



Our next general meeting will be held on February 9th. The meeting will have a representative from Hanford weather station talking about Skywarn. 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 February 6th. ***Dues for 2007 are now due, see Ted Miller,***

Club Notes

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.

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

It was great to see everyone at the last club meeting. AE6SX is in charge of the meeting programs and from what I hear it looks like a good year for informative meetings.

A big thanks to both Ben, WB6GBS and Monty Clovis, KD6DRY for their continuing effort on the morning drive time net. It's not easy getting up every morning and doing this the club thanks you.

I've made a few small changes to the Skip in a continuing effort to improve it. Some of you may notice and some may not. I am trying to incorporate a new design to make it even easier to read. If any of you have any suggestions on the Skip please let me know. My email address is in the Skip and also my phone number, please feel free to either email or call. I can also be found on the repeater imagine that!

MEMBERSHIPS – It's that time of year again. We are collecting your 2007 membership dues. Please send them to the P.O.Box or bring them to a meeting. Your dues are a very important part of the clubs ability to function. Without them we wouldn't be able to publish the SKIP, hold regular meetings, or put on the Hamfest. 2006 saw the club finish in the red by \$2234.82. Your board of directors is working on ways to increase the clubs revenue, and decrease expenses for 2007. We need your help, and sending in your dues now is a good first step. Encourage your ham friends to join, or re-join the club, and let us know what you can do to help us make 2007 the best year ever. Ted, W6TLM

Fresno Amateur Radio Club

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**This is your last Skip
if your dues for 2007
have not been paid.**

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The Prez Sez

Hi Everyone! For those that made it to the January monthly meeting, I hope that you enjoyed our speaker and getting together. It was an interesting night with Robert Lewis from the City of Fresno talking about the process of getting approval for an antenna. As the club President, I was also able to share what is happening with the club for the year and the need for volunteers. Our club is only as good as the members and those that help the club with the many projects and events.

For 2007 we have a need for someone to volunteer for Chairman of FARC Field Day in June. This is an important event and a fun one for all that participates. There are people that have volunteered to help with various parts, so the Chairman for this event helps by providing leadership for the event and working with these other volunteers for the planning of the event. If you are willing to take the lead on this, please let me know ASAP. It is only a little over 4 months away. Also, if you would like to assist with this event in another capacity, let me know too.

Hamfest will be here in August. Planning is already taking place and you can volunteer now to help. Depending on the time you have available, help is needed with setup, manning various areas during the event along with other tasks before and during the event. If you can help, contact Tom Jarvis – KG6KYU.

Have you been on the radio lately? It is surprising when I ask that of hams and have them tell me, "No, not recently.". Of course, my next question is, "Why not?". The answers vary, but sometimes they say there isn't an interest to do so. What a shame. It can be fun and we can learn so much by getting on the air. We need to try to get these people back on the radio. It can be as simple as asking them to meet you on the radio at a specific time

using the repeater or simplex or asking them to join in on the Sunday night net.

If VHF communications isn't of interest anymore, try upgrading your license (if you aren't already a General or Extra). It will soon be easier to do so as the Morse code requirement will no longer be required very soon. There is a great world out there on HF. I enjoy getting on HF during some of the contests using SSB or digital modes. I don't try to win a contest, but I do set some kind of goal, whether it is for a certain amount of points or a certain number of contacts. During the time on the radio, I have a good time catching the rare ones (at least for me), making contacts with states or countries that I have missed on a band and learning more about my radios and propagation. I encourage you to get on the radio and try something new. That's enough for this month. I hope to hear you on the repeater soon!

73, Steve NA6G

Pros and Cons

As we all know, the morse code element has been dropped for testing purposes. What we don't know is how do we all feel about this. For the next months Skip, I would like to know how everyone else feels about this, in a few sentences, and I will post the comments in the next Skip. I'm sure we'll hear from both sides. Maybe for future issues I'll run a similar article with suggestions from the club.

Email comments to w6ale@comcast.net or you can snail mail to the club p.o. box.

Jim W6ALE

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ARRL Section Report

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTION Report for the month of December 2006:

SM Charles McConnell, W6DPD- ASMs K6YK and W6FRH, ACC W6DPD, SEC N6ZFN, OOC N1VM, STM K6RAU, PIC KE6IGJ, TC W6TE.

Greetings from the ARRL San Joaquin Valley Section.

Your San Joaquin Valley Section staff sends hope for the best in 2007.

Thanks to all the volunteers who participate in the ARRL Field Organization. They put in lots of hours for the benefit of Amateur Radio. Keep up the good work in 2007.

Thanks to Rex, KE6ZOC for maintaining the SJV Section page on www.pdarrrl.org.

This is a reminder to all Field Organization Appointees that you must keep your ARRL membership active to keep your appointment. You also need to make a monthly report of your activities.

If you desire your club information and events to be listed in Section News, please send the information to w6dpd@arrl.org.

Mark your calendars: 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 for information. Field Day 2007 is the fourth full weekend of June. The 65th Fresno Hamfest is August 4, 2007 at the Holiday Inn at the Airport in Fresno. Check www.w6to.com for information. Pacificon 2007 is October 19-21, 2007 at the Marriott Hotel in San Ramon CA. Check www.pacificon.org for information.

