

Fresno Amateur Radio Club



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November 2006

Membership Meeting—Friday November 10th, 7 p.m. at Cedar Lanes.
FARC Annual Swap Night

Board of Directors Meeting will be Wednesday November 8th, 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 Re-
gional 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.

W6TO/R 146.940 - 141.3



ANNOUNCEMENT:

Next year's FARC Hamfest 65 has been approved/Sanctioned by the ARRL

Bob Sawyer KF6FIG has volunteered to recycle newspapers with the proceeds to benefit the FARC. Please bring any newspapers to donate to the next club meeting. **DO NOT** bring them loose. Make sure the papers are bundled or bagged. No cans just newspapers.

FARC Christmas Party at Toledo's Mexican Restaurant

Friday December 8th at 6:30pm

South West corner of Fresno and Shaw—Mission Village Shopping Center .
Dinner will consist of Salsa & Chips, Salad, Choice of two: Enchilada,
Taco, or Burrito with either chicken or beef.

Drinks: coffee, tea, or soda.

Price \$17.00 includes tax and tip. Admission collected at the door.

Please RSVP: Tom KG6KYU (559) 916-2445



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FARC Makes Top Ten in San Joaquin Valley 2006 ARRL Field Day Results—SJV

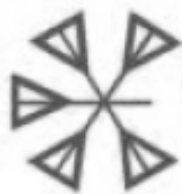
Call	Score	Cat	QSOs	Mult	GOTA	Section	Participants	Club
1 W6A	6,002	2A	1,562	2	N6FOG	SJV	54	Madera CTY ARC
2 W6TO	5,380	2A	1,348	2	W6PSQ	SJV	25	FRESNO ARC
3 W6SW	4,318	3A	1,255	2	WQ6X	SJV	15	San Andreas Faultline Survivors
4 W6BXN	3,918	12A	850	2	N6KEK	SJV	23	Turlock ARC
5 W6SF	3,030	2A	1,025	2	WB6NVB	SJV	24	Stockton-Delta ARC
6 W6BW	2,644	2A	473	2	WA6ONA	SJV	75	Mountain ARC
7 N6IU	2,396	1E	1,148	2		SJV	1	
8 KQ6AR	2,002	4D	621	2		SJV	7	415 Wireless Society
9 N6FRG	1,758	4A	280	2	AE6LA	SJV	14	Calaveras ARS
10 K6TUO	1,670	7A	260	2		SJV	10	Tuolumne CTY AR and Elec Soc



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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.

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.

CQ Magazine sponsors the Field Award. This uses the fields of the Maidenhead Grid Square System for the award. QSL cards are needed to confirm contacts with the fields. There are 324 fields around the earth with many completely over water. Check with CQ magazine for the rules. The grid square system came out of Europe when the vhf contesters wanted to do something to increase multipliers. The result of the conference at Maidenhead England was the Maidenhead Grid Square System where the earth was divided in to 324 Fields and each field divided into 100 grid squares. There are 32,400 grid squares around the earth. ARRL adopted the grid square system when the VUCC Award was created, and it was then used for the VHF contests.

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
Revilla Gigedo XF4DL October 17 to November 3
Congo TN November/December
Cocos Keeling VK9 October/November
Glorioso Island Postponed again
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
Lakshadweep VU7 December 1 to December 10 (NIAR)
Lakshadweep VU7 December 1 to 31, 2006 (ARSI)
Tonga A35GN Dec. 25, 2006 to January 3, 2007
Montserrat VP2M January to February 2007
Bangladesh S21EA January 10 to January 16
Spratly Islands 9M0 March 9 to 20, 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.

**AMATEUR RADIO VE EXAMS IN FRESNO UNLICENSED THRU EXTRA CLASS
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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.

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

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

Upcoming 2006
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Activities and Events