



Our next general meeting will be on June 9th at Cedar Lanes at Cedar and Shields. The meeting starts promptly at 7:00 pm. This months meeting will be on our summer events. Reports on field day, hamfest and the club picnic. The next board meeting will be July 11th at the Woodward Park Library, see the address below, all members are welcome.

**FARC General Meetings**

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

**2006 FARC BOARD MEETING DATES**

July 11th

AT 7 PM

Woodward Park Library at Champlain and Perron

**FARC Nets**

Morning Drive Time Net:  
Weekday mornings-7:30—8:00 a.m.  
W6TO/R 146.940 PL-141.3

**Tech Net:**

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

**FARC Net:**

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

# *The Prez Sez*

Another field day has come and gone. This year we had an unexpected visitor to the site. A Hamlin, (which is a licensed Gremlin), made an appearance this year. He tried single handedly to stop the SSB station. It didn't work thanks to the efforts of the SSB team, they were able to rid the area of all Hamlin's. It was great fun and Jim WS6X, will give us the results in the near future. Thanks to one and all for another fine field day.

Hamfest 64 is rapidly approaching. Mark you calendars for August 5th! Hope to see everyone at the 64th Fresno Amateur Radio Club Hamfest. The original and official Fresno Hamfest! Time is running out for early registration. If you register before July 29th, you get an entry in to a special drawing for a 2-meter HT!

Don't forget to buy your lunch admission. Our Key Note for the luncheon will be Dave Rosenthal, N6TST. Any questions please contact Tom Jarvis, KG6KYU (559)916-2445 or email to [hamfest@w6to.com](mailto:hamfest@w6to.com).

Rob - AE6GE

***Fresno Hamfest 64***  
***Get all your Hamfest 64 information in this issue. Forms and maps.***

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**It's not too early to think about the upcoming elections. 6 positions are available and the nominations begin at the August meeting.**



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# Fresno Hamfest 64

Saturday, August 5, 2006 - 8:00am to 3:00pm

**Early Registrants receive a special drawing ticket for a 2m HT.  
Early registration forms must be received by July 29, 2006.**

**Fresno Hamfest 64 Admission Items:**

- General Admission \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$7.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Hamfest Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$15.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Hamfest Drawing \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$10.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Drawing for \$1,000.00 AES Gift Certificate (only 300 tickets will be sold)
- Check or Money Order # \_\_\_\_\_ **Fresno Hamfest 64 Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Every Luncheon ticket purchased receives entry into a drawing  
for a \$50 Gift Certificate to AES Radio!**

**Scheduled Events:**

- ARRL Forums
- Grand Prize Drawing
- Hourly Drawings

- Tech Talks
- ARPS
- NTS
- PACKET
- SSTV

- Swap Tables
- Vendors

**Keynote Speaker:**  
Polar Bear Portable,  
David A. Rosenthal  
N6TST

**Fresno Hamfest 64 Commemorative Apparel:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 Premium Baseball Cap \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 Putty Polo Shirt with Pocket \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Circle Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

**Commemorative Apparel Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Name Call Sign

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**Return To:**  
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Tom, KG6KYU 559-916-2445  
Email: hamfest@w6to.com

**Fresno Hamfest 64 Location:**  
CSU - Fresno  
Satellite Student Union  
(Whitfield Hall)  
2485 San Ramon  
Fresno, California 93740  
  
(Located south of Barstow Ave.,  
between Cedar and Maple Ave.)



64th Fresno Hamfest August 5, 2006

You are cordially invited to attend the 64th Fresno Hamfest on August 5, 2006 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The Hamfest will be held at the Satellite Student Union on the CSUF Campus. The Satellite Union is located on Maple Ave. You enter the campus on Barstow Ave from either Cedar Ave or Chestnut Ave. Turn South on Maple Ave, and you will see the Satellite Union. There is ample parking available.

The Fresno Hamfest began in 1936 and has been held each year since, except for the War years. This year's event will include swap tables, commercial exhibits, tech talks, lunch with a keynote speaker, talk-in station with a radio raffle on 146.34/94 W6TO repeater, club and other ham radio organization displays, and prizes.

The main prize for this year's Hamfest is "Build Your Own Radio", a \$1,000 gift certificate from Amateur Electronic Supply. Tickets are \$10 each with only 300 tickets to be sold.

Tickets will be sold for other prizes. On your way to the Hamfest, be sure to check in on the W6TO repeater, 146.34/94 to get your ticket for the radio raffle.

The keynote speaker will be David Rosenthal, N6TST, of Ridgecrest CA. He is an award winning QST author. He has received 2 cover plaque awards for his articles in QST. His latest article, "Polar Bear Portable" appeared in the Feb. 2006 QST.

