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Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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Our next General Meeting at Cedar Lanes on Aug. 13th will be a presentation on antennas; please plan on attending!!!! Our next FARC Board Meeting will be on Aug. 5th at Jan/KG6SUL and Carole/KG6TTF Whitteberry's home, 5056 N. Glenn Av. (head west on Shaw, past Blackstone, turn right on Del Mar, turn right on Twain; corner of Twain and Glenn). This will be a thank you BBQ for our Board Members' hard work this year!!!! As with all of our Board Meetings this is open to the general membership; please give Carole a call to prepare a hamburger for you (229-2554) if you plan on attending.

### 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

Our last General Meeting was great at M2 Antenna Systems!!!! Mike Staal/K6MYC told us about his upcoming DXpedition and gave us a very interesting tour!!!! Thank you Mike!!!!

Our Annual Club Picnic was the next day and Harold/KF6CL did a great job cooking his famous "Harold Burgers!" Special thanks to his helpers: his XYL, Edith; Carole/KG6TTF; Jan/KG6SUL; and Ken/WA6HIII!!!! All of the side dishes and desserts club members brought were great!!!!

Thank you Patty Kenny, Dan/KG6ALC, and Carole/KG6TTF for working at the July 16th Grizzlies Game!!!!

For those of you that did not attend our last General Meeting; please review the minutes for my President's Report on our W6TO repeaters. If you have any questions on this, the Board Members and Committee Chairmen phone listing is always in Skip and anyone of us would be more than happy to answer your questions or refer you to someone who can. It would be much better to do that than listen to the false rumors that are going around by four people at the Hofbrau and Country Waffle. When people start rumors we have to think what their agendas are.

To update the membership on the latest info on our repeaters: Rob/AE6GE and Mark/K6ORJ were at our Meadow Lakes Repeater site on July 15th to pick up our 220 and 440 repeaters to work on them; and they were denied entry. I am trying to find out why a renter was denied entry. I will keep the membership updated. I was able to have a Deputy Sheriff go to our Meadow Lakes site (and he was let into our repeater site by a Ch. 30 rep) to look at the wires/wire that was cut sometime (approx. between 5-6 PM) on July 1st.

Even with this and some other strange things that have happened within the past months we are staying positive!!!! You have a strong Board of Directors who want to serve you!!!! Right now; this is the best our club has looked in years: we have money in the bank, a new repeater (to put up as soon as our site is more secure), new members joining, fundraisers, a high profile Ham-fest, a Field Day where we secured over 4,600 points, an Emergency Services trailer donated by Dan Gamel, strong leadership from all of our Chairmen, and much more!!!!

I am very honored to serve as your President. I have been able to make many long lasting friends through this club and hope to make many more!!!!

Please always contact me if you have any questions or comments: 287-9051, 645-6849, kdavis@gotnet.net . 73, Kim/KF6ZSW



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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

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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

