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 Next General Meeting January 11, 2008



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FARC General Meetings

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

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Prizes have been upgraded in value from \$3-7. so get your wallets out and good luck.

2008 FARC BOARD MEETING DATES

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

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

RACES/ARES Net

Mondays 7:30 PM
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Thanks for 2007!!

My time as President of FARC ends with 2007. I want to take this time to thank all the officers and board members for their help and support of FARC throughout the year. They did a great job for the club and did many things behind the scenes that helped our clubs tremendously. I especially want to thank Dan Pruitt AE6SX, the Vice President for 2007 for all the help he provided me through the year. He did a fantastic job lining up our club meeting topics and speakers too. I also want to thank all the other club members that provided their time and service to the club, from helping with the newsletter, Field Day, emergency services, helping at the club meetings, speaking at meetings, testing, providing technical knowledge, helping with getting the 501(c)(3) status, driving other club members to meetings and all the other things the club was involved with.

Please join me in supporting our new club President Tom Jarvis KG6KYU and the new Board of Directors for 2008 with your time and knowledge so that we can make our club even better. By working together we can have fun and grow in our hobby to become better ham radio operators and provide service to our friends, family and community.

Everyone have a great 2008 and I look forward to hearing you on the air and seeing you at the next club meeting.
 73, Steve NA6G

In Any Language:

Cantonese - Sun nien fai lok Danish - Godt Nyttår Dutch - Gelukkig nieuwjaar English - Wish you a Very Happy New Year Farsi - Aide shoma mobarak French - Bonne année Gaelic - Aith-bhliain Fe Nhaise Dhui German - Gutes Neues Jahr Hawaiian - Hauoli Makahiki Hou Hebrew - Shanah tovah Hindi - Nav Varsh Ki Shubh Kamnayan Hmong - Nyob zoo xyoo tshiab Indonesian - Elamat Tahun Baru Italian - Buon Capo d'Anno Japanese - Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu Mandarin - Xin nian yu kuai Norwegian - Godt Nyttår Philippino - Maligayang Bagong Taon Polish - Szczesliwego Nowego roku

Many Thanks for 2007 and Welcome 2008

Over the Past year, the following individuals worked as your Board Members to keep the Fresno Amateur Radio Club moving and working on the same frequency. They deserve our thanks for their efforts. If you see or hear these folks, say "Thanks"

- President:** Steve Bassett NA6G
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- Jim Nelson W6ALE
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 John McGraw AE6QR
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 Chuck McConnell W6DPD
 Tom Jarvis KG6KYU

You might be a ham if... (With apologies to Jeff Foxworthy.)

- * If you use Penetrox instead of Vick's Vapo-rub for a chest cold, you might be a Ham.
- * If nervous tic means worrying about your ring rotator, you might be a Ham.
- * If you make your candy and snack selections based on whether they come in something you can use for a building project, you might be a Ham.
- * If your retinas detect antennas a mile away behind trees—in the dark, you might be a Ham.
- * If your wedding gift registry is at Ham Radio Outlet, you might be a Ham.
- * If you are perfectly happy listening to broadcast stations obscured by static, sky-wave, and mobile flutter. You barely even notice!, you might be a Ham.
- * If Santa never asked you as a youngster to "not be quite so technical", you might be a Ham.
- * If no appliance is ever discarded at your house with a perfectly good power cord still attached, you might be a Ham.
- * If the nifty recipe holder the kids made you winds up on the workbench as a soldering aid, you might be a Ham.
- * If you can dispatch a flying insect with one well-aimed squirt of Freeze Mist, you might be a Ham.
- * If hitchhikers open the passenger door, take one look, and close the door again, you might be a Ham.
- * If "Temporary" really means, "Until I die or we move", you might be a Ham.

This appeared in the ARRL Contest Rate Sheet for December 12, 2007. Thanks to Ward Silver, NOAX.

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Fresno Amateur Radio Club

THE DX CORNER by Charles McConnell W6DPD

St. Barthelemy (FJ) was added to the DXCC list as of Dec. 14, 2007. This brings the number of DXCC entities to 338.

NOTICE: The address of the Sixth District QSL Bureau is now P. O. Box 970, Fairfax CA 94978-0970. You can send up to 10 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. With the increase in U.S. Postage rates, you may need to send some money to the QSL Bureau.

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. If you change your call sign, then you need to maintain envelopes for both call signs at the bureau, if you have been working DX with both call signs.

If you want help with DX, you can contact the local members of the Central California DX Club for some assistance. Charles W6DPD 431-2038, Perry K6XJ 299-2802, or Jim WS6X 292-8353 can give you advice. The big thing about finding DX is to tune the bands.

