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Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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Our next FARC Board Meeting will be on July 1st/7 pm/Cedar Lanes. Our next FARC General Meeting will be at M2 Antenna Systems (thanks Mike and Myrna!), 4402 N. Selland/ 7 PM on July 9th. Chairs are limited; please bring one. The next day on July 10th will be our annual picnic at CSUF's O'Neill Park (Barstow and Woodrow) from 11 AM to 3 PM. This is always a lot of fun; so bring your family!!!! Our club will be providing the hamburgers, watermelon and soft drinks. Harold/KF6CL will be our cook again this year! Thank you Harold!!!! Please plan on attending: please bring your favorite side dish (beans, salad, veggies, etc.) or your favorite dessert. There are plenty of picnic benches; etc. Please call me with questions, Kim/KF6ZSW 287-9051 :)

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 4th of July!"



Great seeing everyone at our last meeting and at Field Day!!!!

Field Day 2004 was great!!!! Special, special THANKS goes to Dan Gamel for donating our Emergency Communications Trailer to F. A. R. C., Inc!!!! Special thanks goes to Dave Smith/W6TE for loaning his equipment to us!!!! Also, special thanks to Ron Hunt (our CSUF sponsor) for all of his help!!!! "Big Thanks" goes to our 2004 Field Day Committee: Chairman Jim/KF6GKC, CW Station Chairman Jim/WS6X, SSB Station Chairman Bob/W6FRH, GOTA Station Chairman Mark/K6ORJ, Publicity Chairmen Jan/KG6SUL and Carole/KG6TTF, Food Chairmen, Marcus/KG6QNY and Patty, and other committee members: Steve/K6AAB, Bob/W6RUJ, Rob/AE6GE, Gene/W7POR, Craig/K6QI, Jim/KG6SZC, John/KG6AWB, Pat/KG6BXZ, Steve/K6FDR, Ted/K6FGE, Richard/KE6SHL, Dan/KG6ALC, Chuck/WJ6J, Paul/W6VPS, and Vic Rosenthal.

73, Kim/KF6ZSW :)

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SKIP DEADLINE

Please provide any SKIP material by the 20th of the prior month.

Local Amateur Radio Repeaters

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Offset</u>	<u>Tone</u>
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

-Thanks to all FARECC stations who responded to the e-mail call up Sunday, June 6th. The Madera Ranchos Kiwanis Club expresses their heartfelt thanks for a "job well done" by your team. The event was the Cross The River Kids Run, 2-mile and 10K Walk/Run Fund Raiser at Woodward

Park. We answered the request for personnel to provide a Command Station, three Checkpoints and two Shadow Stations to accompany event officials. As we have planned, this exercise was considered a Simulated Emergency and full FARECC protocol was used. It sounded GREAT!

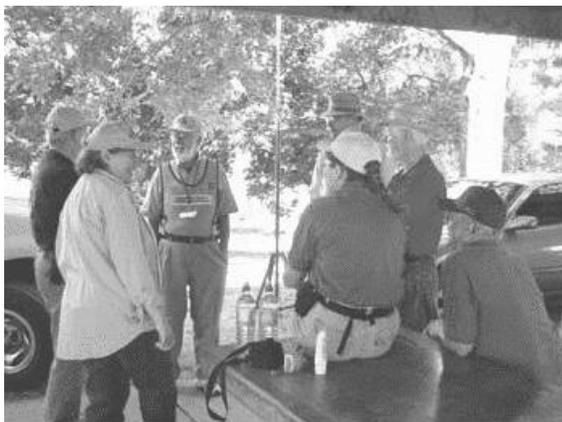
Participants included:

WA6ITN, Bob - COMMAND
 W7POR, Gene - COMMAND
 W6VPS, Paul - CHECKPOINT ALPHA
 K6FDR, Steve - CHECKPOINT BETA
 KF6ZSW, Kim - CHECKPOINT CHARLIE
 KG6SUL, Jan - SHADOW
 KG6TTF, Carole - SHADOW

John Glueck, N6JYW, with the Kiwanis, was in charge and served as the Incident Commander, monitoring the exercise to deliver direction to the FARECC ops. This is the kind of participation that gets community eyes focused on what we can do. Please monitor repeaters, phone calls and your e-mail for call ups when they occur. If you need transportation, keep in touch. This won't be the last such event and you can bet the word has already traveled to others who find value in our performance and abilities. A big "pat on the back" to you all! Thanks to Madera Ranchos Kiwanis for giving us this opportunity to serve.

