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Our next BOARD MEETING is on June 3rd, 7 PM at Cedar Lanes. Our next General Meeting is on June 11th, 7 PM at Cedar Lanes. Jim/WS6X will be giving a presentation on Field Day (June 26 and 27th at CSUF's O'Neill Park). This will be a very informative meeting; please plan on attending! Field Day reminders: If you want to participate in Field Day contact Chairman Jim/KF6GKC at 217-6049. Everyone is welcome to stop by on Sat. or Sun. Marcus/KG6QNY will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs on Sat., June 26th/5 PM, and as always you are invited to attend. Please bring your favorite dessert or side dish. The club will provide sodas.

FARC General Meetings
are the 2nd Friday of each month,
7 p.m. at Cedar Lanes unless otherwise noted.

2004 FARC BOARD MEETING DATES
AT 7 PM/CEDAR LANES:
JAN. 8, FEB. 5, MARCH 4, APRIL 1, MAY 6, JUNE 3, JULY 1, AUG. 5, SEPT 2, OCT. 7, NOV. 4, AND DEC. 2.

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

"Happy Fathers Day!"



It was great seeing all of you at our May meeting!!!! Please don't miss our June meeting; we will have a Field Day pre-view (our trailer update, etc.).

All of our Chairmen are doing a great job; remember their phone numbers are in Skip and please contact them if you have any questions or comments.

Steve/K6FDR has been appointed to be our Nominating Committee Chairman.

We want to thank the people thus far who have volunteered at the Grizzlie Games: Steve/K6FDR, Craig/K6QI, Vicky Carter, Jason Lane, Jim/KF6GKC, Jan/KG6SUL, and Carole/KG6TTF.

We want to thank the people who were on the Ch. 18 phone panel: Craig/K6QI, Jim/KF6GKC, Carole/KG6TTF, Jan/KG6SUL, Bob/WA6ITN, Varouj/N6DBH, John/KG6AWB, Pat/KG6BXZ, Ted/K6FGE, and Burt/WA6PTG.

We want to thank everyone who was on The Hamfest/Convention Committee or who helped out that weekend: Chuck/W6DPD, Dave/W6TE, Rob/AE6GE, Gene/W7POR, Marcus/KG6QNY, John/AE6QR, Lisa/KG6SZA, Lee/AC6WS, Craig/K6QI, Jan/KG6SUL, John/K6MI, Jim/KF6GKC, Bob/KF6FIG, Steve/K6FDR, Mark/K6ORJ, Harold/KF6CL, Bob/WA6ITN, Terry/KF6LXB, Jim/W6ALE, Kathy Smith, Marian Weber, Tom/KG6KYU, Marci/KG6KYT, Carole/KG6TTF, Larry/KG6UPC, Pat/KG6BXZ, John/KG6AWB, Mercedes, and Pilar. Our Hamfest/Convention was a great success and it was all due to team work!!! Special, Special thanks goes to Marcus/KG6QNY; Dave/W6TE, and Gene/W7POR for all of their extra help!!!! We had many positive comments from the many other clubs who attended, donors, vendors, and our guest speakers!!!! Our 2005 Hamfest is already looking great!!!!

Our club picnic this year will be on July 10th at CSUF's O'Neill Park, 11AM-3 PM. Harold/KF6CL will be cooking his famous "Harold Burgers!" The club will also be providing sodas and watermelon. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert.

