



A Fresno Amateur Radio Club Newsletter May, 2026 Volume 81, Issue 5



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.

## May FARC Swap Meet

Sat May 23, 2026 8 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Sellers may arrive and set up at 7 A.M.

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.

The Swap Meet will be held in the front parking lot.

Coffee, donuts and popcorn this year, hamburgers or hot dogs at lunch, whatever Ken decides!

Hidden TX hunt at 10 A.M. Bring a hand held and join the fun!

**FARC**  
**Next formal meeting will be June 12**

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

Mailing ADR  
PO Box 5912  
Fresno, CA  
93755-5912

**Fresno Amateur Radio Club**

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

The May swap meet on May 23, Sat. morning.

Next regular meeting is June 12, Friday, 7 P.M. with the VHF contest following June 13-14, Sat. and Sunday.

In order for families to spend holidays together, there will NOT be a Sunday night net when the following fall on a Sunday:

- New Years Eve (Dec 31)
- New Years Day (Jan 1)
- Independence Day (July 4)
- Easter (always on Sunday)
- Christmas Eve (Dec 24)
- Christmas Day (Dec 25)

Duane Lutz KI6QEL Net Manager

Month	Topic	Summary
May 23rd	Spring Swap	Lions Automotive - 2944 Phillip Ave, Clovis, CA 93612
June 12th	Video: The Last Big Fieldday (K6US)	Come see a documentary on a group that did a large Field Day operation back in 2004
June 27th - 28th	Field Day	FARC will not be hosting Field Day this year, please check with the Fresno County ARES.
July 10th	Old Radio Night - Ice Cream (WA6OIB)	Show and tell your old radios and enjoy a rootbear float
August 14th	MSK144 Meteor Scatter (K6US)	Come learn about the digital mode MSK144 and Meteor Scatter
September 26th	Club Picnic	Holden Rancherita - 2549 E Copper Ave, Clovis, CA 93619

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Aaron G. Lusk, K6US W6FSC WRVX201 559-905-4180



Our president Ken, WA6OIB, always with a smile ready to welcome everyone to the club meetings and activities.

Ken was heard on the air just this week asking if people had a preference for hot dogs or hamburgers for the May Swap meet?

Whipping up a great BBQ is another of Ken's great tricks.



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## SDR Receivers Worldwide

[www.websdr.org](http://www.websdr.org)

3. Netherlands Maasbree Very active
6. Northern Utah
8. Russia, Union of Radio Amateurs
10. Netherlands Low Noise Loop Ant.
16. Northern Utah N.E. Beam
19. KFS Half Moon Bay (Our Local)
20. Washington D.C. Area!!
21. Siberia !! Yes, RF Goes out there.
23. Chesire Eng. Former RAF Site
29. Greece (Sparta SDR)
50. Santa Clarita CB

App for iPhone in Appstore:

Type "Echo sdr" in search window of store.

Tap search...Scroll down to "Echo:Global SDR Receiver" then "Get it" and open after download.

HAVE FUN!!!!!!

4-10-2026



**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](mailto:Rob.AE6GE).

Steve K6AAB has been working on his radio room, putting up shelves, wiring AC and DC power lines, installing an end feed dipole, vhf vertical, and a TV antenna. Future projects might include insulating the room which is a small building on a back patio. Steve enjoys cw using a paddle.





## **QCWA Quarter Century Wireless Association**

**Next meeting May26, 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



Do you want to become a Geography Genius? I have always been good with Geography and I finally realized that the reason is because of ham radio!

When you talk to people in other parts of the world, you tend to get a map to see where they are located. Even on a smaller scale, using repeaters, you might find the location of a repeater and learn about its coverage area. I know, most people no longer use paper maps, but maps are available online to show you where these hams are located.

Ham radio opens up the world to us in our ham shacks and enables us to become knowledgeable about where countries are located, what their call sign prefix is (years later I still know many prefixes), what nation they are part of, propagation conditions to different parts of the world, etc. etc. BTW, I once had the call sign 9V1UO so, without looking it up, who knows where the prefix 9V is located?

Another geography knowledge gainer in ham radio is DXpeditions. Hams go to operate at some remote location, like an island, remote mountain top, etc. and if you are into working DXpeditions then you will quickly learn about remote parts of the world that you might otherwise never hear about.

So, for you newer hams, work the world and learn geographic knowledge in the process.

Jim Tripp / WA6DIJ / (Located just outside of Castroville, CA.....hahaha, Grid Square CM96dt, lat 36.794551, lon -121.710584)

## 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!

### May 23 Swap Meet Sat. Lion's Automotive

### June 12 Friday Meeting 7 P.M.

### June 12, 14 VHF Contest

### June 27-28 FD

### July 10 Friday Meeting Old Radio Night

### 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.

# DID YOU KNOW?

## History of Radio in 100 Words

### ¿POR QUÉ LA REVISTA DE ARRL SE LLAMA QST?



Many amateur radio operators have read QST magazine for years without really knowing where its name comes from.

The term QST predates the magazine. In the early days of radiotelegraphy, it was used as a signal meaning "Attention all stations." It was sent before important announcements or bulletins addressed to multiple operators.

When the American Radio Relay League launched its magazine in 1915, it chose the name QST because it perfectly represented its purpose: to capture the attention of the amateur radio community with news, technical developments, and operating practices.

More than a century later, the magazine published by the American Radio Relay League still proudly carries this historic name.

Additional instructions can be found here:

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

**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

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.

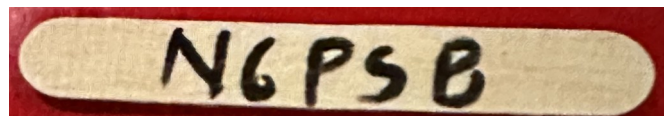
***Birthdays***

*5/3 John AB6KH*  
*5/21 Angelo KO6AFO*

**The monthly attendance prize!**

The last drawing for \$50 was at the April meeting. Must be present to win. N6PSB was the winner, but not present.

Next drawing at the June meeting!



***Anniversaries***

05/05 Mary & David KA6VTA



**Fresno Amateur Radio Club**

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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