

A Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter Nov., 2025 Volume 80, Issue 11



Membership Drive!!!!!!!!!! Keep your dues active, and your data up to date.

Dues! The Fresno ARC encourages all old and new members to fill out the form on the last page of any Skip and send with checks to the club P.O. Box. Remember to make checks out to "Fresno Amateur Radio Club, INC.. 2026 dues can be paid soon.

Use the last page of Skip.

# November FARC Swap Meet Area wide Swap

Sat Nov. 8, 2025 8 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Sellers arrive and set up at 7 A.M. Free spots!

meeting place for Lunch at noon Hidden TX Hunt at 10 A.M. 146.565

Admission is FREE for everyone

Location of Swap Meet:

Lion Automotive 2944 Phillip Avenue Clovis, CA 93612-4934

Directions: From Clovis Ave. turn East onto Gettysburg Ave. and travel for 2 blocks, turn South on Phillip Ave., proceed to Lion Automotive building and Parking Lot.

Walk through the open gate to the Swap Meet, which will be held in the fenced yard attached to the building.

Coffee, donuts and popcorn this year, hot dogs at lunch, Ken WA6OIB cooking!

TX hunt at 10 A.M. on 146.565 Mc. Bring a hand held or small beam!

FARC
Next formal meeting will be the Jan. meeting.
The board is looking for a new meeting place for next year.
December Dinner Dec. 15 Monday 6:30 P.M.

FARC BOARD meetings by arrangement. Talk to a board member!

#### FARC Nets

Morning Drive Time Net: Weekday mornings-7:30—8:00 a.m. W6TO/R 146.940

#### **FARC Net:**

Sundays @ 7:00 pm W6TO/R 146.940 Morning Net 7:30 A.M.

Web page: W6to.com

- Our October meeting turned out to be at the Mariott Hotel between Hwy 41 and Blackstone, just north of Shaw.
- The Oct. meeting is the official business meeting according to the bylaws, and the slate of directors was affirmed in a unanimous vote.
- The board now will meet and elect the officers for next years term, with the results usually announced at the Dec. banquet, and also in the January Skip.



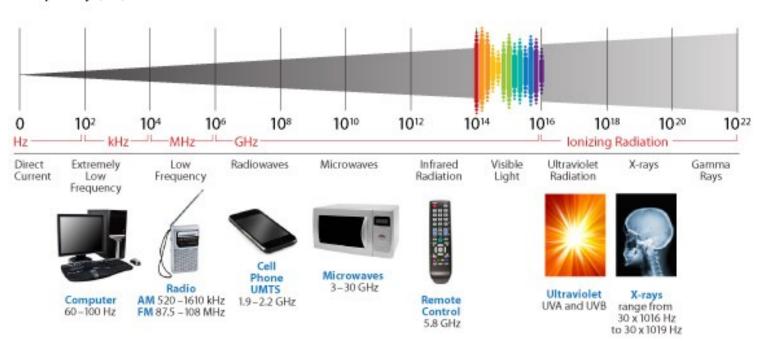
Rob KM6SRR is heading up a committee to find our meeting places for next year. If any club members know of a meeting place please call Rob as decisions need to be made sooner rather than later.

The club meets eight times a year—Jan., Feb., March, April, June, July, August, and Oct. with special events in Nov., Dec., May, and Sept.

The October FARC meeting featured a "world renown" (at least in our club) expert who gave us a super talk (well at least on 10 meters I can talk to the other side of the planet) expert on Medical aspects of RF on the body and The FCC regulations. This was an enjoyable presentation on a sometimes confusing subject. Thanks Joe, W0PJD!

## Electromagnetic Spectrum

#### Frequency (Hz)







Raffel tickets for sale! Lot's of prizes!

Lot's of donuts! This club loves the donuts!







Board members Larry W6OWL and Rob KM6SRR, along with John K6MI and Mary KN6PZ had a meeting with the Spaghetti Factory to settle the contract for the Dec. 15 Monday night Christmas dinner.

Four choices for a sit-down dinner, make your choice when you arrive. Salad with Ranch dressing, or plain if you tell them when you come in. Bread and Spumoni ice cream and non-alcoholic drinks (alcoholic drinks available at your own cost).

Choose one when you arrive:

Lasagna, Chicken Marsala. Sicilian Sausage, or Mushroom Pasta.

Total cost with tax and gratuity will be slightly more than \$25 per person with the club making up the difference.

If we don't have more than 90 per cent of 50 than the club will also have to pay the difference.

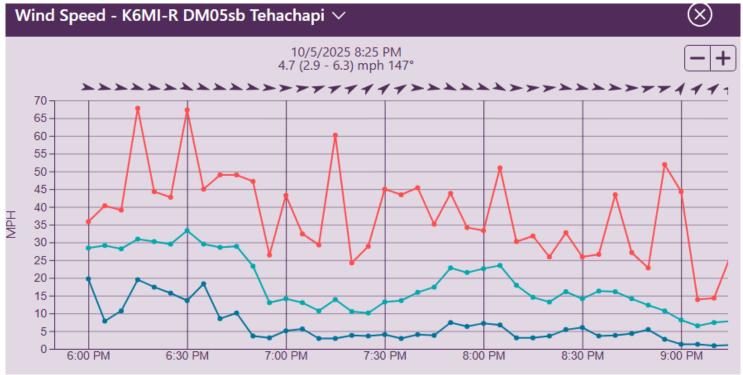
The room will be available at 6 P.M. for decorations, and there will be a prize table.