We will see you all soon!
73, Kim/KF6ZSW

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Treasurer's Report

Hamfest Income: \$5,705.00

Hamfest Expenses: \$5,556.14

Hamfest Profit: \$ 148.86

May 2004:

Income: \$5,438.00

Expenses: \$4,282.30

Net: \$1,155.70

Total Cash on Hand:

Checking: \$3,443.87

Savings: \$5,123.68

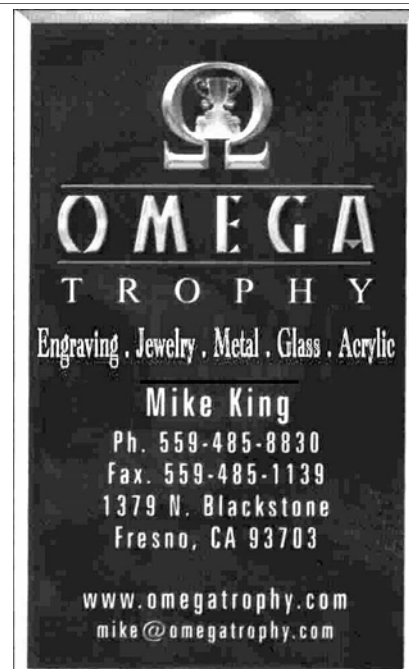
Petty Cash: \$ 50.00

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CLUB BADGES

ORDER CLUB BADGES THROUGH KIM/KF6ZSW FOR \$5 EACH. OMEGA TROPHY, WILL BE MAKING OUR CLUB BADGES. I'LL PLACE THE ORDER EACH MONTH AND HAVE THEM BACK TO YOU BY OUR NEXT MEETING. KIM/KF6ZSW



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	KE6VFU	Meadow Lakes	146.790	-	141.3
CCAC	KE6VFU	Meadow Lakes	223.780	-	141.3
CCAC	KE6VFU	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	+	none



EC'S CORNER

-Gene W7POR

Preparations for the annual Field Day are underway. As most of you know, the event is designed to sharpen communications skills in a "field" environment such as one might find in an emergency situation. What makes it interesting and

fun is that it is done in a contesting environment, with extra points for things like reduced power, alternate power sources and availability to the public. Many individuals and groups combine Field Day with camping and outdoor activities.

This year, we're fortunate to have our trailer ready for the event. Special thanks go to club members who worked hard to modify the forward part of the vehicle as a very nice Communications Room. Ted Miller, K6FGE and Paul Sullivan, W6VPS used their skills to design, then construct the operations desk. They were assisted by Dan Pruitt, KG6ALC and Steve Miller, K6FDR. We are also grateful to those who offered valuable suggestions. There is room for two HF radios, computers and VHF/UHF equipment. Up to four operators can be on duty at the same time.

No doubt we'll see ways to improve the rest of the setup during Field Day, but for now, it will be a huge improvement over some of our past events. "Off shift" operators can take advantage of the two sleeping bunks and a fresh pot of coffee on the stove. By the way, the trailer is self contained and even has an air conditioner, microwave oven and refrigerator. What a fantastic achievement!

By the way, the 2004 Fresno Hamfest had a lot of great information on the part Amateur Radio can play in disaster communications. ARRL Rep Dan Miller, K3UFG, flew in all the way from Hartford, Connecticut to explain Emergency Communications. There was audience discussion about how to get around the word "Amateur" to describe what we do, and to eliminate a negative image impression among public officials. Miller emphasized the need to be in constant contact with said officials. Through demonstrated capabilities, he says, we can override the "rag tag" image of some radio communicators.

ARRL Pacific Division Director Bob Vallio discussed the threat to much of the High Frequency bands by the much-touted "Broadband Over Power Lines (BPL)" internet access plan. Vallio demonstrated that in test areas it appears the relaxation of power line radiation tolerances would just about wipe out any HF emergency contacts. He urges we join the effort to write our lawmakers to prevent it from happening.

On another front, Steve Miller, K6FDR is taking the Citizen's Emergency Response Team (CERT) course offered by Carla Glazebrook and her team of instructors from the Fresno Citizen's Corps. As many of you know, Kim, KF6ZSW and I also took the twenty hour course.

See you at Field Day - 73,
Gene Davis - W7POR
FARC Emergency Coordinator

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION

Report for the month of May 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.

