



Be sure to join us at our next meeting. It is the annual general business meeting, nominations for the Board of Directors will also be closed, it is very important that all members be there. The meeting starts promptly at 7 pm. Meetings are held at Cedar Lanes at Cedar and Shields.



The Prez Sez

FARC General Meetings

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

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

Tech Net:

Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm
W6TO/R 146.940

FARC Net:

Sundays @ 7:00 pm
W6TO/R 146.940

The weather is starting to change, now would be the time to finish all those antenna projects finished. Also this is a good time to check your equipment as the cold and rain is just around the corner. With the time change and colder weather this should give us more time for our main thing "Ham Radio". We have the California QSL party on Oct 4th & 5th; this will give all of our new Generals a chance to "WAS" that is work all states. The "Pros" claim that you can do this in these two days. Good luck to all of who try. Unfortunately Marci and I will be out of town, check dates before you say yes to other events.

Nov 14th is our swap night at Cedar Lanes, start getting your equipment ready. John AE6QR is in charge of this event if you have any question give him a call. We always have one of our largest turn outs of members for this event.

Our Christmas Party is Dec. 12th, there is a sign up sheet in Skip, please get your reservation in to Jim N W6ALE ASAP. This event is reservations only as we have to preorder the dinners. Sorry there can be no walk-ins. This is also our awards nights for 2008. I look forward to seeing you all there.

73, Tom
KG6KYU

2008 Fresno Amateur Radio Club Roster

K6AAB	Brunt, Steven
W6AE	Stillman, Red
W2ALQ	Heyde, Chris
W6ALE	Nelson, Jim
KB6AWN	Graham, Jim
WY6B	Prince, Jack
W6BBS	Reynolds, Frank
WA6BDE	Erbe, Nora
N6BWW	Bowen, Frank
N6BYI	Collins, David
WB6C	Walsh, Ken
KF6CL	Reeks, Harold
WB6CXX	Harter, James Keith
N6DBH	Kalinian, Varoujan
KG6DAK	Keith, Marlene
WD6DGR	Whitlock, Thomas
W6DPD	McConnell, Charles
KD6DRY	Lamont, Monty
W6DWU	Haven, Robert
KE6EEZ	Erway, Michael
K6ESL	McConnell, John
WB6EYC	Smith, Harvey
WA6FFJ	Cardoza, Joe
KF6FIG	Sawyer, Bob
N6FUB	Polson, Richard
NA6G	Bassett, Steve
WB6GBS	Haman Jr., Ben
KB6GFD	Thompson, Dennis
WB6GJG	Finley, Dave
N6HEW	Caine, Glen T.
KF6HNF	Pack, Patricia
KG6HTE	Blevins, David
KD6HTV	Denny, Christopher
AA6ID	McCullough, John
W6IJY	Souza, Johnny
WA6ITN	Allen, Bob
AA6IZ	Rulloda, Rudy
W7JAK	Francis, Jack E.
KO6JL	Dawson, David
W6JUG	Thomas, Everett
W6JXY	Mirigian, Jake
WB6KCE	Mizutani, Joe
KF6KDA	Garcia, Michael
W6KEG	Jackson, Jerry
W7KPQ	Lacy, Richard
KG6KYT	Jarvis, Marci
KG6KYU	Jarvis, Tom
KB7LBN	Prat, Camille
AC6LT	Baker, Jack
KK6LT	Gonzales, Bob

