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FRESNO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

A Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter November, 2012 Volume 74, Issue 11

Our next meeting will be the second Friday of the month, Nov. 9.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

For the October meeting I remembered the prizes! Too bad that some of those that had bought tickets the previous month were not here this month-there were a few that would have won (MORE THAN ONCE).

As announced, THE NCS STATIONS-the hams that run the FARC net, the BS net, and the Traffic Net – are all in need of some volunteers, if for no more than one time a month- of course, if you can volunteer for more time, that would be great-that is a part of hamdom!

With a great deal of joy, I am pleased to announce that the dues for the coming year remain the same! That makes this Scot very happy indeed.

We are working on an amendment to the Bylaws to reduce the number of directors to 7; that should be up for vote very soon. This will lighten the load for a nominating committee and candidates-both of whom [or which] we really need.

The new meeting place at SIERRA BOWL is working out very nicely. Remember, next month, we have a swap meet there, and EVERYBODY should come!

Had a great time at the W6LTR (Low Tide Radio) site up near Raymond. Lotsa people there, and lotsa contacts made for the California QSO party. I heard one chap from Germany check in around 1800 our time, and we were his Number 1!

Ham radio is lotsa fun. The hobby does provide so many interests and one can pursue just one or all-as long as that ham is having fun, that's what counts. We will be sending out a questionnaire soon asking about your specific interests or likes or dislikes about Ham radio. Before then you can email me with your comments.

W. Stuart Home WB6VRJ

FARC General Meetings are held the 2nd Friday of each month, 7 p.m. at unless otherwise noted. Stay tuned in for new announcements.

2012 FARC BOARD MEETING DATES
1st Tuesday of each month at WB6VRJ's QTH.

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

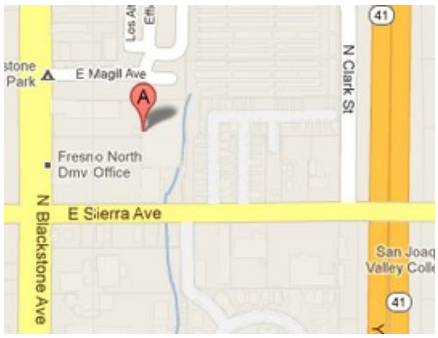
November meeting!
Nov. 9, 7 P.M.
Talk in on W6TO.
New meeting location-
AMF Sierra Lanes

FARC next meeting

Nov. 9th 2012 - 7PM

Where: Sierra Lanes - 6450 N. Blackstone Ave

The great Swap Meet Meeting!



FARC Christmas Dinner— $15 a person reserve your seats
At the Nov. meeting, or email Jim, W6NIF, at:
w6nif@w6to.com
Reserve now, pay now or at the door.

more pictures of last years swap on page 9

Doors open at 7 P.M. Free seller's tables

Christmas Dinner coming up on Dec. 14

Reserve your seat at the Nov. meeting, or mail To the club box office.
Christmas Dinner will be at **YOSEMITE FALLS CAFÉ ON BLACKSTONE**- similar to last year. There will be linens and red and white décor with Salmon, Steak and Chicken with Vegetables.

FRIDAY, 14 DECEMBER AT 6 P.M.
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Mark every Thursday on your calendar for lunch at the Silver Dollar Hofbrau, corner of Hwy 41 and Shaw Ave. Gathering is at 11:30 A.M. in the back room.

Breakfast on Mondays and Saturdays at Jeb's Blueberry Café located 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.

The Quarter Century Wireless Association Lunch is held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Carrows on Blackstone.

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You can download this and past Skip issues under the Document Archive menu by visiting **w6to.com**.

Be a net control op! Contact Joe, WA6FFJ at: joenailbender@earthlink.net. See p. 8 for picture of Joe.

Date	***Event***
DX Breakfast	Nov. 3
Turlock Auction	Nov. 3
ARRL SS CW	Nov. 3-4
FARC Swap meeting	Nov. 9
ARRL SS Phone	Nov. 17-18
DX Breakfast	Dec. 1
ARRL 160m	Dec. 8
ARRL 10m	Dec. 14-15
Christmas dinner	Dec. 14
Straight Key night	Dec. 31
VHF Contest	Jan. 19-20

Corrections to last months Skip! Our sharp eyed readers are on the lookout for everything. The corrected Skip is in the w6to.com archive.
More new prizes at the next meeting! The raffle helps pay for the meeting expenses.

