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Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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The FARC 2004 Hamfest/ARRL SJV Section Convention will be April 30-May 2 at The Ramada Inn (Shaw and 41).

Please look inside SKIP for more auction and event info!!!!

Our general meeting will be on April 9th/7 PM (Cedar Lanes) and Rick/KA6Y "Ask The Expert" will be giving a Tech Talk. You won't want to miss this one!!!!

FARC Fundraiser: drawing tickets for the Yaesu FT-920, \$10 each, will be available at the meeting and at our Hamfest/Convention.

### 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 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

### Have a great Easter Sunday!!!

Varouj/N6DBH did an outstanding job with his presentation at our last club meeting.

Thank you again Varouj; you are a role model for all of us!!!!

Well, our Hamfest/Convention is almost here!!!! There are more details inside. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer on one of the days of our event.

Have a great month and we will see all of you at our next meeting!!!! Rick/KA6Y always does an outstanding job; so please don't miss it!!!! Please contact me with any questions or comments.

73, Kim/KF6ZSW



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### Auction—Friday April 30th

Don't forget the HUGE auction that will be going on Friday April 30th at 6:00 at the Ramada Inn... Kind of kicking off the Hamfest with this!

If you have items that need auctioning, bring them with you and be there by 5:30 PM. We will get you all checked in and your stuff ready to go. Be there for the deals!

-Craig K6QI

### March of Dimes Walk-America

The March of Dimes contacted us last week and requested our assistance again this year for the Walk-America held here in Fresno. They are requesting up to 12 to 16 people this year. Last year we had 12 and it worked out.

We have a scheduling conflict this year as the Fresno Hamfest is on the same day. The event starts at 7am and usually lasts until between 11 am and noon. I know that some of you wish to attend the Hamfest but I think we can provide this Community Service at the same time. If need be we can work out some split shifts on the check points or some thing.


The route will be similar as last year. Louann KD6WAW has volunteered for the Control Station position.

If you are interested in participating this year please contact me (Rob AE6GE 224-7187 or ae6ge@ae6ge.com) so we can get the team together. Even if you only want to participate in part of the event please let me know so we can work out a schedule to perform our annual Community Service activity.

-Rob AE6GE

### HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO THESE FRESNO CLUB MEMBERS

BOB HERVATINE	W6FRH
CHRIS DENNY	KD6HTV
DAVID BLEVINS	KG6HTE
FRANK BOWEN	N6BWW
JUDY HAMAN	KF6DSR
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### EC'S Corner

- Gene, W7POR

It's been another month of steady progress. Certified Fresno Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Corps members are up to 20 now. We are working at having every member take a shot at being Net Control Station. When a real event occurs any FARECC participant might have to become the main station, so this is great practice.

Speaking of Emergency Training, Kim, KF6ZSW and I are enrolled in the Fresno Citizen Corps 20 hour course under the Community Emergency Response Team program. This covers training for the whole planning philosophy of disaster response, including communication. Once completed, a trainee should be able to form and/or lead a CERT team. The assumption is that when a true disaster happens, government agencies probably will have their hands full. It could be days before electricity and water could be restored to beleaguered residents. In the meanwhile, most of us would have to fend for ourselves. That could even involve putting out fires, and making some tough choices when it comes to survival, first aid and rescue

Not only do we face the probability of a terrorist attack on our homeland, but there are some natural events that could severely impact our lives. However, one benefit of this training is that much of the information is a big help to us in our every day experience. By the way, we really did have to learn the proper manner of handling a fire extinguisher and each team was responsible for putting out a real blaze.

It was clear to me that communicating will be one of the most important responsibilities during a disaster. So, here we are learning how to provide a backup (or maybe even the main source of information) for links to law enforcement and other public service agencies. Hats off to Fresno Citizen Corps Director Carla Glazebrook and all the CERT trainers. They're doing a fantastic job.

That's it for this month. Thanks to our eager and energized FARECC members and to the Fresno Amateur Radio Club for its support.