KF6LXB	Horak, Terry
K6MI	Morrice, John
KG6MTP	Bates, Bill
N6MTS	Hunt, Ron
K6MXZ	Mason, Dean
KW6N	Williams, Benny
W6NBK	Keep, Nigel
WA6NIF	Erbe, Jim
N2NS	Hervatine, Bob
W6NTK	Storey, Grant
KI6OEA	Moreno, Sarah
W6OEZ	Counterman, Doyle
WA6OIB	Holden, Ken
N6OSB	Moreno, Gabriel
K6PAU	Lauer, Eric
AB5PC	Epps, Dave
W0PJD	Capell, Joseph
KB6PJM	Kepler, Duane
WB6QDN	Benson, Rodney
KI6QEL	Lutz, Duane
W6QON	Weber, Steven
AE6QP	Heins., Paul
AE6QR	McGraw, John
WB6QYF	Buchanan, Robert
K6REE	Essegian, Richard
WA6RTS	Airhart, Bob
K6RY	Reistetter, Andy
AE6RX	Anderson, Scott
KE6SHL	Pack, Richard
N6SUZ	Bornemann, Tim
AE6SX	Pruitt, Dan
KG6SYA	Breazeale, Dwaine
K6SZ	McCoy, Chad
KG6SZA	Nelson, Lisa
W6TE	Smith, David
W6TLM	Miller, Ted
KG6TTC	Beckman, Carl
WA6U	Bondshu, Ed
WB6UCQ	Frith, Raymond
K6USY	Lusk, Aaron
WB6VAF	VanFossen, Arlen
K2VCO	Rosenthal, Vic
W6VPS	Sullivan, Paul
WB6VRJ	Home, Stuart
KA6VTA	Austin, David
KG6VWH	Jones, Kathleen
WA6VZM	Holden, Gwynne
AC6WS	Rhoy, Leland
W6WYT	Lambert, Paul
WS6X	Clymer, Jim

W6XC	Bulbulian, Berge
K6XJ	Foster, Perry
W6YDE	Bavoso, Mike
W6YEP	Fennacy, Pat
KG6YLJ	Goodwin, Matt
K6YLN	Freeman, Dennis
WA6YYY	Johnson, Douglas J.
KG6YZN	Goodwin, Greg
KA6Z	Kipps, Thomas
WA6ZBL	Miller, Larry E.
WB6ZBX	Huselid, Jeff
KF6ZDW	Flaherty, Jay
KG6ZO	Sutton, William
KF6ZXO	Keith, Guss

A note from the editor

It has been 5 long years that I have been doing the Skip. The Skip for December will be my last. I've enjoyed doing it but at this time, I just have lost my desire to put a quality newsletter together.

So with that said the club is looking for somebody to take it over. If you would like to do it you can give me a call at 323 -5204 and I can help you get it up and running. It's not that hard to do but it does take a few hours of your time.

Thank you all for your support for the last 5 years and I hope one of you will step forward to continue it.

73,
Jim Nelson W6ALE

Fresno Amateur Radio Club

Hams Helping Hams

On Friday, September 5, Jesse Hall (W6ALD) and five family members broke down on an excursion to the mountains. Jesse and family were only about two miles from destination at break down, with no cell service. Jesse contacted Patrick (K16QOH) on the Clovis repeater, who then started making phone calls, contacting me (Doyle, W6OEZ) at about 6:25 p.m. It was still 101 degrees in my garage (couldn't use radio) so I started making phone calls and contacted Eric (K6PAU) at about 6:40 p.m. Eric tried making contact with Jesse on the Clovis, Madera/Mountain, and Winsystem, while I monitored the scanner. Little did we know, Jesse had turned off the HT to save batteries until later, when he knew most of us would be out there. He finally came back on about 8:30 p.m., at which time Jim (W6ALE) and John (WB6JAY) heard him, and Jim contacted me on 10 meters.

During this time Jim (WA6NIF) took the local 2 meter Winsystem repeater offline for our use after being contacted by Eric. We talked to Jesse for a few minutes and thought that someone was on their way to pick them up. Jesse wanted to give it about 45 minutes to see if his ride appeared and was to hike back up the hill and contact us again with the HT to let us know.

Right after talking to Jesse, shortly before 9:00 p.m., I went back to 10 meters and heard Dennis (K16NVG) give his call. I told him what was going

on and without hesitation he started getting his mobile rig and other things ready to go get Jesse. At this same time Charles (K16IHD) heard the conversation, and he too started getting things ready to get Jesse and his vehicle. At this point we still thought Jesse was blocking the dirt road leading into Dinky Lakes Trailhead. Neither Dennis nor Charles wanted to wait, especially Dennis, who was also worried about the vehicle getting vandalized (if left behind). They were prepared with two 4-wheel-drive vehicles in order to get Jesse and family, as well as get the vehicle to asphalt, since the tow company would not go in to get it. I talked them into waiting until our next contact with Jesse, so we could at least get a head count and some better instructions on location.