BPL. All Amateurs are urged to contact President Bush (president@whitehouse.gov) to urge him to change his position on BPL. Also, please contact your senators and representative to urge them to oppose the implementation of BPL. Check the ARRL web page (arrl.org) for more information, sample letters and email addresses.

FIELD DAY is the 4th full weekend of June, not necessarily the last weekend. It is the 26th and 27th this year. Be sure you check the rules to be sure you get all the bonus points you can get. Don't forget the message to the SM and the ARRL Field Day message. The bonus points can increase your score.

Pacificon 04 is October 15-17 at the San Ramon Marriott. Check www.pacificon.org <<http://www.pacificon.org/>> for information.

The Lodi and Stockton-Delta ARCs helped with communications with the Stockton Bicycle Club's annual bike ride.

Many SJV Amateurs provided communications for the March of Dimes Walk Across America in May.

The Manteca ARC will have a transmitter hunt on July 10. Contact Sheldon, KF6WNL, (surfram@bigvalley.net) for information.

It is my sad duty to report the following Silent Keys in the Section: N6BMM, W6POW, WT6X, WD6FRS, and KA6HME. They will be missed.

Congrats to those completing the ARECC Courses: Level One WB6MFV, and N6YMM; Level Two KB6QIT; and Level Three N6EKE.

Six hams from Tulare participated in the Baker to Las Vegas Challenge Cup Relay.

KG6FEX, KG6PDD, NI6Z, and KD6FFS of TCARES attended EMCOMM West 2004 in Reno NV. Your Section Manager also attended this conference. It was a good one.

Traffic for April was zero. PSHR K6RAU 55.

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO THESE FRESNO CLUB MEMBERS

AMANDA MORTIMER KB9ESF
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 BURT WILCOX WA6PTG
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 MARK CARPENTER K6ORJ
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FARC General Membership Meeting May 14, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by the president, Kim/KF6ZSW. All present introduced themselves.

Vice-President Craig/K6QI asked for the floor and recognized the hard work of the Hamfest Committee.

Kim asked for Ted/K6FGE and Paul/W6VPS to be recognized for their work on modifying the club trailer. They had put in two to three full days work on it at that time. Dan Pruitt/KG6ALC and Steve Miller/K6FDR also aided their efforts.

A brief break was held at 7:30 so that members could look at the renovations on the trailer, which had been brought to the meeting. The meeting resumed at 7:48.

The board meeting minutes were presented. No comments were made as to content.

Treasurer Bob/KF6FIG gave his report, including details on Hamfest. A small profit was made. The report was approved by the members.

The Tech Committee-Chairman Rob/AE6GE, Co-Chairman Mark/K6ORJ, Kim/KF6ZSW, Gene/W7POR, and Jan/KG6SUL-gave a brief demo and talk about how repeaters work. Mark also explained about the recent changes in the club repeater. The Meadow Lakes repeater was disabled. On Thursday, May 13, the controller was pulled. The reason for this was that the club did not have the control codes for messages (such as Gene's spot promoting Hamfest), and the inability to turn the repeater off and on when necessary is in violation of FCC codes. FCC has in-

quired as to why the repeater had not been turned off when an unlicensed operator used the repeater.

Kim and Rob are negotiating with Ch. 30 to increase security, possibly by changing the locks on the building and installing a door inside. Other sites are being investigated; one possible site is on Deadwood.

The new repeater is located in Squaw Valley at a temporary site. The signal is weak in some areas, but Rob, the trustee, has the codes and can control it. The PL is on automatically but can be turned off temporarily through a series of touch tones. The 220/440/autopatch is down temporarily until the repeater finds a permanent location. Maps by Dave Smith/W6TE showing the repeater coverage area were available for view.

Future repeater plans: restore the 220/440 autopatch, clean up the audio squelch tail, and locate repeater in a more secure area.

Gene pointed out that NARC coordination plans for repeaters consider the use of a 10 watt mobile, not an HT, as a standard to operate the repeater. Some low power HTs may not be able to hit the repeater.


