



Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

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Our next meeting will be the second Friday, June 10, at Cedar Lanes. Come to the meeting and enjoy the camaraderie with your fellow hams.



## *The Vice Prez Sez*

### **FARC General Meetings**

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

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### 2011 FARC BOARD MEETING DATES

1st Tuesday of each month  
Cedar Lanes at  
Cedar and Shields.

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### **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

### **CQ CQ,**

Here is the sign up sheet for FD, June 25-26, on the w6to.com web site:

<http://w6to.com/field-day-sign-up/>

FD will be up the hill in the cooler temperature of 5k'. Duane, KI6QEL will be cooking great food for us. We need a vhf chairman for the vhf station, and solar or wind power for the alternative power bonus points. PR will be sent out, and other bonus points prepared. This year will be one HF station with wires, both CW and phone, along with the vhf station. You are welcome to camp out and operate!

**June meeting on Friday the 10th!** Be prepared to vote on a club expenditure for a lap top to be used for Skip Magazine (after resolution at the June board meeting).

73, Craig K6QI



## Fresno Amateur Radio Club

### FARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Mark your calendars for every Thursday, for the lunch gathering at the *Silver Dollar Hofbrau* at the corner of Hwy 41 and Shaw. Gathering at 11:30 A.M. at a table reserved in the back room.

Breakfast on Mondays and Saturdays at the *Country Waffles* at Blackstone and Dakota starting at 7am.

Also Breakfast every Tuesday at *Yosemite Falls Cafe* at Blackstone and Shaw starting at 8am.

Join the DX'ers for breakfast on the first Sat. of the month at Carrows on Blackstone/Ashlan at 7 A.M. in the back room.

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#### Date

#### Event

June 3	CARP General Meeting	July 8	FARC Meeting 7 P.M. Friday
June 10	FARC General Meeting	July 9-10	IARU HF Championship
June 11-12	VHF Contest	July 15	SJVARs Meeting
June 17	SJVARs General Meeting	July 26	QCWA luncheon
June 18	CCDX Lunch, Tulare	August 6	T hunt (Letterman Park)
June 25-26	FD	August 12	FARC Meeting
June 28	QWCA Luncheon	August 20	FARC Picnic



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**Fresno Amateur Radio Club**

June VHF June 11-13

FD June 25-26

RAC July 1, Canada Day Contest

FARC Picnic, coming this summer! August 20!

Flee Markets in Northern California

**Saturday June 11** [Flea Market](#) - Hosted by [Southern Peninsula Emergency Communications System](#).

**Saturday July 9** [Flea Market](#) - Hosted by [Foothills Amateur Radio Society](#).

**Saturday Aug. 13** [Flea Market](#) - Hosted by [Silicon Valley Emergency Communications System](#).

**Saturday Sep. 10** [Flea Market](#) - Hosted by [West Valley Amateur Radio Association](#).

**Saturday Oct. 8** [Flea Market](#) - Hosted by [Silicon Valley Chapter, American Red Cross](#).

**The Electronics Flea Market is located at De Anza College in**

**Cupertino.**

**Corrections to last months Skip!**

William, KF6VBZ was the membership drawing winner for April, not March.

The picture on page 8 was not Joe, W0PJD, but Tripp, K6NS.

SM Dan AE6SX, and past SM Charles, W6DPD



**Attendance Prize \$10 per meeting \$120. max.** The Board decided to continue with the \$10 per month door prize drawing. Any monies left over from no winners by December will be given out in a drawing at the Christmas dinner. AC6LT made the motion, W0PJD 2nd the motion. Motion passed. (January board meeting).

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NEXT MEETINGS:

Saturday June 18, 2011, at 11:30 AM at Apple Annie's in Tulare.

Thanks to Richard, KE6SHL, and Jim, W6NIF for providing the photographs included in SKIP.