The Technical program will have Grady Williams, K6IXA, discussing controlling remote stations; Jeff (Shorty) Stouffer, K6JSI, on the Western Intertie Network (WIN System); Dave Smith, W6TE, the SJV Section Technical Coordinator and AMSAT Coordinator, will talk on the latest developments in Amateur Satellites; and Bob Vallio, W6RGG, ARRL Pacific Division Director, will conduct the ARRL Forum.

Some clubs and organizations with displays will be ARRL, QCWA, ARES, OES, and Search and Rescue,

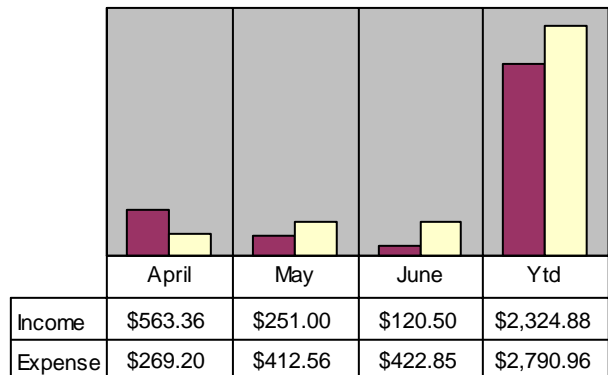
Please use the enclosed flier to register for the 64th Fresno Hamfest. See you there.

Tom Jarvis, KG6KYU, Chairman



Stu looking his best for field day

On Going Treasurer Report for 2006



The graph only shows the checking account since that account is the only one with activity. Right now in Savings we have \$5,168.96 and Checking we have \$4352.10 and \$50.00 in petty cash for a total of \$9,571.06.

Jim W6ALE

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# FRESNO HAMFEST 64

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2006 - 8:00AM TO 3:00PM

## SWAP MEET SELLER

**Swap Vendor Itinerary:**

Setup Time..... 6:00am - 7:30am  
Doors Open..... 8:00am  
Closing..... 2:00pm

**Deposit must be made to reserve Swap Table  
Swap tables are limited.**

**Limited Tables (All tables must be reserved):**

\_\_\_\_ x \$12.00 6' Swap Table & One Admission Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 Additional Hamfest Admission Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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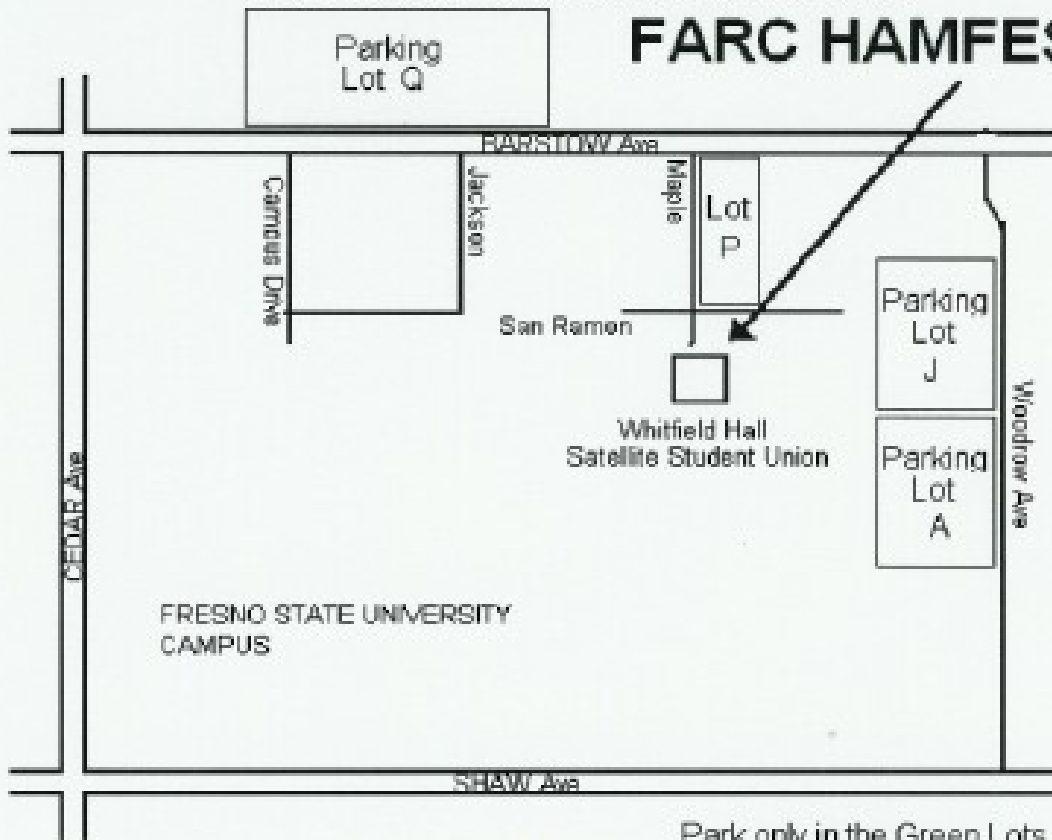
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Maps to Fresno State Satellite Student Union

