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CQ FIELD DAY  
JUNE MEETINGS - BOARD MEETING, JUNE 5TH, 7 PM/CEDAR LANES.  
GENERAL MEETING - JUNE 13TH: YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS ONE!!!! BILL/  
KF4EOP WILL BE SHOWING THE 2002 FIELD DAY TAPE AND OUR FIELD DAY CHAIR-  
MAN JIM/WS6X WILL BE PRESENTING CT TRAINING!!!! LETS MAKE THIS A FUN AND  
SUCCESSFUL FIELD DAY! REMEMBER GENERAL MEETINGS ARE THE 2ND FRI OF  
EACH MONTH, 7 PM, CEDAR LANES/CA CATERING UNLESS OTHER WISE NOTED.

Happy Fathers Day!

## The Prez Sez



We had a fun and very informative meeting in May! Rick/KA6Y had a great presentation on antennas. Remember to contact Rick for his Tech Column at [fornesasc@aol.com](mailto:fornesasc@aol.com) (281-4116) if you have any questions or comments.

At our May meeting we got to say our good-byes to long time member, Jim Haynes/KA6J. Jim and his wife Tina will be moving to Utah to be with their children and grandchildren. Jim and Tina will be greatly missed; but they promise to keep in touch with all of us.

The 2003 Hamfest was a great success thanks to Chairman Bill/KF4EOP and his Hamfest Committee. Plans are now underway for our 2004 Hamfest. Please contact Bill, 298-1915 if you would like to serve on this committee. Our goal is to make our Hamfest bigger and better every year!!!!

Craig/K6QI did an outstanding job with our Ham Shack Picture contest! Such a great job that I think he will be joining us at our camp out this year at field day!!!!

On the Ham Shack Picture contest our club members who attended the May Meeting had a lot of fun picking the winners!!!! The winners are: THE MESSIST HAM SHACK: KIM/KF6ZSW (OH NO; THAT'S ME!) AND MY CAT/CQ SHORTY. CQ SHORTY AND I ARE HAPPY TO HAVE THIS AWARD OF A TELEPHONE SO WE CAN KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR FRIENDS WHO DON'T HAVE THEIR HAM LICENSE YET! REMEMBER WHAT CQ SHORTY AND I SAY, "A MESSY SHACK MEANS THAT WE ARE VERY BUSY DXING!!!!" CQ SHORTY JUST LOVES MY TS 940 S. HE THINKS THAT IT BELONGS TO HIM, HI.

THE BLUEST SHACK GOES TO STU/WB6VRJ. STU HAS A GREAT SHACK AND WON A SPONGE BOB. STU SEEMED VERY HAPPY TO HAVE THIS HONOR.

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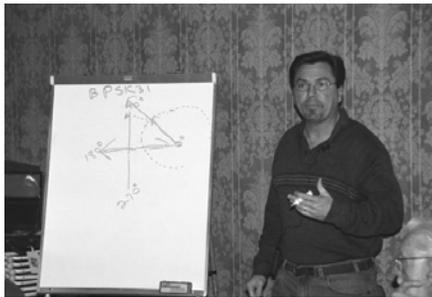
**2003 FIELD DAY!**  
  
PLEASE CONTACT FIELD DAY CHAIRMAN JIM/WS6X, 292-8353 OR RICHARD/KE6SHL, 291-2175 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED THIS YEAR! OUR NEXT TRAINING FOR SSB PHONE OPERATION WILL BE JUNE 13TH AND CW ON JUNE 14TH; CALL JIM FOR MORE DETAILS!

**Weekly Gatherings**  
**Country Waffles:**  
Saturday & Monday mornings-7:00 a.m.  
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Rick Fornes/ KA6Y Giving a talk on Modulation Techniques at the April 2003 Meeting

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### Treasurer's Report April 2003

Income: \$3281.08  
Expenses: \$3062.71  
Checking: \$4254.63  
Savings: \$5114.22  
Petty Cash: \$50.00

Papers and Cans for the month of April: \$111.15.

Total income from the paper and can recycling program this year to date is \$593.37.

Please bring your papers and cans to the June 13 meeting. Ted, K6FGE, will have his crew there to receive your bundled or bagged newspapers. Thanks for participating in this club activity.

FARC membership has reached 170  
Bob, WA6ITN

### The Prez Sez

(continued from cover)

THE BIG WINNER WITH THE SPIFFIEST SHACK IS RICHARD/K6REE. RICHARD WON A VERY IMPRESSIVE CLOCK. RICHARD IS A ROLE MODEL TO ALL OF US!!!!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Ham Shack picture contest. Craig tells me it was so much fun and successful we will be having another one this fall or winter. So start preparing now.

If you missed the first 2003 Field Day CT training for SSB Phone on May 10th presented by Jim/WS6X you won't want to miss the next one coming up at our June meeting.

Mark the date of June 21st down: John/K6MI will be holding a transmitter hunt somewhere in Fresno County around 2 PM. There will be food and soft drinks for you if you find the location. This will be a lot of fun!!!! Thank you John for coordinating this. See you all there if Gene and I can find it, hi!!!!

