



FARC General Meetings

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

2015 FARC BOARD MEETING DATES

1st Tuesday of each month this 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

Join us at the club meeting, June 12, Friday at 7 P.M.

P. 2 for details

FARC LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



TO PARAPHRASE AN OLD ADAGE:

March showers bring April Flowers, that May relishes as June brings Field Day!

Yeah! It is getting near that time again. And what a time it can be-not a contest but a chance to make lotsa contacts, eat bunch, sleep under the stars, and ham it up a lot!

Hope all youse hams out there are getting ready for Field Day. Our Chairman, Ron, N6MTS, has promised us a great time-and the park is a great place to have it.

Yeah, some of us miss the old days up at radio flats, but we don't need that long drive, along with the threat of rain up in the mountains.

I sure hope everyone is rehearsing their CW and SSB skills, checking up on their Q signals, and getting ready. Dust off that ol' sleeping bag, and let's go! Hope to see y'all there!

W. Stuart Home WB6VRJ

Fresno Amateur Radio Club, Inc. P.O. Box 5912, Fresno. CA 93755-5912

Fresno Amateur Radio Club 7 P.M. June 12, Friday (second Friday of the month) at the AMF Sierra Lanes, on Blackstone, North of Sierra. North of the DMV office.

FD Chairman Ron Hunt, N6MTS, is looking forward to putting this years event together. Remember to save the 4th full weekend in June! Our June meeting is a FD preparation meeting! Details on page three.

Remember the VHF contest on the second full weekend in June, and the big FD event, on the fourth full weekend in June. Two big events in one month!

Scheduled for July: SATERN and ARRL put on by Dan Pruitt and Capt. Dwaine from the Salvation Army

August FARC Picnic at Ken, WA6OIB's Holden Rancherita Date: Aug. 22, Sat.!

Birthdays:

6/11 WY6B Jack
6/16 KK6RPO Randall
6/23 WA6FFJ Joe

Anniversaries:

6/15 WA6ITN Bob & Marsha
6/01 Stu, WB6VRJ & Phylis

I FOUND IT!



Thanks to the help of Birdie McChirp, I did find the OLD President's gavel from when I was president a long time ago-1970-1971. This will replace the McArthur style hammer, and the Lion's Club gavel, that I have been using. So now, it will really be official when I bring you to [somewhat] order. Stu, WB6VRJ

W6TO

Look at the FARC FD pictures on the Facebook page.

W6TO Facebook page... You have to see the FD symbol on the website in all the writings and above that symbol Click on the Fresno Am Radio Club line..(should highlite) and go to Facebook.....

. de Jim, W6NIF

Fresno Amateur Radio Club

Field Day location:

Dry Creek Park in Clovis (just as last year)

Located on the NE corner of Clovis and Alluvial Avenues.

The radio site is on the east side next to the hiking trail (look for the radio tower).

Again we have been asked to limit vehicle traffic on the trail to ONLY vehicles necessary for temporary transporting of equipment. All other vehicle parking is to be in the main park parking lot just off of Clovis Avenue, next to the public restrooms.

The Field Day event proposed time schedule will be as follows:

*Friday, June 26th: 2PM, Antenna and site setup is to commence at 2PM. At this time we will be assembling most antennas, pop-ups and tables, and the general infrastructure.

*Saturday, June 27th:

6AM Radio & computer systems will be setup early as possible in the morning.

11AM We will go on-the-air (the official start time) with as many systems as are ready for operation.

1PM Entertain guests and operate GOTA station

6PM Dinner is served for all operators and immediate family.

9pm Contest all night

*Sunday, June 28th:

6AM Continue contesting

8AM Breakfast is served for all operators

11AM Stop all operation and disassemble all stations

12PM Pack up all equipment, lower all antennas

2PM Clean-up site and depart



KI6QEL Duane making blueberry pancakes at FD.

General station setup plan:

We will setup the following stations:

CW station

Phone station

Data station

Satellite station

a GOTA station

This should classify us as 3 continuous operating stations

Note: the VHF, GOTA, or Satellites do not count as "extra transmitters, but they sure count for points from contacts).

If anybody has questions, please address them to me at N6MTS@W6TO.com or directly at 559-289-8514. 73s, Ron Hunt 2015 FARC Field Day Coordinator

Fresno Amateur Radio Club

Dual Band and One Antenna from Jim, W6NIF

For radios that are dual band but only one antenna connector on the back, what I use on my Kenwood TM-V71 radio is an MFJ-916B duplexer. One side is for 1.3 - 225 MHz and the other is 350 - 540 Mhz. I have a 2 meter Ringo on the VHF port and twin 11 element UHF beams on the UHF port. Works just fine. I enclosed a photo of the device.



FARC Club Picnic

We have settled on Saturday August 22nd at the Holden Rancherita. We're planning on starting at 4 P.M., eating at 5... Still pot luck with club providing main course... BBQ Tri-tip of course... Table service, and drinks.

Members should bring sides, salads, or desserts as per the schedule in Skip. Parking will be in the pasture as usual. Swimming for those who want. We now have Cafe lighting in the yard so Bingo will be a lot easier... Gotta have Bingo!!

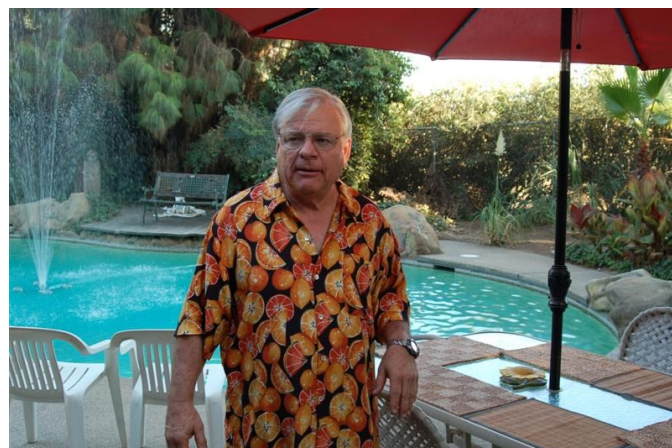
Should be great fun!!!

Joe... Rig will be ready for you if you need to call roll as per previous years...

Blessings all, Ken, WA6OIB

Last name A-H	Sides
I-N	Salads
M-Z	Dessert

Hmm, does this give an unfair Advantage to Desserts? The Editor must have a sweet tooth.



Above our host, Ken, WA6OIB

Left is a picture from 2014



Fresno Amateur Radio Club

MEETINGS & TESTING.

CLUB/GRP	MEETING	EXAM
<u>MCARC</u>	1 ST Thu	Canceled
<u>CARP</u>	1 ST Fri	08.082015
<u>TARC</u>	2 nd Tue	N/A
<u>FARC</u>	2 nd Fri	08/08/15
<u>ARACC</u>	2 nd Sat	??,??,??
<u>TCARC</u>	3 rd Thu	05.21.2015
<u>EMMCOM</u>	3 rd Fri	
<u>SJVARs</u>	3 rd Fri	N/A
<u>CVRC</u>	3 rd Sat	
<u>FRESNO ARES/RACES</u>	4 th Thu	??,??,??
<u>F.A.M.E.</u>	N/A	08.08.2015
<u>FRESNO VE TEAM</u>	N/A	08.08.15

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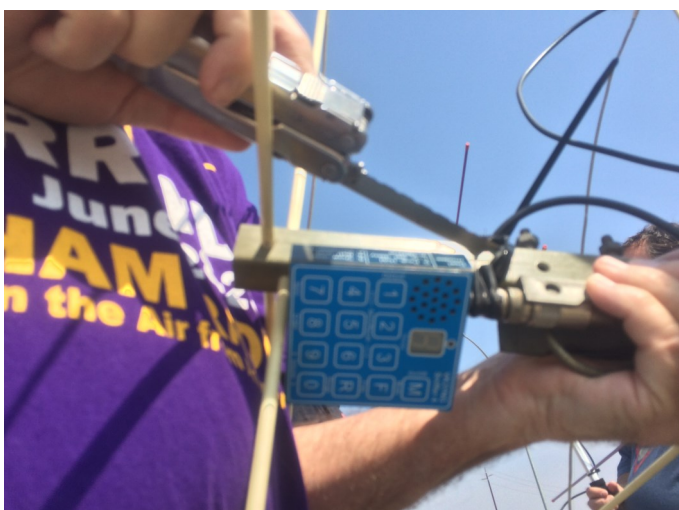
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LOCAL T-HUNTS SCHEDULE SPONSORED BY CENTRAL VALLEY T-HUNTERS.

Scheduled T-Hunts by the Central Valley T-Hunters are on these dates;

July 18, 2015 September 19, 2015 November 21, 2015

All T-hunts start at 10:00am with starting points to be announced. Frequency 146.565 MHz.
For further information and updates e-mail info@k6arp.org or call 559-492-7675.



Pictures from the May hunt, submitted by Erik, NI6G.

Watch for a recap of this hunt, coming in a future issue!



Fresno Amateur Radio Club

COMING EVENTS

SANTA MARIA RADIO SWAPFEST

Saturday June 20, 2015. Location: Newlove Picnic Grounds

Off Highway 101 South of Orcutt, Orcutt, CA

Sponsored by Satellite Amateur Radio Club, W6AB Talk-In: 145.140- PL 131.8, Contact: Eric Lemmon, WB6FLY e-mail: wb6fly@verizon.net

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION (HAMCOM 2015)

September 11-13, 2015. Location, Torrance Marriott South Bay 3635 Fashion Way Torrance, CA 90501.

Sponsored by Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs & Orange County Council of Amateur Radio Organizations Contact Margie Hoffman, KG6TBR, Phone: 661-347-6228, e-mail: margiehoffman@gmail.com

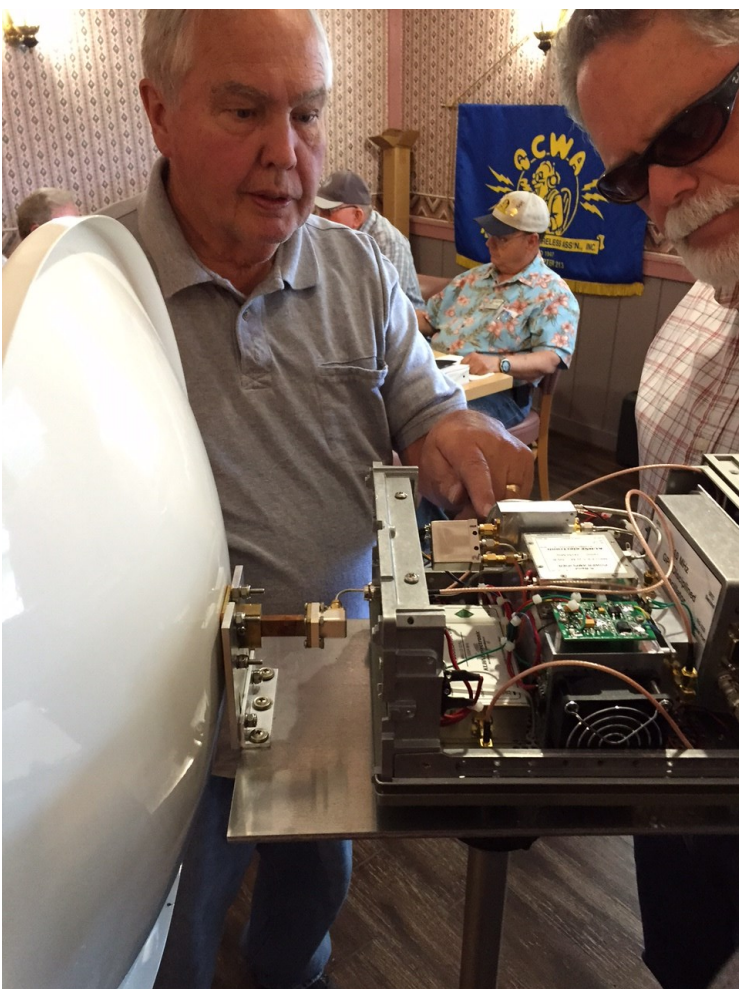
More info at <http://www.hamconinc.org>

PACIFIC DIVISION CONVENTION, SAN RAMON MARRIOTT, PACIFICON 2015

October 16-18, 2015. Location, San Ramon Marriott 2600 Bishop Drive San Ramon, CA 94583. Sponsored by Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club. Talk-In: 147.060+ PL 100

Contact, Misa Siemons, KJ6BUE, Phone: 925-945-8007 e-mail: misa@siemons.com

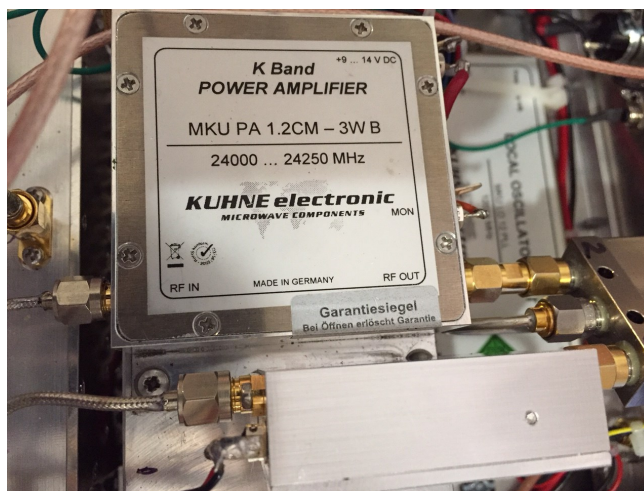
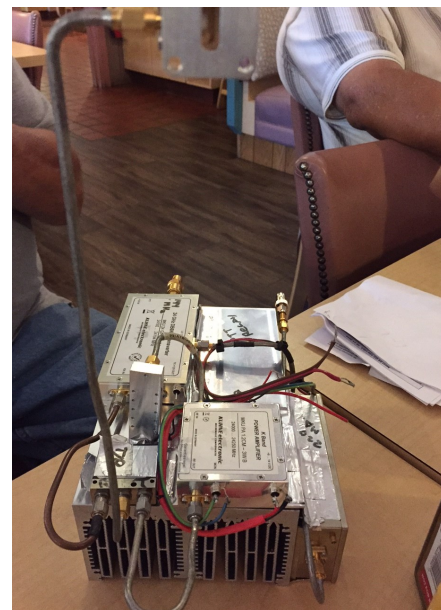
More info at <http://www.pacificon.org>



Left-Pat W6YEP and Ron N6MTS are looking at a 24g radio that Dave W6TE is building for the June Vhf contest.

On the right is a similar unit that Pat is building, also for the June Vhf contest.

Pat will be on Bear Mt., and Dave will be on Fraizer Mt. They hope to have a good Qso together on 24g.



HISTORY: Year 1914 - 1916

1914 Frederick E. Terman 6AE is operating out of Palo Alto, CA. Later he publishes "Radio Engineering" in 1932 and the Radio Engineers's Handbook in 1943, 1955, which becomes the bible for engineers and technicians alike during the vacuum tube era. . He is also famous for persuading young Bill Hewlett and David Packard to stay in California instead of going East to start their electronics business.

1915: First North American transcontinental telephone calling: Alexander Graham Bell is back in the history books again after he made the first coast-to-coast call by phone in January of 1915 to his assistant. It was the first long-distance call made in history from a land-line. It has significance because it made long-distance communication all over the country a reality.

1915 Ray Kellog invents the The electric (moving coil) loudspeaker.

1915 John R. Carson applied for a patent on his idea to suppress the carrier and one sideband.

1916 Amateur Station 2IB works 8AEZ Lima Ohio - 750 miles across the USA.

1916 Amateur station 2PM succeeded in breaking all records by sending the first transcontinental relay message from New York to California. Several weeks later the same station and the same operators succeeded in getting signals to California, a distance of some 2,500 miles over land.

OPERATING TIP

"Fail as many times as it takes, and be strategic about what you learn."

Bre Pettis, co-founder of Makerbot Industries

2015 FARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Ron, N6MTS
Treasurer

Breakfast on Saturdays at Jeb's Blueberry Café located at Blackstone and Dakota, starting at 7 A.M.. Join the DX'ers and all the area hams for breakfast

Also Breakfast every Tuesday at 8 A.M. at Denny's near Shaw and West,

The Quarter Century Wireless Association Lunch is held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at also at Jeb's Blueberry Cafe on Blackstone at 11:30 to 1 P.M..

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

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: nailbender@unwiredbb.com.

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Event-Date

FARC meeting **June 12**

VHF Contest **June 13-14**

FD **June 27-28**

July FARC **July 10**

August FARC Picnic **Aug. 22**

Upcoming Transmitter Hunt Dates

These are the dates for the regular Saturday bi-monthly hunts as well as special hunts:

July 18, 2015 (3rd Sat) 10:00am location: TBA

September 19 (3rd Sat) 10:00am location TBA

San Joaquin Valley Nets:

The Noontime net meets on 7.268.5 MHz. This net handles a lot of messages.

Daytime Region 6 Traffic Net meets daily at 3:30 pacific time on or near 7.275 MHz. This one is probable not in operation at this time.

The California Traffic Net meets daily on 3.906 MHZ and 6:00 PM local time.

The Golden Bear Amateur Radio Net meets nightly at 7:00 PM local time on 3.975 MHZ.

Northern California Net (NCN), the Section Traffic Net, meets nightly on 3.533 MHZ at 7 PM Pacific Time.

San Joaquin Net meets Monday-Saturday on 3918khz, at 6 PM Pacific Time.

Western Public Service System (WPSS) meets nightly on 3952khz, roll - at 7:30 PM local Pacific Time.

The Mission Trail Net meets nightly on 3.856 MHZ at 8:00 PM local time.

Northern California Net 2 (NCN2) The slow speed training session of NCN, meets nightly on 3.533 MHZ at 9 PM Pacific Time. Handling traffic on CW is a good way to improve your CW skills.

CWops Tests are held weekly – Every Wednesday at 1300Z, 1900Z, and 0300Z (Thursday). Info and rules at <http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html>.

Fresno Amateur Radio Club

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.

Remember to send in your 2015 dues. Dues for 2015 are \$20, and \$5 for additional family members!

Free membership for first year hams!

Fresno ARC Is looking for check-ins for the Morning Drive Time Net.

Join Ben, WB6GBS, and other net control operators, for an interesting way to start the day. Visit <http://w6to.com> for further information.

The Central Valley T-hunters July 18, Sat.



Hunt Frequency will be 146.565 MHz.
For more information email info@k6arp.org or call 559-492-7675.
Rob, AE6GE Hunt master

With the closing of the Silver Dollar Hofbrau, a long established eatery and Fresno icon, the Thursday ham radio lunch get-together has been moved.

The new meeting location is:

Jeb's Blueberry Hill
3851 North Blackstone Avenue
Fresno, CA 93726

YL (and XYL) net? All are invited on Friday morning on the W6TO repeaters at 10:30 A.M., or there about.

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



Got Ham Radio?

Check out Glenn's info later in this issue!



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

Drawing next month will be for \$10.00. Joe, W0PJD was the winner last month.

Must be present to win.



Fresno Amateur Radio Club Local Amateur Radio Repeaters

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Call Sign</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Offset</i>	<i>PL</i>
CARP	K6ARP	147.675	-	123.0
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
BRA	W6FSC	145.230	-	141.3
BRA	W6FSC	443.450	+	141.3
KINGS ARC	N6CVC	145.110/444.95	-	100.0
NC9RS	NC9RS	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
WINSsystem	K6JSI	146.790	-	100.0
WINSsystem	K6JSI	444.250	+	100.0
CVRC	N6IB	443.950	+	141.3
CVRC	N6IB	442.350	+	141.3
CVRC	N6VQL	147.315	+	141.3

DX Breakfast

The Fresno DX'ers meet every Saturday at Jeb's Blueberry Hill Cafe, 3851 N. Blackstone, in Fresno.

The group gathers between 06:30 and 07:00 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. De N2MG

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 WA6FFJ, Joe, on the W6TO repeaters.



Joe, WA6FFJ, our net control operator for the W6TO nets.

THE DX CORNER

By Charles McConnell W6DPD

June 2015

"DX is the one you want but you don't have. That is the way it has always been, that is the way it will always be." 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." All things are relative, some more than others. Thanks Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD SK.

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, or Perry K6XJ 299-2802, can give you advice. The big thing about finding DX is to tune the bands.

The DX Breakfast is every Saturday at Jeb's Blueberry Hill Café, 3851 N. Blackstone Ave in Fresno. This group gathers about 06:30 AM. All are welcome.

Check out www.spaceweather.com and www.solarham.net 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 no longer 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.

U.S. Postage will be increased soon. Overseas postage will be \$1.20; domestic postage will remain \$0.49 for 1 ounce. Additional ounce for domestic mail will be \$0.22. Post-cards will be \$0.35.

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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
Ascension Island ZD8D maybe an October 2011 start
Angola D2CQ February 2010 for a few years
Ogasawara JD1BLY April 29 to May 5, 2015
Wallis and Fortuna Islands FW1JG April to November 2015
Burkina Faso XT2AW May 20 to June 25, 2015
Kenya 5Z0L May 21 to May 31, 2015
Niger 5U5U May 30 to June 16, 2015
St. Pierre and Miquelon FP/N7QT CANCELED
Seychelles S79DPX August 9 to August 23, 2015
Wake Island KH9 K6W September 2015 for 2 weeks
Tristan da Cunha ZD9TT September 15 to October 6, 2015
Niue E6GG last half of September 2015
Tuvalu T2GC September 24 to October 10, 2015
Chesterfield Island TX3X October 1 to October 12, 2015
Equatorial Guinea 3C7GIA? Hoped for October 10 to October 22, 2015
Fernando de Noronha PY0F/homecalls October 18 to 27, 2015
Vietnam 3W3MD October 31 to November 10, 2015
Willis Island VK9WA November 12 to November 21, 2015
Heard Island VK0EK March 6 to April 20, 2016 Note Change of dates
Bouvet 3Y December 17, 2015 CANCELED
Scarborough Reef Sometime in 2016
Palmyra Island KH5 December 2015 to January 2016
Tonga A35COW? January 15 to February 15, 2016
South Sandwich and South Georgia VP8 January 2016
Palmyra KH5 January 2016
North Korea P5 January or February 2016 SSB only. We can hope!!
Palestine E44Y planning for March 2016
Juan de Nova March 2016



Charles, W6DPD

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 and the WPX Award.

Good luck, tune the dial, and listen.

AMATEUR RADIO EXAMS IN FRESNO

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2015

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.

August 8 November 14

LOCATION:Salvation Army Fresno Citadel, 1854 Fulton Street, Fresno CA 93721

DIRECTIONS: From North or South of Fresno, Take Highway 99 to Highway 180 east. Go east on 180 to Fulton Street off ramp. Turn right on Fulton Street. Go south on Fulton across Divisadero to Sacramento Ave. Turn left on Sacramento Ave and park. You have arrived.

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 are posted to the FCC database by the end of the week following the exam.

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**. Talk in on 146.94 repeater.

Walk in's only, no pre-registration.

More Info?? Contact Charles, W6DPD (559) 431-2038



EC Report for May 2015

Hi All,

This month's schedule kept us busy—4 Monday Night EmComm Nets, 1 EmComm and Coffee, 1 ARES/RACES meeting, 1 Digital Workshop, 2 public service events, and 1 RACES Exercise.

Two Bike Rides In May

This month we helped with two Bike Rides. Kirch Flat Ride was on May 2nd. I was out of town that weekend, but Rob said that this was a limited event and he only needed a few operators to handle the rest stops. From what he told me everything went smoothly.

May 16th, the second event, the California Classic Bike Ride was held. This was a century ride and was a lot more complicated. We used 2 command nets on 2 different repeaters, 7 rest stops, and 1 SAG vehicle with an operator. The Course started at Chukchansi Park and ran down ten miles of HWY 168 out to Winton Park to Squaw Valley down to Sanger and then back to Chukchansi Park to finish.

Some of us started at 05:00 and the event concluded about 17:00. It was a long day for some and not so bad for others. I know that Rob (AE6GE) and I would like to thank all that took part in both events, you did a great job.

RACES Readiness Exercise

Friday May 8th, Fresno County RACES held their first official exercise sanctioned by the County of Fresno. The Exercise was organized by Fresno County OES and was monitored by county staff. This was a simple simplex exercise, we sent out our operators to nine locations. The locations were some of our served agencies as well as two other locations. The operating locations were:

1. Fresno County OES
2. Red Cross Office in Fresno
3. Clovis Community Hospital
4. Fresno Water Treatment Plant
5. Veterans Hospital
6. Selma
7. Squaw Valley

The Exercise consisted of checking signal reports using mobile and handheld radios between the sites and Fresno County OES and also noting the reports between all of the other sites. We logged all the signal reports and then completed an after action report. We will be plotting out a map with information gathered from the exercise that will aid in our efforts during a real disaster.

I would like to thank the following RACES Members for participating:

Lew Roberts (KI6YWX)	Jerry Hammons (W6GCL)
Tim Durham (KE6HNR)	Gary Greenburg (KI6OYW)
Dan Pruitt (AE6SX)	Glen Blomgren (AF6CY)
Ben Haman (WB6GBS)	Richard Pack (KE6SHL)

Thank you all for a job well done.

ARES ID Cards

If you are a member of Fresno County ARES or have sent in an application and have not received an ID card with your picture on it, I would like to hear from you. We are attempting to catch up with our paper work and making sure that all of our members have been issued their card. Please email me if you have submitted an application and have no card. Also if you have changed any of your information, such as phone numbers, email address, home address etc. please email me with the updates. My email and phone numbers are at the end of the newsletter.

RACES Repeater

Friday April 24th I went to the County Radio Shop and talked with Jim Wickham who is the manager for the County Communications Department. I asked him to change the transmitter to the one on

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Joaquin Ridge. I was of the opinion that someone would have to go up to the hill and change things there but that was not the case. All he had to do was flip two switches in the control room and we are on the western transmitter.

I have been checking the coverage and we seem to have a stronger signal now especially in the eastern foothills. I think this will help during the upcoming fire season. Please take notes when you are traveling in the eastern hills and let me know how the signal is doing.

ARES/RACES Website

We are in the process of building a new website for ARES/RACES. Chris Johnson, KJ6IYG will be putting together a committee to consider what we should have on the site. We will have a couple of editors that will read the material uploaded by our members and correct the spelling and punctuation and well as considering the content of the material. We should have the new website up and running by the end of the summer.

Digital Work Shop

Tuesday, June 9th we will be having a Digital Workshop at the Citadel. Richard Pack (KE6SHL) will be the master of ceremonies. He will be gearing us up for Field Day. He will be teaching more about the N1MM contesting logging program as well as using FLDIGI on our station at the Citadel. We need to attend this workshop so we will be ready for Field Day.



Public Service Calendar 2015

Most of you know we help CARP doing Public Service events. We use them for training; they help keep us sharp handling traffic and working under a net condition. I am including the calendar of events as it is now.

2015 Public Service Events:

September 12 – Tour de Fresno Charity Bicycle Century

October 10 – Bass Lake Powerhouse Double Century

November 8 – Two Cities Marathon

If interested in volunteering at any of the above events, contact either Rob Mavis or me.

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. 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 PI 141.3. We have some good information and camaraderie. On the **third Friday** of the month there is the **Em-Comm Coffee** at YFC on Cedar south of Ashlan in Granite Park at **07:00hr.** And last but not least the **EmComm Meetings** are held on the **Fourth Thursday** of month. **The June meeting will be held June 25th at 1900 hr. at the Salvation Army Citadel at 1854 Fulton St., Fresno.**

VHF North-South Activity Hour During Field Day

During Field Day, let's take advantage of our local ham population throughout the state of California by participating in a "North-South Activity Hour" beginning at 8 PM PDST (0300 UTC) Saturday night. FD VHF stations in Southern California will beam north, and stations in Northern/Central California will beam south, with activity centering between 144.220 and 144.260 MHz on SSB (or CW). At 8:30 PM (0330 UTC), activity switches to 432 MHz, with activity centering between 432.110 and 432.150 MHz SSB/CW. Come back to 2 meters once done on 432.

FD stations with other bands like 222 MHz can "move" each other from the above activity centers. The idea of this coordinated activity is to get North/South stations beaming toward each other, in a concentrated effort, at a time when tropospheric propagation generally is best. Long term, Field Day is a great way to expose a large number of amateurs to new bands and modes, and this kind of an activity boost is a great way to demonstrate the long-distance capabilities of our VHF and UHF bands.

We hope that everyone will spread the word to be sure their "free" VHF/UHF station on Field Day gets on 144/432 MHz SSB/CW between 8 PM and 9 PM Saturday night. There are lots of hams here in California—let's work each other!

Thanks and 73,
Chip Margelli, K7JA



This tower trailer, 26 foot long double axle with a MA-55 tower mounted on it, was made by Frank, W6BBS, and is now in the possession of the CQP group that goes to Tehama County every year for the California Qso Party.

K6VLF and K6MI have been part of this group that sets up four stations for the weekend and operates in the multi-transmitter expedition category.

The CQP is always the first full weekend in Oct.

KD6OZH (sk) by Dave Smith, W6TE

In the article "TAPR Looks to Advance the Work of John Stephenson, KD6OZH," in the current issue (May/June) QEX Magazine, folks who had worked with John were asked to reflect about their memories of John.

I was fortunate enough to work with John about eight years ago while developing the uplink telemetry receiver for AMSAT's Eagle satellite.

John was the principal engineer on the project and worked with the West Coast "Project Oscar" group to design, build, and integrate the receiver into Eagle's system. Unfortunately, the project was shelved.

John was a brilliant engineer. I only got to know him through this AMSAT project. The most curious thing is that John lived in Fresno (and I live in Fresno)... no one else in Fresno knew what a jewel we had among us! John, basically, did his engineering work and kept to himself.

I saw John's obit in the local newspaper last year and was shocked and saddened. I attended John's memorial service and as a friend and representative of AMSAT (AMSAT Area Coordinator) I spoke to the attendees, friends and family, about what an asset John had been to AMSAT as well as to the general Amateur community.

73, Dave Smith W6TE
ARRL Technical Coordinator, San Joaquin Valley Section
AMSAT Area Coordinator

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ARLS008 Radio Amateur Sworn In as New NASA Deputy Administrator

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) professor Dava Newman, KB1HIK, has been sworn in as the deputy administrator of NASA. President Barack Obama appointed Newman last October, and the US Senate confirmed her appointment on April 27. The swearing-in took place on May 15 in her MIT office in Cambridge. Newman is Apollo Professor of Astronautics and Engineering Systems and the director of the Technology and Policy Program at MIT. She started her official duties as NASA's new deputy administrator on May 18 at the agency's headquarters in Washington, DC.

"I'm very excited to be at NASA," said Newman. "I'm looking forward to being a part of the agency's work to expand humanity's reach into space, advance our journey to Mars and strengthen America's leadership here at home."

WOW!

I went to the FARC club meeting the other nite-and it was such a grand ol' time. No program was scheduled, but there was kind of a program-to see all the hams having a great eyeball QSO with each other-I tell ya, lad, it was cirtlny a great time had by all.

Yeh, Lad. I am looking forward to Field Day-aye got ma sleeepin' bag all ready, along with my key and keyer and pencil and paper. I am told there will be logging by computer-I dunno about all this new-fangled stuff. I'll hae me CROMACH (walking Stick) just in case lad (and lassies).

Ah hope to see ya there! Birdie



2015 CONTEST CALENDAR

Some but not all contests.

JUNE

- 13-15 June VHF
- 20 Kids Day
- 27-28 Field Day

JULY

- 11-12 IARU HF World Championship

AUGUST

- 1-2 August UHF
- 15-16 10 GHz & Up – Round 1
- 16 Rookie Roundup – RTTY

SEPTEMBER

- 5-6 EME - 2.3 GHz & Up
- 12-14 September VHF
- 19-20 10 GHz & Up– Round 2

OCTOBER

- 19-23 School Club Roundup
- 31- Nov 1 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz

NOVEMBER

- 1 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz
- 7-9 Novmber Sweepstakes – CW
- 21-23 November Sweepstakes – Phone
- 28-29 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz

DECEMBER

- 4-6 160 Meter
- 12-13 10 Meter
- 20 Rookie Roundup–CW

--For more info check <http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

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Events**

**Meetings on
the 2nd Friday
of the month
FD on the 4th
full weekend in
June**

Banquet Dinner in December

**Club Picnic in
summer**

2015 Fresno Amateur Radio Club - Membership Application

Name _____ Date _____
Call Sign _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Occupation _____ Birthdate _____
License Class _____ Year 1st Licensed _____
ARRL Member? _____
E-mail address _____ Anniversary Date _____

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Son/Daughter Name _____ Call Sign _____



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