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Membership Attendance award for May: **Ron, N6MTS won the \$50...the lucky guy!** The award now goes **down to \$10.**

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<i>Organization</i>	<i>Call Sign</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Offset</i>	<i>PL</i>
AARC	WB6QDN	146.610	-	NONE
CARP	K6ARP	147.675	-	141.3
CARP	N6JXL	224.380	-	141.3
CARP	K6ARP	444.725	-	141.3
CARP	NI6M	440.350	+	141.3
CONDOR	WB6BRU	224.900	-	156.7
FARC	W6TO	146.940	-	141.3
FARC	W6TO	223.940	-	141.3
FARC	W6TO	444.200	-	141.3
FRESNO	N6MTS	145.230	-	141.3
KINGS ARC	KA6Q	145.110	-	100.0
KJ6KO	KJ6JO	927.6625/902.0125	-	146.2
MADERA ARC	W6WGZ	147.180	+	146.2
MADERA ARC	W6WGZ	441.175	-	146.2
QCWA	WQ6CWA	146.850	-	141.3
QCWA	WQ6CWA	443.250	+	107.2
RACES	N6HEW	147.150	+	141.3
SJVARs	KE6JZ	146.820	-	141.3
TURLOCK ARC	W6BXN	147.030	+	100.0
WA6NIF	W6NIF	444.100	+	100.0
WIN/SYSTEM	K6JSI	146.790	-	100.0

### ***Birthdays:***

6/11 Jack Prince WY6B  
 6/21 Jason Boyer N6EY  
 6/23 Joe Cardoza III WA6FFJ

### ***Anniversaries:***

6/01 Stu Home WB6VRJ and Phyllis  
 6/10 Doug Johnson WA6YYY and MaryAnn  
 6/21 Berge Bulbulian W6XC and Alice  
 6/25 William Holland KF6VBZ and Jan  
 6/27 Dave Ursenbach KC6OMU and Bunny  
 6/27 Steve Bassett NA6G and Vicki

### **DX Breakfast**

The next Fresno DX Breakfast is Saturday June 4, 2011 at **Carrow's Restaurant, 4280 N. Blackstone** in Fresno. The group gathers between 0700 and 0800 hours. We have the back room until about 10:00 AM. The breakfast is the first Sat. of the month.

"The only way to be loud....is to transmit."

DX is the one you do not have confirmed!!

DXing is 90% mental -- the other half is physical.  
 N2MG

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Coming next month, a story on VOA  
 By Mike KF6KDA



## **Fresno Amateur Radio Club**

Notes from the editor,

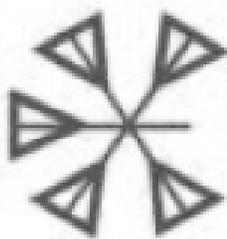
Coming up are two traditionally exciting events, the June VHF Contest on the second weekend in June, and FD, on the fourth full weekend in June. It looks like several rovers with four bands (6, 2, 220, and 432) are going to be active in our area on Sat., and from the Southern grids on Sunday. Duane, KI6QEL is getting set to join in on the rover fun. Look for Duane on Sat. from DM07, 06 and CM97, and on Sunday from DM05, CM96 and 95. The rovers on Sunday will have 10 bands, up to 10g. W6TE/r will be among the rovers. N6EY, Jason, is also getting ready to join the rover pack. If you want to join in the fun, even with one or two bands, send a message to Duane.

Two hams will be remembered from our area with the passing of Ivan "Joel" Dahl, WA6TIA, and Carleton, AA6GZ. They were both long time active hams that achieved much, while fighting handicaps, and gave a lot back to the hobby. They will be missed.

The antenna projects here continue, with many trips to the hardware store and the M2 antenna factory. Nothing in the air yet, but soon, Murphy willing, there will be mono banders going up. A computer failure didn't help. Seems a lot of hams have had that problem lately. Larry, K6VLF, was very helpful in saving data for me and also for Pat, AA6EG.

Mike, W6YDE, authored an article published in the QRP Quarterly, detailing a qrp camping trip to Mount Pinos. Very interesting fun.

I'm eager to hear the details on the trips several of our local hams took to Dayton. Several boxes of flea market parts were sent back. Are there any pictures? de John, K6MI



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**THE DX CORNER by Charles McConnell W6DPD June 2011**

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. Check out the Central California DX Club Web page at <http://www.ccdxc.org> for information and useful links.

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.

Check out [www.spaceweather.com](http://www.spaceweather.com) and [www.solarham.com](http://www.solarham.com) for information on the solar cycle. The higher the solar flux and the lower the A and K Indices, the better the band conditions. The sun is not cooperating by providing sunspots at this time; there are lots of blank days.

