

Fresno Amateur Radio Club



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Membership Meeting—Friday October 13th, 7 p.m. at Cedar Lanes.

Board of Directors Meeting will be Tuesday October 3rd, 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

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2007 Board of Directors Elections

At the September 8th Membership meeting nominations for the 2007 Board of Directors were closed. Nominated were:

John McGraw AE6QR
Jim Nelson W6ALE
Aaron Lusk K6USY

Richard Pack KE6SHL
Charles McConnell W6DPD
Rob Mavis AE6GE

As there are 6 open positions and only 6 nominations we will forego the process of the mailing of ballots. This will save the club time and money.

Replacement Board of Director Members Appointed

At the September 5th Board of Directors meeting interim members were appointed. Aaron Lusk K6USY will replace Jim Nelson for the remainder of the year. Jim Erbe WA6NIF replaces Darin Land for the remainder of this year and next.

Please congratulate Aaron and Jim on their new appointments to the Board of Directors. I look forward to working with these fine members to help continue moving the Fresno Amateur Radio Club forward.



2006 FARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Board of Directors Members

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US ARDF team member medals at World Foxhunting Championships

(Sep 22, 2006) - ARRL Website <http://www.arrl.org>

The US Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) team has brought home its first medal from the ARDF World Championships. Nadia Scharlau of Cary, North Carolina (photo), received bronze in her age/gender category at this year's world foxhunting trials, which concluded September 16 in Primorsko, Bulgaria. Nadia is the wife of Charles Scharlau, NZOI, who also competed. Nadia and Charles were co-chairs of the [The Sixth USA National ARDF Championships](#) last April in North Carolina. "Thirteen radio-orientees from eight states traveled to Bulgaria for this year's world championships," reports ARRL ARDF Coordinator Joe Moell, K0OV. "With radio gear, maps and compasses, they took to the forests to face the best on-foot transmitter hunters from 30 countries in separate competitions on the 2 meter and 80 meter bands." The Bulgaria competition marked Team USA's fifth trip to the World Championships, which take place in even-numbered years. There's more information about championship foxhunting and ARDF Team USA on Moell's [Homing In](#) Web site. Moell says he'll report more details on the ARDF World Championships in his ARDF Update column on the ARRL Web site.



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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.

A small sunspot appeared and lasted for about 90 minutes. The interesting fact about this small sunspot is that its magnetic poles were reversed compared with sunspots of the current solar cycle. Sunspots reverse magnetic poles in each cycle. For a time at the beginning of a solar cycle, there can be sunspots with both magnetic polarities present as the old cycle dies and the new one moves forward. The small spot was not at the usual area where spots of reverse magnetic fields usually appear. Hopefully, this is a sign of things to come with the solar cycle.

The CQ Worldwide DX Contests are the last weekend in October (SSB) and the last weekend in November (CW). This is a good time to increase your DXCC total. Many are DXpeditions with QSL Managers in the U.S.

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:

Sri Lanka 4/s7CCG Now through November
Iceland TF/W5DCE Now through December 31
Greenland OX3PG now to 2007
Taiwan BX3/DJ2KR September to November
Namibia V5/G3RWF September 14 to October??
Mayotte TX6A October 5 to October 17
Revilla Ggedo XF4DL October 17 to November 3
Congo TN October/November
Cocos Keeling VK9 October/November
Glorioso Island October/November
North Cook E5 November 4 to November 18
Libya 5A7A November 15 to November 29
San Andres Island HK0GU November 15 to December 1
South Cook E5 November 18 to November 28
Montserrat VP2M January to February 2007
Lakshadweep VU7 January 15 to 25, 2007

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.

Welcome to the New Members of the Fresno Amateur Radio Club!

Please join us in welcoming the most recent members who have joined the Fresno Amateur Radio Club. Please give them a warm FARC welcome when you see them at the upcoming club functions.

Brandon Bianchi KE6THG
 Chick Reisinger KI6FEM and XYL Nancy
 David Wright
 Dale Hadley N6CSJ
 Nick Edwards Sr. KG6QWR



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 and accessible location in Fresno.



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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**

Oct 3 FARC BOD Meeting
 7 p.m.—Woodward
 Park Library

Oct 8 FARC Meeting
 7 p.m.—Cedar lanes

Nov 10 FARC Meeting
 7 p.m.—Annual
 Swapmeet

Dec 8 FARC Xmas Party
 6 p.m.—Toledos
 Fresno/Shaw