SKIP

FRESNO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

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Our next meeting will be the second Friday of the month, Dec. 14.

FARC General Meetings are held the 2nd Friday of each month, 7 p.m. at un-less otherwise noted. Stay tuned in for new announce-ments.

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

Dec. meeting! 6 P.M. Dinner Talk in on W6TO.

See p. 2 for details

TO ALL OF YOU HAMS OUT THERE-MERRY MERRY CHRIST-MAS, AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

And if that is politically incorrect, see the second half of the 1st Amendment!

Swap Meet was a grand success, and I hope that the Christmas Dinner will be a success too. I hope that everyone that can attend will attend and have a great time. The SKIP has the details.

I certainly hope that SANTA brings each of you what you have coveted all year, be it that new Yagi antenna, that Bencher Key or that new rig.

Speaking of Key-I am, and I am glad to hear so many CW ops on the air. For you no-code hams, learn the Code, and have fun rag chew-ing-it is a lot of fun! I know, some chaps object because my speed is only 14 WPM, not the 25 they like-well, there are a lot of chaps who will QRS [slow down] and match your speed of 5 WPM, so go at it!

I certainly enjoyed this past year and all the hams that came to the meetings, on and off the air. It is too bad we lost our old meeting place, but the newer one is certainly very nice, and easy to get to; for those of you who have not been attending, GET OVER THERE! The camaraderie of hams is thoroughly exemplified there.

And as a close to this year's series of articles by me, I will say: MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND MAY YOU BE BLESSED WITH MORE QSOS 73, W. Stuart Home

Fresno Amateur Radio Club, Inc. P.O. Box 5912,

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.
$15 per person, reserve your seat early!

President Stuart, WB6VRJ

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

Who is planning on attending the hunt on the 15th of December? Rob Mavis AE6GE writes:
The next Central Valley Hunt will be held Saturday December 15 at 10am. Mike KG6MSV and Marty K6KTP will be the Fox for the hunt.
Start point will be the Vons parking lot at Highway 41 and 46 in Oakhurst.
If the weather is too bad, an alternate hide and start point will be designated.

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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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Send Skip items to Skip editor John Morrice, K6MI at: k6mi@pacbell.net

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

Date	***Event***
DX Breakfast	Dec. 1
ARRL 160m	Nov. 30-Dec. 2
ARRL 10m	Dec. 8-9
Christmas dinner	Dec. 14
Transmitter Hunt	Dec. 15
Straight Key night	Dec. 31
DX Breakfast	Jan. 5
VHF Contest	Jan. 19-20
M2 Swap Meet	March
FD	June 22-23

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.

FARC Christmas Dinner, picture from W6TO files. For addition pictures of the W6TO activities, visit w6to.com.

'Tis the time to rejoice!

Dear readers,

Another year is coming to an end. Our club, the Fresno Amateur Radio Club, has had a good year in the various club functions. I've had a good year as your club Secretary and wish all a Merry Christmas.

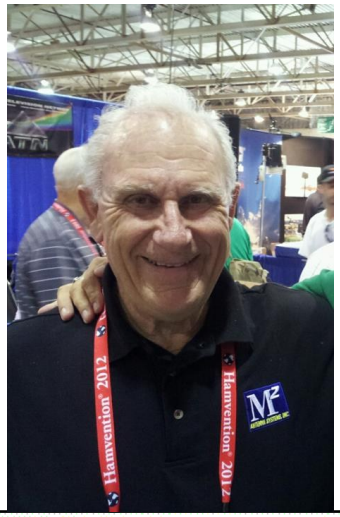
With that said, I will not be returning as the club Secretary. It's been a fun ride of six years and am turning over the duties to another member of the Board, to be elected at the beginning of the new year.

Thanks again for all your support.

73, Jim, W6NIF

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:

12/02 Larry WA6ZBL
12/13 William KJ6TYH
12/20 Robert KI6YWX
12/27 Janelle KJ6TTL
12/29 Duane KI6QEL

Anniversaries:

None listed in the club database.