The address of the Sixth District QSL Bureau is 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 ARRL Outgoing QSL Service has raised the rates for sending ARRL members QSL cards to foreign countries. The new rate is \$2 for up to 10 cards in one envelope, \$3 for 11 to 20 cards in one envelope and 75 cents per ounce for more than 20 cards.

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. IRCs can be ordered online from the US Post Office. To check on foreign postage, you can go to <http://www.k4hb.com/postage.html>. Australia and the United Kingdom both raised their postage rates on April 4, 2011. Denmark just raised their postage so you need to send \$3 or 1 IRC for the return of your QSL card. Austria raised

postage on May 1, 2011. U.S Amateurs need to send \$3 or 2 IRCs for a QSL Card from Austria.

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 OPDX Bulletin or the 425 DX Bulletin on the web. Search OP DX Bulletin or 425 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:

Afghanistan T6TL and T6JC October to May 2011

Bahrain A92IO now through August 2011

Djibouti J28AA now for at least a year

Djibouti J28JV soon for at least a year, maybe 2

Angola D2CQ February 2010 for a few years.

Gough Island ZD9GI October 2010 for 1 year

Papua New Guinea P29CW February to December

Midway Island, KH4/W5FJG May 29, for 1 year

Tuvalu T2XG May 17 to May 24, 2011

Trinidad PP0T April 22 to mid June 2011

Rotuma Island 3D2CJ June 17 to June 24, 2011

Isle of Man MD9Y July 7 to July 15, 2011

Jan Mayen JX5O July 4 to July 16, 2011

Lord Howe Island VK9HR July 8 to July 17, 2011

Southern Sudan? July 9, 2011

Ascension Island ZD8D July 24 to August 9, 2011

Timor Leste 4W6A September 16 to 26, 2011

## FRESNO ENCOMM ARES/RACES by Glen Caine N6HEW

**NET:** Monday 1930 hrs on 147.150+, PL 141.3

**Monthly:** The 4th Thursday of each Month, Salvation Army Citadel, 1854 N. Fulton 1900 hrs, Training meeting.

**EmComm and Coffee:** 0830 hrs, 3rd Friday Yosemite Falls Cafe on Blackstone and Shaw

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# Fresno County ARES/ RACES EC's Report for June 2011

This last month has not been busy for the emcom. group. We had our monthly meeting and the attendance was down because of vacations and conventions. We have worked on the antenna system for the EOC at the Salvation Army Citadel. We moved the May Pole hf antenna to the center of the building and added a 6 meter loop on the same mast. We added a 440 MHz and a 144 MHz beam and pointed them to pre-assigned positions. The antenna farm is now ready for Field Day.

As you all know Field Day is the last full weekend in June. Field Day is one of the biggest exercises that the ARRL promotes for emergency communications. It is designed to practice communicating under emergency conditions. We go out into the field and set up antenna arrays and run under emergency or battery power for 24 hours. If you haven't had the opportunity to participate in the past now is the time. There are several clubs and other ham groups that will be operating and looking for people to fill operating positions. Check the

news letters of the local clubs for locations; they should also have the information on their web-sites. Our ARES group will be operating from the EOC at the Salvation Army Citadel. Keep us in mind for we will be looking for operators.

The June meeting will be held on the fourth Thursday at the Salvation Army Citadel on Fulton just south of Divisadero. The time will be 7:00 pm until about 9:00 pm. Lewis ( KI6YWX) our training officer will give a session on coax and connectors, this should be a great presentation.

Hope to see you at the meeting and Field Day they both should be a great time.

GLEN CAINE (N6HEW)

FRESNO COUNTY ARES EC

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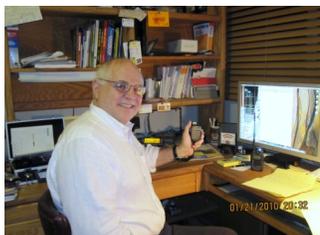
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Join us Monday nights at 1930 hrs for the

## Fresno County ARES®/ RACES EmComm net

on the N6HEW repeater; 147.150 positive offset and tone of 141.3



**Fresno Amateur Radio Club**

**Amateur of the Month, by Joe Capell W0PJD**

**Captain Dwayne Breazeale, KG6SYA**

The Salvation Army headquarters at the Fresno Citadel is a place that is familiar to many of us in the ham radio community. It is also an important place for many others in the Fresno area. They provide meals for the homeless and low income residents of the central area, good basic housing for seniors and otherwise homeless individuals, rehabilitation programs for folks with drug problems, a transitional home for women, and the unemployed, and disaster relief for our area. They do many other things down there, almost too numerous to list, all faith-based and without government funding.