# FARC HAMFEST



Park only in the Green Lots



**THE DX CORNER**  
By  
**Charles McConnell W6DPD**

NOTICE: The address of the Sixth District QSL Bureau is now P. O. Box 970, Fairfax CA 94978-0970. You can send address labels and \$0.70 for each envelope to the address above. They will put 1 unit of First Class postage on the envelope. The new price was effective Jan. 01, 2006.

If you work DX, you should have envelopes at the QSL bureau. The address is at the top. Your QSL cards received at the bureau may be put in the trash after they sit in the bureau for 90 days.

New IRCs will begin being issued on July 1. The current IRCs expire on Dec. 31, 2006. If you have any current IRCs, you should turn them in to the post office for an 84 cent stamp. But, there is a document from the International Postal Union, which states that IRCs never expire, so take your chances.

Six meters has provided some DX contacts from the west coast this summer. Canada, Alaska, Japan, and Mexico are a few that have been contacted. When 6 meters is open, low power stations with vertical antennas are successful.

Montenegro will be a potential new DXCC Entity since the population voted to split from Serbia. One of 2 things has to happen before Montenegro can be added to the DXCC list. 1. It must be admitted to the United Nations, or 2. It must receive a call sign block issued by the ITU. Once this occurs, then the DXCC Desk can add the new entity. Anyway, the DXCC count will be 336 soon. As soon as Montenegro receives the required things to become a DXCC entity, a multinational DXpedition will take place. It is already being planned.

ARRL has adopted 3rd criteria for becoming a DXCC entity. This should add some new ones to the DXCC list.

Even though we are near the solar minimum for this sunspot cycle, there is still DX out there. Get on the air.

The following operations are scheduled:  
Afghanistan T66T until July 31  
Qatar A72006 until July 31  
East Malaysia 9M6 June 7-July 10

Haiti HH4 June 17-28  
Mozambique C9 June 29-July 13  
Montserrat VP2M July 1-14  
St. Kitts and Nevis V47/DL2AAZ July 20-August 10  
Samoa 5W July 25-August 10  
Rotuma 3D2BD August 5-17  
Namibia V5/G3RWF September. 14-October ??  
Congo TN October/November  
Cocos Keeling VK9 October/November  
Glorioso Island October/November  
Libya 5A7A November 14-28

There are three major contests in July, Canada Day on July 1, IARU HF Championship July 8-9, and the IOTA contest the end of July. These are good ways to increase your DXCC count.

Watch the DX Bulletins for up to date information. As the time for the operation is at hand, watch the DX Summit for listings. There are a number of state QSO parties each year. Check the contest corral in QST or the ARRL web page. State QSO parties are a good place to collect states for your Worked All States award. ARRL Log Book of the World now supports the Worked All States Award.

Good luck, tune the dial, and listen.



Even though his hands are full Benny, KW6N, still has his familiar Pepsi. He never leaves home without it!

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## ARRL Section Report

An Emergency Coordinator is needed in Merced County. Contact N6ZFN (n6zfn@bak.rr.com) or W6DPD (w6dpd@arrl.org) if you can help.

Mark your calendars. The ARRL VHF QSO Party is June 10-12, 2006. Check the May issue of QST for information. Field Day is June 24-25, 2006. The California Historical Radio Society Merced Swap Meet is June 24, 2006 at 9 AM. Check [www.californiahistoricalradio.com/events.html](http://www.californiahistoricalradio.com/events.html) for information and directions. The 64th Fresno Hamfest will be August 5, 2006 at the Satellite Student Union on the CSUF Campus in Fresno. Check [www.w6to.com](http://www.w6to.com) for information. Amateur Radio Awareness Day is Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006. The 2006 California QSO Party is October 7-8. Check [www.cqp.org](http://www.cqp.org) for information. Pacificon 06 will be October 13-15, 2006 at the San Ramon Marriott. Check [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for information. The International DX Convention is April 27-29, 2007 at Visalia. Check <http://www.dxconvention.org/> for information. EMCOMM West is May 4-6, 2007 at the Atlantis Resort and Casino in Reno NV. Check [www.emcommwest.org](http://www.emcommwest.org) for information.

