on the board of directors created by the resignation of Jimmy, W6PSQ and Jim, K6HAU SK. President recommended and the board approved of members Rick, KA6Y and Richard, KE6SHL to fill the vacancies for the duration of the respective terms.

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

Treasurers Report: Bob, WA6ITN reported as follows: YTD income \$3010.65. YTD expenses \$1727.68. Total un-depreciated assets \$12592.04.

President Kim recognized the following members and thanked them for their assistance with this months meeting: Greeters, Ken and Gwynne Holden, IC706 raffle ticket sales, John and Pat Martin, door prizes and raffle ticket sales, Mike Bavoso.

Program: Rick, KA6Y gave an interesting talk on the digital future of amateur radio.

Hamfest Report: Bill, KF4EOP reported that plans for the hamfest are on target. The final hamfest committee meeting will be Monday, April 14.

Break: 08:15

Door prize drawing

Meeting adjourned at 08:42PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Haynes, KA6J
Secretary

**FRESNO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 10, 2003**

The meeting was called to order at 07:00PM by President Kim, KF6ZSW.

Members Present:

KA6Y, W6DPD, K6QI, KF6ZSW, WA6ITN, KA6J, W7POR, W6YEP, KE6SHL.

Members Absent: K6MI, WA6OIB.

It was noted that there will be a memorial service for Jim, K6HAU, April 11, 2003, 2:00PM, at EV Free Fresno. It was also noted that Robert Morrow, KE6OD of Reedley also became a SK this month.

The Minutes were read from the March board meeting and approved as read with the following corrections: Treasurers report to read "The un-depreciated *assets* are \$11,509.44".

Treasurers Report: YTD income \$3010.65. YTD expenses, \$1727.68. Total FARC un-depreciated assets to date, \$12592.04.

Committee reports:

Hamfest: There will be a hamfest committee meeting this Monday, April 14, 6:30PM at the Perkos restaurant, Bullard and 41hwy, for final planning.

Field Day: Plans are progressing. No new items to report.

Papers and Cans: Additional help has been recruited. The paper trailer needs work. The sides of the trailer need to be replaced. Kim will discuss with Ted and gather repair estimates.

Website: The Hamfest flyer has been placed on the front page. Counters have been installed, and we are experiencing approximately 135

hits per week.

New Business:

Chuck, W6DPD motion to accept the resignation of Jimmy Wakefield, W6PSQ from the board of directors. K6QI second. Motion carried.

Gene, W7POR motion to fill Jimmy's vacancy with Rick, KA6Y. WA6ITN second. Motion carried. One abstain.

Gene, W7POR motion to appoint Richard, KE6SHL to the board to fill the vacancy left open by Jim, K6HAU. K6QI second. Motion carried.

Burt, WA6PTG submitted a proposal for an equipment lending library, to be used by members that have their equipment out for repair. His proposal was read to the board and discussed. The board will discuss further at a future board meeting.

Old Business:

Work Day: We need an additional work day scheduled at the repeater site.

No further business.

Gene, W7POR motion to adjourn at 08:35PM. Second by K6QI. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Haynes, KA6J
Secretary



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- Apr 26 Hamfest, Riverland
- May 9 KA6Y Rick Fornes,
presentation on antennas.
- Jun 13 2002 Field Day Tape
Bill/KF4EOP and
2003 Field Day Info
- June 28-29 Field Day,
Pine Ridge School.
- July Summer Picnic
- Aug 8 Old Timers Night
- Sept 12 Video on "Ham Olympics"
- Oct 10 FARC Talent Night
- Nov 14 FARC Swap Night
- Dec 12 2003 Awards

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