Remember to add this data as you renew your membership in 2013, if you wish to have it added.

Membership form can be found on the last page of Skip.

DX Breakfast

The Fresno DX Breakfast meets the first Sat. of every month 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 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 annual FARC November Swap Meet is always a big meeting. Pictures provided by Jim, W6NIF.

Many items changed hands, and a lot of eye ball QSO's were made.

THE DX CORNER

By Charles McConnell W6DPD December 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. The Post Office has announced it plans to discontinue the sale of IRCs in the future.

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
Sri Lanka 4S7KKG November 9, 2012 to March 9, 2013
Brunei V84SMD November 11 to November 23, 2012
Lesotho 7P8 November 21 to December 4, 2012
Mauritania 5T0SP November 24 to December 10, 2012
Campbell Island ZL9HR November 28 to December 9, 2012
St. Eustatius PJ5J November 30 to December 12, 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 5X8C February 6 to February 18, 2013
Clipperton TX5K February 28, 2013 to March 10, 2013
South Shetland Islands RI1ANU March 2013 to March 2014
Samoa 5W0M April 4 to 18, 2013
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.

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW

Call: N2NS Operator): WS6X K2VCO N6ED N2NS Station: N2NS Class: M/S HP Operating Time (hrs): 46:29 Summary: Band QSOs Zones Countries

160: 69 12 16
80: 116 20 34
40: 304 34 80
20: 271 33 98
15: 537 31 104
10: 316 28 79 Total: 1613 158 411 Total Score = 2,569,035

Comments: First M/S attempted from this station. Lost a lot of time/Q's Sat evening/Sun morning due to a progressive failure in the 40m beam. (Still undiagnosed.)

K3/P3, Alpha 9500, N1MM logger 10/15/20m: 6 el tribander @56', 40m: 2 el yagi @ 70' (used Butternut vertical after yagi problem apparent), 80m: 1/4 wave sloper and Butternut vertical, 160m: 1/4 wave sloper. K9AY loop for lowband rx. Bob N2NS

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB

Call: N2NS Operator(s): N2NS Station: N2NS Class: SO Unlimited HP
Summary: Band QSOs

80: 13
40: 60
20: 79
15: 45
10: 19 Total: 216 Sections = 76 Total Score = 32,832

Comments: Operated a few random hours throughout contest period. Missed: ONE, ONN, ONS, OR, QC, SF, WV (Heard all but a couple of the ON's, but did not get called by any, and they had big pile-ups when I'd come across them during S&P.

K3/P3, Alpha 9500, N1MM logger 10/15/20m: 6 el tribander @ 56', 40m: 2 el yagi @ 70', 80/160m: 1/4 wave slopers. K9AY loop for lowband rx Bob N2NS

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW

Call: N2NS Operator(s): N2NS N6DE Station: N2NS Class: Multi-Op HP Operating Time (hrs): 5:40
Summary: Band QSOs

160: 1
80: 8
40: 164
20: 102
15: 17 Total: 294 Sections = 73 Total Score = 42,924

Comments: Very limited effort for me (N2NS) in which I planned to make 100 Q's then call it a weekend. Fortunately, Dean/N6DE was in the area visiting family and wanted to make some QSO's as a guest op late Sunday afternoon. I handed the station over to Dean with just over 3 hours of op time/102 Q's/56 sections/11K points. In just over two more hours of operating time (at end of contest), Dean added another 192 Q's/17 sections/31K points. Would have been more, but we lost 10 minutes or so that interrupted a nice run on 40m when stray RF apparently got into a newly configured computer and scrambled some N1MM configuration items.