A number of the local DX'ers meet for breakfast on the First Saturday of the month at the Red Caboose Café, 50 W. Bullard in Clovis. The group gathers between 0700 and 0800 AM. Anyone interested in DX or learning about it is invited to attend. If you are going to work DX, you need to be on the bands early in the morning.

If you don't get a DX Bulletin and you belong to ARRL, you should register on the members only web page and check the box for the ARRL DX Bulletin. This one is emailed each Thursday. Or you can go to the ARRL web page in the News/ Bulletin section and view the bulletins there. You can also read the OP DX Bulletin on the web. Search OP DX Bulletin to get the URL. You can subscribe to the Daily DX, Weekly DX or QRZ DX too. These bulletins will keep you informed of DX operations and QSL information.

The following operations are scheduled:
Marshall Islands V73NS now through 2009
Bhutan A52VE April 2007 for 2 years
Djibouti J2800 soon for at least a year
Falkland Island VP8CXV September 8, 2007 to January 15, 2008
Gabon TR8CR December 7, 2007 to January 12, 2008
Rotuma 3D2AG/p December 15, 2007 to January 20, 2008
Palau T88RY sometime in December 2007 to January 2008
Bouvet Island 3Y0E Soon for a couple of months
Liechtenstein HB0 January 1 to January 9, 2008
Suriname PZ January 5 to January 11, 2008
Marquesas Islands FO/M January 9 to January 22, 2008
Guinea Bissau J5C January 11 to January 21, 2008
Guantanamo Bay KG4 January 29 to February 9, 2008
Chatham ZL7 Jan, 2008
Auckland ZL9 Jan 2008
Cocos Island TI9K February 4 to February 16, 2008
Ducie Island VP6DX February 10, 2008 for 2 weeks
Anguilla VP2E February 11 to 19, 2008
The Gambia C56YK February 11 to March 6, 2008
The Gambia C56JC February 12 to March 5, 2008
Clipperton Island FO/C TX5C March 4 to March 16, 2008
Vanuatu YJOAX March 2008
Swan Island HQ8R March 15 to March 23, 2008
Mauritania 5T March 16 to March 30, 2008
Spratly Islands March 22 to March 30, 2008
Juan Fernandez Island CE0Z/DL2AH March 18 to April 7, 2008
Central African Republic TL8DV end of March to beginning of April 2008
Cocos Island TI9M Sometime in 2008

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.



Now is the time for all good Hams to come to renew their Amateur Radio Club dues. Even if this sounds like a old theme, the Fresno ARC is not. Members support the organization, it's programs, and Amateur Radio. Please renew you membership. Instructions are on Page 8.

Fresno Amateur Radio Club

Welcome to the San Joaquin Valley Section.

Section Manager Charles McConnell, W6DPD- Assistant Section Managers K6YK and N2NS, Affiliated Club Coordinator W6DPD, Section Emergency Coordinator N6ZFN, Official Observer Coordinator N1VM, Section Traffic Manager K6RAU, Public Information Coordinator KE6IGJ, and Technical Coordinator W6TE.

The San Joaquin Valley Section extends from Kern County north to San Joaquin, Calaveras and Mono Counties in the central valley of California. Thanks for visiting this page.

If you desire your club information and events to be listed in Section News, please send the information to w6dpd@arrl.org. I get very little information. If your club has a newsletter, please send it to me, email to w6dpd@arrl.org or via U.S Mail.

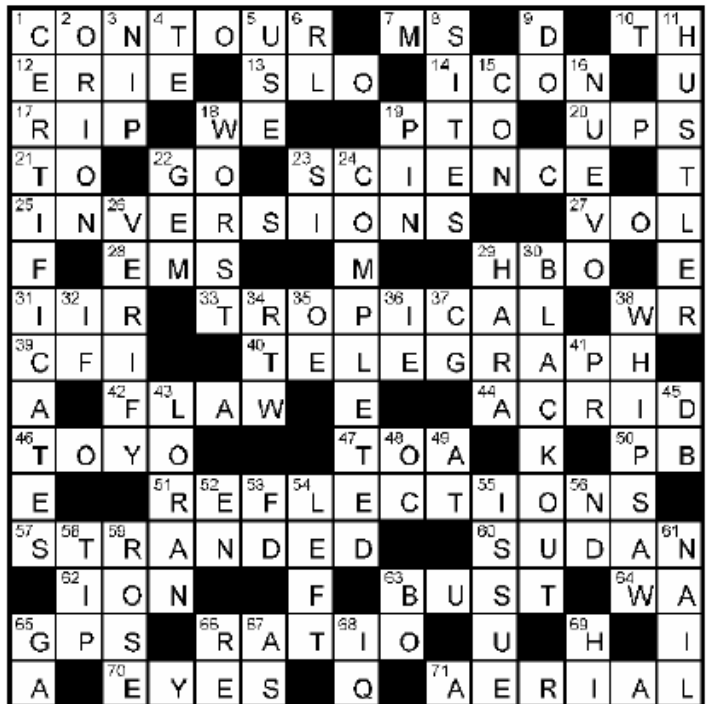
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! RadioFest is February 23-24, 2008, in Monterey CA. Check www.radiofest.org for information The International DX Convention is April 25-28, 2008 at Visalia CA. Check <http://www.dxconvention.org/> for information. EMCOMM West 2008 will be May2-4, 2008, at the Circus Circus in Reno NV. Check www.emcommwest.org for information. Pacificon 2008 is October 17-19, 2008 at the San Ramon Marriott in San Ramon CA. Check www.pacificon.org for information.