Rob and Kim have given Ch. 30 a proposal about leaving the repeater at Meadow Lakes and should get a response within a week or so. Ch. 30 is currently in budget meetings, but FARC is wanted at the site. It may take 2 weeks to 60 days to get the details negotiated. Better security benefits all who use the building (Ch. 30, KISS, KMJ, Infinity).

Gene said that historically Henry Broadcasting originally didn't want the repeater there because of concerns about its broadcast equipment. An agreement was worked out that meant the club has been unable to have legal and reasonable access to the equipment. FCC requires control of the repeater. Riley Hollingsworth sent a letter stating that the club is responsible should an unlicensed operator use the repeater, and it must be turned off. The unlicensed operator apparently has the ability to turn the repeater on and off. The repeater is owned by the club, but the board holds it in trust for the club.

The rent is \$1 per year at the Meadow Lakes site.

The board asked for alternative sites that were approximately equal to Meadow Lakes in coverage, which has an elevation of about 4400 feet. The Squaw Valley site is lower, with shadowy

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hills in the footprint, and Bear Mountain is in the middle of it.

If Ch. 30/Disney agrees, the new repeater will be installed at Meadow Lakes. The board noted that Tulare County and Kern County radio clubs have had similar problems with repeater sites. Meadow Lakes is ideal for FARC because it is on an overlook which allows for great coverage.

Varouj/N6DBH asked how the whole change and issue came about. The board explained that the lack of access and control of the repeater has existed for awhile, but the letter from Hollingsworth pushed the issue. There has also been jamming as well, and a CW signal was sent using AC6WS/Lee's call, which would have been a false signal, since he did not send it. No one on the board has had ready access to the building and the repeater. Even Rob, the trustee, still had no access to the equipment.

This has been a six-month process of trying to find a solution, which finally came to either shutting the repeater down or moving it. There was even a threat of sabotage at Hamfest, so the new repeater was set up at Squaw Valley as a backup. Fortunately, Hamfest went well and there were no problems.

Gene gave a repeater demonstration and explanation of how it works. The repeater on display would be on loan to the FARECC trailer for local use. Gene emphasized that the OWNER is always responsible for repeater operations; The FCC historically supports owner policy for the use of a repeater. The repeater license W6TO is issued to the club, and the trustee (Rob) is responsible for its proper operation.

A break was taken from 8:30 to 8:40.

Craig wanted to delay the radio auction, as John/K6MI had stated that the radio was not known to be working. Craig will take it home and test it. There was some discussion as to whether to auction it as is, but Craig felt it best to test it first.

Committee reports were given. Hamfest went great, and planning is already underway for Hamfest 2005. Kim suggested

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 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.

Talk in on W6TO/R 146.94/64 repeater. Walk-in's only, no pre-registration.

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

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moving it to the fall, September 16-18, to give more planning time and to separate it from other events happening at that time. Riley Hollingsworth has confirmed that he will be pleased to be the keynote speaker at the dinner banquet Sept. 17. The next planning meeting for Field Day will be May 22nd. Community Awareness arranged for a phone panel for the Ch. 18 auction. Steve/K6FDR is currently recovering from surgery but is lining up events for Community Awareness. Gene spoke about FARECC and said that the trailer is good to go for Field Day.

Old business was discussed. Concerns brought by Keith at a previous meeting will be addressed at the board meeting. The board is drafting a letter to Keith, and it will be included in the minutes. There was no other old business.

The only new business was Bob's resignation as Treasurer, as it has taken too much time and has been difficult keeping the books on the computer. His resignation will be effective as of June 1. Carole/KG6TTF will be taking his place.

Craig did the drawings between 8:40 and 8:57.

Gene commented that the Madera Club BBQ at Tom and Marci's house (KG6KYU and KG6KYT) was a great occasion and a good time was had by all.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Carole/KG6TTF

FARC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes May 6th, 2004—Cedar Lanes

Board Members Present: Kim Davis KF6ZSW, Jim Bianchi KF6GKC, Rob Mavis AE6GE, Bob Sawyer KF6FIG, Jan Whiteberry KG6SUL, Bob Allen WA6ITN, Gene Davis W7POR, Mark Carpenter K6ORJ.