10/15/20m: 6 el tribander @ 56', 40m: 2 el yagi @ 70', 80/160m: 1/4 wave slopers Bob N2NS

If you were active in a contest or activity, please send info to: k6mi@pacbell.net

	Call	Score	QSOs	Mult	Class	Section	Grids	Ops
1	N6NB/R	329,508	360	113	R	SJV	11	
2	W6XD/R	319,200	353	112	R	SJV	11	
3	W6TAI/R	301,620	324	110	R	SJV	11	
4	N6EY/R	253,914	311	101	R	SJV	11	(+ W6TE)
5	KC6ZWT	3,150	43	21	B	SV		
6	AF6RR	2,808	44	18	A	SCV		
7	WB6BET	312	13	8	R	EB	2	
8	KE7UQL	273	13	7	A	NV		
9	NC6EO	198	11	6	M	SCV		(KG6TYB & KB7IP, ops)
10	KG6TYB	45	5	3	A	SCV		
11	N6ORB	3	1	1	A	EB		

August 2012 UHF Contest Pacific Division Results

This activity is the first weekend in August, and involves the bands from 220 Mc. On up.

Several of our club members went rover, notably Jason, N6EY and Dave, W6TE. They came out fourth in our division, and fourth in the nation. Driving in Dave's big red truck with eight radios and eight antennas, from 220 Mc. Up to 10 g. they went to 10 grids. A big adventure. They are hoping that more hams will become active on the many microwave bands.

YE2R M/M CQWW PH by KR7O

Band	QSOs	Pts	ZN	Cty
3.5	70	139	20	27
7	709	2005	33	81
14	1260	3587	37	116
21	1841	5423	35	111
28	1625	4712	36	100
Total	5505	15866	161	435

Score: 9,456,136

Operators: YB3PXF, YB2TJV, W7NZ, YB4IR, YF1AR, YB3PSW, YB2DX, YB3KM, YB2WB, YB2LSR, YB0NSI, YD3LKL, YB2BBY, YB1TJ, YC2WBF, YB2VTO, YB2TET, YB3MM, YC2PQW, YB3BIY, KR7O

Lost 10m amp a couple hours into the test with big pileup to JA/NA, Lost 15m amp Sunday afternoon. 1 hour power failure Sunday afternoon (luckily during the afternoon lull in cdx). Low batteries in a couple of voice keyers caused terrible audio (thanks to those that notified me). High tropical noise levels and inter-station interference made receiving difficult at times. Resolving the inter-station interference is definitely a priority issue.

We had set a goal of 6000q and should have been able to easily beat that had the amplifiers not failed. The last night we were playing musical chairs with the remaining rigs (and backup amps) to try and maximize the score. The KW amp was put on 75m. 300w on 15m left us hard pressed to generate a run on 15m Sunday evening to EU/NA. We just could not break the EU noise floor, leaving S/P as the only option. We easily lost 4-500q there. I was the 15m op at the time and it was frustrating to say the least.

It was great to be back in Indonesia and on the receiving end of the pileups for a change. For a primarily VHF+ contester, having last 10 rates of 4-500 was a thrill.

73, Robert KR7O/YB2ARO, DM07ba/OI52ee (ex. N7STU)
DXCC 6M #1122 VUCC 6M, 2M www.vhfdx.com (KR7O/YB2ARO pages)

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

Hi FARC,
I am a ham radio operator--WZ6I-- here in Fresno. I was recently diagnosed with
terminal cancer and so I plan to sell all of my station equipment.

This is a list of equipment:
1. KENWOOD TM D700A--Only on the air one time. In original package.
2. MFJ-4225MV 25 AMP POWER SUPPLY--Seldom used, in original box.
3. DIAMOND ANTENNNA 2M/70CM, NR72BNMO--Never used.
4. N9TAX.COM DUAL BAND SLIMJIM ANTENNA 2M/70CM--Either indoor or
   outdoor antenna. Installed and used once.
5. SELUO GPS ANTENNA/RECEIVER--Never used.

I want to sell the equipment as a complete radio station. It will work as a mobile station or
as a home station. I'm asking $300.00 for the complete station.