Here's just a quick word about this year's Field Day. It was the "maiden voyage" for our FARECC mobile command center (converted travel trailer) graciously donated to the Club by Dan Gamel RV. We hope you take as much pride in this venture as we do.

73 DE Gene, W7POR
 FARECC Emergency Coordinator



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

JULY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO THESE FARC MEMBERS

ARLEN VAN FOSSEN	WB6VAF
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LARRY COTTOM	KD6YAY
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PAT PACK	KF6HNF
PATRICIA KENNY	
PAUL LAMBERT	W6WYT
STUART HOME	WB6VRJ

**Treasurer's Report – Summary
June 11, 2004 (corrected 6/20/04)**

Assets

Petty Cash	50.00
Checking (current balance)	3758.32
Savings (current balance)	5130.11
Income	
Income Hamfest Special Prize	50.00
Membership Dues	65.00
Papers and Cans	132.00
Raffle Tickets	130.00
Fundraiser – Ovations	161.89
Skip Advertising	340.00
Total Income	892.89

Expenses

Bank Service Charge	10.50
Hamfest	266.00
Trailer Project	1188.24
Postage	9.61
Rent	2.00
Total Expenses	1476.35
Net income	- 583.46

AMSAT-OSCAR Echo Satellite Launched.

ARRL Space Bulletin ARLS010

The AMSAT-OSCAR Echo Amateur Radio satellite and several other payloads launched on schedule June 29 at 0630 UTC from Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. Ground controllers made their first contact with Echo at 1452 UTC and collected some telemetry to analyze before shutting down the 435.150 MHz digital downlink transmitter.

"This achievement is due to many individuals around the world, who have helped in the design, building, integration, testing and launching of this satellite," said AMSAT-NA President Robin Haighton, VE3FRH.

Earth stations should not attempt to transmit on the satellite's uplink until checkout and commissioning are complete and AO-Echo has been made available for general use. The satellite could be available in 10 days or so. AMSAT will release a bulletin when the satellite opens.

A telemetry decoding program, TLMEcho, is available for those who would like to view and report data from Echo. It may be downloaded at web.infoave.net/~mkmk518/echo.htm. Send CSV telemetry files to Mike Kingery, KE4AZN, ke4aznamsat.org.

AO-Echo's sun-synchronous orbit is some 800 km (nearly 500 miles) above Earth. Among other capabilities, the 10-inch-square microsat--equipped with a transmitter capable of up to 7 W output--will allow voice communication using handheld FM transceivers. Echo will feature V/U, L/S and HF/U operational configurations, with V/S, L/U and HF/S also possible. FM voice and various digital modes--including PSK31 on a 10-meter SSB uplink--also will be available.

Visit the AMSAT AO-Echo Web page, www.amsat.org/amsat-new/echo/, for additional details.

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CONTACT KEY TO GETTING HAM RADIO ON CONGRESSIONAL RADAR SCREEN

-The ARRL Letter—June 25, 2004

If radio amateurs want to get their concerns on the congressional radar screen, they need to let their elected senators and representatives know about them, says the US Senate sponsor of the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2003. Idaho Republican Michael Crapo notes that the hundreds of topics lawmakers face each day--from the Iraq war to the budget and health care--already make it an uphill battle to get ham radio matters noticed. Amateurs, he suggests, have to take a little initiative.

"It's not Mount Everest, but it's very difficult to get the attention of a senator or congressmen these days, unless their constituency engages them on it," Crapo said. "Every Senator and every Member of Congress focuses on those issues which their constituency tells them are of importance to them." In turn, when radio amateurs write, e-mail or call their elected officials, Crapo pointed out, it makes it a lot easier for him to gain attention for Amateur Radio issues.

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, says he couldn't agree more. He maintains that a high level of membership constituent contact not only puts ham radio on the map for lawmakers but paves the way for League officials to follow up during their periodic visits on Capitol Hill.