## 2025 CQP Oct. 3-5 K6MI/Kern County DM05sb Expedition

It was a dark and stormy night, and day, and another night- chill factor down to 25 degrees in the night and 70 mph gusts.

But then we had two lovely pretty calm days on Sat. and Sunday. 138 qso's in 40 states and Canadian provinces with a score of 17,160 points in the M/2 QRP category with John K6MI, Tom WB6HYD and Andy KN6HQQ.





#### **FARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

FARC Officers and Board members:

Ken Holden, WA6OIB Pres. Aaron Lusk K6USY V.P. Marcus Beedle KG6QNY Treas. Jim Erbe, W6NIF Sec. Larry Lion, W60WL

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On the even years four directors are elected, and on odd years three directors are elected.

For sale adds on the next to last page of Skip!

Take advantage of the opportunity to send your ads to K6MI at pacbell.net

#### Sat. morning Nov. 8 Swap Meet

#### Dec. 15 Monday 6:30 P.M. Christmas Dinner

San Joaquin Valley Nets:

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 3918 khz, 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 3.857.5 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.

Jefferson Noon Net 7.204 Mc. Mon. to Fri. 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Just Another Net 7.204 Mc. Sat. and Sun.11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Sunday Night FARC 2m net 7 P.M. 146.94 Mc.

QCWA Monday at 7 P.M. on 146.85 pl 141.3 net

Sunday and Wed. Night 2m Bozo Net, 7:30 P.M. 144.24 Mc. USB

Monday 220 Mc. 7:30 P.M. USB 222.1 Mc followed by check ins on 50.140 Mc. USB

Tuesday 7:30 P.M. USB 1296.1 Mc. Thursday 7:30 P.M. 432.1 SSB net

Wednesday 7 P.M. 10M cw net, 28.140 Wednesday 8 P.M. 10M ssb net 28.445

Every Wednesday night is an enjoyable time for all ham operators. At 7PM local time, there is a CW net on 28.140 MHz-the NCS founder is Guss, KF6ZXO, and John K6KEP currently welcomes all hams regardless of CW speed. Then around 8 PM local, there is the USB net on 28.445 MHz.

The Noontime Net is a public service Amateur Radio Net that meets everyday on 7284 kHz. and 3970 kHz. with an alternate frequency of 7265 kHz for both nets.

Backup FARC repeater if 146.94 is down— 146.61 pl 141.3

Next ham exam in 2025 is Nov. 15 Exams are held at Hines Hospice on Shaw Ave

## Local Amateur Radio Repeaters

	Local / Illiaccal	Madio Repeate	J1	
<u>Organization</u>	Call Sign	Frequency	Offset	<u>PL</u>
CARP	K6ARP	146.865	-	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 backup	WA6OIB	146.61	-	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	K6ELK/R	145.110/444.95	-	100.0
NC9RS	NC9RS	927.6625/902.0125	5 -	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	KJ6OUG	147.150	+	141.3
KE6JZ	KE6JZ	146.820	-	141.3
TURLOCK ARC	W6BXN	147.030	+	100.0
Fresno Low	K6WGJ	145.43	+	141.3
Meadow	N6VRC	147.165	+	141.3
Meadow	N6VRC	440.025	+	141.3
Santa Rita	N6VRC	147.285	+	141.3
Santa Rita	N6VRC	442.275	+	141.3
Visalia	N6VRC	442.525	+	141.3
Porterville	N6VRC	443.825	+	141.3
Fresno Low	K6WGJ	444.975	+	141.3
Bear Mt.	N6VRC	443.950	+	141.3
Mt. Bullion	N6VRC	442.350	+	141.3
Bear	N6VRC	927.05	+	141.3
WA6IPZ	WA6IPZ	52.84	_	82.5
Tulare CARC	WA6BAI	146.88	_	103.5
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## Birthday

11/04 Gwynne WA6VZM 11/5 Dan W6CTT 11/5 John K6MI 11/16 Larry K6ACE 11/24 Rob KM6SRR 11/27 David WB6DJJ 11/29 Rod WA6IUJ

#### **Anniversaries**

11/5 Karen and Duane KI6QEL 11/8 James KC5DTU 11/15 Barbara & Joe W0PJD 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.

## The monthly attendance prize!

The NEXT drawing for \$20 will be at the Jan. meeting. Must be present to win.

Steve K6AAB was not there.



## **Amateur Radio Exam Session**

## **Exams offered for Technician, General, and Amateur Extra Class**

## What to Bring:

- 1. Photo Identification State issued Drivers License or ID Card, Passport, or Military ID Card.
- 2. FCC Registration Number (FRN) Required prior to exam, see details below.
- 3. (if upgrading) Official Copy of current Amateur License or Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE certificate)
- 4. Valid Email address
- 5. Fee \$15.00 per test session. Exact change please.

