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14

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W6TO/R 146.940

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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.

August 14th
MSK144 Meteor Scatter (K6US)
Come learn about the digital mode MSK144 and
Meteor Scatter modes

September 26th
Club Picnic
Holden Rancherita 2549 E. Copper Ave, Clovis, CA
93619

Old radio night
and root beer
floats! One of
our most popu-
lar meetings.
More on pages
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Thursday night YL net at 6:30 P.M. on 146.745 PI 123 W6BW repeater

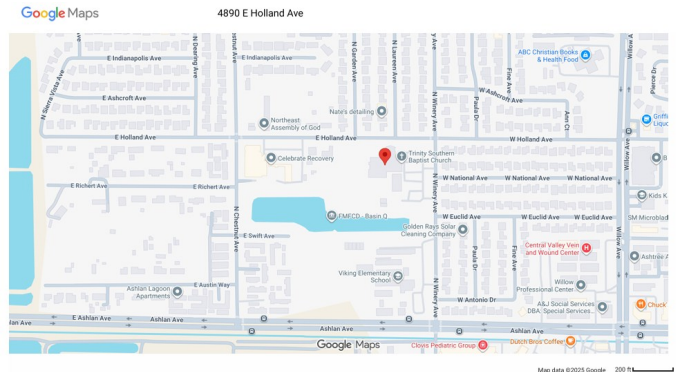
Next regular meeting is Aug. 14, Friday

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

Club meeting location -4890 E. Holland Ave.



New Treasurer:

Rob Egan - KM6SRR
km6srr@w6to.com - (559) 281-4730

New board member taking Marcus's spot till the end of the year:

Joerg Mueller - KN6YGA
kn6yga@w6to.com - (559) 942-0500



Our president Ken WA6OIB



WEDNESDAY NIGHT TECH NET

The Fresno Amateur Radio Club will be reviving the Wednesday night Tech Net every Wednesday evening at 7 PM. Duane, KI6QEL, will be the moderator for this net. The net will be held on 146.940 MHz. Topics and questions you may have of a technical nature will be discussed and we'll try, as a group, to come up with answers or solutions. Or, you can bring up any projects you may be working on like antennas, battery or solar power, radio programming, computer interfaces, etc. This tends to be more of a round table discussion and is open to all amateur radio operators, beginners or seasoned "pro's"! If you have any topics you may want to discuss, you can email them to Duane at KI6QEL@YAHOO.COM in advance.