They have a SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network) group and host the RACES/ARES club and have an emergency operations communication center, as well as a ARRL Field Day effort. Perhaps, the activity that most of us would remember is that for the past few years, it was the site of the annual FARC hamfest.

Captain Dwayne Breazeale is the director of that group which in the military terminology of the Salvation Army is a Corps.

He was born and raised in Bakersfield and after being ordained an Assembly of God minister, has lived in Napa and Bishop before being assigned to the Fresno Corps where he has served for the past almost five years. A Captain is a minister who has served between five and ten years.

He became interested in amateur radio as a child, at least in the listening aspects at his grandfather's home where he had a short wave radio receiver. His uncle was a ham and also peaked his interest. He was a Boy Scout and earned a signal/code merit badge learning the Morse Code, but still not a ham license. It was not until he became active in the Salvation Army in Bishop that he realized the place of ham radio in disaster relief and communication and sat for his FCC license, KG6SYA. When he moved to Fresno, he contacted the local clubs and made sure

that the local emergency communication groups had a home in downtown Fresno. His wife of 40 years is also a Salvation Army Captain, Deborah and they have five children, two adopted and three biological.



## **Fresno Amateur Radio Club**

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Christmas Island T32C? September-October 2011

Rotuma 3D2/R September 25 to October 11, 2011

Vanuatu YJ0 September 28 to October 14, 2011

St. Pierre & Miquelon FP/KV1J October 24 to November 1, 2011

Nepal 9N0MD November 13 to November 21, 2011

Nauru C21AA November 13 to December 7, 2011

Conway Reef 3D2/C postponed to 2012

Jarvis Island KH5 November 2011

Malpelo HK0NA January 2012

Spratly Islands DX0DX POSTPONED to April 2012

Heard Island VK0/H February 2013 in planning stages

Rotuma 3D2R November 2013, the 25th anniversary of the first operation

**Watch the DX Bulletins for up to date information. As the time for the operation is at hand, watch the DX Summit ([www.dxsummit.fi](http://www.dxsummit.fi)) 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.**

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### **AM DX'ING IN THE MODERN DAY By Mike, KF6KDA**

**Many of you remember the thrill of turning around with that old radio and marveling at the signals you would hear and from great distances. That thrill still exists albeit much more**

**crowded and fewer stations in the clear.**

**No longer is that huge table top radio needed nor that 200 foot wire running out the window. You can use a small clock radio, your car's radio and even that small 5 dollar walkman you bought!!!**

**The broadcast AM band has changed much over the last 40 years. The FCC has taken away the notion of the powerful "clear channel" station, which makes DX a little more difficult. Just tuning around with the radio in our car, I'm able to hear 9 western states with little or no effort and fairly clear signals. Using my portable Short Wave radio, I am able to hear 16 states with no external antenna. Some are clear, and some obviously take effort.**

**Simple steps such as turning around your clock radio, moving your car to a new position, or maybe even tilting that walkman on its side will produce 'nulls' causing some stations to disappear and others to pop up out of nowhere! Your mileage may vary. Each radio has its own properties and you will have to experiment a little to see what is best for you.**

**There are online resources available for helping to identify those stations you hear and where they are. My favorite is [www.radiolocator.com](http://www.radiolocator.com). They also list TV and FM stations as well. If you search with Google, I'm quite sure you could find hundreds more resources.**

**I write this as many of us caught the 'radio' bug from these humble beginnings, and that excitement is still available if you want it. No 2,000 dollar radio required. Only your time and your patience.**

**Take the time to relive that! Tune around the AM dial at night. You will be surprised! I sure was!**

## **Fresno Amateur Radio Club**

Hard Hat Moments with Stu, WB6VRJ



I am not sure if this is old news, so here goes [again]; it does involve an old rig-a Kenwood TS-130. This rig once belonged to Alan Ross, and when he died, Ken Holden, WA6OIB handled the transfer to me.

This rig dates back to 1981. It is fully transistorized, but in those days, they did NOT include a memory-so one has to do all the tuning by hand-boy am I tired! The rig not only has a digital readout, but a real dial also. The dial is a bit off, as is the readout, so I guess I better clean my glasses and read the instructions!

