

January 6, 2007

Dear Amateur Radio Friend,

It's that time of the year again to reflect back on the previous year and make plans for an exciting new year. I'd like to thank you for your support in the past year. Your support helps keep our 521 and 685 repeaters on the air and helps ensure amateur radio thrives in our local community.

Last year brought a number of significant changes to our hobby, the most drastic being the elimination of the CW (morse code) requirement for all license classes. While it'll take another month or so for the testing changes to become official, we've already seen an increase of local interest in our hobby.

Regardless of how hard the license requirements were when you took the amateur radio examinations, let's not hold that against the newer folks entering the hobby. They didn't change the rules. Let's welcome the newcomers and recognize them for what they are - the future of our hobby!

As we do look forward into this new year of 2007, we have a lot of exciting opportunities to grow our hobby and our club. Please make note of the following:

FCARC Annual Business Meeting - Thursday, January 25, 2007 Fayetteville IHOP on N. Jeff Davis Rd. beginning at 6:00 p.m.

FCARC Club Dues Renewal - due by Wednesday, January 31, 2007 \$30 for individual membership or \$40 for a family membership See the enclosed membership brochure for more information

You might recall that we voted to change our fiscal year and annual meeting time to coincide with the calendar year, and not make it tied to Field Day. Dues are now payable on a calendar year basis. Complete details can be found in the enclosed membership brochure. Please note that we decided to discontinue the online payment mechanism because it was creating more problems than it was worth.

On behalf of your 2005/2006 club Board of Directors and Officers, I'd like to thank you for all that you do to support amateur radio in our community. I hope to see you at the Annual Meeting on Jan. $25^{\rm th}$ and to talk with you on the repeater sometime soon!

73,

Joe Domaleski KI4ASK FCARC President

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