My telephone number is 559-312-5785
Thanks for your help, Layne Hurst, WZ6I

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

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

Any other for sale items, send an email to:
K6mi@pacbell.net

Pictures at right show the reworking of a tower at Pat's QTH (W6YEP). Heavy lifters in the lower picture are Jerry and Joe, K6PKO and WA6FFJ.

Top photo shows (l to r) Mike, WB6EGP, Joe, WA6FFJ, Jerry, K6PKO, John, K6MI, and Pat, W6YEP.

Got several new countries to LOTW me from the CQ Worldwide contest!

Woo Hoo! See attached. Duane KI6QEL

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	Call sign	Worked	Date/Time	Band	Mode	Freq	QSL
Details	KI6QEL	HK1NA	2012-10-28 18:41:00	10M	SSB	28.321	COLOMBIA
Details	KI6QEL	KH7CW	2012-10-28 02:20:00	20M	SSB	14.249	HAWAII
Details	KI6QEL	KH7CW	2012-10-28 00:58:00	10M	SSB	28.480	HAWAII
Details	KI6QEL	RU0FM	2012-10-27 02:49:00	15M	SSB	21.350	ASIATIC RUSSIA
Details	KI6QEL	PJ4X	2012-10-28 18:57:00	10M	SSB	28.415	BONAIRE
Details	KI6QEL	LU5MT	2012-10-27 21:33:00	10M	SSB	28.452	ARGENTINA
Details	KI6QEL	KH6MB	2012-10-27 02:15:00	15M	SSB	21.278	HAWAII
Details	KI6QEL	G3TXF	2012-10-27 16:26:00	10M	SSB	28.494	ENGLAND
Details	KI6QEL	YE2R	2012-10-28 00:47:00	10M	SSB	28.416	INDONESIA
Details	KI6QEL	BG4ACE	2012-10-28 01:44:00	10M	SSB	28.374	CHINA
Details	KI6QEL	IQ2CJ	2012-10-27 16:13:00	10M	SSB	28.462	ITALY
Details	KI6QEL	ZW5B	2012-10-27 22:09:00	10M	SSB	28.322	BRAZIL
Details	KI6QEL	JA1YPA	2012-10-27 03:20:00	15M	SSB	21.343	JAPAN
Details	KI6QEL	K3LR	2012-10-27 21:45:00	10M	SSB	28.566	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Details	KI6QEL	K3LR	2012-10-27 02:16:00	15M	SSB	21.298	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Details	KI6QEL	OG6N	2012-10-27 02:30:00	15M	SSB	21.334	FINLAND
Details	KI6QEL	K9CT	2012-10-28 19:24:00	15M	SSB	21.303	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Details	KI6QEL	PW7T	2012-10-28 19:37:00	15M	SSB	21.388	BRAZIL
Details	KI6QEL	KL7RA	2012-10-27 02:28:00	15M	SSB	21.322	ALASKA
Details	KI6QEL	PY2XC	2012-10-27 21:18:00	10M	SSB	28.411	BRAZIL
Details	KI6QEL	NH2T	2012-10-27 22:03:00	10M	SSB	28.320	GUAM
Details	KI6QEL	JO1WKO	2012-10-28 00:42:00	10M	SSB	28.411	JAPAN
Details	KI6QEL	VE7SZ	2012-10-27 02:54:00	20M	SSB	14.245	CANADA
Details	KI6QEL	JA8COE	2012-10-28 01:10:00	10M	SSB	28.521	JAPAN
Details	KI6QEL	KH6LC	2012-10-28 02:23:00	20M	SSB	14.261	HAWAII

Next

Fresno Amateur Radio Club

EC Report for November 2012

Hi All,

Well the Holiday season is upon us again so our calendars are filling up. We have several events during this season. The first is Skywarn Recognition Day Nov. 30th at NWS Hanford; this is a 24hr operation. If you would like to take part either at the weather station or just by working a NWS from your station at home, you can contact me for more information. I think this would be a worth while endeavor. Next we have our Emcomm Meeting Dec. 6th and then the Salvation Army Toy and Food Distribution Day on the 19t.h. Keep your ears to the speaker for more information.