For those of you who don't know, club member Tom/KG6KYU's company sells shirts, jackets and belt buckles that can have your name and call sign on them. Contact Tom for more details, 226-5920. He will donate money to our club for each shirt he sells. I have one and they turn out really nice!

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Thanks and Take Care, Kim/KF6ZSW

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 Sunday and Begin at 1:00 P.M.

- August 3
- November 2

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 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.

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 ing.

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

**Local Amateur Radio Repeaters**

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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	W6WGZ	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	+	

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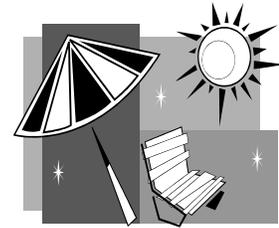
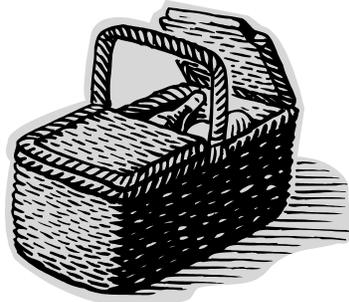
for the month of April 2003:

SM Charles McConnell, W6DPD- ASM K6YK, ACC W6DPD, SEC K6IN, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC W7WN, TC W6TE. The following became silent keys in April K6HAU, KE6OD, KD6DN, and WA6IDO. They will be missed. EM-COMM West is Saturday May 31 in Reno NV. Check [www.cvrc.net/emcommwest](http://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) <<http://www.pacificon.org>> for information. The ARRL has 3 levels of emergency communications training available for Amateurs. Registration for the level 1 course is the first Monday of the month at 12:01 AM EDT, for the level 2 course is on the second Monday at the same time, and for the level 3 course is the third Monday. Each course takes approximately 20 hours to complete. They are done on line. The fee is \$45 for each course for ARRL members and \$75 for non-members. All Amateurs involved in emergency communications programs should complete these courses, even the traffic handlers too. When ARRL members successfully complete the course, the fee is reimbursed from grant money the ARRL has received. Field Day is June 28-29, 2003. Planning should be well underway for this event. Check out the bonus points. Originate a message to the SM for 100 bonus points. KQ6VH is the new EC for Fresno County and has completed the ARECC level 1 course. W6DPD completed the ARECC Level 2 course. N6ZFN completed the ARECC level 1 and level 2 courses. W6MWY and W6NDR qualified for WAZ. W6WI and W6DPD made the CQ DX Honor Roll. AD6W, WA6YEE, and K6DT have qualified for the DXCC Challenge. K6SSN qualified for DXCC. W6RPM won an ICOM IC V 8000 radio at HRO in Oakland. The 2003 Fresno Hamfest was well attended. W6GBD won the ICOM IC 706 MKIIG. The Tuolumne ARS net meets Saturdays at 8:15 AM pacific time on 3.925 MHz. For information on the club, contact W6FBU. Traffic for April: K6RAU 47. PSHR for March: K6RAU 47.

**DAYTON HAMVENTION**

**HELLOOOOOO from DAYTON.** I was going to talk about receivers this month but I decided to tell you about this thing called the Dayton hamvention. So after traveling thousands of miles, listening to all the hype and spending 3 days participating in all the events, what can I say about the Dayton hamvention, **"WOW"**. This has to be the greatest hamfest I have ever attended. The swap meet is so large it takes you a good 2-3 days to walk. The technical forums, displays and events are great as well as the hams themselves. I have never seen so much ham gear, accessories and junk in one location at one time. There is something for every ham. You cannot consider yourself a serious Ham until you have attended the Dayton Hamvention. So what's the down side of the convention? Spending money. You feel like a kid in a candy store. So save your money for next year's event. If you're a true ham, you need to attend this event

Happing Hamming  
Rick  
KA6Y



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**JUNE BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO THESE FARC MEMBERS**

- |                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| AMANDA MORTIMER   | KB9ESF |
| BENNY WILLIAMS    | KW6N   |
| EUGENE LAI        | W6SAY  |
| JIM BIANCHI       | KF6GKC |
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# Ham Shack Picture Contest Winners



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Stu/WB6VRJ  
The Most Blue Shack



Kim/KF6ZSW  
The Hairiest Shack



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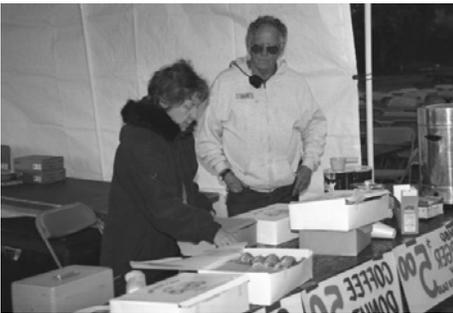
The new and improved FARC CW Trailer thanks to Ted/K6FGE



Robert/K6RGR Taking check-in's for the radio raffle.



