



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 now. Membership form on the last page of Skip.

New meeting place! 4890 East Holland Ave near Ashlan and Winery

Attendees enter the parking lot from Holland Ave and enter the building by the dot on the map.

FARC
Next formal meeting will be April 10

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

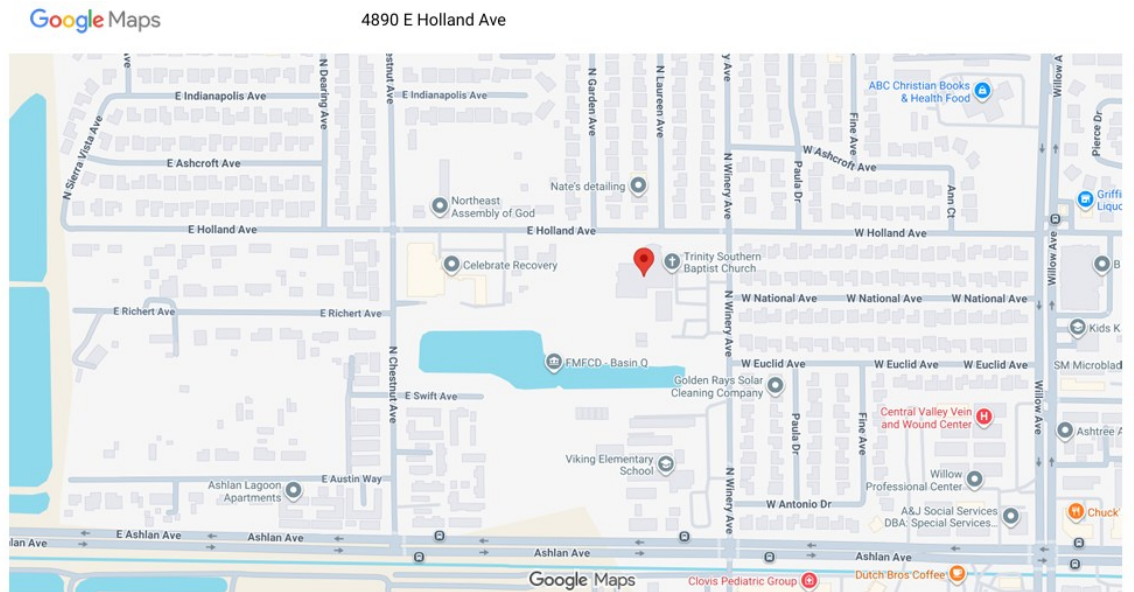
FARC Nets
 Morning Drive Time Net:
 Weekday mornings-
 7:30—8:00 a.m.
 W6TO/R 146.940

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April meeting presentation—SDR Radios. Very interesting information from our president Ken, WA6OIB!



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Fresno Amateur Radio Club



Our first drawing of the raffle prizes.



Aaron K6US giving us the details on APRS

This club just loves donuts, but in March there were some really good cookies as well.



Thursday night YL net at 6:30 P.M. on 146.745 PI 123 W6BW repeater

The May meeting (May 8) will be an informal visit to the clubhouse. Come and visit.

More info next month!
The May swap meet on May 23, Sat. morning will also have an announcement next month about the details.

Fresno Amateur Radio Club



Pictures from the February Valentines meeting. What a great gathering of friendships and sweets!

Thanks to everyone who brought something to share.



Fresno Amateur Radio Club



Aaron K6US, our FARC VP, is looking for good subjects for our meetings. Talk to him and give him your input!

Aaron has been active working WAS (Worked All States) with his new call sign.

| Month | Topic | Summary |
|---------------|------------------------|--|
| January 9th | FT8 & FT4 (K6US) | Tips for successfully operating FT8/FT4 on HF with a live demo |
| February 13th | YL Night (WA6OIB) | Bring your YLs for some Valentine's Day treats |
| March 13th | APRS (K6US) | Automatic Packet Reporting System |
| April 10th | SDR Receivers (WA6OIB) | Physical and remote web based software defined radio receivers |

Ham Exams in Fresno

[Amateur Radio VE Exam - Fresno - 5/16/2026](#)

[Amateur Radio VE Exam - Fresno - 8/8/2026](#)

[Amateur Radio VE Exam - Fresno - 11/14/2026](#)

The location is Hind's Life Care, same place as previous years. If you have any questions please email Rob AE6GE.



