



This month's meeting will be twofold. A video on BS7H, Scarborough Reef, Dxpedition and also more information on the upcoming field day. The meeting starts promptly at 7 pm. Meetings are held at Cedar Lanes at Cedar and Shields. Plan to attend and make your arrangements for field day.



## *The Prez Sez*

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

Hamfest 2008 is behind us. Great big thank you to the Salvation Army, and Capt D. Breazeale, KG6SYA, for letting us use their location. Our speakers did an outstanding job. The lunch served by The Salvation Army was the really good. Dan, AE6SX, did a super job arranging for our service clubs that were located inside. The raffle was a huge success thanks to John, AE6QR, our super ticket seller. Grady was the winner of our radio drawing. Overall everyone had reported having great time. A special thanks to Charles, W6DPD, our co-chair, for his help and experience. Hamfest 2008 turned out great. You should make this a must for next year.

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**2008 FARC BOARD MEETING DATES**  
1st Tuesday of each month  
Woodward Park Library at  
Champlain and Perrin

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June 28-29 is Field Day, Steve, K6AAB, is our chair this year. He has the location all ready along with most of the equipment. Steve has Pat and Ken assisting him this year. This is the best time to get on the air and practice your CW or phone contacts. Please sign up early for either or both of the stations so they can arrange time for you to get on the air. Even if you don't want to make contacts you can help with the set up on Friday or Saturday morning, if this is not your cup of tea then just stop by and listen in on Saturday. Steve has assured me that we will be # 1 in our class this year.

**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

These are the main events for FARC this year. I hope you will be able to attend. It takes a great deal of time and energy to put these events on. If we want to have them in the future we need the attendance and support of all members of FARC. Each year the working staff gets smaller and the attendance drops off. I know some of you have not had the time in the past, please try to make time now.

Our next meeting is June 13, at Cedar Lanes. This month we have the Elmer Class starting at 6:30. Bring your questions or problems and we will have someone there with the answers. We will also have information about Field Day, what you can do from your home station or from FARC Field Day location.

73`s Tom

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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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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, Jim Erbe, by Joe Capell*

Jim Erbe (WA6NIF) began his electronics and ham radio hobby with Air Force enlistment in 1957. He got his first and only amateur call in 1960 while at George Air Force Base near Victorville, California. Her was born in Glendale but moved to Tulare where he graduated from high school and took courses thereafter at College of the Sequoias. His military career took him all over the world including Bermuda, Japan, Thailand, and Da Nang, Viet Nam. Since his retirement from the service, he has remained in electronics working for Webster Radio, Digital Equipment Corporation and Pedcom Communications working on banking systems, and Fresno Community Medical Centers. He retired from all this in 2003.

His favorite aspect of out hobby involves the inter-phase between computers and amateur radio which has led him to be quite involved in IRLP and organizations like the Win System. (Just ask him about that!)

He is on the board of directors of the FARC and this year is the club secretary. He was able to find a picture for us of the control position of AM radio station KCOK in Tulare, a few years ago.



Something has changed since this picture was taken. Jim did you get too much RF?

Congratulations are in order for K6AAB for working 363 qso's with a raw score of 131,000 pts for working in the CQ worked all prefix contest. Way to go Steve!

**Cluster crabs are radio operators whose operating skills revolve around DX spotting clusters. Some of these operators have their clusters on every moment of the day and even have their computers set to sound an alarm in case a "new one" is spotted. Some of these crabs love self spotting, whining, and exhibit laziness in asking repetitive and ridiculous questions. (Count the number of times during a DXpedition that a lazy crab will post "Who is the manager? and "Does he have online logs?") DX clusters resemble the people who post on them....and those are the same people you hear in the pileup. So the cluster has it's share of Lids, asses, and troublemakers along with the gentlemen.**

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**THE DX CORNER by Charles McConnell W6DPD**

To get an idea of what is currently on the air and what is coming up, go to <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

The DX Summit has changed to a new location; [www.dxsummit.fi](http://www.dxsummit.fi)

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](http://www.qsl.net/w9ol/IRC_Chart.htm) where you can find the current postal rates for most of the countries of the world. US overseas airmail is 94¢ per ounce and postage to Canada and Mexico is 72¢ per ounce. New IRC purchases are \$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.