Continued page 4



Jesse will you please quit yakking and call somebody for help!

There was no winner last month!!



Club notes:

Treasury Info:

Checking amount \$4,051.90

Cd amount \$5,119.45

Total as of 9/23/08 \$9,171.35

2050 H st.
Fresno
93721



500 E 19th
Bakersfield
93305

Jack C. Arbuckle Company
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRIBUTORS OF
ELECTRONICS FOR RETAILERS AND INDUSTRY

2050 H st.
Fresno, Calif.
(559) 284-8554



ANTENNA SYSTEMS, INC.

Michael Staal
V.P. & Designer
K6MYC

- Antenna Design & Production from DC to Microwave
- Machine Work & Manufacturing Services
- System setup & Installations

4402 N. Selland Ave. Fresno, CA 93722
559.432.8873 Fax 559.432.3059 website: www.m2inc.com

Fresno Amateur Radio Club

Continued from page 3

Before Jesse's next scheduled contact with us, Jim (W6ALE) contacted me with info that Jesse's neighbor Mike couldn't leave until the next morning. Dennis and Charles were immediately out to their vehicles and on their way by the time Jesse checked in. He sounded somewhat surprised, but relieved, that someone was on the way. We got a better fix on the location, and for the entire trip, the Clovis club left the repeater open for us (even though it was their monthly meeting night). Thank you, Clovis club! During the entire trip down (which started at about 12:30 a.m. on Saturday), we used the Madera/Mountain club repeater since everyone had that frequency programmed in their rigs. Again, not one person complained or bothered us on this repeater. Thanks Madera/Mountain clubs! Jim, Eric, John and I stayed on the air with them most of the trip up, to handle any communications necessary. At some point on the trip up, and when we knew they were almost to Jesse and in contact with him, Jim and Eric had to leave the air (somewhere between 11:30 and midnight). John had to leave the air shortly after that. I had nothing planned for early Saturday morning, and I could hear that the guys were getting tired, so I made them talk to me all the way back. I was also surprised to find that Patrick was still on air for the entire escapade, just in case. So an adventure that started shortly after 6:00 p.m. Friday, finally ended at 2:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Absolutely everyone dropped what they were doing immediately upon hearing the news, and did what they could to help. Granted, this was not a disaster or epic emergency. However, not knowing the circumstances; if he was blocking the road, or just how soon he needed someone there, it still would not have mattered. Someone (this time one of us) needed some assistance and everyone was willing to help.

I have enjoyed my ham license since the first day I got it; this whole group helps me enjoy it even more. Members from three clubs that I know of, were involved: Clovis, Madera, and Fresno. So that you don't have to hunt the calls, I will list them below in no particular order:

Patrick - KI6QOH
Eric - K6PAU
John - WB6JAY
Jim - W6ALE
Dennis - KI6NVG
Charles - KI6IHD

Editors note:

I'd like to thank Doyle for writing this very interesting story. Doyle is a fairly new ham getting his license a year ago, and he joined FARC this year. It shows when needed, ham radio can become a very useful tool.

Thanks Doyle!



TELEWAVE, INC.

Wireless Communications Manufacturer since 1972

**Designs & Manufactures
High-Quality Radio System Products for the
AMATEUR RADIO INDUSTRY**

Transmitter Combiners • Antennas • Filters • Wattmeters • RF Power Monitors
Cellco • High-Q Cavities • Preamplifiers • IM Suppression • Receiver Multicouplers • Preselectors
Duplexers • RF Loads & Terminations • Isolators • Wireless System Engineering

> Order Today! 800-331-3396 <

660 Giguere Court, San Jose, CA 95133

Email: sales@telewave.com . <http://www.telewave.com>

CMAS Contract # 3-06-58-0122BGSA Contract # GS-35F-0248J

Fresno Amateur Radio Club

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

For a list of invalid operations for awards go to: <http://www.lynxdxg.com/novalidas/novalidas.htm>

The local DX'ers meet on the first Saturday of the month for breakfast at Carrow's, 4280 N. Blackstone in Fresno. The group gathers between 0700 and 0800. All are welcome.