-Field Day 2004 is over and now we ponder how well the planning played out. From the FARECC (emergency response communications) point of view, some concerns have to be discussed. As pointed out last month, the event is designed to sharpen communications skills in a "field" environment such as one might find in an emergency situation. A lot of planning went into the trailer and we had hoped the "contest field day operators" would welcome the conveniences offered by the amenities present at this year's event. Apparently, the idea of trying to operate both HF stations in one room was not acceptable, even though many DX-peditions operate this way for SSB and CW contacts. In fact, just a few days prior to Field Day, I had a chance to talk with the operator of a DX project station with two SSB stations operating adjacent to one another. I asked if that was a problem and the operator said, they each were using headphones, so it worked just fine. Working side by side and using directional microphones, the close proximity situation was not a problem. The problem of r.f. interference was solved by my purchase of I.C.E. multiband r.f. filters. I provided the band switchable units at no cost to the club to avoid the problems of last year when the stations were many yards apart, but we were forced to operate without our missing filters. As it turned out, the SSB ops had the whole Comm Room to themselves and the CW station was moved to the dining table. Needless to say, this would never work for FARECC maneuvers, since food preparation and dining needs to be done there. When that isn't happening, the table is to be utilized for strategy and event planning under the guidance of the Emergency Coordinators and Incident Command. We've also learned that A.C. Generators can be a problem. My 10HP, 5250/6500 watt unit will be going in for service. Tweaking the adjustments can be costly when no service manual is available. At one point the unit was producing over 150 volts of alternating current which was no longer 60 HZ. That could have done some damage to sensitive equipment. It is obvious that the trailer air conditioner is probably better used when plugged into the "mains" for A.C. power. Some are suggesting that we bite the bullet and rent a 10 KW unit next year. Antennas can be a big challenge for field day and emergency communications. We were under some understandable restrictions by Fresno State officials in order to use the J.E. O'Neill Park site, so wire and vertical antennas were necessary. The capable FARC Field Day Team nonetheless garnered more than 4,600, QSO and bonus points. This is not a Field Day report, rather a point of view from your E.C. perspective and how we can proceed with our emergency response preparedness based on the first official excursion with our new ECOMM trailer. As we said before, we'll undoubtedly see ways to improve the use of the FARECC vehicle for emergency auxiliary communications, as well as its use during our annual Field Day exercise.

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

## Birthday Greetings to these FARC Members for the month of August

BENNETT HAMAN, JR.	WB6GBS
GARY PAYNE	KE6CZ
KEITH HARTER	WB6CXX
JIM HICKS	KB0PVQ
JIM KLASSEN	KG6SZC
JIM NELSON	W6ALE
JOHN ANDERSON	KF6KCZ
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**Treasurer's Report - Summary  
July 1, 2004 (given at July 9 Meeting)**

**Assets**

Petty Cash 27.43  
 Checking (current balance) 3170.26  
 Savings (current balance) 5130.11

**Income**

Membership Dues 15.00  
 Papers 0.00  
 Drawing Tickets 110.00  
 Fundraiser - Ovarions 270.87  
 Refreshments 9.61  
 Skip Advertising 0.00  
 Total Income 405.48

**Expenses**

Hamfest 73.36  
 Field Day 391.52  
 Rent 101.00  
 Printing 63.48  
 Drawing 79.93  
 Refreshments 28.95  
 Miscellaneous 40.00  
 Total Expenses 778.24

Net income - 372.76

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for  
the month of June 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.

Pacificon 04 is October 15-17 at the San Ramon Marriott. Check [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for information.

Emergency Coordinators are needed in Mono and Calaveras Counties. Contact K6IN ([k6in@mercednet.com](mailto:k6in@mercednet.com)) or W6DPD ([w6dpd@arrl.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://arrl.org)) for more information, sample letters and email addresses.

FIELD DAY for 2004 is now over. Most groups report higher numbers of contacts than last year. Be sure to send your information the Field Day, ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington CT 06111-1494 by the middle of July.

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

It is my sad duty to report the following Silent Key in the Section: W6GYN. He will be missed.

Congrats to those completing the ARECC Courses: Level Two, KO6UW; and Level Three, WS6O.

K7HG made the DXCC Honor Roll. Congratulations

WS6X placed FIRST in the SJV in the 2003 ARRL 160 Meter contest in the Low power category.

The Los Banos ARC put their club call sign, AA6LB, on the air for the first time during FD 2004.

Officers of the Madera ARC for 2004-2005 are pres KF6ZXO, vp N6JYW, sec KG6DAK and treas KG6KYT. The club meets the 1st Tuesday in Madera.

Officers of the Turlock ARC for 2004-2005 are pres KE6RGB, vp KI6PR, sec KD6UCK and treas K6CP. The club meets the 2nd Tuesday in Turlock.

The QCWA Fresno Chapter 213 has W6GV as a commemorative call sign.

KF6KDA is working DX on 6 meters.

Traffic for June. W6DPD 2 for a total of 2. PSHR K6RAU 62.