The Northern California Net (NCN), the Section Traffic Net, meets nightly on 3.533MHZ 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 at 6:30 PM pacific time on 3.906 MHZ. The Noon-time Net meets daily on 7.268.5 MHZ at Noon. There is a lot of traffic passed on this net.


Need to take an Amateur exam? Check the ARRL web page, www.arrl.org for exam information. Need to find a class? The ARRL web page, www.arrl.org has a listing of classes. Check it out.

Card Checking in the Section. You can get cards checked for awards within the section. W6XK and W6DPD can check your cards for DXCC in accordance with the rules for field checking. DXCC card checkers may now check cards dated from Nov. 15, 1945, but no 160 meter cards or cards for deleted entities. DXCC card checkers may, at their discretion, check cards for WAS and VUCC. W6DPD can check cards for the CQ Awards, WAZ, DX, and Prefixes. Special Service Clubs may appoint a HF awards manager for WAS and a VHF Awards Manager for VUCC.

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 your club fails to update the information for 2 years, your club will be placed in the inactive file.



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ARES/RACES 2008 CALENDAR

This months meeting involved looking ahead to 2008. Sticking to our "One event each Month", we chose our events for the upcoming year.

January 7 is "Kids Day" and we will be meeting with Hanford WFO regarding equipment repair and upgrading.

February 16, SATERN ICS course

March (to be announced) is March of Dimes Walk-a-thon

April (to be announced) is Diabetes Walk-a-thon

May 31 is FARC Hamfest and Memorial Day is the 26th

June 24/25 is Field Day

July 4 and Ham Radio Support

August (to be announced) Special event station

September 15 Amateur Radio Awareness Day

October ARRL SET

November 11 Veteran's day

December Skywarn Recognition Day

muscle and TLC. There are equipment issues and needing to be addressed at various locations.

There are tours of facilities, courses to teach and learn and Public Relations to perform. This will be a very intense year and whatever your expertise, there is a job for you. Stop by the websites www.fresnoares.com and www.fresno-races.com. Remember, "When all else fails.....Amateur Radio!" Dan Pruitt, AE6SX



Now these are the scheduled projects that we will be involved. There are long term and other projects concerning many locations so if you can't participate in any of the above, then feel free to help elsewhere. Helping with Net control duties will help a lot. There is a generator that will need some

Check out the new and improved Fresno Amateur Radio Club Website, www.W6TO.org There is a new look and feel to it and it is easier to navigate and get information



