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Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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AUGUST MEETING - AUGUST 8TH, 7 PM AT CEDAR LANES (CEDAR AND SHIELDS). YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE. THIS WILL BE OUR ANNUAL OLD TIMERS NIGHT AND JIMMIE WAKEFIELD/W6PSQ TELLS CRAIG/K6QI THAT HE HAS SOME GREAT THINGS PLANNED!!!! ANOTHER THING TO KEEP IN MIND FOR THIS MEETING IS THIS IS THE DAY WE OPEN NOMINATIONS TO RUN FOR THE FARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS! THE VERY NEXT DAY, AUG. 9TH WILL BE OUR CLUB'S SUMMER PICNIC AT O'NEALS PARK/CSUF. DUE TO KEN HOLDEN'S ILLNESS WE NEEDED TO MOVE TO ANOTHER LOCATION. WE WISH KEN ALL THE BEST! SPECIAL THANKS TO KEN AND GWYNNE FOR HAVING THE PICNIC AT THEIR HOME ALL OF THESE YEAR'S!!!!

FARC General Meetings

are the 2nd Friday of each month, 7 p.m. at Cedar Lanes/CA Catering unless otherwise noted.

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

FARC Nets

Morning Drive Time Net:

Weekday mornings-7:30—8:00 a.m.
W6TO/R 146.940 - 141.3

Tech Net:

Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm
W6TO/R 146.940 - 141.3

FARC Net:

Sundays @ 7:00 pm
W6TO/R 146.940 - 141.3

The Prez Sez

WE HAD A GREAT MEETING ON MOON BOUNCE OPERATIONS (EME) AT M2. SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO MIKE AND MYRNA STAAL!!!!

JIRA PARAKUL/HS2TBC IS FROM THAILAND AND JUST JOINED OUR CLUB. JIRA WOULD LIKE TO BE A VERY ACTIVE CLUB MEMBER. PLEASE WELCOME JIRA AT OUR UPCOMING MEETING.

I WANTED TO GIVE SPECIAL THANKS AGAIN TO OUR FIELD DAY CHAIRMAN JIM/WS6X AND HIS CREW FOR DOING SUCH A GREAT JOB! WE HAVE 3100 POINTS. WE ARE ALREADY PLANNING FIELD DAY 2004. PLEASE CONTACT JIM IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE.

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR OUR 2004 HAMFEST. WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED WITH ALL OF THE DETAILS. IN 2004 IT WILL BE HELD ON MAY 1ST AT THE RAMADA INN (SHAW/41) IN FRESNO.

STEVE/K6FDR IS DOING A WONDERFUL JOB AS OUR COMMUNITY AWARENESS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. STEVE AND HIS COMMITTEE ALREADY HAS SEVERAL THINGS UNDERWAY. THE MORNING NET IS DOING GREAT AND THERE ARE PLANS TO START AN AFTERNOON DRIVE TIME NET. WE WERE INVITED TO OUR FIRST EVENT. THE SANGER'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HERO'S NIGHT/STREET FAIR. STEVE'S COMMITTEE WAS ASKED TO BE THERE AND HAVE DEMOS ON HAM RADIO. STEVE AND HIS COMMITTEE WILL BE ON A PHONE PANEL FOR CHANNEL 18. THE SAN JOAQUIN REHAB HAS INVITED A FEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO COME AND GIVE A PRESENTATION. THE COMMITTEE IS LOOKING INTO HAVING A

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SKIP ARTICLES DEADLINE

Please provide any SKIP material by the 20th of the prior month. Please send to skip@oldtuberadio.com

Two hams were talking one day and the one asked his friend why he was so glum. Well, he said, his wife was quite upset with him. She had just presented him with a new daughter and, although the baby was fine, his wife had some difficulty and was out it for awhile. During this time the hospital asked him questions for the records and, in filling out the papers, he was asked the baby's name. He said he named the baby "Antenna". It turns out that is why his wife was mad at him. He was supposed to name the girl "Ariel".

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Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for June:

Income	324.85
Expenses	1328.59
Checking	3545.25
Savings	5120.45
Petty Cash	50.00

Papers and cans for the month of June: 110.88. Year to date: 731.90

Membership, according to my figures, is 176.

Bring your papers, tied or bagged, and cans to the club meeting. Ted, K6FGE, will have someone there to receive them.