73,

Gene, W7POR FARC  
Emergency Coordinator



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## SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

Report for the month of February 2004

SM Charles McConnell, W6DPD- ASM K6YK, ACC W6DPD, SEC K6IN, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC KE6IGJ, TC W6TE. Greetings from the ARRL San Joaquin Valley Section. Emergency Coordinators are needed in Mono and Calaveras Counties. Contact K6IN (k6in@mercednet.com) or W6DPD (w6dpd@arrl.org) if you can help. Please write your congressional representative and urge support and co-sponsorship of HR 713, the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act and HR 1478, which would apply PRB-1 to CC&Rs. Also contact your Senators and urge support and co-sponsorship of S 537, the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act. The 2004 Fresno Hamfest will also be the San Joaquin Valley Section Convention. The dates are April 30 to May 2. ARRL to sponsor ARES/RACES/ARECC seminar in Fresno -- The ARRL will offer a free Amateur Radio Emergency Communications seminar on Friday, April 30, in conjunction with the San Joaquin Valley Section Convention in CA. The seminar will not include the Level I course itself. This program is designed to explain in greater detail the duties of all Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course participants and how their volunteer efforts are essential to the ARES Field Organization. This seminar will explain the importance of every team player with emphasis on using lessons learned to effectively move Amateur Radio emergency communications to the next level," said ARRL Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG. All ARES/RACES volunteers, ARECC course participants, and Field Organization leadership are invited. Course participants at every ARECC level -- Mentors, Certification Instructors, Certification Examiners and current students -- will be encouraged to come and share with everyone their experiences with the ARECC Program. Field Organization Leadership -- SMs, SECs, DECs and ECs -- are also invited to join in the brainstorming with ideas for motivating volunteers and coordinating activities. We will focus on coordination between ARECC volunteers and students, and their integration into the Field Organization, helping us to provide the community impact stressed by CNCS for year 2. Attendees will receive handouts and be eligible for a prize drawing at the end of the seminar. The seminar will be held at the Ramada Inn University, (Shaw/Fwy 41), Fresno, CA from 1:00 to 5:00 PM on Friday, April 30 and is open to all interested hams. Seating may be limited. Con-

tact Dan Miller, K3UFG, k3ufg@arrl.org <mailto:k3ufg@arrl.org>, (860-594-0340; FAX 860-594-0259) at ARRL HQ if you plan to attend. For more information on the SJV Section Convention, visit the sponsoring organization web site at <http://www.qsl.net/w6to/ota.html>. You can download the registration form from the web page. There will be a technical program on Saturday, and the Hamfest luncheon is at 11:45 AM. The Hamfest/Convention will be held at the Ramada Inn University as Shaw and 41 in Fresno. QSL cards for DXCC, WAS, VUCC, and WAZ may be checked on Saturday. Have all forms completed and bring the award fees, check or credit card. Amateur Exams will be given on Sunday May 2 at 1:00 P.M. Check at the ARRL Booth for information on the exams. The International DX Convention will be April 23-25, 2004 at the Holiday Inn at Visalia. Check [sdcxc.org/visalia2004](http://sdcxc.org/visalia2004) for information. EM-COMM West 2004 will be May 22-23, 2004 in Reno NV. Check [www.emcomwest.org](http://www.emcomwest.org) for schedules and information. If you have a technical problem and need help, please contact the SJV Technical Coordinator, Dave Smith, W6TE, for assistance. He can help or refer you to a Technical Specialist in your area. Contact Dave at [w6te@pacbell.net](mailto:w6te@pacbell.net). If your club would like news of their activities and events listed here, please send the information to your SM, [w6dpd@arrl.org](mailto:w6dpd@arrl.org). Clubs can order their field day information from ARRL. Check [arrl.org](http://arrl.org) and go to operating events/contests/rules to download the 2004 Field Day package. There are no changes in the rules for 2004. K6IXA returned to the U.S. after a 2+ year adventure on the high seas. Congrats to K6VZT on completing ARECC Level One course and to KC5LUB on completing ARECC Level Three course. The following Radio Amateurs became Silent Keys in February: N6GPA, KD6HPS (former call was WB6TDW), and KD6TY (former call was WB6KHR). Tulare County ARC officers for 2004 are pres W6SLT, VP N6YMM, sec KF6PCV, and treas WB6MUD. The club meets the fourth Thursday in Visalia. Stanislaus ARA 2004 officers are pres W6UHF, vp KF6NPG, sec KD6YUO, and treas KC6TVE. The club meets the third Tuesday in Modesto. The Fresno Chapter 213 of the QCWA has now formed in Fresno. The meetings are the fourth Tuesday as Noon at Carrow's Restaurant on Blackstone Ave in Fresno. All QCWA members are welcome to attend the meetings. Officers are pres W6PSQ, vp W6YDE, s/t W6DPD, and directors W6RUJ and K6XJ. The Sierra ARC provided communications for the 20 mule team horse ride in the desert around Ridgecrest. W6VPS has a FT 8800. Traffic for February was Zero. PSHR K6RAU 62.