Club Members Present: Jim Wakefield W6PSQ

Called to order at 7:05pm.

Jim Wakefield thanked FARC on behalf of the QCWA for the table space at the 2004 Fresno Hamfest.

Kim Davis welcomed Mark Carpenter K6ORJ to the board of directors. Mark will be replacing Dave Smith W6TE, who recently resigned due to work and health issues.

Jan Whiteberry KG6SUL will be replacing Rick Fornes KA6Y who recently resigned due to work and travel issues.

Both Jan and Mark are on the Technical Committee.

Rob Mavis AE6GE voted/appointed to head of Technical Committee.

Bob Sawyer KF6FIG is resigning due to time constraints and will be traveling.

Gene Davis made the following motion: Carole Whiteberry KG6TTF replace Bob Sawyer on the board of directors and as Secretary effective June 1st. Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain.

Letter from Keith Graves.

Friday, April 09, 2004

To The Board of Directors Fresno Amateur Radio Club

Reference: Rumors

Directors,

I would like to have the following issues addressed and answered by the Board of Directors in an effort to quell any unfounded rumors that seem to be persisting.

1. Board meetings are by the by-laws supposed to be open to the general membership. I have heard about people being told they could not attend a Board meeting since they were not board members.

2. Expenditures by the Board, which exceed a given amount, are supposed to be approved by the general membership, what is that amount supposed to be. I believe that the amount was \$250 before the general membership had to approve of it, but am I wrong.

3. I have gone back through my copies of Skip and not found any mention of any audits of the accounting practices of the club required by the articles of incorporation / and the IRS since the FARC has been granted non-profit status for tax filing.

4. I have heard many people during numerous conversations with many different members make the statement "oh no that doesn't apply anymore, the board changed the by-laws". I question the validity of their comments since the by-laws cannot be changed without the change going before the membership, the board cannot make such arbitrary changes.

5. I would also ask, since this is a non-profit organization, why does the board continue to charge exorbitant amounts to the club members, the general public etc. for items we as a club used to and still could absorb through all our fund raising events and dues.

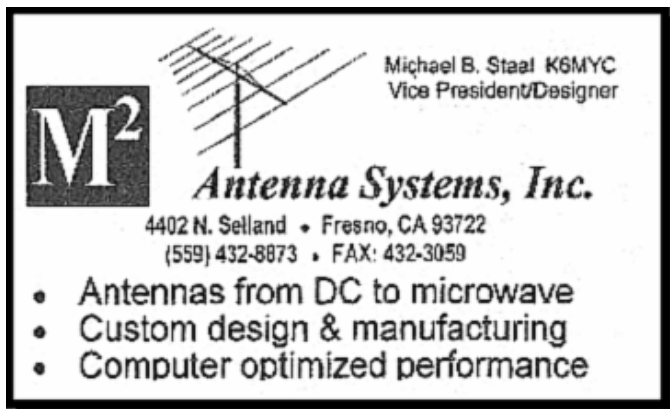
Thank you, Keith A. Graves KA6LAC

Mr. Graves is not a current member of the Fresno Amateur Radio Club. He was invited to attend the Board of Directors meeting and is not present.

Each point of Mr. Graves Letter was addressed.

Issue #1. - This is a rumor and total hear-say. Board meetings have always been open to the general membership.

Issue #2 - There is no limit per the by-laws. At one time there was an illegal policy statement that previous boards followed that addressed this issue.



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Issue #3 – There is no requirement for audits. We have found no record of any past audits, including when Mr. Graves was Treasurer.

Issue #4 – The by-laws have not been changed.

Issue #5 – The Board disagrees with your statement.