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**FARC BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 1, 2004 AT CEDAR LANES**

President Kim Davis/KF6ZSW called the meeting to order at 1900.

Board Members present: KF6ZSW, K6QI, AE6GE, KG6TTF, KF6GKC, W7POR, KG6SUL, K6MI, WA6ITN, K6ORJ AND KE6SHL. It was noted that all of the FARC Board Members were present. Visitor: club member, Jimmie Wakefield/W6PSQ.

June Minutes: President Kim made a motion to review the Minutes in Skip and accept the minutes from the June Board Meeting/first by K6ORJ and seconded by KE6SHL. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: KG6TTF makes a motion to accept the treasurer's report in Skip. First by W7POR and seconded by WA6ITN. All in favor.

Paper Drive Fund Raiser: WA6ITN gave a report that we are on target and all is going well.

PIO Report: KG6SUL thanks KG6TTF for all her efforts in the PR for Field Day 2004. It was noted that Fresno City Councilman Jerry Duncan attended Field Day 2004. KG6SUL invited Mr. Duncan to visit his Ham Shack.

Field Day: The Board thanked KF6GKC for taking on the duties as Field Day Chairman. It was noted that Jim did a great job!!!! Jim thanked everyone who helped out and loaned equipment. KF6ZSW stated that Field Day did very well and we made over 4600 points. KG6TTF and KG6SUL did a great job with the bonus points. KF6ZSW stated that next year we need to budget for equipment. KF6ZSW suggested renting 1 or 2 generators and buying some rigs. The radio equipment would have to be insured and stored at a safe location. The rigs would also be used for emergency services. KF6ZSW stated that we can no longer "sell our souls" to borrow rigs! There is no reason we can not purchase rigs for a few hundred dollars that will still interface with a computer. It was noted that we are all set with antennas. W6PSQ carried the final Field Day scores from Jim/WS6X (2004 CW Field Day Chairman) to deliver to the person was handling submission of this info to ARRL. W6PSQ would not hand it off to KF6ZSW; but did submit it to W7POR. It was also noted that, thanks to KG6TTF and KG6SUL, we had great media coverage. Dan Gamel's RV was given a plaque at Field Day for donating the Emergency Communication Trailer to the Club. There was an article in the Fresno Bee, and Channel 30 TV was there to interview Chairman KF6GKC. W6PSQ stated that the Channel 30 coverage on Field Day was "pulled," but he would not explain how he knew this, or why it was pulled.

Tech/RFI Committee: KF6GKC was at our Meadow Lakes repeater site at approximately noon today to turn off the malfunctioning 220 repeater. There was a discussion of our repeaters. KG6TTF reported that she heard our Meadow Lakes repeater (94) go off the air today between 5-6 PM. The Tech Committee will look into this.

FARECC: W7POR gave a report on our training exercise at the Kiwanis Cross River Race/Walk/Run at Woodward Park. FARECC Members who assisted were: KF6ZSW, KG6TTF, KG6SUL, WA6ITN, K6FDR and W6VPS. Everyone did a great job!!!! W7POR met with our Mayor Alan Autrey and Fresno Citizen Corps Director Carla Glazebrook (CERT) to advise them of Field Day and FARECC activities.

Summer Picnic: Again this year our picnic will be held at O'Neill Park (CSUF) from 1100 to 1500 hours. KF6CL will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs. Our club will also be providing sodas, chips and watermelon. Everyone attending should bring a side dish or dessert.

July Meeting: At M2. Thanks to Mike and Myrna!

Christmas/Holiday Awards Banquet December 11th, 2004 at 6 PM. KF6ZSW and KG6SUL motioned that we hold a banquet this year at the Ramada Inn in Fresno. First/K6ORJ and seconded by K6QI. There were 10 Board Members in favor and 1 Board Member (KF6GKC) abstained. KF6ZSW reported that it would be a very nice Tri-Tip Dinner for \$20 a person. W6PSQ asked if there would be a deposit and KF6ZSW responded that there is always a mandatory deposit at this type of event. Motion to approve deposit for our 2004 Christmas/Holiday Awards Banquet for under \$200 (deposit), first/K6QI and seconded by KG6SUL.