Contacting Congress on Amateur Radio measures such as the Spectrum Protection Act of 2003 and the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act of 2003--HR 1478, the so-called CC&R bill--may not pay off now, Haynie says. But, increased awareness of Amateur Radio in general could prove important down the road.

"There are other issues that we have to deal with and other issues that will come up in the future," Haynie said. "The better visibility we have in Congress, the easier it will be to deal with them." That includes broadband over power line (BPL). Haynie cautioned that if BPL deployment becomes a major problem for amateurs, "we're going to have to have a lot of muscle on the Hill and try to influence the FCC in other ways."

Taking 10 minutes to write a letter or e-mail or even to send a QSL card that includes a brief message can go a long way toward lifting Amateur Radio out of the noise level for senators and representatives, Haynie said.

So far, 103 House members have signed on as HR 713 cosponsors. The Senate version, S 537, has eight cosponsors. The CC&R bill, HR 1478, has 35 cosponsors.

Sample letters and additional information--including the bills' texts and information on how to write members of Congress--is on the ARRL's "The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2003" Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/arspa.html>> and on the "HR 1478, The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act of 2003" Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/hr1478/>>. The sample letters cite Amateur Radio's role in public safety and emergency communication, but the League encourages members to adapt the substance of the sample letters to their own style and emphasis.

Those writing their lawmakers on behalf of the Spectrum Protection Act are asked to copy their correspondence to the League via e-mail <specbill03@arrl.org>. Those writing on behalf of the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act, HR 1478, are asked to copy their correspondence to <ccr-bill@arrl.org>.

Vanity call sign fee to rise:

The FCC regulatory fee to obtain an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will rise from \$16.30 to \$20.80 later this year. The FCC announced the new fee in a Report and Order (R&O) in MD Docket 04-73, "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2004." The FCC says it anticipates 7800 applications for FY2004--2000 fewer than the previous fiscal year. The FCC expects revenue collected from the vanity call sign regulatory fees in FY2004 to rise by more than \$2100. The R&O becomes effective 30 days after it's published in The Federal Register. ARRL will announce when the new, higher vanity fee becomes effective.

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General Membership Meeting 6/11/04 Minutes

President Kim/KF6ZSW called the meeting to order at about 7:15 pm.

Jim Clymer/WS6X gave a talk featuring humorous and serious incidents from past Field Days. He outlined the procedure for the coming Field Day and encouraged people to participate.

Press releases have been sent to all the major TV stations, and the city council has been invited to attend, as well as other local politicians. The mayor will issue a Proclamation, and Councilman Jerry Duncan has confirmed that he will drop by. Dan Gamel will attend and receive a plaque recognizing his donation of the trailer to FARC.

Kim announced that FARECC was invited to participate in an informational event sponsored by the mayor's office. It would be Monday, June 14, from 11 to 1:30 at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

Carole/KG6TTF gave the treasurer's report.

The 2005 Hamfest committee is forming, with Marcus/KG6QNY and Kim as co-chairs. If interested, please contact Marcus or Kim.

Members were asked to bring newspapers for recycling to the meeting if possible because of the current high gas prices.

The summer picnic will be held July 10 at O'Neill Park, CSUF, from 11-3pm. Harold will grill hamburgers again. Members are asked to bring side dishes, salads, or desserts. The club will provide meat and sodas.

The next general meeting will be July 9 at 7 pm at M2.

New business was asked for. Pat Fennacy/W6YEP wanted to bring up an issue with the board, although he is not a member. After some deliberation, the board agreed to allow him to speak, after he refused to allow a member to take the floor for him. He admitted to letting his license lapse on February 1 and continuing to operate his station, checking into the net on February 8. He stated that it was alleged on a federal statement that he had jammed the repeater on February 5, that the club president had attested to it, and that the charge had been proven false. Kim/KF6ZSW noted that she did not write that letter (a concerned club member wrote to the FCC); that she was just named in it as one of the witnesses. Several members noted that there had been no public resolution of that incident at that time.

Fennacy was questioned about the truthfulness of his statements that he had met at the Dayton, Ohio Hamvention with Riley Hollingsworth who, after discussion, allowed his Amateur Extra license to be renewed. Fennacy said he had pictures to prove his statement.

