



It's time to mark your calendars for the Fresno Hamfest. May 31st is the date so put an X in the square for it. Our meeting for this month is on SATERN presented by Capt. Dwaine Breazeale, KG6SYA, The meeting starts promptly at 7 pm. Meetings are held at Cedar Lanes at Cedar and Shields.



The Prez Sez

FARC General Meetings

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



This was a great month for our Ham community. We started out with an event at M2, which has always been high on the list for events to attend. Mike, Myrna and their staff did an outstanding job this year, along with the representative from YAESU showing their line of new radios, this is a first since I've been a ham to have a manufacturer in Fresno. Great Job M2! The swap meet was quite good this year and the lunch was wonderful. It was great to see so many members from FARC there.

2008 FARC BOARD MEETING DATES

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

April 25-27 was the International DX Convention in Visalia. This is one event Hams look forward to each year. If you have any interest in DXing this is the one event you should attend. We have a lot of new Generals in the club, and this is where you can get all your questions answered about DX. This event is a must for all new Hams interested in DX.

FARC Nets

Morning Drive Time Net:
Weekday mornings-7:30—
8:00 a.m.
W6TO/R 146.940

Tech Net:

Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm
W6TO/R 146.940

FARC Net:

Sundays @ 7:00 pm
W6TO/R 146.940

Our May 9, meeting speaker will be Capt. Dwaine Breazeale, KG6SYA from the Salvation Army. He will be talking on Emergency Services and on S.A.T.E.R.N. (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network) in the Salvation Army. He just gave a talk to the Kings Amateur Radio Club, the comments have been very positive you do not want to miss this program.

Looking forward to seeing you in May and our door prize has not been claimed for two meetings it is now worth \$30.00, but you must be present to win. The drawing is at 7:05 sharp. See you there.

73 Tom KG6KYU

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Mark you calendars for every Thursday, for the lunch gathering at the *Silver Dollar Hofbrau* at the corner of Hwy 41 and Shaw. It starts at 12 noon and there is a table reserved in the back room.

Also every Monday and Saturday at the *Country Waffles* at Blackstone and Dakota starting at 7 am.

Finally the last, is at *Country Waffles* at Marks and Shaw starting at 8 am on Tuesdays.



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AARC	WB6QDN	146.610	-	NONE
CARP	K6ARP	147.675	-	141.3
CARP	N6JXL	224.380	-	141.3
CARP	K6ARP	444.725	-	141.3
CONDOR	WB6BRU	224.900	-	156.7
FARC	W6TO	146.940	-	NONE
FARC	W6TO	223.940	-	NONE
FARC	W6TO	444.200	-	NONE
FRESNO	N6MTS	145.230	-	141.3
KINGS ARC	KA6Q	145.110	-	100.0
MADERA ARC	W6WGZ	147.180	+	NONE
MADERA ARC	W6WGZ	441.175	-	146.2
QCWA	WQ6CWA	146.850	-	141.3
RACES	N6HEW	147.150	+	141.3
TURLOCK ARC	W6BXN	147.030	+	100.0
WA6NIF	WA6NIF	444.100	+	100.0
WIN/SYSTEM	K6JSI	147.790	-	141.3
WIN/SYSTEM	K6JSI	223.780	-	141.3

Fresno Amateur Radio Club

Amateur of the Month, John Morrice, by Joe Capell

He's as home on field day, as he is playing the violin as assistant concert master for the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra, John Morris, K6MI is our May featured amateur radio operator.

He was born in the Midwest (Quincy, Illinois), moved to Boston then to Southern California where he was first licensed while in the 8th grade in 1963 as WN6ITM. John is a teacher. He has been here in Fresno teaching since 1969. He is the faculty moderator for the Edison/Computech Amateur Radio Club and has been instrumental in launching many young hams into our radio hobby.

He's been an FARC member since arriving here, president twice and 17 years on the club board of directors. He started the 2 meter Sunday night club net in 1976 when Harry Billings was club president. His favorite aspect of amateur radio is its diversity. He likes to work all bands in all modes--this requires lots of antennas and lots of radios so he can be frequency and mode agile including what some of us would consider the exotic, like moonbounce and meteor scatter.

**Fresno Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Presents an ARRL Sanctioned
Event**

**65th Fresno Hamfest
Saturday, May 31, 2008 - 8:00am
to 1:00pm**

"Celebrating 100 Years of Wireless in Fresno"

at the
Fresno Citadel Salvation Army
1854 Fulton, Fresno CA

Included in Your Admission
Chance to Win Yaesu FT-7800R
Drawing at 1:00pm

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You've got some explaining to do John!

See any BOD member for tickets or contact Chuck, W6DPD, or Tom KG6KYU.

There was no winner this month!!



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THE DX CORNER by Charles McConnell W6DPD

DX contests are a good place to make contacts for new DXCC entities. Spring is a good season for ARRL and CQ Contests. Band conditions are best in spring and fall, and poor in summer and winter.

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. Forever Stamps may be the answer. 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.

Postage rates around the world are constantly changing. To see current rates go to http://www.qsl.net/w9ol/IRC_Chart.htm where you can find the current postal rates for most of the countries of the world. Beginning May 12, 2008 US overseas airmail will be 94¢ per ounce and postage to Canada and Mexico will be 72¢ per ounce. New IRC purchases will be \$2.10 each.

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.

The Central California DX Club meets several times a year at Apple Annie's in Tulare CA and once before the DX Convention in Visalia. The Club has members from Mariposa to Bakersfield and some from the coast area. For information, send an email to w6mel@arrl.net. The next meeting is June 7, 2008, at 11:30 AM at Apple Annie's in Tulare.

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.

GLORIOSO POSPONED AGAIN!!