Web Site: K6QI reported that our new web site is located at www.w6to.com. K6QI had been very busy with this! There was discussion of possible e-mail addresses for club members. K6QI reported that he purchased 6 wooden call sign plaques for our monthly drawings.

Old Business: Our Community Awareness Chairman Steve/K6FDR has events planned throughout the year. KG6TTF reported that insurance for our donated trailer will be \$378 a year. KG6TTF showed membership cards and cards for Board Members.

New Business: None

KF6SUL requested that the Board go into Executive Session at 2047.

Board came out of Executive Session at 2115. ARRL issues were discussed.

KF6ZSW adjourned the meeting at 2115.

Respectfully Submitted by Acting Secretary,  
Mark Carpenter/K6ORJ

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## Fresno Amateur Radio Club Minutes - General Meeting July 9, 2004

President Kim Davis/KF6ZSW called the meeting to order at 7:11 at M2 Enterprises, with about thirty members and guests present. Welcome to attendees was given, and introductions of all were made.

Kim gave a short report on the Meadow Lake repeater's status. The repeater lost power approximately 6 pm on July 1. FARC can only access the repeater on Thursdays under the supervision of Allen LeMelle/KG6SEV, who does routine maintenance at the KFSN site between the hours 8 to 2:30. Consequently, it took a week to get members of the Tech Committee and Board up to Meadow Lakes in order to determine the problem. In the meantime, the backup repeater at Squaw Valley was activated; this is the new repeater purchased this year, which has not been installed at the Meadow Lakes site because of security issues.

On July 8, Rob/AE6GE, Jim Bianchi/KF6GKC, Kim/KF6ZSW, and Carole/KG6TTF met Allen LeMelle at Meadow Lakes at approximately 8:00 am. Infinity Broadcasting's Joe Mauk appeared later, after the FARC representatives had left. At that time, it was determined that power to the repeater had been disconnected at the breaker box, and the label marking the FARC W6TO repeater breakers had been peeled off in pieces and dropped on the floor.

Allen had done a visual inspection of the property, per instructions from his Supervisor, Ron Neal, the previous Thursday, and this included photographing the repeater shack. His digital picture showed that the FARC repeater breakers were still clearly labeled and that the power cable was still connected to the breakers. He left at 2:30 that day, according to his personal log, so the vandalism occurred sometime between 2:30 and 6:00, when the repeater went off the air.

The FARC representatives, after documenting the apparent damage, left Meadow Lakes at approximately 10:30. Joe Mauk/KF6YLP of Infinity appeared at the site some time after that, and later he and Allen discovered that wires to the repeater had been cut. Wires supplying power to the repeater

run through a trough in the floor, which is protected by a metal cover. Joe and Allen called Kim on her cell phone to report this. Joe and Allen apparently restored power to the repeater, as it came back on-line at approximately 11:30. As far as the Technical Committee knows, the repeater has been plugged into a working wall socket. One option for a permanent fix would be to have an electrician install a line, giving direct access from another power source to the repeater.

At this point the Sheriff's Department will be contacted to begin an investigation of the vandalism. It should be noted that there appeared to be no forced entry to the building; both doors were locked, and the windows were closed.

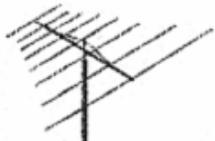
There were many rumors and misinformation circulating as to what happened to the Meadow Lakes repeater during the week it was off. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Tech Committee or a board member directly; their phone numbers are published in Skip monthly.

Although the repeater is back on at Meadow Lakes, this incident shows that there are serious security issues at that site. The new repeater will not be installed there until those issues are resolved. As of yesterday, locks have been changed on both doors, and only Joe and Allen have the keys. If the key is given out to anyone else, then there will be no control over access to the building and the FARC repeater.