Fennacy stated that prior to the reinstatement of his license, Gene/W7POR had sent out a "prejudiced" email to members about his expired license and that false statements had been made. Gene pointed

out that the email was simply a link to the ARRL website, which has a public listing of FCC investigations. Gene also pointed out that the FCC had sent a letter to the club asking why an unlicensed operator was being allowed to use the Club repeater.

The jamming incident was corroborated by three other members, and no hearing had been held yet. No one had been contacted yet by the FCC regarding this matter.

Fennacy stated that he had seen the complaints against him, obtaining the documents through the Freedom of Information Act. At the same time, he demanded to know who had contacted the FCC about his actions.

The board noted that there have also been numerous personal and defamatory attacks by Fennacy on board members, both on the air and to individuals. Allen Lemelle/KG6SEV, broadcast engineer for Ch 30 and the club's escort to the repeater at the Meadow Lakes site, was approached by Ken Holden/WA6OIB in what he perceived to be a threatening manner, regarding his assistance in securing club access to the repeater site. Holden denied the incident, stating that Allen Lemelle was a friend of his. It was noted that there was no reason for Holden to be at the Ch. 30 site in an official capacity.

It was reported that a letter had been sent to CSUF in an effort to prevent FARC from holding our events at that site.

Fennacy began making derogatory comments about the club president.

Jan/KG6SUL pointed out that there have been numerous and continuing problems and "games" with the repeater, and that it needs to end.

Gene/W6POR asked Fennacy if he had emailed other clubs to ask their members to stay away from this year's Hamfest. Fennacy readily admitted that he had done so.

Fennacy stated that the wrong lock on the repeater building was cut. The board had the authority to replace the lock, Jim/KF6GKC and Gene were accompanied by Allen Lemelle as a Ch 30 observer, and they had delivered documents to the Fresno County Sheriff's substation explaining what they were going to do and why. Channel 30 has advised both Fennacy and Holden that they are not allowed to be in the building where the repeaters are housed.

Up until this time, only Holden and Fennacy had keys. The keys and the repeater control codes were never fully surrendered to the board.

Ken/WA6HII stated that he had asked for the codes when he was on the board and that Holden had refused to give them the codes for master programming. Holden claimed it was unnecessary as he never changed the codes.

Many derogatory comments about members of the board were made by Fennacy and Holden.

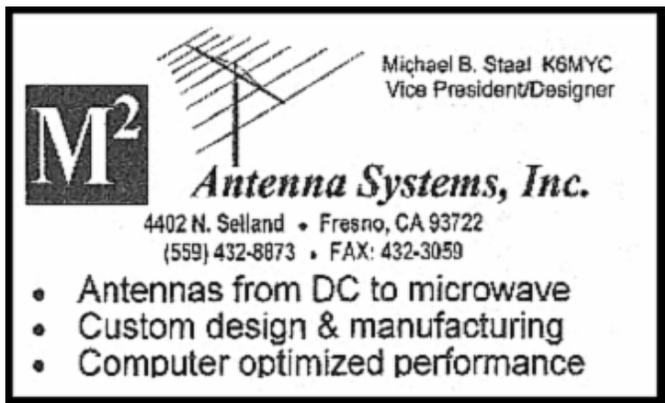
Kim called for order and a short break.

Rob/AE6GE is in charge of the technical committee. He and the committee have access to the Meadow Lakes/Ch. 30-owned site if accompanied by Allen Lemelle to represent Ch. 30's interests at the site.

Jimmie/W6PSQ announced that there were 2 calls available for the Fresno Chapter of the Quarter Century Wireless Association: WQ6CWA and W6GV.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Carole Whitteberry/KG6TTF, acting secretary



Michael B. Staal K6MYC
Vice President/Designer

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FARC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 3rd, 2004—Cedar Lanes

Call to Order and welcome by President Kim Davis, KF6ZSW at 7 P.M. Present Board members: Kim, KF6ZSW; Craig, K6QI; John, K6MI; Bob, WA6ITN; Jim, KF6GKC; Gene, W7POR; Carol, KG6TTF; Jan, KG6SUL; Mark, K6ORJ; Late was Rob, AE6GE; Absent was Richard, KE6SHL. Committee Chairpersons and Representatives: Steve, K6FDR; Terry, KF6LXB, and Paul, W6VPS. Visitor: Jimmie, W6PSQ.