Two Cities Marathon

The Emcomm Group participated with communication for the volunteer medical staff that serviced the race. We posted Hams at all of the medical stops along the course. We passed traffic that consisted of logistical and emergency communications. There were several runners injured and some just exhausted that had to be transported to the local hospitals.

I would like to thank the following for their efforts: Dan Pruitt (AR6SX), Rob Mavis (AE6GE,) Joe Cabral (KG6TYS), Gary Greenberg (KI6OYW), Joe Cardoza (WA6FFJ), Glen Blomgren (AF6CY), Gwen Blomgren (KO6Y), Patrick May (K6BRW), Ray Harkins (KB6LQV), Robert Tapley (KI6HFW), Stan Harger (KE6VLT), Randy Scroggins (KI6NHT), Richard Pack (KE6SHL), Aaron Lusk (K6USY), Tim Borneman (N6SUZ), Chris Johnson (KJ6OUG), Lew Roberts (KI6YWX), Karl Kramer (W6TUI), Greg Waters (KJ6OUI), Steve Wichert (AG6JI), and Ben Hamen (WB6GBS). Please forgive me if I left someone off the list.

State Wide Medical Health Exercise

On November 13th we were asked to participate in a State Wide Medical Health Exercise held on November 14th. We were asked to provide people at two of our local hospitals: St. Agnes and Kaiser.

Dan Pruitt (AE6SX) and Steve Wichert (AG6JI) were stationed at the Kaiser Hospital, they had to operate from their vehicles as the antenna system was down and the Kaiser station was out of commission.

Ben Haman (WB6GBS) was located at St. Agnes were he activated their radio located at their EOC. I (N6HEW) acted as net control from my station at home. The local hospitals used the 147.15 MHZ repeater for its traffic. The traffic that was generated was passed to the Fresno County EMS Dept. via email.

As net control, I monitored the 147.15, 147.030, and the 442.675. This kept us in contact with Merced County ARES and the Western Kern County ARES. We monitored and were available for traffic through out the exercise. We also checked in on the HF bands 7.230 MHZ and monitored that net also.

We will be doing a critique at our next meeting and it should be informative.

Net Control 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 Calendar

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
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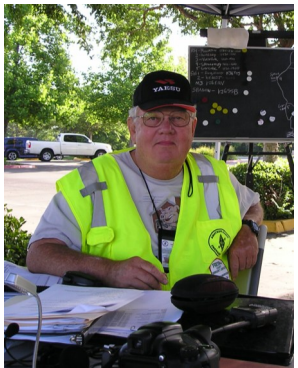

Ney Landry, W6UDU (SK)

For Old Timers who may have had exams, etc. at 323-A Customs house, San Francisco, this obit is for Ney Landry. He was a ham and came many times to the FARC Hamfest.

> http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=ney-landry&pid=161098486#fbLoggedOut

I haven't heard that name for many years.

Back in those days, there was a CW sending test as well as a receiving test. During my General CW sending test, the tone oscillator failed, I stopped sending and Ney said "keep going". I guess he just listened to the key clicks!

After I failed my Extra CW test back in '66, I asked him if the tape had exotic punctuation characters like parentheses and ampersands since it seemed like I had heard unfamiliar characters. He said "no, but I have one like that if you'd like to try again".

The last time I heard from him was when we were running a VHF contest from Grizzly Peak in the Berkeley hills. It seems that our 2 meter AM radio had a birdie on an aircraft emergency frequency and it was wiping out that channel at 3 bay area airports! He contacted us via a Livermore ham and we later found a note from him nailed to our front door.