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## Board of Directors Meeting minutes

February 5th, 2004 - Cedar Lanes, Fresno CA

Board Members Present: Rob Mavis AE6GE (Secretary); John Morrice K6MI; Rick Fornes KA6Y; Gene Davis W7POR; Kim Davis KF6ZSW (President); Dave Smith W6TE; Jim Bianchi KF6GKC; Craig Carter K6QI (Vice-President); Bob Allen WA6ITN.

Board Members Absent: Bob Sawyer KF6FIG (Treasurer); Richard Pack KE6SHL.

Others present: Jan Whiteberry KG6SUL; Ken Holden WA6OIB.

7:00pm - Meeting was called to order by Kim Davis KF6ZSW (President).

Welcome Ken Holden for attending.

Presidents Report: Kim KF6ZSW (President) asked that all board members try and check into the weekly FARC Sunday night net on a regular basis. She also requested that at general membership meetings the board members sit at the table in the front of the room.

January 8th, 2004 Board Meeting Minutes: Rob Mavis AE6GE (Secretary) distributed copies of the minutes. Gene Davis moved that the minutes be accepted. Jim Bianchi Second. Unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: FARC Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2004 was distributed.

There was a discussion about converting from Quickbooks to Quicken software.

Craig K6QI volunteered to go to Bob KF6FIG's and assist with the installation/conversion.

Technical Committee Update: Rick KA6Y showed his proposed letter to be distributed to the club members. The letter described the purpose of the Technical Committee and planned projects to include: New repeater system; an auxiliary repeater system for experimentation; Technical Teams to broaden the clubs skill base.

Ken Holden WA6OIB commented that he agreed with the purpose and direction of the Technical Committee. He took issue with the FARC Board for not including him in the new Technical Committee. Ken believes that the current equipment is the same vintage as the newly obtained repeater and controller. He also stated that the current equipment is ok and the club does not need to replace it.

It was explained that as the new repeater equipment is phased in, the old equipment can be kept for backup or sold to recoup funds.

There was discussion on the status of the repeater. Gene Davis W7POR stated that the current situation with lack of access to the repeater by anyone other than Ken Holden is unacceptable and that compliance with FCC rules requires access by our technical committee. He expressed concern about Club liability with one person working alone on electrical equipment at the site.

Ken stated that he had always given the control codes to the current board of directors. Out of the members present only John Morrice K6MI had a copy of the control codes.

Ken handed out copies of the control op codes for the repeater controller to the board and technical committee members at the request of the board. The control op access code was also given to the board members.

Ken Holden gave the repeater controller master code to Dave Smith W6TE at the request of Craig Carter K6QI (Vice-President) Rick Fornes KA6Y welcomed Ken Holden to be involved with the club as a technical advisor..

Rick Fornes KA6Y stated that Ken is not on the Technical Committee at this time but the committee would contact him from time to time on technical issues.

Ken suggested that he change the control codes to help eliminate certain unauthorized parties from controlling the repeater. The board agreed that the codes should be changed tonight at midnight.

Ken Holden left the meeting.

Fund Raising: Kim Davis KF6ZSW (President) reported that Ovations has been contacted and that FARC is signed up for four FSU football games this year. The club has also been signed up for eight Fresno Grizzlies games, between April and September. 8 volunteers will be required on those nights. The club will get 7% of beer sales and 13% of food sales. There is also 1 day of training required, the date to be announced later.

Drawing: Kim Davis KF6ZSW (President) reported that the Club will be raffling off a Yaesu FT-920 at the Hamfest. The proceeds will go to the general fund and not be part of the hamfest. Tickets have been ordered from Me n Eds.

Kim also reported that Steve Miller suggested that the club have a drawing for a digital camera sometime this year.

Channel 18 has been scheduled for April 15th, 8pm to midnight.