Christmas Dinner will be at **YOSEMITE FALLS CAFÉ ON BLACKSTONE**- similar to last year. There will be linens and red and white décor with Salmon, Steak and Chicken with Vegetables.

WE ARE SET FOR FRIDAY, 14 DECEMBER AT 1800

Check out the new meeting place, meet some new people and visit with old friends.

Sierra Lanes
Blackstone and Sierra, just North of the DMV office.

Lots of parking

The prizes will be there!

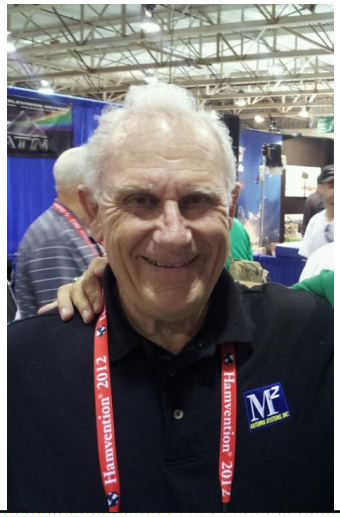
Donuts too!

NCCC member K6BBQ conducted some humorous interviews at Pacificon with such luminaries as Dave Sumner, K1ZZ. The result is posted at

http://youtu.be/69uzHj5Wk1U

Thanks to Richard, KE6SHL, Duane, KI6QEL, Rob, AE6GE, and Jim, W6NIF for providing the photographs included in SKIP.

ARRL Section Manager for the SJV Section, Dan, AE6SX. Dan's SJV news is found at arrl.org



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Membership Attendance drawing for September was won by Rudy, KJ6UFU, who was not present. $50 will be drawn at the Dec. meeting. Must be present to win.

Local Amateur Radio Repeaters

Organization	*Call Sign*	*Frequency*	*Offset*	*PL*
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
W6NIF	W6NIF	444.100	+	100.0
WINSystem	K6JSI	146.790	-	100.0
WINSystem	K6JSI	444.250	+	100.0

Birthdays:

WA6VZM Gwynne 11/04

K6NS Tripp 11/05

K6MI John 11/05

N6MQG Tom 11/09

KB6DI Bob 10/? (new info)

Anniversaries:

KI6QEL Duane and Karen 11/05

K6PKO Jerry and Faye 11/05

KJ6TYT Don and
Carol 11/07

N6BYI David and Maria 10/20 (new info)

Info from FARC database

Additions and changes please talk to our club secretary

DX Breakfast

The next Fresno DX Breakfast is Saturday Nov. 3, 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

To check on foreign postage go to http://www.k4hb.com/postage/html

Ten meter net, CW and Phone, every Wednesday
7 P.M. for CW at 28.140
8 P.M. for SSB at 28.445

This is a local net, the cw part run by KF6ZXO, and the SSB part by Doyle, W6OEZ. Have fun checking in on one or both modes.

Also at 7 P.M. is our own FARC Tech Net, with AC6LT on the W6TO repeaters.

THE DX CORNER

By Charles McConnell W6DPD November 2012 DX is the one you don't have confirmed

Of the most recent DXpeditions, "If you worked it, it was the best DXpedition ever. If you missed it, it was probably not so good." "And so it goes." Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD

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 and 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 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 $0.80 for each envelope to the address above. They will put 1 unit of First Class postage on the envelope. If you work DX, you should have envelopes at the bureau so you can get your cards. You may be able to check your status at the bureau at http://www.qslbureau.org/

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** 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. To learn about addressing envelopes to everywhere in the world, go to http://www.columbia.edu/~fdc/postal/ for a discussion and examples.

The United States Postal Service (USPS) announced price increases that will take place effective on Sunday January 29, 2013. The USPS also announced the introduction of "a First-Class Mail Global Forever Stamp", which will allow customers to mail letters anywhere in the world for one set price of $1.10‰. The main changes that effect Amateur Radio operators are as follows:

Letters (1 oz.) ˜ 1 cent increase to 46 cents Letters to all international destinations (1 oz.) ˜ $1.10 (currently $1.05)

Postcards ˜ 1 cent increase to 33 cents You can see the complete press release and all other changes at http://about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2012/pr12_114.htm. As usual when the USPS raises prices there was no mention of an increase in the price of International Reply Coupons (IRCs), which are currently at $2.20.