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  
Wake Island KH9/WA2YUN now until end of 2009

Bhutan A52VE April 2007 for 2 years  
Djibouti J2800 soon for at least a year  
Marion Island ZS8T May 2008 to March 2009  
Croatia 9A08P now through December 31, 2008  
Jan Mayen JX9JKA March 27 to October 8, 2008  
Central African Republic TL8DV Postponed  
E. Kirabati T32XG May 27 to June 3, 2008  
St. Kitts and Nevis V4 May 25 to June 15, 2008  
UN Vienna 4U1WED June 1 to June 30, 2008  
Timor Leste 4W6R June 2008  
China BA4IT/WB8FSV June 2008  
Qatar A7/G0MKT now until June 15, 2008  
Uganda 5X1NH June 21 to August 15, 2008  
Hong Kong VR2 June 19 to June 21, 2008  
Jan Mayen Island JX.G7VJP June 27 to July 4, 2008  
St. Barthelemy TO5 June 28 to July 6, 2008 will concentrate on 6 meters  
Mozambique C9 July 2008  
Turks and Caicos VP5/WB2REM July 2 to July 12, 2008  
Christmas Island VK9X July 8 to July 20, 2008  
Glorioso FR/G end of September to early October 2008.  
Willis Island VK9W October 8 to October 28, 2008  
Cocos Island T19M Sometime in 2008  
Papua P29 October – November 2008  
Crete SV9/DJ7RJ February 25 to March 15, 2009  
Spratly Islands March 1 to March 14, 2009

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 central 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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## Fresno EmComm Ares/Races

EmComm West is always an eye-opener. For the second year, it was well worth the trip. Held at Circus-Circus' Convention Center, Dennis Dura, K2DCD, ARRL's new National Emergency Coordinator, conducted opening ceremonies and explained his spin on the new job. He explained "The days of Hams just showing up at a disaster, HT in hand and being allowed to help will go away completely in this age of terrorist paranoia". ARES training is going to have be mandatory, new MOU's with National organizations will require criminal background checks and credentialing. Hams will need to know more about the digital modes.

In the weeks following the convention, the Red Cross finally acquiesced and scaled their checks to criminal only. Credentialing still has a long way to go but all the players are looking into the problem, DHS, National, ARRL, RED CROSS, Salvation Army, State agencies and all the public safety groups. Each has their own, usually backed with databases that read the credential.

A new addition to our role that suites us is Intelligence handling and damage assessment. A whole forum was dedicated to this, and the case was made very well.

The convention offered the standard swap meet, prize drawings, and ARRL officialdom. Bob Valleo, W6RGG, discussed the BPL decision. There were 3, 100 Watt, special event stations up and running but no generators! All battery with Solar Power generation. An all

day Tech Cram and test. A message handling class, then a contest!

That was the First week in May! At the time of this writing ARES/RACES has a spring exercise with the Region Emergency Medical Services (Regional Hospitals) scheduled on 28 May. Another day will be spent covering a Hospital while the floor is torn up in their radio room.

May 21 saw FARC/ARES 5 week Tech Class produce 2 new Hams. It was a small Class of 4 women and 1 gent. Hopefully 2 more will retest.

On 31 May Hamfest will be at the Salvation Army Citadel. At the same time The Salvation Army will be helping with an event with the Fresno Fire Department.

I want to say thanks to all who donated to the "Banner & Sign project". In one meeting we raised 50% of our needs. I am talking to the Banner place and am working out the graphics. Some sources are not that clear.

Be safe!  
Dan Pruitt, AE6SX [ae6sx@fresnoares.com](mailto:ae6sx@fresnoares.com) .  
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More of the lunch crowd enjoying the good food!

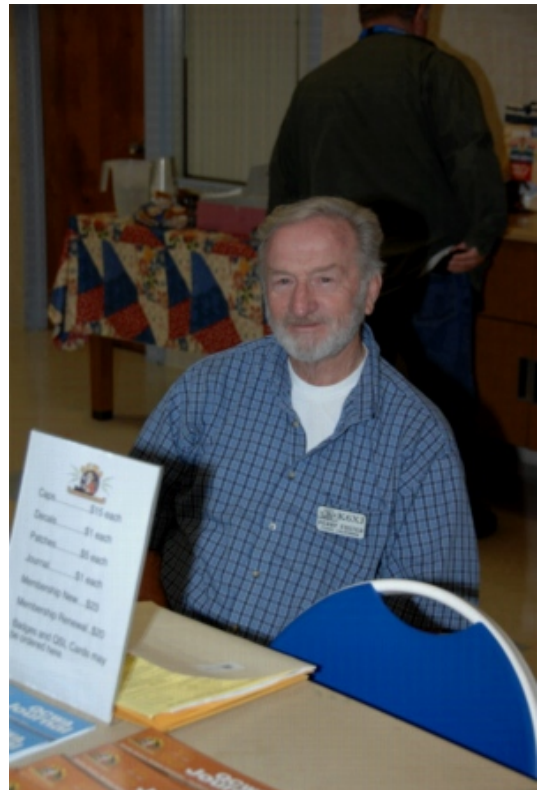


Grady receiving the grand prize from Tom

Hamfest 65 Pictures



One of our speakers Andy Oppel



The FARC golf pro Perry

## Fresno VE Page

**2008 Fresno AMATEUR RADIO EXAMS**  
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**August 16**  
**November 15**

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. 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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**Upcoming 2008  
Fresno Amateur Radio  
Club  
Activities and Events**

**June 4th -Board Meeting  
June 13th -Membership  
Meeting**

**June**



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