**CORES FRN Requirement** - Applicants must use an FCC Registration Number (<u>FRN</u>) for all license transactions with the FCC. Examinees must <u>register in CORES</u> and receive an FRN before exam day. Exam Candidates you are REQUIRED to register in the FCC CORES system and receive a FCC Registration Number (FRN) before exam day. Applications that do not have an FRN will be **rejected** by the FCC.

An <u>instructional video</u> provides step-by-step instructions on how to establish a CORES account, which is necessary for licensees to make administrative updates and download electronic license authorizations.

**Email address** - All filers <u>must provide an email address</u> on all applications. When an email is provided, applicants will receive an official electronic copy of their licenses once granted (allow incoming email from authorizations@fcc.gov). If no email is provided when filing applications will be rejected. ARRL VEC suggests that those without access to email to use the email address of a family member or friend.

**FCC Application Fee** - The \$35 application fee applies to new, renewal, rule waiver, and modification applications that request a new vanity call sign. The fee is per application.

Administrative updates, such as a change of name, mailing or email address, and modification applications to upgrade an amateur radio licensee's operator class or to request a sequentially issued call sign, are exempt from fees.

The fee will be per application.

When the FCC receives the examination information from the VEC, it will email a link with payment instructions to each successful candidate who then will have 10 calendar days from the date of the email to pay through the FCC CORES system.

## **Number of People Who Will Attend**

Everyone \$15.00

\* This can be your primary registrant type. Only one primary registrant type is allowed per registration.

UPCOMING VE TEST SESSION

## NOV 15 Amateur Radio VE Exam - Fresno

All sessions will be at Hinds Hospice on Shaw Ave in Fresno

## **QCWA Quarter Century Wireless Association**

### Next meeting January 26, Tuesday at noon!

At Huckleberry's, Bullard and Hwy 41, back room-join us for lunch!

QCWA meetings on Monday nights at 7 P.M. on the QCWA repeater, 146.85, pl 141.3

Quarter Century Wireless Association is a national organization, and has dues for the national group. The local group invites everyone to come to the meetings on the air and in person.

Hams can count their number of years from the year first licensed, even if they had some lapsed years.

73, John K6MI president. Jerry K6PKO vice president, Jim W6NIF secretary



## Fresno County on the air for the California QSO Party

Aaron K6USY put Fresno County on the air for the California QSO Pary, held every year on the first weekend in October.

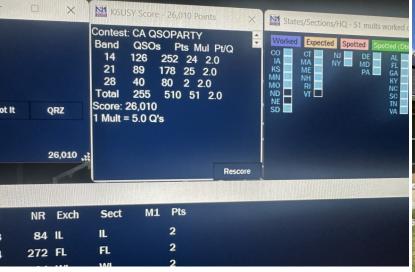
All 58 California counties get on the air and work the world for the weekend.

While John K6MI was on the air from Kern county, Aaron set up the Hex beam in his back yard and operated from a picnic table with great success.

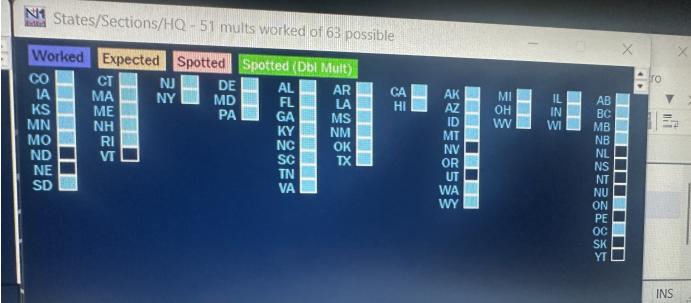


The bottom chart shows the states he worked, while the screen above shows the final score and number of states and qso's on 10, 15, and 20 meters.

Results will eventually be posted on the NCCC.org web site.







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Talk to the treasurer about the yearly fee!

Looking for input, stories or pictures or just a sentence about your ham activities this month for the next. Skip. Thanks, John K6MI

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Swap meet in November and May



For sale: MFJ-986 Differential-T tuner 3kw Roller Inductor Tuner \$200 OBO Richard N6FUB (559) 285-9772

This OM remembers the great sunspot peak of '57



Dennis KI6NVG asks if there is anyone in Fresno area that can repair an HF radio or a uhf/vhf radio?

In many ways older radios are no longer supported by the major brands as parts are not available and the cost is more than buying a new radio.

Dennis is looking for parts for Yaesu FT-690 m11, a soft carry case CSC 19 and a battery case for C cells FBA-8.

Also wants a 6M 10w amp like the FL-6020, a hand mic with scanning MH 10FB, and moble mounting bracket MMB 31, as well as a telescopic BNC antenna Yha-14, Dennis KI6NVG 559 3232-7386



Dues due in January! 2026 dues can be paid now!

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Street Address City St	ate Zip			
Home Phone ()_	Cell Phone	()		
Email ADR		(for delivery of	Skip Newsletter)	
	Year 1st LicensedARRL member Wedding Anniversary (Month/Day)			
	amily Member(s) in same hou		Birthday	

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