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:
Djibouti J28JV soon for at least a year, maybe 2
Djibouti J28UC July to 2013
Djibouti J28NC now to July 2012
Angola D2CQ February 2010 for a few years.
Ascension Island ZD8D maybe an October 2011 start
Jan Mayen JX9JKA March 29, 2012 to March 20, 2013
Cyprus P3EU July 1 to December 31, 2012
Reunion Island FR/DJ7RJ CANCELLED
Tanzania 5H3NP October 8 to December 15, 2012
Chatham ZL7A November 1 to November 9, 2012
Vietnam XV9LC November 4 to November 15, 2012
American Samoa KH8/N6MW November 8 to November 19, 2012
Peter and Paul's Rocks PT0S November 9 to November 23, 2012
Brunei V84SMD November 11 to November 23, 2012
Lesotho 7P8 November 21 to December 4, 2012
Campbell Island ZL9HR November 28 to December 9, 2012
Morocco CN1YZ now through December 31, 2012
South Cook E51E December 10, 2012 to January 5, 2013
Temotu H40FN December 22, 2012 to January 7, 2013
Uganda 5X February 2013
Clipperton TX5K February 28, 2013 to March 10, 2013
Banaba T33 March-April 2013 CANCELLED
Heard Island VK0/H Early 2014

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) 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.

CARP October T-Hunt Report

On Saturday, October 27th, CARP again sponsored another great T-Hunt. Though we only had 3 teams rise to the occasion, fun was had by all on a day blessed with beautiful weather. The teams launched from our usual starting point of highways 41 and 145.

But this time instead of searching for a tiny weak little signal, there was lots of signal from the east. But there seemed to be signals coming from every hill and lots of it. You see, instead of searching for a flee powered weak little transmitter, this time the FOX was a 150 watt boomer that was bouncing off everything. Ron Hunt his the FOX transmitter above the New Brighton Crest homes. A serious amplifier was used to boost the output to 150 watts and then it was pumped into an 11-element yagi antenna that was horizontally polarized. The yagi was shielded by a huge water storage tank and pointed at the hills above the Table Mountain

Casino. At that power level attenuators and common techniques were useless.

It was a real challenge to find the transmitter. But within just a few minutes of firing up the FOX, the first team of Mike and Marty Herlihy came driving right in . They mastered the various reflections with just good old experience.

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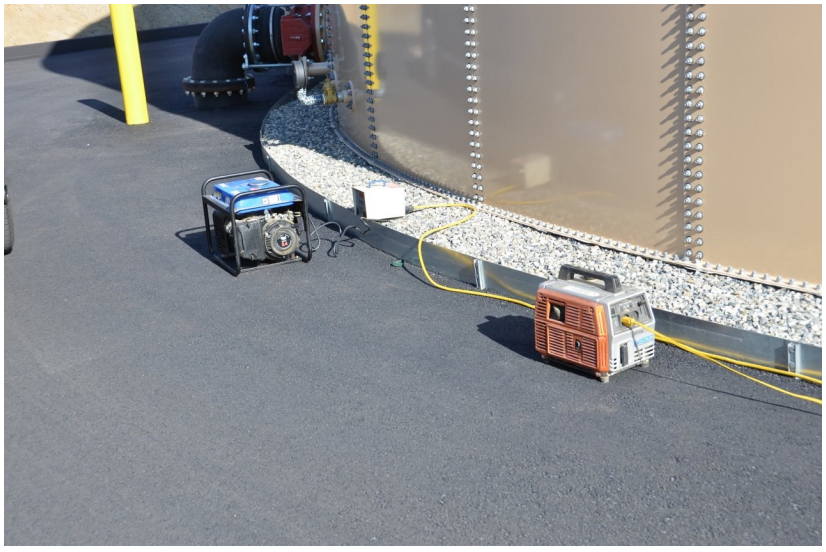
However the second team of Duane Lutz and his neighbor worked harder at it and took about 2 hours to find the FOX. It was fun to sit on the hill top and watch Duane driving all around us searching.

Finally the third team of Rob and Robert Mavis brought up the third place position while fighting attenuator problems all the while. Faulty equipment can be a killer . . .