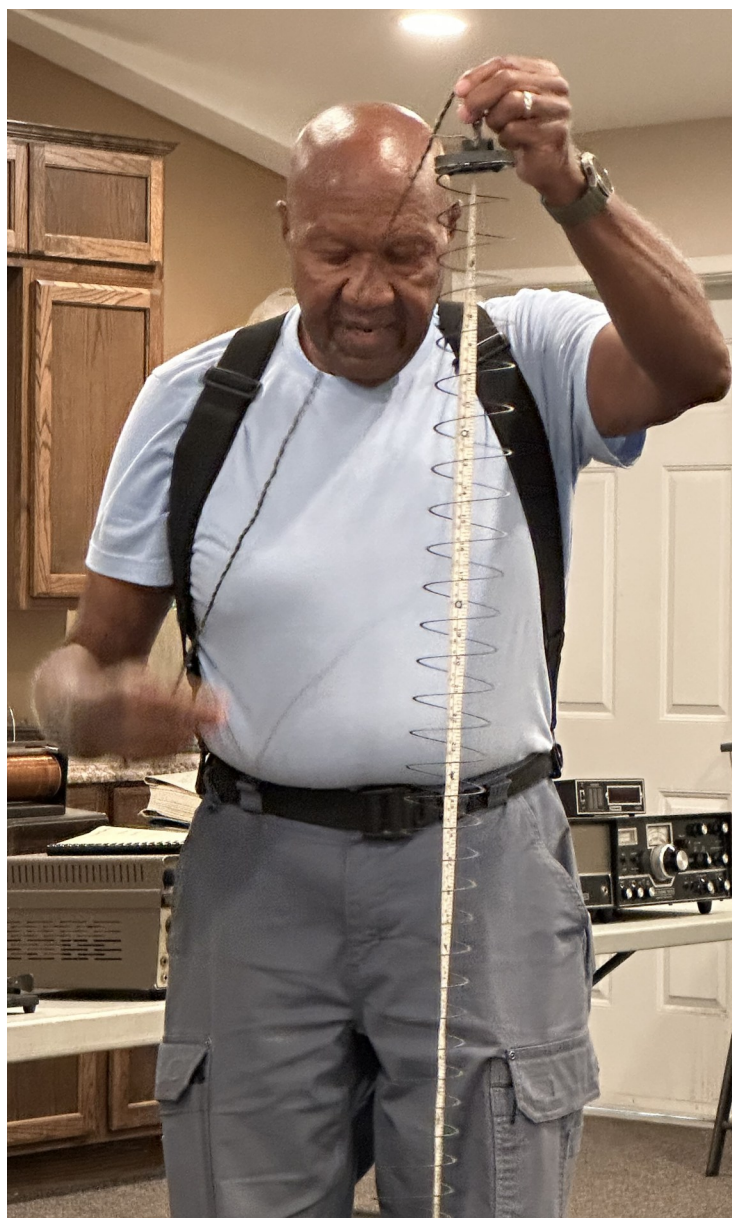
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Jim W6NIF with a table of operating awards that he has gained in the last few months.

Carey KC5DTU had a wonderful story of the gold plated Slinky antenna that required the help of several hams to open and deploy.

Ken and Brian KO6LUG are working on the slinky.



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Dennis K6GFD with the history of the Siltronics 11 meter transceiver, descendant of the Swan radios.

Ben WB6GBS brought an old multi and a diploma of his fathers. Ben and his father built an AM radio, sparking his interest in radio.

The meter is shown sitting on top of the Signal One 7a that John k6MI brought. The original price in 1970 was \$2100, which was huge. It had dual receivers and all IC's.

Duane KI6QEL adding more details about the 11 meter band and talked about the 11 meter tube radio that was on the Andy Griffith show..



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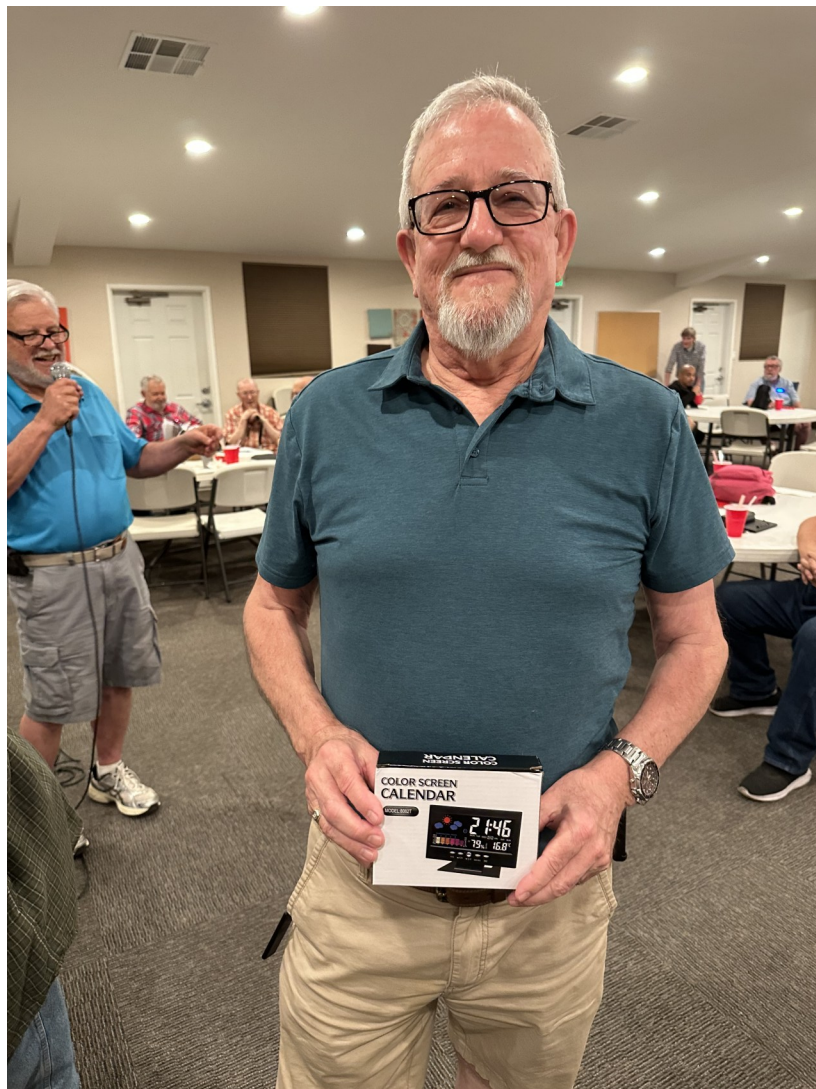
Ken WA6OIB had two of his working 80m AM WWII hand transceiver s and carried out a live qso with K6GFD.