My Temp TS-50, which I acquired from Pat, W6YEP, has run afoul of me, so it is out. I have an upstairs station, where I have a 2 meter rig feeding one Cushcraft vertical, and the other rig I use on 10 meters to its own Cushcraft vertical. That is where I used the TS-50, but now I use that TS-130 now on CW and USB on the two ten meter nets on Wednesday Nite-28.140 CW, and 28.445 on USB. Go on up to that CW frequency- GUSS, KF6ZXO is the NCS and he will help you, no matter how slow you are-it is great! He is a very good and very patient operator-heck, he must be-for he communicates with me!!

By the way, for CW up there-I "inherited" {that does NOT mean "Stole"} a PALOMAR Keyer-it is a complete unit, power supply built in, has paddles, and one can adjust speed and volume. It is a very good keyer.

Speaking of Keys, one of the hams who went back to Dayton did acquire a new Begali Key-now that's something!

All of the chaps who went to Dayton said they had a great time.

73 de WB6VRJ {Stuart}

P.s. One more item, Bob N2NS, who we see at all the Thursday Lunches at the Hofbrau, was in a bicylce race about two weeks ago, and some yahoo cut in front of him, and Bob hit him [it was the other guy's fault]; Bob crashed and cracked some ribs, and seriously dislocated his hip- He is OK now-simply recovering from all that injury-lotsa road rash too I am told-but he was very chipper this Thursday.

(see Bob's comments on the WPX contest last week on page 11-de K6MI)

**Fresno Amateur Radio Club**



Join Jack, AC6LT, on the Wednesday night Tech net on the W6TO repeaters. 7 P.M. Wednesday evening also has several other nets, the CW 10M net also at 7 on 28.140, and at 8 on 28.445.

Duane, KI6QEL, getting ready to rove on the vhf contest, and cook for FD



VHF simplex SSB and FM frequencies for VHF Contest June 11-12  
SSB

- 6m 50.125 and up when the band is open
- 2m 144.2, plus and minus when the band is active
- 220 222.1
- 432 432.1 and up when active
- 902 902.1, sometimes 903.1
- 1.2g 1.296.1 ssb
- FM
- 6m 52.525
- 2m 146.55 plus any other sx freq. except 146.52
- 220 223.5 (some rovers on 223.415)
- 440 446.0
- 902 927.6
- 1.2g 1294.5

Exchange is grid square and call sign for the vhf contests. Work rovers over again when they are in a new grid. Rovers identify with call sign/rover. \_\_\_\_\_

CQWW WPX Contest, CW Operator: N2NS Class: SOAB HP Operating Time (hrs): 6  
Summary: Band QSOs

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- 160: 4
- 80: 14
- 40: 62
- 20: 44
- 15: 32
- 10: 3

-----Total: 159 Prefixes = 121 Total Score = 48,884

Comments: Only on sporadically. Thank goodness. Condx seemed awful. Only real 'fun' was a couple of short runs: JA's on 40m Sunday morning around our sunrise, and 20m at about 2220Z. I was trying to beam to the Caribbean and SA on the 20m run, but had to constantly swing back to NA to dig out weak callers. Ended up that 20m run with 100% 1-pointers...not a single DX QSO. Mercifully, the phone rang, and ended that small run.

Orion II; Alpha 87A; KT-36XA tribander (6 el) on 10/15/20m; 2 el yagi on 40m; half slopers on 80/160m; N1MM logger.

Bob N2NS

**K7XC 6M Rover trip– first week in June**

Looks like the 6M KW Rover will depart early Weds AM June 1st 2011.

<http://k7xc.tripod.com/6mkwrover/index.html>

Weds June 1st, Day 1 will be about departing DM09 early am, setting up in DM17, Mobile OPs in DM08, DM18, DM17, DM16, & DM26 and making my way to Las Vegas to spend the night.

Thurs June 2nd, Day 2 will be about DM25 from Potosi Towers, DM23 from a high spot roadside stop, with mobile OPs from DM26, DM25, DM24, & DM23, Then making my way back to Vegas for the night.

Fri June 3rd, Day 3 will be about DM36, & DM38. With Mobile OPs in DM36, DM37, DM28, DM38.

Sat June 4th, Day 4 will be About DM39 & DM29. With Mobile OPs in DM28, DM29, DM39.