Thanks,

Bob, WA6ITN

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	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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HAM RADIO DEMO AT VALLEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF CENTRAL CA. THIS ALL IS THE START OF MANY POSITIVE COMMUNITY AWARENESS EVENTS!!!! SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO STEVE AND HIS COMMITTEE.

THANK YOU AND I WILL SEE ALL OF YOU AT THE AUG.8TH MEETING AND OUR SUMMER PICNIC.

TAKE CARE, KIM/KF6ZSW

VE Corner

Amateur Radio VE Exams in Fresno
Unlicensed thru Extra Class
Fresno Amateur Radio Club
A.R.R.L. VEC

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 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.

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. Taxpayer ID Number (Social Security Number) or ULS registration number. **Fee is \$12.00 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

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of May 2003:

SM Charles McConnell, W6DPD- ASM K6YK, ACC W6DPD, SEC K6IN, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC W7WN, TC W6TE. Planning for EMCOMM South to be held on October 11, 2003, in Fresno is under way. More information will be released as it is known. PACIFICON 2003 will be October 17 to 19, 2003, at the Marriott Hotel in San Ramon CA. Check the web page, www.pacificon.org <<http://www.pacificon.org>> for information. A reminder to all affiliated clubs, remember to go the ARRL web page to update the information on the club. A good time to do this is following the election of officers. Field Day for 2003 is now over. Now is a good time to review your Field Day set up to see if improvements can be made to improve the scores for 2004. All Amateurs should consider taking the ARECC courses offered by the ARRL. There is no cost to ARRL members because of grants the ARRL has received. The training will help prepare us for our role as emergency communicators if the time comes that we are needed. The courses are good for all Amateurs, both experienced and new licensees. The Turlock ARC is holding its 75th Anniversary celebration on Sept. 20, 2003 in Turlock. Check the club web page, www.w6bxn.org <<http://www.w6bxn.org>> for information. Emergency Coordinators are needed in Calaveras and Mono counties. Contact K6IN or W6DPD if you can help out in this important area.

W6WWT received a Public Service Commendation for service above and beyond the normal duty. W6MRP and N6TNW are Silent Keys. Apologies to N6TNX for the erroneous listed last month. New Officers of the Madera County ARC are pres AD6VN, vp KG6KYU, sec KG6DAK, and treas KG6KYT. Congrats to WA8SME on the new job at ARRL HQ. Thanks for your service as EC for Mono County. WA6YEE earned 5BDXCC and DXCC Challenge. N6EKE, KA6TZX, AA6R, K6BWO, and W6HYY completed the ARECC Level One course. N6ZFN completed the ARECC Level 3 course. Congrats to NN6NN on winning the plaque for USA multi op single transmitter category in the 2003 CQ/RJ RTTY Contest. The ops were N6EE, W6XK, N6LK, W5NH, and NR6H. Traffic for June: KB6QIB 22, W6DPD 2, for a total of 24.

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FRESNO CITY COLLEGE 2003-2004 FARC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!!!!

THANKS TO OUR PAPERS & CANS COMMITTEE AND TO THE PEOPLE WHO DONATED TO OUR PAPERS AND CANS FUND OUR CLUB PROVIDED TWO FCC SCHLORSHIPS THIS YEAR. THE STUDENTS ARE: JEFF POPEJOY AND JESUS SALAZAR. I WILL BE INVITING JEFF AND JESUS TO AN UPCOMING MEETING. FCC WANTED TO THANK THE CLUB AGAIN FOR OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY. KIM/KF6ZSW

FARC WISHES THESE MEMBERS A HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH

BENNETT HAMAN, JR.	WB6GBS
BILL HOLLAND	KF6VBZ
CATHERINE FLORO	KG6MMJ
CHARLES BARROW	WA6WQG
DAVID AUSTIN	KA6VTA
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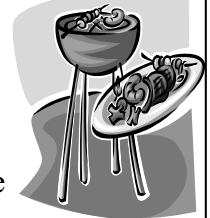
Want to learn Morse Code

Here is a website submitted by Charles McConnell/W6DPD that offers instruction of the Morse code.

http://www.9bit.qc.ca/ve2crd/cours/cw_course.html

FARC SUMMER PICNIC

AUG. 9, 2003/ 11 AM - 3 PM



O'Neals Park/CSUF: off of Barstow

It is a great place for events and we will have a lot of fun!!!!

Harold/KF6CL will make his famous Hamfest "Harold Burgers"!

