

Fresno Amateur Radio Club



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September 2006

Membership Meeting—Friday September 8th, 7 p.m. at Cedar Lanes.

Board of Directors Meeting will be Tuesday September 5th, 7 p.m. at the Woodward Park Regional Library.

FARC Member Meetings

Are the 2nd Friday of the month.

7 p.m. at Cedar Lanes
Unless otherwise noted.

FARC Board Meeting

Tuesday September 5th
7 p.m. at the Woodward Park
Regional Library.
(Champlain and Perrin)
ALL FARC members welcome to attend.

FARC Nets

Morning Drive Time Net:
Weekday Mornings—7:30—
8:00 a.m.

Tech Net:
Wednesdays—7:00 p.m.

FARC Weekly Net :
Sundays—7:00 p.m.



FARC Summer Picnic August 26th

The FARC Summer Picnic will again be held out at the Holden Residence on August 26th @ 4pm. 2549 E. Copper, Clovis CA. Dinner will be served around 6pm.

The club will be providing Tri-Tip, which Ken will be cooking, along with soft drinks and water.

Call signs with the suffix beginning with the letter A-M, please bring a salad or side-dish.

Call signs with the suffix beginning with the letter N-Z, please bring a dessert.



FARC Post Office Box Change

The FARC P.O. Box has moved. The new mailing address for the Fresno Amateur Radio Club is P.O. Box 5912, Fresno CA 93755-5912.

The downtown Post Office location of the P.O. Box made it difficult to pick up the mail. So it was moved to a more central location in Fresno.

2006 FARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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2007 FARC Nominations for Board of Directors are now open.

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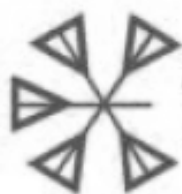
Two radio amateurs to be aboard shuttle *Atlantis* (Aug 23, 2006) -- (ARRL Webpage)

Mission Specialist Heide Stefanyshyn-Piper, KD5TVR, and Dan Burbank, KC5ZSX, will be the only US Amateur Radio licensees aboard the shuttle *Atlantis*, scheduled to head for the International Space Station Sunday, August 27, at 2030 UTC. The only woman on Mission STS-115, Stefanyshyn-Piper will be making first trip into space since becoming an astronaut 10 years ago. Burbank previously flew on Mission STS-106. In addition to Stefanyshyn-Piper and Burbank, the STS-115 crew consists of Commander Brent Jett, Pilot Chris Ferguson and mission specialists Joe Tanner and Steve MacLean, who represents the Canadian Space Agency. This mission will mark the first time in nearly four years that a space station component will be added to the orbiting outpost, which is home to NA1SS. During three spacewalks, *Atlantis* crew members will install a second set of solar arrays on the space station -- doubling the station's ability to generate power from sunlight -- and the [P3/P4 truss](#) to support the arrays. No Amateur Radio operation from *Atlantis* is planned. On August 23, the ISS is scheduled to perform an orbital "reboost," placing the station at the correct altitude to support the rendezvous with *Atlantis* and September's *Soyuz* launch of the Expedition 14 crew.

SKIP Editor

Due to medical and personal obligations, Jim W6ALE has resigned at SKIP Editor. Join me in thanking Jim for all the hard work he has put into the SKIP the last couple of years.

I will be picking up the SKIP for the next month or so until we can find a replacement SKIP Editor. If anyone is interested in becoming SKIP Editor, please contact Rob AE6GE, ae6ge@w6to.com, 559-440-6053.



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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 and they expire on Dec. 31, 2009. 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. The U.S. Post Office now has said that it will not redeem IRCs issued before 2002. These have no bar code on them and are smaller than the current issue.

Montenegro has been added to the ARRL DXCC list, which brings the total DXCC entities to 336. A multi national DX Festival was held from July 20 to August 12. They have made over 120,000 QSOs. The new prefix for Montenegro has not yet been assigned by the ITU. QSL 4O3T via YT6A and YU6AO via the home call. 4O6DX has operated. QSL this one via K8LEE.

As of July 22, Swain's Island, KH8SI, has been added to the DXCC List. A 6 day operation was held from July 25 to August 3. QSL this one via JA1BK. This brings the total to 337.

Will Kure Island become rare?

On June 15, 2006, President Bush established the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands as a National Monument. It includes 10 islands, atolls, and reefs in a 140,000 square mile swath that stretches to the northwest from Nihoa to Kure Atoll. This means that access and commercial and recreational activities will be tightly restricted. The U.S. Department of Commerce will operate monument.

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:

- Qatar A7/G0MKT Now through September
- Sri Lanka 4/s7CCG Now through November
- Iceland TF/W5DCE Now through December 31
- Timor Leste 4W6AAB July 14 to August ??
- Greenland OX3PG now to 2007
- Taiwan BX3/DJ2KR September to November
- Iceland TF August 24-September 6
- Market Reef OJ0LA September 8-14
- Namibia V5/G3RWF September. 14-October ??
- Congo TN October/November
- Cocos Keeling VK9 October/November
- Glorioso Island October/November
- North Cook E5 November 4-November 18
- Libya 5A7A November 15-29
- South Cook E5 November 18-November 28

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.

Seeking Members to Fill Two Openings on the FARC Board of Directors


Due to resignations of Board of Directors members, we are seeking replacements for the now open positions. One positions term concludes the end of this year. The other position ends in 2007. If there is anyone who wishes to be considered for the open positions, please contact a current Board of Director member prior to the next Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, September 5th.

Nominations for 2007 FARC Board of Directors Now Open

Nominations for the 2007 FARC Board of Directors are now open. If you wish to run to fill one of the 6 open seats, please see a member of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee this year is:

Pat Fennacy	W6YEP	w6yep@w6to.com	222-3105
Jim Clymer	WS6X	ws6x@w6to.com	292-8353
Paul Sullivan	W6VPS	w6vps@w6to.com	226-3638

Nominations will be closed at the conclusion of the September Membership Meeting on September 8th, 2006.




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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 2006 Fresno Amateur Radio Club Activities and Events

- Aug 26 Summer Picnic**
(See inside for details)
- Sept 5 Board meeting**
- Sept 8 Club Meeting**
-Nominations close