Sun June 5th, Day 5 will Be about DN20 & DN00. With Mobile OPs in DM29, DN20, DN21, DN11, DN10, DN00, & DM09 arriving home.

When Mobile I'll be CQing 50.125 on either CW or SSB with the KQ loop. When stopped I'll setup the 5 ele yagi and CQ 50.125 CW/SSB first and if no activity/opening, I'll switch to 441A transmitting first on 260 and receiving on .250. When I detect a reply on .250 I will switch to only .250 and work stations until I feel no one is calling then resume CQing .260 and receiving.250.

Pat - WX7M and Lance - W7GJ each has the info to reach me if necessary. If you do hear me PLEASE by all means... SPOT ME!

73s & see you on the air from several rare ones over the next 5 days  
de Tim - K7XC - DM09nm... sk

DM09-DM08-DM18-DM17-DM16-DM26  
DM26-DM25-DM24-DM23-DM24-DM25-DM26  
DM26-DM36-DM27-DM37-DM28-DM38  
DM38-DM29-DM39-DM29  
DM29-DN20-DN21-DN11-DN10-DN00-DM09



**Fresno Amateur Radio Club**

Subject: **Carleton Reed, AA6GZ, Lemoore CA**

I am Bobby, Carleton's brother, I am writing this is to inform you of the death of Carleton Reed on Saturday May 21,2011 at 2:30 AM. Thank all of you for befriending my brother over the years.

Bobby Ferguson  
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I am saddened to hear this news. I remember Carleton from a volunteer examiner session. Back in 1990, I was a teenager in Fresno and ready to upgrade from a Novice to a Technician class license. I had also recently gotten a car and a driver's license. The weekend that I wanted to take my Technician upgrade test, the closest VE session was in the Hanford area. It was one of my first trips driving out of town. Carleton ran that VE session, and I passed my Technician class test. It's hard to believe that was over 20 years ago.

Carleton also was invaluable in CQP for many years, providing several stations with their only Kings County contact. Carleton made a lot of county sweeps possible over the years in CQP.

73...-Dean - N6DE  
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Carleton funeral services will be held on June 11th and 1 pm at the kingdom hall on 17th and Hanford Armona Rd. in Lemoore. There will be a gathering at Heritage Park (pot luck).

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**From the Central California DX Club:**

Once again the club will be sponsoring the summer DX contest. A plaque will be awarded to the top scoring individual in each of the categories described below. Rules and information are as follows:

Contest Period - June 1 (0000Z) to August 31 (2359Z)

Bands - 160 meters to 6 meters

Modes - CW (can use digital), SSB, and Mixed (no more than 80% of one mode)

Categories - High Power (101 watts to 1.5 KW) and Low Power (100 watts or less)

Multipliers - DXCC Entities as currently listed on the ARRL DXCC List.

Objective - Work as many DXCC entities during the contest period using bands listed above and selected mode.

Score - Total number of different DXCC entities worked.

Summary Form - call sign, day/month/yr of QSO, Band, Mode, and name of Entity. A paper form may also be used.

Plaques - Top score for : A) High Power CW B) High Power SSB C) High Power Mixed D) Low Power (independent of mode)

If you won a category last year, you may not enter that category this year.

Any questions may be directed to me, either by e-mail or telephone.

73, Bill - WA5VGI 805-466-0372  
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CQWW WPX Contest, CW Operator: **NA6G** Class: SO(A)AB LP

Summary: Band QSOs 40: 46 20: 55 15: 9 Total: 110 Prefixes = 78 Total Score = 11,388

This was a tough one for me. Only did S&P. I am not real sharp on CW and with the bands not too good and some speed demon CW ops, I definitely struggled a bit. I tried to go non-assisted for awhile, but had to switch just to make the contacts. I couldn't devote a lot of time to the contest as family obligations called. I still had fun, so will try it again next year.