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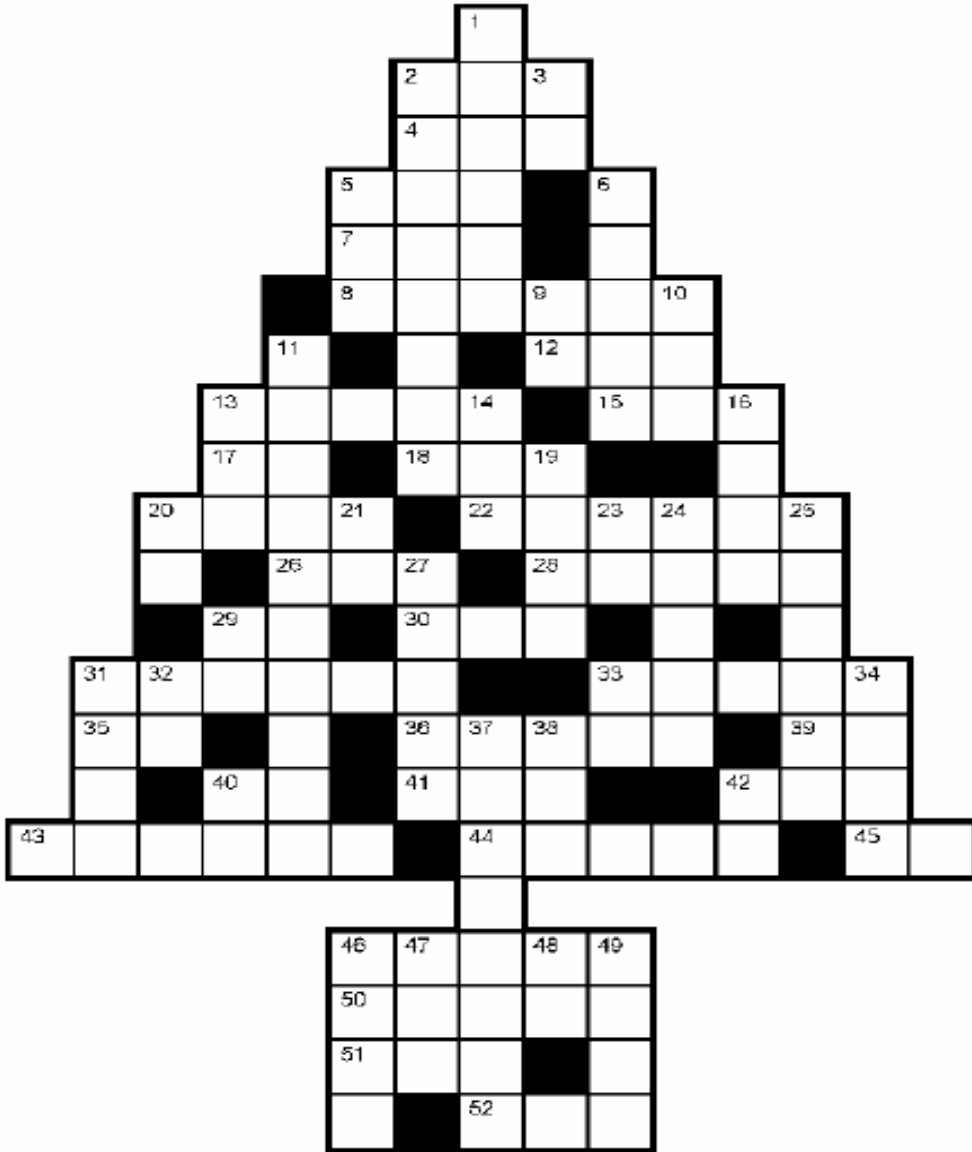
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Across

- 2 Units of reactive power (3)
- 4 A very small unit of energy (3)
- 5 The single tube in most oscilloscopes (3)
- 7 VFO with a tunable inductor (3)
- 8 Only one (6)
- 12 First commercial logic family (3)
- 13 Holding off the sweep (5)
- 15 Measure of solar irradiation (abbr) (3)
- 17 Between VE and XE (abbr) (2)
- 18 One side of a rhombic (3)
- 20 Enlarge or shrink (4)
- 22 Repetitive convert to digital data (6)
- 26 Laughing hard (abbr) (3)
- 28 Where cooling air goes (5)
- 29 Thanks! (CW abbr) (2)
- 30 Possess (3)
- 31 Large or big antenna array (6)

Down

- 1 Hams always keep the originals (6)
- 2 Common name for quarter-wave antenna (8)
- 3 Begins most coax designators (2)
- 5 Old frequency abbreviation before MHz (3)
- 6 Measure of potential (5)
- 9 Abbreviation for a tube's control element (2)
- 10 Both a frequency range and Santa's helper (3)
- 11 Ability to discern between measured values (10)
- 13 A pair (3)
- 14 Morse abbreviation is "C" (3)
- 16 Not doing anything (4)
- 19 Amplification factor (4)
- 20 Prefix of British military base in Mediterranean (2)
- 21 Show-me state (postal code) (2)
- 23 Home of Lake Wobegon (postal code) (2)
- 24 Another name for tube anode (5)
- 25 Rules for fairness and honesty (6)
- 27 An antenna accepting power (5)
- 29 Prefix of transceivers made by 36 Across (2)
- 31 QSL service (abbr) (4)
- 32 Car that runs only on batteries (abbr) (2)
- 33 Prosign to end a contact (2)
- 34 Rate of making contacts (4)
- 37 Time it takes a signal to increase to a certain level (two words) (8)
- 38 Circuit that restricts noise (3)
- 40 Constant used to calculate reactance (2)
- 42 Electromagnetic field components (2)
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Fresno VE Page

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February 16
May 17
August 16
November 15

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. Priority 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), or FCC Registration Number (preferred). 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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I am interested in serving on one of the committees: please contact me with more
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**Upcoming 2008
Fresno Amateur Radio
Club
Activities and Events
January 8-Board Meeting
January 11 -Membership
Meeting**



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