Additional backup repeater sites are being investigated for comparable coverage.

President Kim/KF6ZSW stated "I will not be intimidated by rumors, misinformation, blackmail and threats, and I am here for 'the long haul' to serve the members of the Club. "Be assured I am not going anywhere under pressure of these threats."

Several members asked questions about security, the answers of which are summarized here: Our proposal to install a door between the two rooms is not an agreeable option at this time with Infinity, the other occupant of the building. Previously, to increase security, FARC had put a new padlock on the side entrance door, but Infinity wanted its own lock. Ch. 30 installed its lock instead. Historically, engineers working in the

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mountains had keys to each other's buildings so that they could assist one another in case of an emergency. Infinity has an agreement with Ch. 30 that if Infinity loses power, it can use Ch. 30's as a backup source. We have been informed that Infinity did some re-wiring about 3-4 years ago, and in the process the FARC repeater was placed on Infinity's power, although the board was not aware of that until about a week ago.

The Treasurer's report was given.

The club picnic will be held on Saturday, July 10, at O'Neill Park; the club will supply burgers, hotdogs, and chips. Harold/KF6CL will cook his now-famous "Harold Burgers." Members are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert.

Field Day netted 4,602 points, including 900 bonus points. Jim Bianchi/KF6GKC did a great job as chairman, and the event was a lot of fun for all who participated. Everyone is urged to come out for Field Day next year. The trailer performed fine on its first real "shakedown" run, as the SSB and CW operators worked in it. There were a few generator problems. Thanks to Gene/W7POR for supplying a generator and r.f. filters, and Jim Clymer/WS6X for also supplying a generator and his expertise. Patty Kinney and Marcus/KG6QNY also did an outstanding job cooking for the operators and members. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Club Emergency Coordinator Gene/W7POR reported that FARECC is currently increasing the number of available slots. Keith/WA6CXX is a new member. The next meeting will be in August. An exercise is being planned, through the efforts of Dan/KG6ALC, utilizing the city parks to simulate

an incident response. Paul's/W6VPS experience with the Sheriff's Department is invaluable as well.

Vice-President Craig/K6QI stated that the new FARC website, w6to.com, is not fully functional yet but he has moved several files over from the old site. The new site should be completed soon.

New business/information: Paul/W6VPS stated that the 146.19/79 repeater would soon be tied to the WIN linking system. He also commented that all control operators should identify when working on the repeater. It was discussed that the unidentified control attempts are NOT being done by FARC Control Ops.

There was no old business.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:52.

Mike Staal/K6MYC, owner of M2, gave a nice talk about the DXpedition he is going on at the end of July to the Avis Islands off Venezuela. The call will be YD0. They will be working 6 meter and above, although some satellite and 2 meter contacts also may be attempted. Also on the trip will be Martti/OH2BH, John/W2GR, and Olli/OH0XX.

Mike then gave a tour of the world famous M2 facility, which was much enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted by

Carole Whitteberry, KG6TTF

Acting Secretary

## 2004 Christmas Party/Awards Banquet:

Saturday, Dec. 11, 6-11 PM, Ramada Inn's Van Ness Room, 324 E. Shaw Ave. (Shaw and 41). Tri-Tip Dinner/ \$20 per person. We must have your money in by 12-09-04. (no tickets at the door; you must pay in advance and we will have your name as you check in). Seating is limited; please mail your check in today:

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Mail your check to FARC/Christmas Awards Banquet, P.O. Box 783, Fresno CA 93712-0783

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ dinners @ \$20 each.

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Thank you and Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays, Kim/KF6ZSW, 287-9051



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

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### Upcoming 2004 Fresno Amateur Radio Club Activities and Events

- Aug 13 Antenna Presentation &  
Open nominations to the Board
- Sept10
- Oct 8 Ballots are in & counted and  
EME Presentation
- Nov12 Swap and Auction
- Dec 10 General Meeting & Talent Night
- Dec 11 Holiday Awards Banquet @ Ramada Inn