As well as having operating units he was able to show how they were made and the modern batterey substitute that powers the units.

Larry W6ZBL had several “bugs”, Vibroplex semi automatic keys that hark back to the turn of the 19th century, used by telegraphers as well as hams.

Jim w6NIF had a crystal controlled scanning receiver that in it's day was the greatest way to monitor many different frequencies, requiring a separate crystal for each channel.





Radio Club

First drawn prize ticket!

Last month we had a picture of Jerry's K6PKO modern ham operating position, and this month we show his old AM station with a 75A-4 and a 32V-3. The 32V-3 has the tvi shielding, which was the advantage over the 32V-2.





Are you a "Sad Ham" ?

You may be a "Sad Ham" if:

- You insist that Voice (SSB) and Morse Code (CW) are the only "real" forms of amateur radio
- You loudly complain about modern digital modes like FT8 or DMR, claiming that because a computer helps process the signal, the operator isn't doing any real work
- You frequently use the airwaves to complain about "kids these days," the internet, and how society has degraded since you got your license 40 years ago
- You firmly believe that because you had to struggle, build your own gear, and memorize the rules decades ago, everyone else must undergo the same miserable trial by fire
- You mock operators who use common words for clarity (e.g., "Radio" instead of "Romeo") rather than the strict NATO phonetic alphabet
- You often look down on beginners or users of alternative radio formats like GMRS, FRS, or CB radio
- You mock cheaper equipment (like entry-level Baofeng radios) and boast about your decades of experience or advanced license classes
- Instead of teaching new enthusiasts, you offer unhelpful, patronizing comments like "read the manual"
- You strictly police the airwaves, frequently threatening beginners with massive FCC fines for minor infractions
- You have a tendency to monopolize local repeaters just to complain. Instead of discussing radio science, you host hours-long conversations detailing your aches, medical procedures, and prescription drug changes
- Instead of offering helpful advice, you tend to criticize, correct, or put down newcomers
- You flaunt specialized knowledge to intimidate others rather than teaching or sharing it

Don't be a "Sad Ham"

Be a "Happy Ham" !



QCWA Quarter Century Wireless Association

Next meeting Oct. 27, 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



Christopher Denny KD6HTV SK

Christopher K. Denny, age 94, passed away peacefully on July 2, 2026, at home in Fresno, CA. Born in 1932 in Indianapolis, IN to George and Mary-Lois Denny, he was the eldest son of four siblings.