Rob Mavis made the following motion: There be a Transitional Accounting of funds and property in June and during the change of the position of Treasurer and this report will be made available to the membership. Vote: 9Yes, 0 No.

Kim Davis made the following announcement:

There are people acting against the Fresno Amateur Radio Club.

-Someone approached Dan Gamel attempting to fracture the clubs relationship with him.

-There was an anonymous letter sent to Fresno State University attempting to convince the University to not allow FARC to have Field Day or the Picnic at O'Neill park.

We will be meeting in the next few weeks with Channel 30 personnel to secure our continued access and use of the Meadow Lakes repeater site.

Ken Holden still has club property stored in the Channel 21 building.

The repeater has been plagued with jammers and we have received no help from the local OO's.

Board Meeting Minutes – Rob Mavis AE6GE handed out an unapproved copy of minutes from the April 1st Board Meeting. Changes made were to add Gene Davis as present and Jim Bianchi as absent. Vote to approve with amendments: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain.

Treasurers Report – Bob Sawyer handed out profit and loss and balance sheet. He reported that there are still some receipts out, but at this time the hamfest shows a small profit of nearly \$600.00.

Kim Davis gave special thanks to Marcus Beedle KG6QNY and Dave Smith W6TE for donation of moneys towards the Hospitality Room at the Hamfest.

Jim Bianchi made the motion: To accept the treasurers report. Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No.

Technical/RFI Committee Report:

Kim Davis reported that she is meeting with Channel 30 to secure our stay in the Meadow lakes site.

There were some threats of sabotage made against hamfest. In light of these threats the Technical Committee setup a backup repeater and site location to be on the air and ready to go at a moments notice if in fact the W6TO repeater was sabotaged.

Shortly after Ken Holden relinquished the control codes to the repeater, they were changed again leaving the club or its technical committee with no control of the W6TO repeater.

This is a violation of Part 97 rules, which requires us to have control over the repeater.

Ken and Pat are the only people who have keys and access to the building other than authorized personnel. Ken and Pat have no legal access to the repeater site.

The lease for space is with Channel 30.

Hamfest: Kim Davis thanks everyone for a great job. Hamfest 2005 planning is in the works.

Five Year Plan:

Terry Horak KF6LXB reported that he is currently researching the requirements of changing the clubs tax-exempt status from 501(c)(7) Educational Not-for-profit to 501(c)(3) Charitable Not-for-profit.

FARECC:

Gene Davis reported that Ted and Harold will begin renovating the trailer, converting to a Communications Room. It was reported that the trailer needs tires. The trailer will be taken to Field Day.

Education:

Jim Bianchi reported that he was in talks with Holland school and would be looking at making a donation after the summer.

Gene Davis reported that we would look into doing some training classes with CARP.

Field Day: Kim Davis reported everything is under control and there will be a planning meeting this month.

Fund Raising/Community Awareness:

Channel 18 is this Sunday. Sanger Farmers Market/Heroes night would like us back again this year. Grizzly Games; Craig and friend worked the first game.

Christmas Awards Dinner: Kim Davis reports that the membership want an awards banquet. We have worked out a deal with the Ramada Inn a banquet style dinner for \$20.00 a person.

It was reported that the paper trailer needs a new tarp.

July Picnic will be at Fresno State O'Neill park July 10 from 11-3pm.

No New Business.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.

Submitted by Rob Mavis AE6GE

Thomas L. Whitlock





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Upcoming 2004 FARC Events

June 11 Field Day Pre-View, Jim/WS6X
26-27 Field Day/CSUF O'Neill Park
July 9 Meeting at M² - 7PM
July 10 FARC Annual Summer Picnic
CSUF O'Neill Park 11-3 PM
Aug 13 Antenna Presentation &
Open nominations to the Board
Sept10 Laser Demo, AE6GE/Rob
Oct 8 Ballots are in & counted and
EME Presentation
Nov12 Swap and Auction
Dec 10 Holiday/Awards/Drawing/Talent Night