Hamfest: There was a discussion of prizes. Dave Smith W6TE reported that the speakers were being lined up. Rick Fornes KA6Y reported that he was contacting vendors and outlying clubs about the hamfest.

Membership & Nets:

Jan Whiteberry KG6SUL stated that some of our nets need to be conducted in a more professional manner.

8:05pm Adjourn to executive session.

8:33pm Return from executive session.

The FARC Board of Directors has decreed that Pat Fennacy W6YEP's Honorary Membership to the Fresno Amateur Radio Club be terminated for his conduct to disturb the order, dignity, and impair the good name of the corporation per Article VI, Section 3 of the amended Bylaws of the Fresno Amateur Radio Club, Inc. dated January 13, 1984.

## 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.

- May 2
- August 1
- November 7

**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.

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

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It is also decreed that a letter be sent to Mr. Pat Fennacy advising him of such revocation of Honorary Membership and advising him that he is to cease use of the Fresno Amateur Radio club repeater system until such time as his Amateur Radio License is renewed and a written apology is submitted to the FARC for his disrespectful actions towards the Fresno Amateur Radio Club and its members.

At that time he can apply to the club for a regular membership.

The Secretary, Rob Mavis AE6GE was directed to compose such letter and upon approval of the FARC Board of Directors mail it to Mr. Fennacy.

Papers & Cans: Bob Allen WA6ITN reported that the paper trailer is getting full. Education: Jim Bianchi KF6GKC reported no action at this time.

#### FARECC:

Kim Davis KF6ZSW (President) reported that Dan Gamel has assigned an employee to pick a trailer out for donation to the club that would suit the clubs needs. This should happen in about 2 weeks.

Gene Davis W7POR reported that the FARECC net started last week on Sunday at 8:00pm on the W6TO repeater. Gene passed out copies of the FARECC Planning Manual to board members who did not have a copy. He also explained the clause in the manual about joint operations with ARES and other Clubs/Agencies. There were discussions about the trailer configuration, radio equipment, generators, and antennas.

Field Day: Dave Smith W6TE reported that planning was underway and the next Field Day committee meeting will be scheduled in February.

5-Year Plan: Kim Davis KF6ZSW (President) handed out a list of the five key areas of the plan: 1. To secure a club house; 2. more fund raising and grant writing; 3. get back into Emergency Services (FARECC); 4. Increase membership; 5. Upgrade repeater and establish a technical committee.

#### Old Business:

Dave Smith W6TE commented that we need to have a contingency plan if the current repeater goes down. Kim Davis KF6ZSW (President) responded that this wasn't a problem. Dave also stated that the new repeater/controller is about 4 weeks away from being ready to go into service.

#### New Business:

Guest Speaker for February Meeting. Kim Davis reported that the guest speaker will be Matthew Takahashi from the City of Fresno Code Enforcement Department. He will be talking about City and County codes as they relate to antennas and antenna structures.

2004 Budget: Kim Davis handed out the FARC 2004 Proposed Profit and Loss (2 pages) report.

Proposal for the Board to authorize the Technical Committee to spend up to \$3,500 for the first phase of repeater system upgrades/replacement. Craig Carter K6QI motioned. Jim Bianchi KF6GKC seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Mavis AE6GE

Secretary

- Rob Mavis AE6GE

## FARC General Meeting minutes 3-12-2004

The meeting was called to order by President Kim/KF6ZSW at 7:14 PM.

Introductions.

President Kim/KF6ZSW announced that Dick/W6GV had become a silent key.

Guest speaker Varouj/N6DBH spoke on his years in ham radio and on antennas.

Club business:

Secretary Rob/AE6GE went home ill. The Feb. General Meeting minutes are in Skip and the Feb. Board Meeting minutes are on handouts that were available at this meeting and will be printed in the next Skip.

Treasurer's report/Bob,KF6FIG: treasurer's report is in Skip; and we are doing very well with membership and Hamfest/Convention.

Rick/KA6Y gave a report on the FARC Technical Committee.

President Kim/KF6ZSW gave an update on the Hamfest/Convention and the Community Awareness Committee.

Due to Field Day Chairman Dave/W6TE not at the meeting due to illness, President Kim/KF6ZSW reported that Dave has everything on target for the 2004 Field Day and the next committee meeting will be in early April.