73, Steve NA6G

## E-Waste Recycling



**Location -Entrance Gate** Kings Canyon Entrance Upcoming Dates: July 9 September 3 November 26

Bring your e-waste to The Fresno Fairgrounds From 8:00am - 2:00pm Drop off electronic waste at NO CHARGE! E-waste is no longer accepted at the landfill and is often expensive to recycle. No limit to how many items you can bring to recycle. Broken

or un-broken recyclables accepted. Free Recycling of any item with a cord including:

LCD TV's & Monitors Laptops Plasma Screens Televisions  
Computer Towers Printers PDA's DVD Players Copy Machines  
Fax Machines Calculators Keyboards Stereo Systems Speakers  
Computer Mice Telephones Cell Phones VCR's

\*Items containing Freon, washers/dryers, batteries and light bulbs will not be accepted. Location:

Enter the parking lot off of Kings Canyon Boulevard, just east of Chance Avenue. (Gate 6)

For more information call (559) 650-FAIR

The rules for the 2011 CQ WW VHF Contest, July 16 - 17, have been posted on the [CQ VHF Contest website](#). If you missed the results for the 2010 contest in the February issue of CQ, the write-up, scores, and expanded results are also on-line there alongside records updated by Curt, K9AKS. (Thanks, CQ WW VHF Contest Director, John W1XX) [cq.ww-vhf.com](http://cq.ww-vhf.com)

If you want to keep up with the latest announcements about WRTC 2014, the organizers have set up a [news reader feed](#). (Thanks, WRTC-2014 Co-Chair, Randy K5ZD) [wrtc2014.org/feed/](http://wrtc2014.org/feed/)

numbers station generator demonstration From Kevin Griffith  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4buFLqjvTjA&feature=mfu\\_in\\_order&list=UL](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4buFLqjvTjA&feature=mfu_in_order&list=UL)

While on YouTube looking at QRP related videos, I ran across this one.  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-YtXcbpW9F8>  
I was really amazed at this 26 year old ham and his feature packed home-brewed rig He has detailed info about his rig on his website. <http://w1jsb.com/sw.html>  
Gabriel - N6OSB

The Holiday Inn will start taking reservations for rooms for the 2012 International DX Convention on Monday, June 6th, 2011 after 10 AM. They will not take reservations on line or by phone before that time. See the website for details <http://www.dxconvention.org/>

Not your Grampa's Simpson 260 VOM! iPod VOM  
<http://www.redfishinstruments.com/> Really Really Cool

I've been playing around with beaconing, or sending my callsign, W6NIF, over 10 meter and 6 meter ham bands. They aren't on all the time. I put them on, alternating maybe 1 hour at a time between 10 meter and 6 meter frequencies, which are: 28.192.5 Mhz and 50.073 Mhz. When and how long I beacon determines on what DXscape and DX Sherlock shows me...in other words, is there activity? I'll start the beacon maybe around 7 AM for a few hours and then check to see if anyone has seen the beacon.  
I'm just trying to put Fresno on the map. 73, Jim

Field Day Rule Change!  
ARRL Contest Branch Manager, Sean KX9X has just released some important information for this year's [ARRL Field Day](#). The "free" VHF station that was previously restricted to Class A participants with two or more transmitters is now available to all Class A operations! This should promote additional VHF+ weak-signal operation and know-how. In order to promote better VHF+ operating practices, Sean and Steve WB8IMY have collaborated on a VHF Operator FAQ document that presents information on how to operate on 6 and 2 meter SSB and CW, using FM phone, and working the satellites. Field Day offers VHF+ operating opportunities to hams that may not have tried it before - this document will help them get better results and follow regular operating practices. Now it's up to the VHF+ operators out there to help their teams get that VHF station on the air and making QSOs! Read more about this year's rules on the ARRL Field Day web site.

Contact Craig, K6QI, about the FARC FD at: 284-1722 or k6qi@yahoo.com

Vhf chairman needed  
Solar or wind power needed, enough to make 5 contacts  
Come to camp and operate.  
KI6QEL, Duane will provide some great food.

I just had to pass this along...

I received a solicitation to apply for the "Ladies of Siofok" Award, which is given for making some specified number of contacts with members of the Siofok YL Club (Siofok is a county in Hungary). No big deal, we see these kinds of mini-awards all the time, but they sent me a sample of the award and I was intrigued by the language they used.

The award looks like a diploma, and the border contains pictures of all of the YLs in the club, with their callsigns. In the middle is the proclamation, which reads:

"Officially confirmed that [callsign] has made bilateral intercourse with the radio amateur champion young ladies of Siofok," and is signed by Eva, HA3FRE.

It's hard enough to make 2-way contacts with these fine Hungarian YLs, but I can't imagine having that much bilateral intercourse, especially given the distance. I think Anna needs to fix the translation for them (unless they are really celebrating bilateral intercourse, which might justify its own award).

