



This is the meeting you've all been waiting for, the annual swapmeet! Doors open for sellers at 6:30 and for the rest of us at 7:00 (see page 3). Please try to abide by these times so we may all have a chance at the equipment. 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
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Can you believe it's November already? This year has really moved along. It has been a good year for FARC, with even a better outlook for 2009. We will be seating a new BOD in January and I would like to congratulate the new BOD, and thank Ron Hunt, N6MTS, for coming aboard. At the next BOD meeting we will elect the officers for 2009.

I would also like to thank Richard Pack, KE6SHL, and Jim Nelson, W6ALE, for their time and effort for the past few years. Jim is also our Skip editor who will be leaving after 4 years of doing the Skip, thank you Jim.

We still have two big events for this year. The November meeting, which is our annual swapmeet, and the Christmas dinner which will be December 12th. The doors for the swapmeet will open at 6:30 for sellers, and 7:00 for buyers with no exceptions. This is so everybody will have an equal chance at the "goodies". Information is in this month's Skip for the Christmas dinner. Be sure to fill out the form and send it to Jim, W6ALE, or see him at the club meeting. **REMEMBER ALL RESERVATIONS** have to be in his hands by the 30th of November.

Finally, after years of listening to politicians, it's time for us to cast our vote. Remember to get out and vote on the 4th of this month!

Fresno Amateur Radio Club

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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 7am.

Finally the last, is at *Yosemite Falls* at Blackstone and Shaw starting at 8am on Tuesdays.

Thomas L. Whitlock



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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 Estate Inventory From the Estate of: Robert D. Wendel W6KOC

Make	Model	Serial	Description	Notes
Hammarlund	HQ-110	7404	HF RCVR	
Collins	310B-1		HF Exciter	Manual
Collins	75A4		RCVR/Speaker	Manual
Collins	R-388		HF RCVR	Manual
Collins	32-V3		HF XMTR	Prt. Man
Johnson	6N2		VHF XMTR	
Astron	RM-60M		60 A P/S	
Home Brew	Arcos		UHF 1KW AMP	
B&K	1477		15Mhz Oscill.	1 Probe
Icom	IC-202		2M Portable	

Most of the above items will be at the swapmeet this month. This is only a partial list of what we have, so keep your eye out for more equipment. The club was fortunate enough to receive this equipment to sell and help out the club.


All of the items that you purchase are tax deductible. See either Jim, W6ALE, or Jim, WA6NIF, for the paperwork.



The club is still looking for a new Skip editor. The job is good and the pay is great. Please contact Jim W6ALE or any bod member if you are interested.



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Treasury Info:
Checking amount \$4,361.37
Cd amount \$5,131.90
Total as of 10/31/08 \$9,493.27

There was no winner last month!!



Fresno Amateur Radio Club

Amateur of the month by Joe Capell

This month's ham bio is about Tom Jarvis, KG6KYU, and our current FARC president.

Tom was first licensed in 2002. His introduction to ham radio was via the Madera Amateur Radio Club where he helped each year with the field day meal preparations. He says that he got tired of being asked if he had a license so he decided to get one.

The aspect of radio he likes the most is emergency services participating in the State of California Office of Emergency Services, on call for emergencies like fires, search, rescue operations, and natural disasters.

Tom was born and raised in Evanston, Indiana and actually was first introduced to ham radio during the sixth grade in a school radio club.

He has encouraged friends and relatives to get active in this hobby. His wife Marci, KG6KYT, and two grandchildren are in that number.

Before retirement six months ago, he owned and operated a men's clothing store. He is a member of three different local amateur radio societies and in his spare time is active in the San Joaquin Valley Miata Club.

We are always grateful for members to step up to the plate and take the responsibility of being on the club slate of officers. Thank you , Tom.

Something the editor found while surfing the net. This was written by KB6NU

Yogi Berra is reputed to have said, "You can observe a lot by just looking." Well, to paraphrase that wise old man, "You can hear a lot by just listening."

Let me give you an example. Sometimes, when I'm tuning around, I'll pick up a copy of QST or World Radio, that's lying on the desk. I was just doing that a minute ago and almost missed a DX QSO.

As I tuned to 7024, I heard WA3RLP calling CQ. He was kind of weak, and I almost continued tuning around, but for some reason, I decided to leave it right there. The station didn't get a reply to his CQ, so he started again. This time, I really listened and got a surprise. It wasn't WA3RLP at all. Instead it was RA3RLP! I had to call him a couple of times, but he stuck with me and we had a nice QSO.

So, the moral of the story, I guess, is to put down the magazine and really listen to what's on the radio. Who knows what you've been missing all these years. You *can* really hear a lot if you just listen.



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THE DX CORNER by Charles McConnell W6DPD

Andaman, VU4, and Lakshadweep, VU7, will be on the air from October 24 to November 3, 2008, Good Luck on these two rare ones.

The Daily DX reports a group of DX'ers and Contesters will be active from Palestine, E44M, in late 2008 or early 2009. More information will be available later.

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.
Cocos Island TI9M Sometime in 2008
Papua P29 October 17 to November 5 2008
Sierra Leone 9LOW October 21 to November 11, 2008
Malta 9H3YL November 1 to November 8, 2008
Cambodia XU November 6 to November 10, 2008
Bhutan A5100A November 7 to November 25, 2008
Tonga A3 November 12 to November 16, 2008
Uganda 5X1NH November 2008
Granada J3/DL5AXX November 25 to December 9, 2008
Bhutan A52RY December 20 to December 31, 2008
Nepal December 31, 2008 to January 5, 2009 Call sign to be determined
Antarctica KC4AAA December 5 to January?, 2009
Desecheo KP5 for 14 days between January 15 and March 30, 2009
Morocco C89NY December 21, 2008 to January 31, 2009
Falkland Islands VP8YL 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 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.

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.

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

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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

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License Class	_____	Year first Licensed	_____
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**Upcoming 2008
Fresno Amateur Radio
Club
Activities and Events**

**Nov 5th -Board Meeting
Nov 14th -Membership
Meeting**



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