The club will also be providing watermelon and soft drinks.

PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR SALAD.

Call me if you have any questions: 645-6849 or e-mail me, kdavis@gotnet.net.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you there! Take care, Kim/KF6ZSW

The Return of FARC Auctions

Hello Folks! I just want to tell you about something that will be coming up in the near future! We're going to begin holding auctions again... As you may or may not know, the Turlock Amateur Radio Club has held an auction each fall for the last who knows how many years. I've attended many of these, what fun! Years ago, FARC held auctions at Hamfests. It's time to start again. Our first will be a 'test' auction (read small) at the November swap meeting. The REAL auction will be at the FARC 2004 Hamfest. The players are yours truly as the carnival barker and Mr. Gene Davis as the real hero keeping me honest and the tecky part of the auction running like a well oiled DeSoto. We will be taking radio equipment, parts, furniture (usable for amateur radio, no dining tables or couches! desks, racks, etc... are fine) and computer related items. Keep a weather eye on future SKIP's for more information and equipment submission forms. 73 Craig K6QI

Swap Section

Do you have a for Sale or Want?

This is the place for it!

Place your for Sale or Want in the SKIP!

Your add can be up to 30 words in length and must be Amateur Radio related.

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(\$2.50 for ea. 30 words after first 30)

Non-Members=\$2.50

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Upgrade Alert

Well, I'm going to try keeping this month's article short and sweet however, in this heat I have a tendency to type fast and furious.

One of the concerns I have about amateur radio is the lack of upgrading. The ARRL has worked very hard in restructuring licensing procedures so we could increase the number of hams in the US by reducing the code speed to 5 WPM and making the test easier. From this our ranks were supposed to grow, and they did. However, this quick fix for numbers is now showing signs of weakness. The number of new hams over the last few years has increased especially the technician ranks. But now we're seeing that many of those newly licensed hams are not very active and show no interest in upgrading. Many are not even renewing their license.

"WHAT HAPPENED" well sometimes a quick fix doesn't work.

Helping people get their license is a good thing but that's as far as we seem to go. We don't seem to want to mentor or help new hams learn new technologies that would make them want to upgrade and stick with the hobby. If most new hams are only introduced to the 2-meter band, and never have a chance to learn how technology works and the opportunities they have in amateur radio, they will drop out of the hobby.

Some of the new technologies being developed in amateur radio, like digital mode operations, high speed data links and advanced satellite systems is fun but requires some technical savvy. We as a community cannot get lazy. Times are changing; we need to continually improve our technical skills to enjoy the fullness of amateur radio.

So here are my suggestions, Let's make a real effort at improving the skill level of our local hams, especially the newly licensed hams. How do we do this, by having training sessions and seminars? By getting new and old hams together in teams building kits and projects. By having fun working together, having real show and tell sessions. Who knows some of the old hams that seem bored might actually have fun.

So here's my challenge to the ham community. Give me some suggestions on how we could accomplish such a great task. I would like your suggestions before the next August club meeting. At the meeting I will talk about your inputs and what are next steps should be. Let's make the numbers stick.

Happy hamming

Rick Fornes KA6Y
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TECH AND UP GRADE TO GENERAL CLASSES WILL BE STARTING SOON!!!! CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED. CONTACT ME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN MORE DETAILS: KIM/KF6ZSW, 645-6849 OR kdavis@gotnet.net .



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FARC Talent Show—October Meeting

OK folks! Get your tuning forks out and tune up those singing saws! We're going to have an FARC talent show at the October Meeting! You can sign up to show off your show stopping selections by emailing k6qi@arrl.net or calling me at 323 5742. You can also sign up at the August or September meetings on the handy dandy sign up sheet I'll have there. If we're lucky, maybe we can talk Pat Fennacy into doing the Dueling Banjos solo on his tuba. The only real requirement for appearing in the show is to be brave. Very, very brave. I'm very sorry, but due to advanced sanity I can no longer do the Carmen Miranda impersonation. Please don't ask...

73 Craig K6QI

Amateur Radio Emergency Service

By: Charles McConnell W6DPD—Section Manager

ARES is the acronym for the Amateur Radio Emergency Service. Emergency Communications is part of the basis and purpose for Amateur Radio. See 47AFR97.1a. In Article 2 of the ARRL Articles of Incorporation, emergency communications is the main topic. It is part of the reason for Amateur Radio being around today.

ARES is the Emergency arm of the ARRL Field Organization. It started in 1935. It is local in nature, not national. The National Traffic System (NTS), formed in 1949, is the message-handling arm of the ARRL Field Organization. Together, ARES and NTS are ARRL's response to Part 97.1a and Article 2.

ARES is part of the Field Organization in each ARRL section. A Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC), who is appointed by the Section Manager (SM), heads the ARES program in the Section. In most Sections, the AREC program is organized on a county basis. An Emergency Coordinator (EC), appointed by the SEC or SM, heads the ARES program in the county. Steve Bassett, NA6G, is the EC for Fresno County. The SEC and the ECs develop the emergency plan for the section. In some large counties, for example, Kern County, there are 2 ECs. Large Sections may be divided into Districts with a District EC overseeing several counties.

With in the county, the EC appoints a number of Assistant ECs (AEC) to cover the county. The EC and the Assistants form the ARES planning committee for the county, which could include but is not limited to training exercises and the Simulated Emer-

gency Test (SET), held in October. The plan would call for ARES nets to be held on a regular basis along with other trainings.

ARES is open to all Amateurs without regard to membership in any club or organization. The SEC and the EC must be members of ARRL, but ARRL membership is not a requirement for the AEC or ARES membership. ARES members who are also ARRL members may qualify for the Official Emergency Station (OES) appointment.

The Emergency planning committee would contact the served agencies so they would know that the ARES team exists and is ready to help. The ARRL has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a number of agencies, like the Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc. The MOUs would help break the ice between the ARES team and the served agency.

The NTS is the traffic (message handling) arm of the Field Organization. In most Sections there is a Section Traffic Net, which sends messages throughout the section for delivery. This net has liaisons to and from the Region Net. The Region Net has liaisons to the AREA net and the Transcontinental Corps. The SM under the direction of the Section Traffic Manager (STM) appoints the section traffic organization. There are Net Managers (NM) to run the section net and local nets. The traffic handlers can qualify for an Official Relay Station (ORS) appointment. ARES members need to be proficient in message handling because much of their communication involves messages on behalf of third parties.

What kinds of training are available for the ARES member? There can be programs on various subjects that concern ARES at radio club meetings. Cities and Counties may have specific trainings for their areas of jurisdiction, as would the served agencies, such as Red Cross, Salvation Army, and National Weather Service (SKYWARN). Regional trainings sessions are held at ARRL Division Conventions and ARRL Specialty Conventions such as EMCOMM West or EMCOMM South. National training is available on the Internet or in person. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a number of courses available on the Internet. ARRL has the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Courses (ARECC), Levels I, II, and III on the Internet or as hybrid classes. These are free to ARRL members

through grant money the ARRL has received.

The Emergency Coordinator will be signing up members for ARES. Please consider responding to the call.

The Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) is the other emergency service. The rules for RACES are included in Part 97 of the FCC rules. RACES is the emergency service organization that serves governmental agencies only. This includes city and county governments, the Forest Service, both State and Federal, and any other government agency. The rules for RACES are very specific as far as on the air drills and membership is concerned. RACES may be activated only by the governmental agency for which they serve. This is usually after an event has occurred. During a RACES activity, RACES stations may not contact non-RACES stations; RACES cannot serve non-government agencies, like the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Skywarn, etc. In an ideal situation ARES and RACES members would be the same people. That way all agencies could be served as needed. ARES may be activated at any time by the leadership. If an emergency crew is active as ARES and crew is also RACES members, when RACES is activated, they just change their hats and continue the operation. This gives much needed flexibility to the emergency service.

The question of liability insurance for ARES/RACES members seems to be an important issue these days. For ARES members, all should have personal liability insurance for their own protection. This is included in homeowners insurance. If you rent and have renter insurance, check to see if there is liability included there. The ARRL does have a liability policy to cover volunteers. It says the volunteer must be doing his job according to the published job description. This has a high deductible, which should be covered by the personal liability insurance. RACES members are covered through the governmental agency for which they work. In order for them to be covered, the RACES group must be activated by the governmental agency. Congress passed the Volunteer Protection Act, which protects volunteers working for a 501(c) (3) organization, like ARRL, or a government agency. This protects volunteers from liability as long as the job is being done according to the job description.