Marcus, KG6QNY, our clubhouse mastermind has a variety of radios on display, both working and ready to be deployed.

He is up for members visiting.

We will have more pictures in succeeding issues!





QCWA Quarter Century Wireless Association

Next meeting April 28, 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



The N6NB Quagi's built back in the early 80's and they kick butt and easy to build. <http://n6nb.com/quagi.htm>

Keep in mind working SSB is horizontally polarized for SSB,CW and digital modes. Repeaters are vertically polarized, there is about 20db loss using the wrong polarization. For VHF and UHF DON'T CHEAP OUT ON THE COAX this is where most loses are along with poor SWR.

Have fun building antennas and maybe experiment with modes other than FM. You will have a lot more fun building vs buying and learn more antenna theory. It's all in the antenna! ☺☺



The radio room on the Queen Mary in Long Beach. This is the active Radio Room W6RO.

<https://aralb.org/club-station-w6ro/>
<https://www.queenmary.com/amateur-radio.htm>

FARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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

2026 Friday meetings 7 P.M. New location!

April 10 Friday meeting 7 P.M.

May 8 Open House at the Club House 6:30-8 P.M.

May 23 Swap Meet TBD

June 12 Friday Meeting 7 P.M.

June 12, 14 VHF Contest

June 27-28 FD

YL Net, Thursday nights 6:30 P.M. on W6BX, 146.745 pl 123

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

Fresno Amateur Radio Club

Here are the exam dates that the Mountain ARC will be conducting.

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church

39696 Hwy 41, Oakhurst

1:00 PM

Pre Registration is not required , but strongly recommended.

Saturday, September 12, 2026

Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church

39696 Hwy 41, Oakhurst

1:00 PM

Pre Registration is not required , but strongly recommended.

Saturday, December 12, 2026

Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church

39696 Hwy 41, Oakhurst

1:00 PM

Pre Registration is not required , but strongly recommended.

Additional instructions can be found here:

<https://www.w6bw.org/Exam%20Information.htm>



Rob KM6SRR had a great call sign tag with scrolling LED lights. Moving just a bit too fast for the camera, but you get the idea.

Steve Orman, N6PLE, a former club member became a silent key from cancer. He moved from Fresno to Arizona and finally Montana.

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 | 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 | - | 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 |
| Madera (Deadwood) | W6BW | 146.745 | - | 123 |

Birthdays

4/9 Ron KN6UDY
 4/14 John K3RCG
 4/25 John K1BB

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 started by KF6ZXO and now run by K6KEP, and the SSB net with various net control ops.. Have fun checking in on one or both modes.

The monthly attendance prize!

The NEXT drawing for \$50 will be at the April meeting. Must be present to win.

W6YEP was not present at the March meeting, missing out on his prize.



Anniversaries

4/7 Maureen & John K1BB
 4/11 Dan W6CTT
 4/25 Martha & Ron KE6JSX

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Anything to sell? Send info to k6mi@pacbell.net for next month's Skip

Your add or card here!
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

For sale:
MFJ-986 Differential-T tuner
3kw Roller Inductor Tuner
\$100 OBO
Richard N6FUB (559) 285-9772

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 mobile mounting bracket MMB 31, as well as a telescopic BNC antenna Yha-14,
Dennis KI6NVG 559 3232-7386



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Swap meet in November and May



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Dues due in January! 2026 dues can be paid now! If you are a new ham the first FARC year is free!

Fresno Amateur Radio Club — Membership Application- Renewal

Name _____ Call _____ \$20 Dues __ Date _____

Street Address City State Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Email ADR _____ (for delivery of Skip Newsletter)

License Class _____ Year 1st Licensed _____ ARRL member _____

Birthday (Month/Day) _____ Wedding Anniversary (Month/Day) _____

Partner's name _____

Additional licensed Family Member(s) in same household (\$5 each)

Name _____ Call _____ Birthday _____

Make checks out to: Fresno Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (Do not abbreviate)

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