Included in the pictures are a group shot of the hunters. For the FOX antenna on the left, is Mike Hurlihy, Rob Mavis, Robert Mavis, Marty Herlihy, Duane Lutz, Duane's neighbor, and Ron Hunt on the far right.

The other pictures are of the equipment shots. Special thanks go out to Ken Holden and Pat Fennacy for the generous loan of amplifiers, power supplies, and generators.

We tried to run more power, but the generators just couldn't handle it. They were maxed out and couldn't do an more than our 150 watt power level. Life is too short for QRP . . .



Fifty years ago today, Nick Holonyak, Jr. proudly demonstrated the world's first visible light-emitting diode (LED) at General Electric. In the process, he changed the world of lighting forever.

Want to know what country a new call sign is in? Here is a good up to date place that has lots of info.

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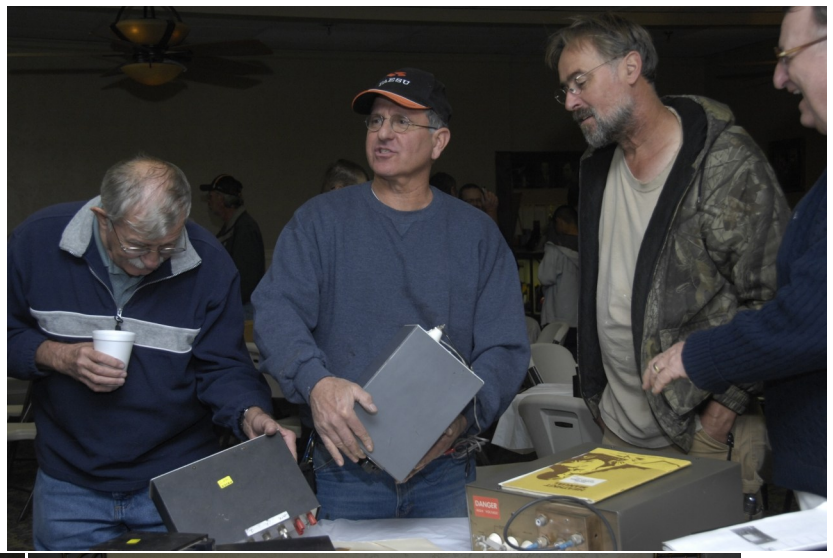
https://secure.clublog.org/loginform.php

"Call Tester" (left-side navigation bar) is the solution. It maps to the true DXCC entity for any oddball callsign.

For Sale::::::::::::::

5 element 17M M2 beam
Antenna model 17M5DX
$475 Mike, W6YDE

Some pictures from last years FARC Swap Meet



Free antenna by Duane, KI6QEL

Free antenna to a good home. OK, now that I have your attention, how about a virtually free antenna. A virtually free Yagi antenna for 2M, 220, 440, 900, or 1296.

I have been using a small loop antenna for 220 when I go out as a rover in the VHF contests. I noticed that I haven't been making many contacts on 220 using the loop and so I thought it might be a good idea to find an alternative antenna. I remember hearing faint signals using the loop, but couldn't pick them out. Others in the contest told me someone was trying to make a contact with me, but I just couldn't pick them up. So, no points for me! I changed coax, changed connectors, etc. No help.

After searching the internet for a good 220 beam antenna, I stumbled across a website with plans to build a cheap Yagi 220 antenna. I thought it might be a good idea to make one just to try it out. And cheap was a word that caught my attention.

I needed a boom of about 5 feet to make the 6 element Yagi. I found an old 1x2 piece of wood in the garage that was perfect for the boom. I sanded the 1x2 down to make it smooth and then painted it with a leftover can of primer and a final coat of some old silver spray paint. Now for the elements. The article suggested silicon bronze welding rod, aluminum rod, hobby tubing, or solid copper ground wire. Hmmmm, didn't have any of those laying around in the garage and didn't want to go out and actually buy any. Cheap, remember?

Solid copper ground wire? Center conductor of some old coax? Pretty close match. Maybe a little thinner, but what the heck, let's give it a try. So, I found some old RG58 solid center conductor coax I wasn't using and stripped the center conductor out of about 12 feet of it. Yes, it took a little time and I wanted to keep it as straight as I possibly could. I cut the elements to the proper length as per the plans on the website. I drilled some holes in the boom with an electric hand drill, spacing them as per the plans. I ran the elements through the holes and used some Gorilla glue to hold them in place. The holes weren't exactly perpendicular to the boom, but in order to do that I would have needed a drill press. Cheap, remember? And besides the piece of 1x2 was like a corkscrew! Now it was just a matter of directly soldering a piece coax to the driven element. After finding another piece of coax, I did just that.