Carole, KG6TTF, presented the treasurer's report. Total current assets are \$9,333.59, with \$5,123.68 in savings.

Committee Updates and Reports:

Paul, W6VPS discussed the papers and cans program with the board. Suggestions were to publicize bringing the papers to meetings to minimize expensive pickups, and prepare a budget for mileage reimbursement for the paper committee, Tech committee, skip delivery and other club business. The "cans" part of the recycling program is eliminated, and large pickup of papers is at the option of the committee. The idea of reimbursement for mileage was tabled for discussion next year when work begins on the new budget.

Paul also reported on the replacement awning for the trailer and other trailer renovation progress. After Field Day, roof repair and recoating will take place. Tarps are needed for next winter. First aid kit needed, and fire extinguisher needs updating.

Rob, AE6GE arrives.

Four new tires are on the trailer. Thanks were given to Ted, K6FGE; Paul, W6VPS; Steve, K6FDR and Dan, KG6ALC for work on the trailer. \$1310 has been spent so far updating the trailer. The Air Conditioner works, refrigerator and stove are being checked.

A discussion of PL on the club repeaters, with hopes of putting club information available by TT command.

Steve, K6FDR, reported for the Community Awareness/Fund Raising projects. On July 31, a display for the Sanger Farmers Market is planned from 4 P.M.-10 P.M. Kids day, June 19 will be held on the air. Possible future classes were discussed as well as preparing handouts for Sanger and FD display.

Kim reported on the Cross River Kiwanis Race, five FARECC operators needed on Sunday, June 6 from 6-8 A.M. at Woodward Park.

A fund raiser work party Sunday night June 6th will be at 5 P.M. at Grizzly Park.

Fund Raising Chairman Terri, KF6LXB, reported on the complex 501c3 project. Filing fees, paperwork preparation and future planning for grant applications were talked about. Terri was asked to form a committee to study and present to the club possible plans to switch from the present 501(7) club to a 501c3 organization.

The five year plan and club house was discussed in view of 501c3 status.

Terri and Steve leave. Paul reported on the 146.79 repeater.

Jim, KF6GKC and Kim reported on the educational scholarship

money. The project at Holland Elementary did not develop, so the emphasis was changed to using the money in the CART School Program. Jim will report on the new direction. Jimmy, W6PSQ, asked that Jim officially let Fresno City College know that we would not be donating another scholarship at this time.

Publicity for Field Day was announced by Jan, KG6SUL.

Field Day report by Jim, KF6GKC. FD is ready to roll, with equipment provided by Dave, W6TE. FD will be at FSU's O'neil park, the same site as the July Picnic. Class 2A, 24 hour category; GOTA station to be considered this year. The next FD committee meeting to discuss details is Wednesday, June 9 at 6 P.M.

The Tech committee has no report as they haven't had time to meet.

Gene, W7POR, suggested a press release to include information that Dan Gamel, donor of the trailer, will be visiting FD. Gene will meet with Fresno Mayor Alan Autry to ask for a FD proclamation, update him on the club's Emergency Communications Corps and invite him to the event.

Kim announced that she and Marcus, KG6QNY would co-chair the 2005 Hamfest.

Discussion by Craig, K6QI about the poor results from the current web site at qsl.net: A home domain was recommended. Jan made a motion, with Jim seconding, to authorize up to \$125 per year for domain name and web site W6TO.com. The vote was all positive, Craig abstained.

The Annual Picnic at FSU July 10th was announced. A possible December 11th Awards Dinner at the Ramada Inn will be decided later.

In other business, Kim reported that a letter has been sent to Keith Graves with answers to his written questions from the last club meeting. She also reported that AC6WS requested withdrawal of his Honorary Membership. He would like to start paying his dues. A nominating committee was formed with Steve, K6FDR as chairman. There is a new owner of the restaurant at the bowling alley. Varouj, N6DBH has asked to be added to the committee to help with Silent Key Estates. There was discussion of the club selling items in "as is" condition. No action taken. Mark, K6ORJ is donating a two drawer file cabinet for the club storage area.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by acting secretary,
John Morrice, K6MI

Thomas L. Whitlock



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Upcoming 2004 FARC Events

- 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