

Fresno Amateur Radio Club

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Our next general meeting will be held on January 12th. The meeting will have a representative from Fresno to speak on antenna restrictions. The meeting will be held at Cedar Lanes at Cedar and Shields. Our next Board meeting will be at the Woodward Park Library at Champlain and Perron on January 2nd. ***Dues for 2007 are now due, see Ted Miller, W6TLM.***

FARC General Meetings

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

2007 FARC BOARD MEETING DATES

1st Tuesday of each month
Woodward Park Library at
Champlain and Perron

FARC Nets

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

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Tech Net:

Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm
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FARC Net:

Sundays @ 7:00 pm
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Harold Reeks KF6CL the J. Allen Ross Award Recipient

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The Prez Sez

Hello from your new FARC President. I am excited to be President of the club for 2007. We had a great year during 2006 and we'll see if we can make 2007 even better. Our Vice President, Dan AE6SX is gathering some great speakers and topics for our club meetings and Tom KG6KYU is once again leading the planning of the 2007 Hamfest. Look for some great things to happen!

I want to thank our 2006 Officers, President Rob – AE6GE, Vice President Ken WA6OIB, Secretaries Darin KG6YLE and Bob KF6FIG and Treasurers Jim W6ALE and Ted W6TLM. They put in a lot of time leading our club throughout the past year. Also thanks to the other board members Tom KG6KYU, Dan AE6SX, Charles W6DPD, Aaron, Paul W6WYT, Jim WA6NIF, Aaron K6USY and of course myself, Steve NA6G .

Officer and Board positions are very important jobs that many times people take for granted. However for those that assume these positions can find it to be very rewarding and a great learning experience. Your club officers for 2007 are: President Steve Bassett NA6G, Vice President Dan Pruitt AE6SX, Secretary Jim Erbe WA6NIF, Treasurer Ted Miller W6TLM, and board members are: Tom Jarvis KG6KYU, Charles McConnell W6DPD, Aaron Lusk K6USY, John McGraw AE6QR, Jim Nelson W6ALE Richard Pack KE6SHL and one open position. Take the time to thank the past and current officers and board members for their leading our club.

With ham radio in general, it looks like a lot of other things are taking place. The HF bands have been reallocated and it looks like the morse code requirement will be dropped for the U.S. in January. This is a great time to get on the radio on HF, VHF

and UHF to use that license that you've earned and to communicate with other hams.

During 2007, I would like to see everyone take the time to learn something new about ham radio. Maybe it is learning code, getting an upgrade on your license, learning a new mode like SSTV, satellite, getting on HF, contesting or something else that is of interest to you. Also, if someone needs help, reach out and help them. Many of those new to our hobby can use some guidance, so become their Elmer. We need to learn, help and do. Let's take the time and make this a great 2007 for FARC, ham radio and ourselves.

73, Steve NA6G



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Christmas Party Pictures



Here are a few pictures of the FARC Christmas party. It was a good time had by all. There are more pictures on the www.w6to.com website. The big winners for the night were, Ben, WB6GBS who got the Alligator award, Ted, W6TLM received the Bonehead, and Harold, KF6CL received the coveted J.ALLEN ROSS award. Steve, NA6G was the master of ceremonies. Special thanks to Steve's wife Vikki, for the donations from Fresno AG and to my wife Lisa, KG6SZA for her donations from Ficklin Vineyards, and finally a special thanks to Monty KF6DRY for the pictures.

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.

The ARRL Outgoing QSL Service has announced a new rate structure, effective January 1, 2007. The new basic rate will be \$5 per half-pound (8 ounces -- or approximately 75 cards) or any portion of a half-pound. That's a change from the current rate of \$4 per half-pound or any portion. The new rates are in response to a major postal rate increase and price restructuring in early 2006, after which our postage costs nearly doubled. One pound will now cost \$10, and larger packages will be assessed \$5 for each additional half-pound (or portion thereof). For example, a package containing 1.5 pounds of cards will cost \$15, while a package containing 1.75 pounds of cards will cost \$20. For smaller packages, the new fee is only \$1.50 for 10 or fewer cards, \$2.50 for 11 to 20 cards and \$3.75 for 21 to 30 cards. The new rate structure will help to cover increased postage and basic handling costs for smaller packages while continuing to offer a price break to moderate-volume users submitting less than one-half pound of cards. The ARRL Outgoing QSL Service is available only to ARRL members. The last rate revision went into effect in March 2001.

Even though we are near the solar minimum for this sunspot cycle, there is still DX out there. Get on the air. The sun has been blasting off with flares in the past week.

The following operations are scheduled:

Greenland OX3PG now to July 30, 2007
Glorioso Island Postponed again
Lakshawep VU7 December 1 to 31, 2006 (ARSI)
Tonga A35GN Dec. 25, 2006 to January 3, 2007
Liechtenstein HBO January 1 to January 9, 2007
Burkino Faso XT2 January 6 to January 20, 2007
Montserrat VP2M January to February 2007
Bangladesh S21XA January 10 to January 16
Vietnam XV2AC January 14-January 21, 2007
Lakshadweep VU7 January 15 to January 30, 2007 (NIAR)
Aves Island YWODX 2nd week of February 2007 for 10 days
Djibouti J2 February 1 to February 15, 2007
Agalega 3B6 Sometime in March 2007
Spratly Islands 9M0 March 9 to 20, 2007
Swains Island N8S April 3 to April 16, 2007
St. Brandon Island 3B7C September 7 to 24 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 coral 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.



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Feb 17th

May 19th

Aug 18th

Nov 17th

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

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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.

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**Upcoming 2006
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Activities and Events**

**Jan 2nd-Board Meeting
Jan 12th-Membership Mtg**



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