Rich KE1B



Duane,  
KI6QEL,  
with cook  
book,  
ready for  
FD

## 2011 AMATEUR RADIO EXAMS

UNLICENSED THRU EXTRA CLASS  
Sponsored By the FRESNO Volunteer Exam (VE) TEAM  
And The  
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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.

**Aug 13      Nov 10**

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 \$15.00 per test session. Bring Exact change. **Original** and **copy of Amateur License** if upgrading. Talk in on 146.94 repeater.

Walk in's only, no pre-registration.

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

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### **Santa Maria Ham Radio Swapfest & BBQ June 18, 2011**

Saturday of Father's Day Weekend

### **SATELLITE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB W6AB**

**Pre-Registration Cutoff Date: June 1, 2011**

### **Newlove (Breitburn) Picnic Grounds,**

1555 Orcutt Hill Rd, Orcutt

Turn off Hwy 101 southbound 1.8 mi. south of Clark Ave., Orcutt

GPS: 34° 50' 21.97" N, 120° 22' 31.72" W

**Sellers:** 6:00 AM, Public: 7:30 AM

**Prize drawings:** 12 noon, Grand Prize: 1 for \$5, general: 1 for \$1, ladies: 1 for \$1

Pre-reg, Grand Prize: 6 for \$25, general: 6 for \$5, ladies: 6 for \$5

**Admission & Parking:** FREE

**Swap Table:** \$10 pre-reg, \$20 at fest, **Tailgate seller:** (limited number): \$20 at fest only.

**Talk-in:** 145.36, 131.8 PL and 145.14, 131.8 PL

**Catered BBQ meal:** chicken or tri-tip, salad, beans, bread, \$12 pre-reg, \$15 at fest

**Commercial Vendors:** HRO, ARLAN Communications, Com. Svcsco., Argent Data Systems

**T-hunt workshop:** KE6HTS, **T-hunt,** on foot, on grounds : KA6BFB

### **Special Motel Rate:**

Santa Maria Travelodge

1514 South Broadway, Santa Maria, 93454, 805-922-2123

\$79.99 Friday or Saturday, Mention Santa Maria Swapfest

For Sale:

Stuff from the estate of VS6DO.

All of the items below belonged to Paul Bailey, VS6DO, SK. Everything for pickup in Fresno only. Please don't ask about shipping, I'm spending enough of my life on this as it is. Payment cash or cashier's check to "Vic Rosenthal -- VS6DO account".

The following are BRAND NEW, in box with manuals. Boxes opened, equipment unused.

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Kenwood TS950-SDX \$2000

Yaesu FT-1000 (not MP or D) \$1500

Kenwood TL922 \$1200

HyGain T2x rotor, set up for 240v.

a replacement 120v transformer is available from the mfg. \$400

Two R7 verticals \$200 each

100m roll of RG-8/U \$100

Cushcraft AR-6 6m Ringo \$80

Cushcraft AR-270B 2m/70cm Ringo \$70  
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The following is used, guaranteed not DOA:

ICOM IC-751A with ICOM PS 515 \$600

Also available:

Numerous 4-1000A's. Good filaments, some may be unused. \$25 ea, \$35 with chimney.

Air system socket for 4-1000A \$50 (new)

Some 4CX1000A's \$45 ea.

Two Mullard QY5-3000A's. Be loud! \$50 ea.

Transformer: Pri 0-190-210-230-250, sec 2000-1500-0-1500-2000, 1.75 kVA. \$50

A few big vacuum capacitors, several 250v variacs including a huge one 2' in diameter, some big capacitors and inductors. Sockets for 4CX1000A's. Some smaller transformers.

There are also some homebrew amplifiers which will be evaluated as soon as I clear out enough of this to make room.

Vic, K2VCO Fresno 559-226-4978

vic@rakefet.com

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Occupation _____	Birth Date _____
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I am interested in serving on one of the committees. Please contact me with more details. _____	
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**Upcoming 2011  
Fresno Amateur Radio  
Club  
Activities and Events**

**Meetings on the 2nd Friday of the month**  
**FD on the 4th full weekend in June**  
**Banquet Dinner next December**  
**Club Picnic in summer**  
**Annual swap meet at the November meeting**



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