ARRL's Pacific Division Vice-Director Andy Oppel talks on "Amateur Radio In Today's World."



Pat/KG6BXZ and John KG6AWB Martin are up bright and early selling donuts, coffee, juice, soda and water at Hamfest 2003



People are viewing the treasures that Hamfest 2003 vendors had to sell!!!!



Craig/K6QI and Jim/KA6J demo PSK-31

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 1, 2003

The meeting was called to order by President Kim, KF6ZSW at 07:03PM.

Members Present:

K6QI, KF6ZSW, KA6J, W7POR, W6DPD, WA6ITN, WA6OIB, KA6Y, W6YEP, K6MI.

Members Absent:

KE6SHL

Gene, W7POR motion to accept the resignation from the board and as secretary from Jim, KA6J, as he will be moving out of the area. Second by Craig, K6QI. Motion carried.

President Kim, KF6ZSW made her recommendations to the board for the vacancy (s) left open by Jim, KA6J. She recommended John, K6MI fill the Secretary position. Gene, W7POR moved to accept John, K6MI as secretary. Craig, K6QI second. Motion carried. President Kim also recommended Bill, KF4EOP fill the open board member position. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to accept Bill, KF4EOP, to fill in the remainder of Jim's term. The vote was 10 to accept, one abstain, and one no vote.

The minutes from the previous board meeting were read and approved with the correction of the treasurer's report to read 'total fixed assets'.

Treasurers Report: Bob, WA6ITN reviewed expenses and income for the month of April. The complete report was not yet available due to items from the hamfest.

Hamfest report: The total expenses and income were not available as of this meeting. Problems with Riverland were discussed. There was an offer by the owners of the facility to refund disputed charges and rectify our concerns. Gene, W7POR will be working with the owners of the facility to correct the issue and discuss our future use of Riverland. There will be a hamfest evaluation meeting in June to discuss the event and look at future planning.

Field Day: Committee meetings have been in progress. Field day training will be on May 10 and June 14.

CW Trailer: Ted, K6FGE did a great job repairing the CW trailer on his own time and at his own expense. The club logos were added to the trailer, complete paint and a new spare tire. The board approved reimbursement not to exceed \$30.00.

Community Awareness: Skip, K6YRZ was contacted by the Sanger Chamber of

Commerce to solicit the clubs participation in the upcoming Hero Day. The request will be forwarded to Steve Miller, the community awareness chairman for consideration.

Ken, WA6OIB reported that there is still branch removal work to be done at the repeater site, and was going to supervise the Reedley College forestry students in cleaning the area up. The target date is June 1st. FARC member Terry Horak, KF6LXB, is our contact with the college.

John, K6MI has planned a transmitter hunt for June 17. Details will follow.

Meeting Adjourned at 08:59

Respectfully Submitted;  
Jim Haynes, KA6J  
Secretary

## FARC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES MAY 9, 2003

The meeting was called to order by President Kim/KF6ZSW at 7:05 PM.

Introductions

President's Report: President Kim announced that there was an opening on the board of directors created by the resignation of Jim/KA6J who will be moving to Utah. President recommended and the board approved of member Bill/KF4EOP to fill the vacancy for the duration of the term. President also recommended and the board approved that current board member John/K6MI would replace Jim/KA6J as Secretary to the board for the duration of K6MI's term.

President Kim read a thank-you card from Jan Laux to the club and also reported that John Morrice will be conducting a transmitter hunt in June.

The minutes from the previous general membership meeting were approved as printed in the Skip newsletter.

Treasurers Report: Bob WA6ITN reported on Hamfest 2003: cost, \$1,664.85 and income, \$2,046.48. Hamfest attendance over 360 people.

President Kim reported that Riverland refunded the \$425.00 that they over charged the club.

WA6ITN reported that the net income for the 706 was approx. \$700.00.

Field Day Chairman Jim/WS6X reported that the committee has everything on target and CT training is coming up.

Craig/K6QI took a poll of our members present to see if they would like to have a Christmas Award Dinner this year or just have our awards at our regular general meeting. It was decided to hold a general meeting/awards in Dec. and no Christmas Dinner.

President Kim introduced Steve Miller/K6FDR who is chairman of the club's Community Awareness Committee.

President Kim announced that long time members Richard and Pat Pack's daughter Sabrina, who is also a member, will be graduating from CSUF on May 17 and anyone is invited to attend.

Program: Rick/KA6Y gave a talk on antennas.

Craig/K6QI announced for members to pick out their favorite Ham Shack Picture for our contest.

Before the break President Kim presented Jim/KA6J with a card and a cake from the club to thank him for all of his year's of service.

Break: 8:30

Craig/K6QI conducted the Ham Shack Picture Contest and the winners were:

Messiest: Kim/KF6ZSW, The Bluest: Stu/WB6VRJ and The Spiffiest: Richard/K6REE.

Prize drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Marci Jarvis, KG6KYT  
May's General Meeting Acting Secretary



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### Upcoming 2003 FARC Events

- 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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