When your affiliated club elects officers for the next year, be sure to update your club's information on the affiliated club area of the ARRL web page. If you fail to update your clubs information for 2 years, your club will be placed in the inactive file.

Need to take an Amateur exam? Check the ARRL web page, www.arrl.org for exam information. You can also search for Amateur Radio Classes in your area.

The Northern California Net (NCN), the Section Traffic Net, meets nightly on 3.533 MHZ at 7 PM Pacific Time. The slow speed training session of the net meets nightly on 3.533 MHZ at 9 PM Pacific Time. Handling traffic on CW is a good way to improve your CW skills. The Day-time 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 KE6ZQ, WA6FGM, WB6HQU, and K6RES are Silent Keys. They will be missed.

Fresno County and Kings County ARES groups operated W6H for the SKYWARN Recognition Day from NOAA Hanford.

Turlock ARC members provided communications support for the Turlock Christmas parade.

The Radio Club of America awarded its 2006 Barry Goldwater Award to Frank Clement, W6KPC, of Bakersfield for his lifetime achievements. Congratulations Frank.

The Fresno ARC named KF6CL as its 2006 Amateur of the Year. W6TLM earned the Boner Award and WB6GBS earned the Alligator Award.

The Golden Empire DX Club (KI6GWR) is a new club in Bakersfield.

Gordon West, WB6NOA, will visit the Sequoia Amateur Group in February 2007.

Bakersfield ARA 2007 officers are pres KB6JFL, vp KG6ZBK, sec K6JAG, and treas KA6VXC. Check www.w6bar.org for information. The club named N6RSK its 2006 Ham of the Year.

Central California DX Club 2007 officers are pres WA5VGI, 1st vp N6AWD, 2nd vp WS6X, sec/treas W6DPD, Directors W6YDE, AA6LY and W6RFL. For information contact w6mel@arrl.net. The club will celebrate 25 years of ARRL affiliation in 2007.

Stockton-Delta ARC 2007 officers are pres WB6NVB, vp KD6FVA, sec/editor N6LHL, and treas KB6QIT. The club celebrated its 75th Anniversary in December. Congratulations!! The club is planning for its 80th anniversary in 2011. Check www.w6sf.org for information.

QCWA Fresno Chapter 213 2007 officers are pres W6YEP, vp W6VPS, sec/treas W6DPD and Directors K6XJ and WA6NIF. The chapter meets the 4th Tuesday at Carrow's, 4280 N. Blackstone at noon in Fresno. All QCWA members are welcome to attend. Check www.qcwa.org/chapter213.htm for information.

Traffic for December K6RAU 28, N6SUZ 23 and W6SX 2. Total 53. PSHR: K6RAU 73, N6SUZ 36.

Fresno Amateur Radio Club

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.

The International DX Convention will be April 27-29, 2007 at the Holiday Inn at Visalia. There will be a number of world class DX'ers at this event. Check out www.dxconvention.org for information.

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:
Greenland OX3PG now to July 30, 2007
Glorioso Island Postponed again
Montserrat VP2M January to February 2007

Lakshadweep VU7 January 15 to January 30, 2007 (NIAR)
Aves Island YW0DX 2nd week of February 2007 for 10 days
Djibouti J2 February 1 to February 15, 2007
Algeria 7X February 2 to February 10, 2007
Tokelau ZK3RE February 3 to February 21, 2007
Norfolk Island VK9N February 15 to March 3, 2007
Guinea Bisseau J5UAR March 4 to 22, 2007
Senegal 6W March 3 to 23
Agalega 3B6 Sometime in March 2007
Spratly Islands 9M4SDX March 9 to March 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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"Sorry about the noise, I tripped...anyway, the name here is Roy...I am located near downtown Chicago, and I've been a ham now for 20 years..."

Visalia International DX Convention 2007

The 2007 International DX Convention will take place April 27, 28 & 29, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center in Visalia, California. This is an ARRL sanctioned convention that is sponsored this year by the Northern California DX Club. It is expected to draw visitors from around the World and will feature programs from recent DX-Peditions and contest operations.

The Convention theme this year is, "Elmering New DXers is Job Number One!" Accordingly, a portion of the programming will be devoted to helping new DXers learn about how to be noticed in a pile-up, snag a "new one" and get that elusive QSL card.

Other Convention offerings will include: DX, Top Band and Contest Forums, technical talks, many door prizes, both Friday and Saturday evening "attitude adjustments", Saturday Barbecue Lunch, Saturday night banquet, Sunday morning "power" breakfast, Vendors Exhibits and QSL card checking.

Current information and registration forms are available on the Convention web page, which can be found at www.dxconvention.org. Additional registration information can be obtained by contacting Convention Registration Chairman, Dick Letrich, W6KM via Email at dlw6km@aol.com.

If you're interested in DX or DXing, the Visalia International DX Convention is *the* place to be. We hope to see you there.



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Fresno VE Page

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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.

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.

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.

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**Upcoming 2006
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Activities and Events**

**Feb 6th-Board Meeting
Feb 9th-Membership Mtg**



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