The Northern California Net (NCN), the Section Traffic Net, meets nightly on 3.630 MHz at 7 PM Pacific Time. The slow speed training session of the net meets nightly on 3.705 MHz at 9 PM Pacific Time. Handling traffic on CW is a good way to improve your CW skills. The Daytime Region 6 Traffic Net meets daily at 3:30 pacific time on or near 7.275 MHz. The California Traffic Net meets daily on 3.906 MHz and 6:30 PM local time.

It is my sad duty to report that W6UTN, N6CIY, and KB6TIM are Silent Keys. They will be missed.

K6SNE and N6IDF became Silent Keys while on a transmitter hunt in the Kern County mountains on the road to Lake Isabella. This is a reminder to drive safely, even when on transmitter hunts.

Congratulations to KF6UDF on winning a Dayton ARA scholarship and an ARRL Foundation General Fund Scholarship. Way to go Stuart.

EMCOMM West 2006 was a good conference. If you did not attend, you missed out on a lot of information. Hams from the SJV in attendance were WB6BRU, K6SUU, K6IXA, KA6PNL, WA8SME, and W6DPD. The 2007 EMCOMM West is now in the

planning stages.

Congrats to AI6A and KM6JM on completing the ARECC Level 1 Course.

W6JPU is the new call sign of the Fresno Amateur Radio Technical Society.

On June 9-11, KF6JOQ, Larry, KG6ZBL, Mark and W6WTG, Terry will be going to Santa Cruz Island off the coast of Ventura for a DX Expedition. The island is IOTA NA-144. We will be operating 14.260, 50.130 and also 144.210 SSB during the ARRL VHF contest using the special call sign W6C. QSL Manager is N2OWL. For more information contact Terry, W6WTG at w6wtg@arrl.net or [www.islandchaser.com](http://www.islandchaser.com).

The Los Banos ARC provided communications support for the May Day Parade.

The Stockton-Delta ARC and Lodi ARC provided communications support for the Stockton Bike Club's annual Delta Century Bike Ride. W6INP, K6UII, WB6NVB, N1ILZ, N6HW, AA6K, and N6LHL from the Stockton-Delta Club, N6WTI, KD6TDD, and N6VVK from the Lodi Club, participated. ND6S from the Amador County ARC operated as a bike mobile.

Amateurs in many communities provided communications support for the March of Dimes Walk America this spring.

KA6BIM was first, W6TE was second and N6IIU was third in the SJV section in the December 2005 ARRL 10 Meter Contest.

KA6BIM was first, WS6X was second, and K6YK was third in the SJV section in the 2005 ARRL 160 Meter Contest.

WK6I was first, NN6NN was second and K6MI was third in the SJV section in the 2006 ARRL RTTY Roundup. WK6I was second and NN6NN was third in the Pacific Division scoring.

Traffic for May: K6RAU 14, and N6SUZ 162; Total 176 PSHR K6RAU 57 N6SUZ 100.



## Fresno VE Page

### AMATEUR RADIO VE EXAMS IN FRESNO UNLICENSED THRU EXTRA CLASS FRESNO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB ARRL VEC AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE 2006

Exams for all Amateur license classes will be conducted on the following dates in Fresno California. All exams are given on Saturday and begin at 9:30 AM.

**Aug 19th**

**Nov 18th**

LOCATION: ...Bonaventure Mobile Home Park, 1724 Minnewawa Ave Clovis CA 93612-2545. Exams are held in the community room.

DIRECTIONS: From Highway 99 South of Fresno, exit Clovis Ave. Go north to Shaw and turn left on Shaw to Minnewawa. Turn right on Minnewawa and then left to the Mobile Home Park.. From Highway 41 or Highway 99 North of Fresno, take Shaw Ave. exit, turn right (East), to Minnewawa Ave and turn left. Then turn left into the Mobile Home Park.

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 two weeks.

BRING. Two ID's, one with photo. Taxpayer ID Number (Social Security Number), ULS registration Number or FCC Registration Number. Fee \$14.00 per test session. Bring Exact change. Original and copy of Amateur License and CSCE's if upgrading. Talk in on 146.94 repeater.

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

License Class \_\_\_\_\_ Year first Licensed \_\_\_\_\_

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 2006  
Fresno Amateur Radio  
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Activities and Events**

**July 11th – Board meeting  
July 14th – Club Meeting**



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