He grew up in Indianapolis, until the family relocated to Pasadena, CA at age 17, and graduated from the University of CA Santa Barbara with a degree in History. Deciding to travel the world as a DOD teacher he met his future wife on the ship to Okinawa and married Joann L. Denny on January 4, 1963. He continued his career as an educator teaching at Edison High and Tenya Middle school.

Christopher, known as Chris to all his friends, was avidly involved with sports and enjoyed a lifetime filled with hang gliding, tennis, backpacking, mountain climbing, golf and cross-country skiing, but his passion was running which led to numerous marathons and triathlons. He ran and completed the Boston Marathon at the age of 73 and was actively riding a bicycle and mowing his lawn up to the end of 2025.

Chris was preceded in death by his wife Jo and 2 brothers, and is survived by his sister Linda, his daughter Joyce Denny Soares, his son Matthew R. Denny, and grandchildren Kethry and Erin Soares along with his great grandson. He requested no service or celebration be held. In lieu of flowers, a donation to his favorite charity the Marjaree Mason Center would be appreciated (mmcenter.org). To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](http://SympathyStore).

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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!

August 14th Friday Meeting MSK144 7 P.M.

Sept. 16th Club Picnic (no regular meeting)

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, 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>

Ham Exams in Fresno

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.



IDXC
77th International DX Convention
March 12-14th, 2027
Visalia, CA



Save the dates! IDXC 2027

The Northern California DX Club will again host IDXC 2027 at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia. We feel that Visalia provides the best value to our vendors and attendees and is centrally located within the Region.

We want to thank all of our Vendors and Attendees for visiting IDXC 2025. We all had a great time. Our organizing team is already meeting and in the early planning stages for IDXC 2027.

Save the dates for IDXC 2027: March 12-14th, 2027.

Please keep an eye on our website <http://www.dxconvention.com> for updates and further announcements.

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
K6RBGJ	K6RBJ	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

8/01 David KA6VTA

8/06 Ken WA6OIB

8/8 George AE6LO

8/18 Dennis KI6NVG

8/19 Mike KK6DCQ

8/24 John KF6KCZ

8/28 Ben WB6GBS

Anniversaries

8/04 Brenda & Sean KN6UAD

8/7 Mary & John AB6KH

8/08 Frances & David KD6WBA

8/22 Mary KN6PRZ & John K6MI

8/26 Norma & Ted W6TLM

8/25 Jamie N6PSB & Larry W6ZBL

***8/30 Candy KO6GVW & Angelo
KO6AFO***

The monthly attendance prize!

The last drawing for \$10 was won by AJ6SF at the July meeting. Must be present to win.



Next drawing at the August meeting!



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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 sup-
ported 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 mo-
ble mounting bracket MMB 31, as well as a
telescopic BNC antenna Yha-14,
Dennis KI6NVG 559 323-7386

K6MTS has some items, send him an email
as listed in QRZ.com

For Sale
Hygain 4 element 20m/17m LJ-294ba \$100
Also want Yaesu microphone YE-17
Dennis KI6NVG 559 323-7386
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Swap meet in November and May

Items from the club swap table that are available

Kenwood TS-570D with Power Supply.....	\$400
Icom 746Pro with Power Supply & Mic.....	\$400
MFJ 249 Antenna Analyzer.....	\$60
MFJ 259B Antenna Analyzer in new travel case...	\$120
MFJ VersaTuner V Antenna Tuner.....	\$200
MFJ 947B Antenna Tuner.....	\$200
MFJ 998 Auto Antenna Tuner	\$200
Mirage 2M 110 watt (19" rack Heat Sink) Amp	\$50
URM-25D Signal Gen.	\$20
Lots more so call for complete List...559-289-2891	
Ken WA6OIB	

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wind load (50 MPH). I have a Cushcraft A-3S with it. A
bargain – FREE to someone who needs it. Text or call me
at 559-273-7123 and leave a vm. K6NS Tripp Pound

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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