Then I glued a PVC fitting to the center of the boom to attach to a fiberglass mast that I had laying around. Perfect. Well, perfect? I still needed to try it out. So, I made a couple of contacts on 223.5 here locally and found the antenna actually worked. When pointed directly at the other station, the signal was good. When pointed away from the other station the signal was barely readable. I only had the antenna up about 8 feet off the ground. The real test will be when I use it in the next VHF contest. I'll write about that after the next VHF contest.

So there you have it, a cheap, if not virtually free VHF antenna. I found all of the items to make the antenna in my garage. For the plans and specs for this and other VHF antennas, go to http://www.iw5edi.com/ham-radio/?cheap-yagi-antennas-for-vhf-uhf,93 .

Fresno Amateur Radio Club

EC Report for October 2012

Hi All,

I hope that your October was as good as mine. I had a great time at Pacificon and all the other Amateur Radio activities including the Off the Front Bike Race.

***Off The Front*Off The Front –Forward Advantage Charity Bicycle Ride Event Recap**

Saturday October 13, 2012, the Clovis Amateur Radio Pioneers with the assistance of the Fresno ARES group provided radio communications support for the 2012 Off the Front Charity Bicycle
Ride. Due to road construction the event was modified and shortened for this year. The routes consisted of a 45 mile, 25 mile and an 11 mile ride.
Amateur personnel provided radio communications for three rest-stops, 3 SAG (supply & gear) vehicles and the command post. Thank you to the volunteers who helped out:

- Rob Mavis AE6GE
- James Christopherson KI6IHB
- Randy Scroggins KI6NHT
- Karl Kramer W6TUI
- Gary Gleim W6OCW
- Chris Johnson KJ6OUG
- Gwen Blomgren KO6Y
- Glen Blomgren AF6CY
- Joe Cabral KJ6TYS
- Richard Pack KE6SHL
  Mike Gunn KJ6EQV

All volunteers were treated to a great BBQ tri-tip sandwich lunch at the conclusion of their assignments.

Pacificon & ARRL National Convention

Pacificon had several seminars that pertained to Emcomm and were well attended. There was standing room only and not much of that. I learned a lot from the ARES Seminar; the ARRL is trying to change the public's image of the ARES organization. They want the public to think of us as a disaster communications organization, not an emergency one. It seems our role will be broken down like this: 90% public service, 9% disaster work and 1% emergency communications. Emergency communications is defined as life safety only, such as calling for the fire department or medical for a traffic accident with major injuries. Traffic for fires, earthquakes, tornados, hurricanes and such are considered disaster communications. Look for major changes in the ARES organization in the near future.

SATERN was well represented at the convention. Friday had a full schedule: the day started with the benediction by Captain Breazeale and continued with presentations and a program from SATERN NA CO Major Shirran (VE3NUZ), commanding officer over SATERN in the North American Hemisphere. The programs were informative and inspiring. We signed up numerous new SATERN members during the weekend.

Great Shake Out – 2012

The Great Shake out was held on October 18, at 10:18 AM. Fresno ARES participated by Drop, Duck, and Covering and checking on condition of their families. After securing things at home, we checked in to a net conducted on the 147.15 MHZ repeater. Members that participated called in and gave location, condition of family and home or workplace, and the availability for deployment. The exercise lasted for about an hour and was good practice.

Net Controle Staff Needed

We are looking for volunteers to take a turn as net control on Monday nights. This is not a difficult task and is a lot of fun. We will provide the preamble and net roster. This is a great way to enhance your skills running a net for emergency situations. If you are interested, please contact Gary (KI6OYW) at 559-269-1340 or email g_greenberg@att.net

Our Calender

Don't forget the **Monday Night Emcomm Net** at 1930 hr. on the 147.15 MHz pl 141.3. We have some good information and camaraderie on the net. On the third Friday of the month there is an **Emcomm Breakfast** at YFC on Cedar south of Ashlan in Granite Park at 0830hr. And last but not least the **Emcomm Meeting** will **not** be held on the fourth Thursday this month, **no meeting** will be held in November. **The next meeting will be Thursday December 6** at 1900 hr at the Salvation Army Citadel at 1854 Fulton St., Fresno.