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. 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
Martinique FM/F5IRO Now through February 2009
Wake Island KH9/WA2YUN now until end of 2009
Bhutan A52VE April 2007 for 2 years
Djibouti J280O soon for at least a year
Marion Island ZS8T May 2008 to March 2009
Croatia 9A08P now through December 31, 2008
Glorioso FR/G hopefully by the end of this year.
Senegal 6W7SPACE October 4 to October 10, 2008
Willis Island VK9DWX October 9 to October 27, 2008
St. Barthelemy TO5DX October 16 to October 27
Niue ZK2DF October 14 to October 31, 2008
Cocos Island TI9M Sometime in 2008
Papua P29 October 17 to November 5 2008
Cambodia XU November 6 to November 10, 2008
Uganda 5X1NH November 2008
Granada J3/DL5AXX November 25 to December 9, 2008
Desecheo KP5 for 14 days sometime before the end of 2008
Falkland Islands VP8 January 17 to January 31, 2009
The Gambia C56KR January 23 to February 4, 2009
Crete SV9/DJ7RJ February 25 to March 15, 2009
Spratly Islands March 1 to March 14, 2009
Mozambique C91FC April 8 to April 17, 2009
Spratly Islands sometime in 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.

Dues is now being excepted for 2009. Single and family memberships are available.

Fresno VE Page

2008 Fresno AMATEUR RADIO EXAMS
UNLICENSED THRU EXTRA CLASS
Sponsored By the FRESNO VE TEAM
And The
FRESNO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE

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.

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.

Walk in's only, no pre-registration.

More Info?? Contact Charles, (559) 431-2038

4364 E. Ashlan Ave. * Fresno Ca. 93726
Phone (559) 227-2986

Shop at **SPARKY'S** for all your electronic needs.
Everything in electronics for:

HOBBYIST
DO-IT-YOURSELF
EXPERIMENTER

Professional and Amateur Radio publications,
Since 1963

Shortwave radios-Parts-Tools
Computer Accessories-LAN-Data Comm.
Cables and wire.



Fresno Amateur Radio Club Christmas Dinner

This years dinner will be Dec 12th 7:00 pm at
AJ's Armenian Cuisine
5048 N. Maroa

To show appreciation to all club members, FARC is paying \$5.00 towards the cost of your dinners.

Your cost = \$15.00!
Merry Christmas from FARC!

Dinner includes hors d'oeuvres, salad, entrée, beverage, tax and tip.
Your choices are as follows, mark by each one how many you would like.

Lamb Kebab _____

Chicken Kebab _____

Beef Kebab _____

Total Dinners _____

Your name _____

RSVP no later then Nov.30th
You will not be able to buy dinner after that date.
Bring your check to a club meeting or mail to:

Jim Nelson
1747 N Joshua Ave
Clovis Ca. 93619

Fresno Amateur Radio Club

F.A.R.C. DUES ARE \$20.00 PER YEAR FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP. Additional family members in the same household are \$5.00 each per year. Make checks payable to F.A.R.C. and send to:
P.O. Box 5912, Fresno, Ca. 93755-5912.

2009 Fresno Amateur Radio Club Application

Name	_____	Date	_____
		Callsign	_____
Address	_____		
City	_____	State	_____
		Zipcode	_____
Home Phone	_____	Business Phone	_____
Occupation	_____	Birthdate	_____
License Class	_____	Year first Licensed	_____
E-mail Address	_____	ARRL Member?	_____

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

**Oct 7th -Board Meeting
Oct 10th -Membership
Meeting**



FRESNO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
P.O. Box 5912
Fresno, CA 93755-5912

Send To: