

A Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter September, 2017 Volume 80, Issue 9



### **FARC General Meet**ings

each month, 7 p.m. at the University of California Center on Shaw Ave. unless otherwise noted. Stay tuned in for new announcements.

> 2017 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 W6TÓ/R 146.940

**Meeting location!** East of Hwy. 41 on Shaw Av.

7 P.M. on the second Friday of the month at the University of California Center at 550 E. Shaw.

#### President's notes: **SEPT 2017**

Well, I am not here at the first part of the month, and I see that the other chaps who help so much in running this great organization have put together a great program. I hope that all of you will attend.

Last month saw some new faces and that was just super.

And that is a challenge to all you members: bring someone you know-they do not have to be a ham, or even know anything about radio-but introducing them to the camaraderie of the club helps show how Amateur Radio contributes to the welfare of the community and to the nation. So get out there, and bring someone in.

are held the 2nd Friday of And while you are at it, how about working on your CW skills? I realize that CW is no longer a test element for your license, but when all else fails, CW can still be used. Knowing the dots and dashes is just the beginning. MFJ makes a fine CW device, so you can learn words in their totality, and that will sure help a lot-sure, one will be slow, but practice and that slow becomes more thorough, and that leads to speed.

And do not forget that there is that Wednesday Nite net on 10 meters [Guss, KF6ZXO], and the daily evening net on 3533 KHz at 2100 local time; and those chaps will listen to you no matter how slow one might be.

And I have been pleased to hear some notable chaps checking into the Wed Nite CW net, and while their sending and speed is best described as needing a lot of improvement, that is what they are working on; and, as a useful teaching tool, use a tape recorder to send and then listen to yourself-I know that does help a lot.

See you chaps in October- when it is supposed to be cooler-and I wanna see a lotta hams and their buddies!

Stuart Home, WB6RJ

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2017 meetings! More great programs and events coming this year!

August meeting: Jim Anderson talked about the Code Talkers service men that were used in WWI and WWII.

July Meeting! Old Test Equipment night with Root beer floats.

June 9th meeting- Coax troubleshooting with the MFJ -259

The May speaker was Mark K6MTS, about "A QRP Backpaking Adventure in the High Sierra Wilderness".

Mark's article on this subject was published in the February issue of CQ magazine this year.

The April program was "The 811 Process, Know What's Below"

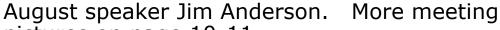
The March program was a WSJT video by the author, Nobel Laureate, Joe Taylor, K1JT

The February meeting was a presentation of the 220 Mc. Condor system.

January program was about 6M FM, Alan WA6IPZ, speaker.

# **Coming attraction: September Meeting**

Operation Whitecoat was a biodefense medical research program carried out by the United States Army at Fort Detrick, Maryland between 1954 and 1973. The program pursued medical research using volunteer enlisted personnel who were eventually nicknamed "Whitecoats". These volunteers, all conscientious objectors, including many members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, were informed of the purpose and goals of each project before providing consent to participate in any project. The stated purpose of the research was to defend troops and civilians against biological weapons and it was believed that the Soviet Union was engaged in similar activities.



pictures on page 10-11.

Top raffle prize winner was Les, KB6SMZ.

Christmas Dinner, Dec. 8, Friday 6 P.M. Same 🔫 place as last year, at Diccios, Cedar and Nees.







6 A I Y More information on club badges on page 17! Renewal form on page 18!

### FARC

Send your dues check to FARC, PO Box 5912, Fresno 93755-5912 Refer questions to Joe/WA6FFJ 288-2202 Board meeting on the first Tuesday at Stu's place.

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Breakfast on Saturdays at Blueberry Hill located at Blackstone North of Shields, starting at 6:30 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 Jeb's Blueberry Cafe on Blackstone at 11:30 to 1 P.M..

The Thursday ham radio lunch get-together meeting location is: Jeb's Blueberry Hill 3851 North Blackstone Avenue Fresno, CA 93726

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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: nailbender@unwiredbb.com.

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### Event-Date

FARC Sept. 8 meeting 7 P.M.

VHF Contest Sept. 9-10

Oct. FARC meeting Oct. 17

Nov. 11 FARC Swap Meet, Sat. 8 A.M. (In place of the Nov. Meeting)

Nov. 11 T Hunt at the Swap Meet

Dec. 8 Club dinner Friday night

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

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.

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 probably not in operation at this time.

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
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
WINSystem	K6JSI	146.790	-	100.0
WINSystem	K6JSI	444.250	+	100.0
CVRC C	K6WGJ Fresno Low	145.43	+	141.3
CVRC	N6VRC Meadow	147.165	+	141.3
CVRC	N6VRC Meadow	440.025	+	141.3
CVRC	N6VRC Santa Rita	147.285	+	141.3
CVRC	N6VRC Santa Rita	442.275	+	141.3
CVRC	N6VRC Visalia	442.525	+	141.3
CRVC	N6VRC Porterville	443.825	+	141.3
CVRC	K6WGJ Fresno Low	444.975	+	141.3
CVRC	N6VRC Bear Mt.	443.950	+	141.3
CVRC	N6VRC Mt. Bullion	442.350	+	141.3
CVRC	Bear	927.05	+	141.3
Meadow Lakes	WA60IB	146.61	-	141.3

### Anniversaries:

9/20 Judy and Dave KI6JQ 9/22 Karin and Arlen, WB6VAF

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 with various net control ops.. Have fun checking in on one or both modes.

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

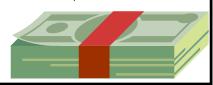
# **Birthdays**

9/15 Thomas KE6QHA 9/25 Jerry K6PKO 9/27 Craig W6CMR

### The monthly attendance prize!

The attendance prize in August was won by Jim, W6NIF, who was present. Must be present to win.

Attendance prize will be \$10 next month.



### FRESNO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

### **2017** Exams

for all Amateur license classes will be conducted on the following dates in Fresno California. All exams are given on <u>Saturday</u> and begin at <u>9:30 AM.</u>

### **November 18**

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 Divisidero to Sacramento Ave. Turn left on Sacramento Ave and park. You have arrived.

Theory exams are multiple choice. First Class 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 second 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, (559) 431-2038

# T-HUNT

Membership in a radio club is not a requirement to join in on the fun, but a radio tuned to the hunt frequency of 146.565 MHz is.

# **Upcoming Transmitter Hunt Dates**

- Please arrive early to check in for the Saturday hunts
- Please use and monitor the K6ARP repeater during the hunt for voice communication.

# **Future hunt dates:**



Nov. 11 (at the FARC Swap meet)



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## THE DX CORNER

# By Charles McConnell W6DPD September 2017

"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 <a href="https://www.spaceweather.com">www.spaceweather.com</a> and <a href="https://www.spaceweather.com">www.spaceweather.com</a>

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. You can contribute \$10 or \$20 online using Paypal. 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.gslbureau.org/

The ARRL Outgoing QSL Service has raised the rates, effective November 1, 2016, for sending ARRL members QSL cards to foreign countries. The new rate is \$1.15 per ounce, about 10 cards. There is now a \$7.00 transaction fee for each submission. Sending one ounce of cards (about 10) will now cost \$8.15. Ten ounces of cards would cost \$11.50 plus \$7.00.

U.S. Postage has been increased. Overseas postage is \$1.15; domestic postage is \$0.49 for 1 ounce. Additional ounce for domestic mail will be \$0.21. Postcards are \$0.34.

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.

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The following operations are scheduled: Djibouti **J28PJ** for 3 to 5 years Djibouti **J28ND** Now Ascension Island **ZD8D** maybe an October 2011 start Angola D2CQ February 2010 for a few years Gabon TR8CA September 15 for 4 years Galapagos Island HC8/G80FQ Postponed Rwanda 9X0TA August 5, 2017 for 3 years Central Kiribati T31 Planning for sometime in 2017 Franz Joseph Land RI1FJL soon until July 2018 Corsica TK/DJOTP now through September 8, 2017 Mauritius 3B8/PA3HGT September 5 to September 27, 2017 Botswana A25AL September 7 to September 15, 2017 Botswana A25BI, A25SP, A25BE September 15 to September 25, 2017 Mauritania **5T50K** September 18 to September 26, 2017 Samoa 5WORA September 9 to September 28, 2017 Liechtenstein HBO/DL2SPY September 9 to September 15, 2017 Galapagos Islands HC8M September 14 to 21, 2017 Svalbard JW/OM6TC September 15 to September 20, 2017 Madeira Island CR3W September 17 to September 27, 2017 Minami Torishima JG8NQJ/JD1 mid October to mid December 2017 Temotu Province **H40GC** September 30 to October 20, 2017 Guinea **3XY4D** October 27, through November 6, 2017 Temotu **H40GC** October 3 to October 17, 2017 Christmas Island VK9XI October 2 to October 10, 2017 Cocos-Keeling Island **VK9CI** October 10 to October 17, 2017 Sao tome and Principe S9CQ October 12 to October 21, 2017 Cocos-Keeling Island **VK9CZ** October 23 to November 6, 2017 Agalega & St. Brandon 3B6, 3B7 October 17 to October 29, 2017 UK Bases on Cyprus **ZC4MK** October 27 to October 31, 2017 Guinea-Bissau J5T November 13 to 25, 2017 Mellish Reef VK9AA November 3 to November 16, 2017

Rodriques Island 3B9HA No licenses have been issue for Rodriques Isl

West Malaysia 9M2MRS December 1, 2017 through January 2018



Charles, W6DPD

Watch the DX Bulletins for up to date information. As the time for the operation is at hand, watch the DX Summit (<a href="www.newdxsummit.fi">www.newdxsummit.fi</a>) 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.

Trinidade ZZOT sometime in 2018

Vanuatu **YJOGB** March 2 to March 19, 2018 Baker Howland **KH1** In the planning stages now

Burundi **9U4M** November 6 to November 17, 2017 Tanzania **5H3DX** November 7 to December 4, 2017

Spratly Islands 9M0W March 10 to March 20, 2018

Bouvet 3Y0Z Planning for late 2017 or early 2018

RF Path info:

http://www.scadacore.com/field-tools/rf-path/rf-line-of-sight/



# **EC Report for August 2017**

Hi All,

The schedule for the month of August is always a slow: 4 Monday Night EmComm Nets and 1 EmComm and Coffee and 1 EmComm Monthly Meeting.

### **Uniform DC Power Connectors**

At last month's FC EmComm Meeting Chris (KJ6OUG) held a training session on Anderson Power Poles. It was decided to adopt these connectors as out standard connector for the group. Yes they are a little expensive but not bad. These connectors are great in our opinion and are simple to install with the crimping tool. They come in three amperage ratings that would pertain to amateur radio use, 15, 30 and 45 amp. At the meeting we discussed having several training sessions where we would build adapters. If these units are used, people who would not want to change their whole station over to power poles could comply with the rest of the group.

Anderson Power Poles also carries devices that allow you to make great emergency battery boxes. These consist of cigar lighter outlets, volt/amp meters, Power Pole outlets, switches and many other items.

We will be discussing these thoughts at the next meeting so be sure to attend.







## <u>August EmComm Meeting (What you missed)</u>

The meeting was very interesting; we discussed several topics that will affect us all. Ranking of ARES operators through education and experience Mandatory classes and certification Standard frequency list to be the first 20 channels on your handheld and Mobil FC ARES Skills Inventory

These subjects will continue to be discussed at future meetings and nets. The updating or our ARES Group should make us more professional in the eyes of our served agencies as well as other ARES Groups.

# Public Service Calendar Upcoming EMCOMM Events

September 16, 2017 - Tour de Fresno Bicycle Ride October 14, 2017 - Bass Lake Double Century Bicycle Ride

If you are interested in the working any of the events please either go to the CARP website or contact me.

### **EmComm Website**

We are now posting events and meetings on the calendar as well as posting articles on the home page. Check us out at fcemcomm.org.

### **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 <u>Monday Night EmComm Net</u> at 19:30 hr. on the 147.15 MHz Pl 141.3. We have some good information and camaraderie. On the third Friday of the month there is the <u>EmComm & Coffee</u> 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. Our next meeting will be **September 28**,

# 2017 at 1900 hr. at the Hinds Hospice Building, 2490 W. Shaw Fresno.

Best of 73's GLEN CAINE (N6HEW) Fresno County ARES EC/ RACES Officer 559-999-7590 N6HEW2@qmail.com



Glen, N6HEW talking to Ron, N6MTS

LANGUAGES USED IN CODE TALKING

During World War I and World War II, a variety of American Indian languages were used to send secret military messages.

Here are the American Indian Code Talkers' languages and the numbers of tribal members who served, if known. There were at least two Code Talkers from each tribe.

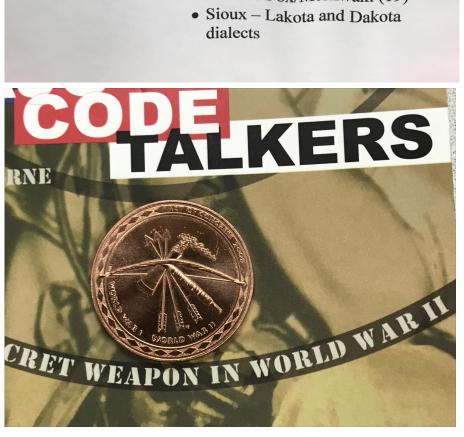
### World War I

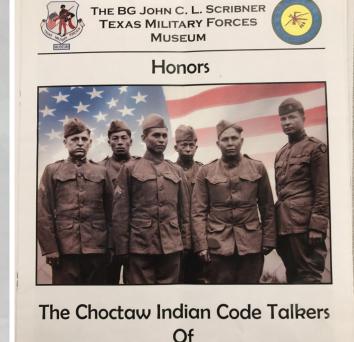
## World War II

- Assiniboine
- Cherokee
- Chippewa/Oneida (17)
- Choctaw
- Comanche (17)
- Hopi (11)
- Kiowa
- Menominee
- Muscogee/Creek and Seminole
- Navajo (about 420)
- Pawnee
- Sac and Fox/Meskwaki (19)



- Cheyenne
- Choctaw (15)
- Comanche
- Osage
- Yankton Sioux

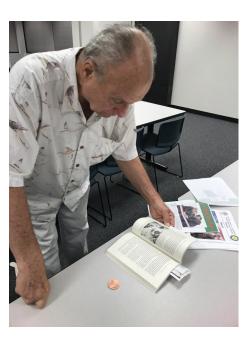




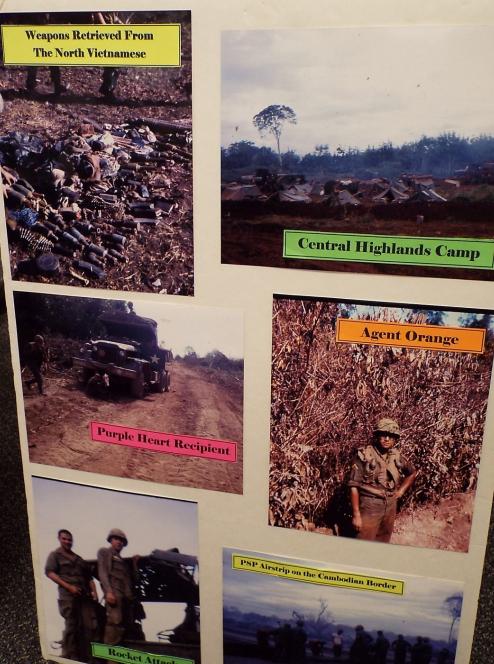
World War One

Pete, W6LAW, looking at the display at the August FARC meeting, where Jim Anderson gave a talk on the Code Talkers from WW I and WW II.

There was a good turn out of nearly 50 people to hear this very interesting talk.









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# **Tube of the Month The 1000T**



have been a popular feature.

The EIMAC Company produced a series of glass power triodes for all power levels from the 25T to the 2000T by about 1943. Many of the tubes, at least up to the 450TH size, were widely used by the military in WWII and became very popular with hams after the War when they became surplus. The very large tubes, the 1500T and 2000T, may not have been used by the military to any extent. The 1000T also seems not to have had a military history and today is one of the most uncommon of the EIMAC power triodes.

The 1000T was always a mystery to me as the advertisements for the tube always showed it with a stem sticking out of the base like a lolly pop stick.

I always wanted to at least see one to examine that stem. When I was able to add one to the collection, there wasn't a stem, but there was a hole in the middle of the base. That stem was obviously important to EIMAC who always illustrated it. A clue may be the use of the old 4 pin bayonet "50 watt" socket. That socket was used with power tubes like the 250TH which had a filament that drew 50 watts. When they made the 450TH, with its 90 watt filament, they wired the filament leads in parallel to carry the current. The 1000T tube drew 116 watts and had the same parallel filament leads. I believe the increased heat combined with the poor air circulation in the socket required forced air cooling in the base and the air stem was required to cool the filament seals. The larger triodes used a special heavy duty base that had an air tube molded into the ceramic. Even if the tubes were available in surplus, the hassle of adding a small air pump would not

During the War, research on a new tetrode line of tubes in this power class culminated in 1947 with the offering of the 4-750A/4-1000A and that may have sealed the fate of the old triode. Today it's just rare and beautiful.

Visit the museum at N6JV.com Norm N6JV

# FARC's Used Ham Gear For Sale

### This equipment was kindly donated to FARC for sale

All proceeds go into the FARC general fund. The sales manager/receiver of payments is the FARC Treasurer, Ron Hunt, N6MTS. The purchase of all items is on a cash-only, "first-call / first-come" basis, and will commence immediately upon the release by email of the September SKIP newsletter to all current FARC members.

All purchases are by phone contact to Ron Hunt (559) 289-8514 (from 9AM to 10PM) daily. (If no answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned ASAP).

Each item <u>will be considered sold ONLY when payment is received by Ron Hunt</u>. Any items not sold before November will be available for sale to the general public at the FARC November swap meet. Items for sale are as follows:



### These 3 items are sold as a complete station:

- \*KENWOOD TS-50 Transceiver (160M 10M)
  - with microphone, power cord, and manual
- \*KENWOOD AT-50 Automatic Antenna Tuner (to match TS-50) with all cables and manual
- \*KENWOOD PS-40 Power Supply with cord, no manual

Each item has been checked for correct operation. (The only problem found is that the TS-50 will not transmit on 12M band). Works well otherwise. \$500 takes all



### Am-Com, CSS1, Clear Speech DSP Mobile Speaker No Manual

Untested \$75 takes it



### MFJ-259B, Antenna Analyzer

Internal batteries removed, no external power supply included Includes manual

Tested OK \$150 takes it



#### MFJ-260C Dry Dummy Load

(compact & light with no-oils) SO-239 connector and includes manual

Tested OK

\$40 takes it



### Yaesu, YS-500, Antenna SWR Bridge and Wattmeter SO-239 connectors and includes manual

Tested OK

\$50 takes it



### DAIWA, CN-101L, Antenna SWR Bridge and Wattmeter

SO-239 connector and includes the manual Tested OK

\$60 takes it



### KENWOOD TS-742A Triband VHF/UHF Transceiver

Includes 144Mhz and 440Mhz standard and the optional module appears to be 220Mhz--No manuals...

Control head is removable and includes its extension cables
Includes remote speaker and its extension cables
Includes microphone and its extension cable
Includes mounting brackets and power cable
This item could not be tested because the radio will not power-up
Being sold as a tech special and AS-IS
\$100 takes it



### COMET CFX-324 Antenna TriPlexer/Combiner

Covers 144Mhz, 220Mhz, and 440Mhz bands Remote connectors as shown in picture Untested and no manual

\$60 takes it



### DIAMOND CR320ANMO Triband Mobile Antenna

Includes tiny cable (RG-177?) and small SMA connector Includes SMA to PL-259 adapter Includes 2 bases, for trunk-lip mount or hole-stud mount Untested and no manual \$50 takes it

Here is an interesting tid-bit of news in case you might have missed it on the ARRL newsletter.

# Hara Arena -- Hamvention's Former Home -- to be Auctioned by IRS

Hara Arena, the former home of Hamvention<sup>®</sup>, is going on the auction block, the IRS has <u>announced</u>. The now-beleaguered building and grounds were closed a year ago last month by the owners, the Wampler Family, which, for years, had attempted unsuccessfully to put Hara on a profitable plane. The minimum bid is \$850,000; proceeds will satisfy a tax lien. The auction comes in the wake of an *Order of Sale* entered in the US District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. The IRS will take bids on August 30 on the 1001 Shiloh Springs Road site, starting at 11 AM ET (bidders must be registered by 10 AM ET). An "open house" for prospective bidders will be held on August 29. According to the announcement, "any rights, titles, claims, liens, and interest" in the buildings and land will be discharged once a sale is confirmed. The auction brochure includes several recent photos of the Hara Complex.

"Hara Arena is a six-building complex that contained an ice rink, ballroom, conference hall, concerts seating, sports events, shows of unlimited venues and restaurant," the auction announcement stated, noting that the two land parcels that make up the site in the Dayton suburb of Trotwood comprise slightly more than 25 acres.

Prospective bidders must put up \$170,000 in earnest money to be eligible to take part in the auction. Payments must be by certified or cashier's check.

"No bids will be received from any person who has not presented proof that, if he or she is the successful bidder, he or she can make the deposit required by the *Order*," the announcement said. Sale of the real property shall be subject to confirmation by the Court.

Hara Arena served as the home of Hamvention from 1964 until 2016, before it was closed last summer. Soon after, Hamvention's sponsor, the Dayton Amateur Radio Association (<u>DARA</u>), announced that it would be relocating the country's most popular Amateur Radio gathering to the Greene Country Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Xenia, where Hamvention 2017 took place in May. Last November, an online auctioneer took bids on a variety of items from the former Hamvention home, many of which went to nostalgia buffs or those having some sentimental connection with the facility.

Hara Arena had been facing long-standing financial problems that included unpaid property taxes and unresolved family issues. Promised renovations never materialized for the 2016 Hamvention, which attracted more than 25,000 visitors, worth millions of dollars to the Dayton-area economy.



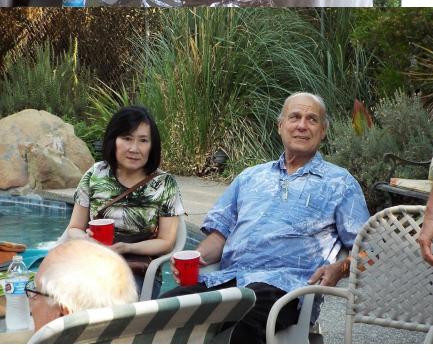
The Wampler family had owned and operated Hara Arena since its humble origins in the 1950s, when Wampler Ballarena -- then a dance hall and more recently an exhibit hall familiar to Hamvention visitors -- was built in what had been a family-owned orchard.











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# **August 2017 UHF Contest**

Six hams from our central SJV area decided to enter the new ARRL UHF and UP contest that was held on the first weekend in August.

It was quite a tale, involving more than 6,000 miles driven, operation from 13,000 foot peaks, and crazy dedication with 10 radios and antennas per person.

The ARRL UHF contest existed before this, and was started by Wayne, N6NB, back in the 1970's. However, this year the contest changed rules to mileage based scoring, essentially creating a new contest.

Operators Dave, W6TE, Jim, N6JMK, Jason, N6EY and his wife and daughter Kris, N6KYS and Kaylie, N6KLO, along with John, K6MI and his brother George, WB6ITM, joined Wayne, N6NB, in driving out to Denver, Colorado, for the express purpose of setting a new record, using the high Rocky Mountains, and the line of sight grids that can be seen from there.

The antennas in the top left picture show the antennas for the bands from 220 Mc. Up to 10g. 24g was a stand alone unit that can be seen on the next page being held by John, K6MI. The top home made quad antennas for 220 and 432 Mc. were made by Wayne, N6NB, and the dimensions are on his web site. They needed a little bit of straightening after arriving in Colorado.

While Wayne drove from grid to grid, the other stations drove to 13,000 feet on Mt. Evans, fighting rain, wind, and altitude sickness. 10 and 24g does not go through rain, unfortunately.

Great fun was had, but next year the activity will be on the West Coast, as this was probably a once in a life time deal.

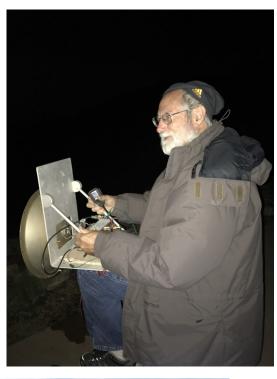
For the September VHF contest (see frequency list on next page) there will be activity in our area.



Coming soon is the **September VHF contest**, held each year on the second full weekend in September. This contest uses all bands from 6M on up.

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