Glorioso Island was scheduled for May 2008, but it now has been rescheduled for the end of September to early October 2008. With conditions as they are, propagation gurus say that 30 meters and lower bands may be the best bet for a QSO. There could be short openings on 20 meters and even shorter on higher bands. Glorioso is about 10,500 miles from Fresno with a short path heading of 27° and a long path heading of 207°. This will be a challenge for us. Good Luck.

The following operations are scheduled:
Marshall Islands V73NS now through 2009
Wake Island KH9/WA2YUN now until end of 2009
Bhutan A52VE April 2007 for 2 years
Nepal 9N7JO now until June 2008
Djibouti J28OO soon for at least a year
Marion Island ZS8T May 2008 to March 2009
Guinea Bissau J5UAP January 15 to April 15, 2008
Jan Mayen JX9JKA March 27 to October 8, 2008
Central African Republic TL8DV Postponed
Ascension Island ZD8N May 2 to May 13, 2008
Glorioso FR/G now end of September to early October 2008.
Timor Leste 4W June 2008
Qatar A7/G0MKT now until June 15, 2008
Jan Mayen Island JX.G7VJP June 27 to July 4, 2008
Mozambique C9 July 2008
Christmas Island VK9X July 8 to July 20, 2008
Willis Island VK9W October 8 to October 28, 2008
Cocos Island T19M 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.

Fresno EmComm Ares/Races

Region EMS Spring Exercise will require Ham radio support. Slated for 28 May and intended to test the hospitals response to a HAZMAT scenario. More of the Hospitals in the region are looking toward RACES/ARES for support during an event. Some infrastructure still exists in the Fresno Hospitals but the newer and outlying facilities require equipment and restoration. Even the Salvation Army needs help putting up new antennas.


May is the first testing session for the Fresno ARES Tech license class, on May 17th. Students include a local EC of a facility and interested people from CERT, Blood Bank and local charity. We are having great fun at the Salvation Army facility. Hamfest is on our minds to exhibit Emergency Communications. We are looking forward to the culmination of our goal of raising the competency of message handling. Started during April we plan on setting new training goals at our May meeting on the 22nd.

Baker to Vegas support, although not without problems, went very well on our part. The race via APRS can be viewed on the www.db0anf.de website. Click on APRS server, and then enter 226 for the call to search for (where db0anf is posted). That is the team number for the Fresno DA investigators we supported. They finished first time out! We have already started plans for next year. Any-

one interested mark your calendar and get with me as there are things to do for next year. I want to mention it would not have been possible without Rob Mavis' help, AE6GE, from CARP. His expertise on APRS was greatly appreciated. Last but not least, KC5LUB, Hal from Tulare ARC and our own Nigel Keep, W6NBK, GOOD JOB.

Our Monthly coffee site will return next month at a new location, TBA so stay tuned for that announcement before the 3rd Friday. Remember the website www.fresnoares.com.

73,
Dan Pruitt, AE6SX ae6sx@fresnoares.com

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- 4. Doubled, it's a "net"
- 5. "Recent Equipment"
- 6. 50's Collins
- 7. "Hey ... over here!"
- 8. Crumb
- 9. Stank
- 10. Blown resistor remnants
- 11. Norse goddess of fate
- 12. *3.5MHz, with 30-down
- 13. I-land island peak
- 21. Mimeographs
- 23. E, F and others
- 26. ___-do-well
- 28. Prefix with -selector
- 30. *
- 31. Microwave parts
- 32. Some gates
- 33. W6 summer time
- 34. Kind of tissue
- 35. Nearly always 9
- 36. Electromagnetic, and others
- 37. Coulombs per volt
- 40. "It's ___ real!"
- 42. Ether
- 45. Prefix with -geneous
- 46. Amplifier type
- 47. Place to stay at the Hamvention, possibly
- 48. Libya
- 49. C2
- 50. *See 1-down
- 51. Ethereal
- 52. *5.4MHz, with 30-down
- 53. Kind of joint
- 55. One V per mA
- 58. UA 73
- 60. Tfc. org.

Across

- 1. Cluster cmd
- 4. Tribander part
- 8. *10MHz, with 30-down
- 14. Grammy category
- 15. Sushi fish (some may generate RF noise)
- 16. Especially comfortable place for a DXpedition, say
- 17. Words of understanding
- 18. Radiation from a "cloud burner"
- 19. EP city
- 20. Early radio construction material
- 22. Part of IARU (abbr.)
- 24. 5Z
- 25. Contender, e.g., for ARRL director
- 27. Copies

- 29. 160m luminary Perry
- 30. Polar explorer, early radio user
- 31. Early radio noise maker
- 34. WAS item
- 36. Charge opposite?
- 37. Spectrum Defense ____
- 38. With 40-across, a hint to solving the clues indicated with a *
- 39. Paddle
- 40. See 38-across
- 41. Sky hooks, briefly
- 42. Some HV paths
- 43. Young's accounting partner
- 44. Relative of cap. and ind.
- 45. Bumpkin
- 46. Wire, from 44-across, say
- 47. Simple
- 48. Conclusion
- 51. Monastery head

- 54. RF effect
- 56. Fly high
- 57. Flying high
- 59. Used to stabilize a crystal
- 61. Owed
- 62. VHF antenna measurers?
- 63. 59-across product
- 64. Before, in verse
- 65. *7MHz, with 30-down
- 66. Some service hams
- 67. Band condition influencer

Down

- 1. *21MHz, with 50-down
- 2. Internet cry?
- 3. What's needed after barefoot tower climbing?

As you can see we have a pretty packed Skip. Answers to this months Crossword can be found on the ARRL website. While your there think about joining if your not already a member.

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November 15

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**Upcoming 2008
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May 6 -Board Meeting

**May 9 -Membership
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