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FARC BOARD MEETING MINUTES**July 10, 2003—Cedar Lanes**

Meeting called to order at 7:07 P.M. by President Kim, who welcomed club member Ted Miller, K6FGE, and new board member Rob Mavis, AE6EG.

Present: Ted Miller, K6FGE, Bob Allen, WA6ITN, Kim Davis, KF6ZSW, John Morrice, K6MI, Chuck McConnel, W6DPD, Pat Fennacy, W6YEP, Gene Davis, W7POR, Rob Mavis, AE6EG, and Craig Carter, K6QI.

Agenda, minutes, and treasurer's report passed out.

Minutes presented, corrected, and approved.

Treasurer's report explained by Bob. Presented were

Profit and loss sheets from Jan. to June, Profit and Loss for June, and Balance sheet as of June. Report approved.

Committee Reports:

Ted reported on club paper trailer. After presentation of possible repairs, including data breakdown sheet of cost items and a picture of the finished trailer, the board authorized up to \$300 for repair from maintenance budget. Projected finish date was September 1.

Hamfest committee presented a plan with a proposed budget for the 2004 hamfest, May 1, 2004. After consideration, the board approved the committee proposal to start work on confirming a contract with Ramada Inn.

The Community Awareness, Steve Miller, chairman, reported a goal of one event a month. A July 26 event at Sanger's "Hero's Night" will be a display from 6-10 P.M.

Field Day, WS6X, chairman, reported a score near 3,100 points for this year. The committee will start to look at options for next year.

A transmitter hunt was held June 21, and another hunt will be planned for fall, and for the next hamfest.

Morning net review, with discussion of PL and thumb sucking. Net controls thanked for their service.

August 9th Picnic at Ken Holden's place mentioned, everyone bring a side dish.

Meeting on August 8th at Cedar Lanes, 7 P.M.

Special Event Station idea tabled for a later meeting.

Web site report from Craig. Craig also reported on the ideas for an auction at the next hamfest, the switch to Quicken for the treasurer, and the availability of W6TO.com for \$9 a month.

New business. Kim talked about securing a storage place for the club equipment. After discussion, Craig made a motion "to find in Fresno a storage unit not to exceed \$50 a month, to be funded by the papers and cans fund." No papers and cans in the storage room, however. Seconded by Bob, all approved.

Kim thanked Craig and Chuck for providing great programs for the meetings this year.

The committee formed at the last meeting to help Jim Lock's widow with his radio equipment reported that the club purchased the estate equipment for \$1,000, and will prepare the equipment for sale at the club swap meeting, and the hamfest auction.

Pat, W6YEP, reported that Bob, W6KOC, is currently having trouble with the City of Fresno with his antennas, and that the board should watch this closely.

Pat also requested that the board study the issue of either using the Icom flat packs, or selling them, and place the issue on the next board meeting agenda.

President Kim tried to close the meeting at 9:02, but Gene and Ted continued to talk about the cw trailer. After a motion by Pat to adjourn, the meeting was declared officially over. Gene and Ted continued to talk.

FARC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**July 11, 2003—M² Antennas**

The meeting was called to order by president Kim/KF6ZSW at 7:10 PM at M2.

Introductions.

June 13th General Meeting Minutes are in the current Skip Newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report is in the current Skip Newsletter. Treasurer Bob/WA6ITN wanted to stress how important the Papers and Cans income is to our club!

President's Report: President Kim thanked Steve/K6FDR for all of his work on the Community Awareness Committee and that he is doing a great job as net control in the morning. President Kim thanked the Field Day Committee again for all of their hard work and receiving 3,100 points. President Kim reported that our next meeting will be at Cedar Lanes on Aug. 8th and the club's picnic will be the next day at Ken and Gwynne Holden's. The picnic will start at 2 PM and food will be served at 4 PM. Ken/WA6OIB wanted to remind everyone that there is a swimming pool. President Kim said to contact her on what side dish club members will be bringing.

Program: 7:20, Mike/K6MYC on Moon bounce.

End of program: 8:20.

Break: 8:25.

Return from break: 8:35.

Drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Steve Miller, K6FDR

General Meeting

Thomas L. Whitlock



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Upcoming 2003 FARC
 Events

- Aug 8 Old Timers Night
- 9 FARC Summer Picnic
- Sept 12 General Meeting
- Video on "Ham Olympics"
- Oct 10 General Meeting
- FARC Talent Night
- Nov 14 FARC Swap Night
- Dec 12 2003 Awards

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