Gene/W7POR gave The FARECC Report. He reported that everything was on target for our trailer, nets, training and committee meetings. Gene/W7POR also reported that he and Kim/KF6ZSW are taking the CERT 8 week Training Course. He reported that this will be very helpful for our emergency training.

Break at 8:25 PM.

Drawings at 8:35 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Submitted by,

Acting Secretary

Karen Pritchett/KF6FGP



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and  
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April 30th—May 2nd

Ramada Inn—University—324 East Shaw, Fresno, California

**Event Agenda**

**Friday, April 30th**

- 1:00pm- 5:00pm Golf (contact Kim/KF6ZSW 559-287-9051)  
Emergency Communications  
*Dan Miller K3UFG-*
- 6:00pm-10:00pm Hospitality Room and **Auction**

**Saturday, May 1st**

- 7:00am- 2:00pm Commercial Vendors and Swap meet  
7:30am- 8:00am Event Statements and Welcome  
*KF6ZSW, KA6Y and W6TE*

- 8:00am-11:45am **Technical Forums:**  
8:00am -PSK31 digital communications demo  
*Craig K6QI*
- 9:00am -Weak Signal Modes  
*Mike Staal K6MYC*
- 10:00am -VHF Contesting  
*Wayne Overbeck N6NB*
- 11:00am -Antenna Forum  
*Rob Hill/Antenna Magic*

- 11:45am- 1:00pm **Luncheon**  
Keynote: Jet Propulsion Laboratories

- 1:00pm- 3:45pm **Technical Forums**  
1:00pm Emergency Communications and Echolink  
*Dan Miller K3UFG*
- 2:00pm ARRL Forum, BPL ,  
Pacific Div Director Bob Vallio W6RGG  
SKYWARN/National Weather Service
- 3:00pm
- 4:00pm- 5:00pm Fun Ham Contests
- 5:00pm- 6:00PM Q&A With "Ask The Expert"  
*Rick/KA6Y*
- 6:00pm-10:00pm Mixer

**Sunday May 2nd**

- 8:00am-10:00am Breakfast – Ramada Inn  
*Rob Hill, Antenna Magic*
- 11:00am- Noon Transmitter Hunt



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- Auction
- 5 drawing tickets.
- Transmitter Hunt

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Swap Meet Vendor Space \$5.00  
YL Winery Tour \$5.00  
Luncheon: \$15.00  
Sunday Breakfast: \$12.00

**OTHER EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

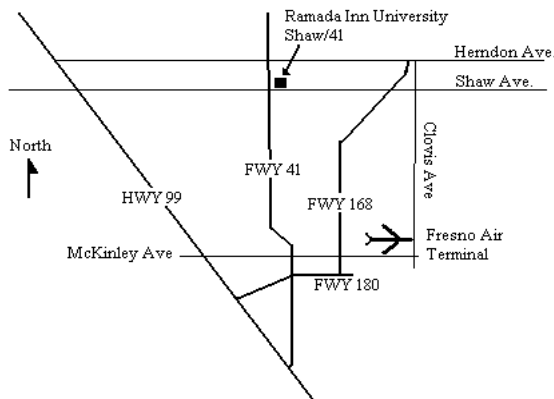
- Drawings held nearly hourly throughout Saturday.
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- Luncheon  
11:45am—1:00pm—Saturday

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 E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member? \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in serving on one of the committees; please contact me with more details \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Upcoming 2003/04 FARC Events**

- Apr 9 Presentation by KA6Y/Rick,  
Tech Talk
- Apr 30- Fresno HAMFEST/  
May 2 ARRL SJV Section Convention  
Fresno Ramada Inn
- May 14 PSK31 Presentation, Craig/K6QI
- June 11 Field Day Pre-View/Dave W6TE
- 26-27 Field Day/CSUF O'Neill's Park
- July 10 FARC Annual Summer Picnic  
CSUF O'Neill's Park 11-3 PM
- Aug 13 Antenna Presentation &  
Open nominations to the Board
- Sept 10 Laser Demo, AE6GE/Rob
- Oct 8 Ballots are in & counted and  
EME Presentation
- Nov 12 Swap and Auction
- Dec 10 Holiday/Awards/Drawing/Talent Night