Best of 73's
GLEN CAINE (N6HEW)
Fresno County RACES Officer
Fresno County ARES EC
559-999-7590, N6hew@att.net

W6LTR - LOW TIDE RADIO CLUB by Stuart Home, WB6VRJ

Doyle, W6OEZ, invited me up to the W6LTR side, about ten miles north of Raymond (up in the boonies) – about 1385 foot elevation. The club had built a roofed shed, complete with electrical power, and even WEB.

Doyle and others operated the CW and SSB section

and did a great job of it.

And Jack, AC6LT, even had his AR-15 there

and Jan, W6WTF, was there, cheering everyone on: as was Eric Lauer, W6PAU, and president of the W6LTR (Low Tide Radio) club.

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and he helped with the black powder cannon thingy and we also got a good demonstration of the Potato Gun (fueled by aqua-net):

Sorry, I do not have any pictures of the delicious Tri-Tip dinner we had that evening, but I an assure you, a very good time was had by all! Sorry, I do not have any pictures of the delicious Tri-Tip dinner we had that evening, but I an assure you, a very good time was had by all!

We even had some visitors from Area 51-at the corner of the shed!

De WB6VRJ

IDXC 2013: Location Change To Visalia Convention Center
The 64th Annual International DX Convention sponsored by the Northern California DX Club will be held at the Visalia Conference Center in downtown Visalia, California from April 19-21, 2013.

California QSP Party K6AAB Steve, Multi single low power cw op time 19.5 hrs
Band/Qso 80m/29, 40M/68, 20m/63, 15m/95, 10m 75 Total 330q x 44= 43,560 pts
Comments: Last hour of the contest was the best in memory.

California QSO Party Call: W6YO Operator: N2NS Station: N2NS
Class: SOFixed HP QTH: FRES Operating Time (hrs): 6
Summary: Band CW Qs Ph Qs
160: 6 0 80: 2 0 40: 64 0 20: 121 0 15: 117 32 10; 53 0
Total: 363 32 Mults = 45 Total Score = 51,885
Comments: Limited operating time spread out in 20-45 minute periods over contest. 15CW seemed lively whenever I'd go there. Nice to hear EU's calling in on 15 and 20m (DL, F, G, HA, LZ, ON), but like K6RIM, my biggest DX surprise was being called by 5Z4EE while running east coast/midwest NA Sunday afternoon. He was as loud as the USA guys. Tried for ~40 minutes around 04Z Saturday night to stir up some action on 80/160m, but almost all I heard answering my CQ's were CA stations. 40CW was always full of signals whenever I'd swing through there in the evening/early morning hours.
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CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB

CQWW SSB W6DPD SOSB(A)/10 HP
Operator(s): W6DPD Class: SOSB(A)/10 HP QTH: Fresno CA Operating Time (hrs): 4.5
Summary: Band QSOs Zones Countries: 10: 110 26 49
Total: 110 26 49 Total Score = 23,025

CQWW SSB W6NIF SOLP 140q
It was fun to work the world and many countries like S. Korea that I'd never heard before on 10.
Jim, W6NIF

CQWW SSB WA6OIB SO. Worked 10 new countires! Ken, WA6OIB

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB
Call: N2NS Operator(s): N2NS Class: SOSB(A)/10 HP QTH: ZONE 3 Operating Time (hrs):11

Summary: Band QSOs Zones Countries 10: 342 30 94 Total: 342 30 94 Total Score = 121,396
Comments: Part time, but wow! I had no idea 10 meters would be anything nearly as good as it turned out. Got on a bit late each morning to catch the eastern reaches of EU, but still worked 25 different EU DXCC entities. 95+% S&P. K3/P3, Alpha 9500, N1MM logger 6 el tribander @ 56' Bob N2NS
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Some of you may be aware that NCCC club member Doug, N6TQS, was crew member of the HMS Bounty. The ship sank last night after being caught in hurricane Sandy. There's a stunning 11 minute video of the rescue at:

http://gcaptain.com/coast-guard-helicopter-crews-save/ also details at http://arrl.org/news

Near the end you will see survivors being escorted off the CG copter . . looks like the man in the yellow coat might be Doug

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