Sorry to hear of his passing, I miss the lack of Engineering talent in the FCC. -Mike- WA6ZTY

I didn't know the examiners' name, but I visited the Customs house twice in '63 to pass the General test. CW has always been difficult for me. The second time there, he started the 13WPM code test at 20WPM by mistake. After about 20 seconds of trying to copy and realizing I was going to fail again, he stopped the test and said "oops". By that time my brain was getting accustomed to the higher speed so 13 actually sounded slow .. I passed.

I too miss the FCC expertise. I grew up in Livermore, and the FCC used to have a major monitoring station just outside of town. There was one evening when a few of us high school kids were rag chewing on 20 SSB very late at night. The band was completely dead so it was just ground wave. A couple days later I got a "pink slip" in the mail for going beyond 10 minutes without identifying. It was accompanied with a COMPLETE transcript of everything I said.

73, Alan AD6E 50 years now as a ham

(editors note- I think the FARC has a few stories to remember about Ney Landry, as he came to the FARC Hamfests, and was on the mailing list for SKIP. If our members can jot down a story or two, please forward them to Skip for a later publication. As I remember, he liked to play golf with Aaron and Ralph, and his favorite drink was a Black Russian.)

Making use of an old beam's boom

I had some old parts of beams lying around my abode and had an idea on how to use just a boom of a 10M 3 element beam. I have 3 different Ringo antenna so devised a way to attach them to the boom. In the photo, you will see the 144, 220 and 450 Ringos with the boom attached to a 30 foot pole. So one pole, 3 antennas put to use. Works for me and wanted to pass my idea on.

Feeble attempt to make a balun

I had an idea to put up the dipole section of an A4S antenna with the 40M attachment. The booklet said it would be a good idea to attach a balun to it so I went and spiraled some RG-8 coax for an 8 turn loop. The picture shows how I did it. It might not be great but what the heck! After each turn, I tie-wrapped the turns together until I had 8 turns. The booklet said the width should be 6 inches but mine went to 7 inches. When I went to peel back the outer rubber so as to get to the braid, I saw that all that braid was black, meaning corroded. So in the trash it went. Lesson learned…look over coax before working with it! Hi!
73, Jim, W6NIF

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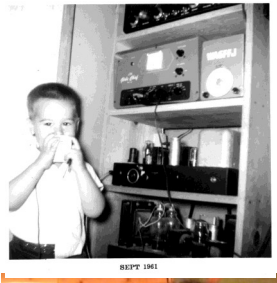
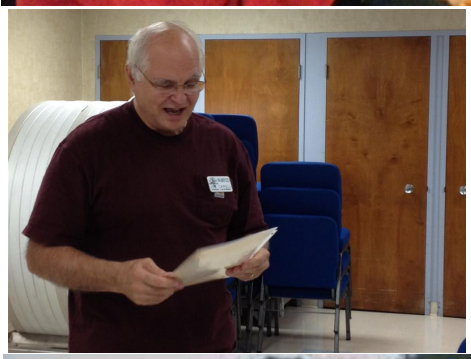
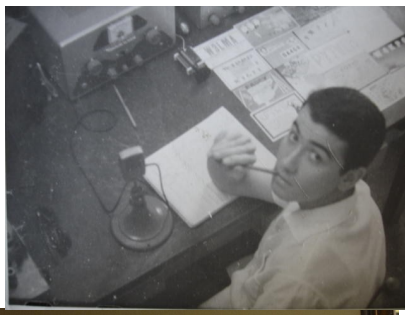
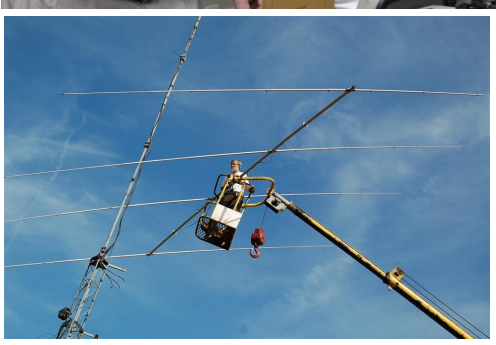


Happy new year from FARC. 2012 in review.







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