

June Meeting – Date Changed

June 14, 2002 - 7 PM socializing, meeting starts at 7:30. Directions to the meeting are later in the newsletter.

Presentation: Program to be announced, but there will be final planning for Field Day. There may be a discussion on HF propagation

After the program and club business, we hold a prize raffle and the "Wish You Were Here" drawing for all the cash in the jar (*which appears to be quite a lot – ed!*)

At the May meeting, the number for Merrill Lovik, KG6GRW, was chosen for the "Wish You Were Here" prize. Unfortunately, Merrill was not present to claim the prize.

Secretary's Report

The FARS Board held its monthly meeting on the evening of June 4, 2002. Members present were Mikel, KN6QI, Frank, K6FCW, Mark, KG6GRR, Dick, N6ATD, Howard, KE6PWH, Howard, KG6GRO, Omri, AA6TA, Dave, KE6PFF, Herb, KF6BKL, Jack, WA6YJR, and Martin, KD6WJW. The treasury held \$3331.75 on this date. There was an extensive discussion of reimbursement procedures. Final preparations for the flea market were made, which included authorizing the purchase of a banner that also could be used for Field Day and other events. Field Day preparations continued to be made. There were still numerous open time slots for operating the various stations.

- Martin, KD6WJW

The club training officer position is still open.

New badges, through the efforts of Dick, N6ATD, are now being offered for \$5.75.

Please let us know if you change your address, email address, phone number, etc.

Field Day is a good place to learn how (and how not to) assemble and put up antennas and towers, work with emergency generators, and see equipment in operation. Please support FARS at field day on 22-23 June '02. Contact Dick Baldwinson, N6ATD at n6atd@arrl.net, or sign up at the club meeting this Friday, 14 June 2002.

President's Corner

I'm happy to report that we had a successful flea market this month (Saturday, June 8th) and brought in significant funds into the club coffers (~ \$2000 net). Our Treasurer will report on the final numbers once all the bills have been paid. I want to thank Howard Takaoka, KG6GRO for organizing and coordinating this very important club event. Howard is a recent club member who graduated from our Ham radio classes held last summer and already he has shown great leadership in the club. And while I'm praising recent club members I want to also recognize Frank Weiss, K6FCW who has taken on the job of club Treasurer, and also Mark Hardy, KG6GRR, for taking on the job of Relay editor. These are just a few examples of great additions to our club in the last year.

Field day is fast approaching this year and we are completing preparations for this event. We are planning to operate in the 2A category, which means two primary stations operating on HF. One station is a SSB voice station, and the other is a combination CW/Digital station. We also have a VHF/Satellite station and may have a bonus GOTA (Get On The Air) station. All FARS members are encouraged to come out to Field Day and participate regardless of license class or skill level. This is an opportunity to develop your skills and to experiment with new mode and bands. We will have control operators on site so even Technician class licensees will be able to operate on HF. Bring friend and family and get them interested in Ham Radio.

I also want to note that the digital station will be demonstrating SSTV (Slow Scan TV) and APRS (Automatic Position Reporting System). This is an opportunity to see these modes for yourself. And if you can make it on Friday afternoon (June 21st by 12 noon) or Sunday afternoon (June 23rd by 11 am) we can use a few more hands for setup and takedown. Contact Richard, N6ATD at n6atd@arrl.net if you can lend a hand.

If you plan to attend the club BBQ on Saturday afternoon (June 22nd at 5 pm), please bring a side dish to augment the hotdogs, hamburgers, and drinks that the club is providing. Fruits, vegetables, pastas, deserts, etc. are all appropriate. Bring enough to serve a few people. Contact Peter Griffith, WA6VAQ at wa6vaq@arrl.net to coordinate side dishes.

- de mikel, kn6qj

Field Day Manual

There is a very complete "how to" manual on Field Day at <http://www.qsl.net/ta1dx/afet/fieldnedir.htm>. It is aimed at organizers and new hams. I printed a copy to study.

- Steve, K6OIK

CLUB INFORMATION

President: Mikel Lechner, KN6QI
Vice President: Steve Stearns, K6OIK
Treasurer: Frank Weiss, K6FCW
Secretary: Martin Liberman, KD6WJW
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Station Trustee: Stan Kuhl, K6MA
FARS Web Page: <http://www.fars.k6ya.org>

FARS announcement mailing list is moderated, so you cannot reply directly to the list: fars-announce@svpal.org

Also, note you can contact the FARS board of directors at fars-board@svpal.org

To subscribe/unsubscribe, send a message to: majordomo@svpal.org

In the e-mail message (in plain text) put one of:
unsubscribe fars-announce YOUR-EMAIL-ADDRESS
subscribe fars-announce YOUR-EMAIL-ADDRESS
(e.g. Subscribe fars-announce dwilkes@svpal.org)

Club meetings are held at 7 PM on the fourth Friday of each month except January (Winter Banquet); and sometimes there are changes for June, Nov. & Dec. Annual membership \$20, family \$25. Visitors are always welcome! Directions on the back page. Talk-in: N6NFI (145.23-, 100 Hz) or W6ASH repeater (145.27 or 224.36).

The FARS *Relay* is the official monthly newsletter of the Foothills Amateur Radio Society. Contributions to the newsletter from members, family, and guests are earnestly solicited! Contributions subject to editing and/or compression. ASCII files via Internet or diskettes preferred; but all readable forms welcome.

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News from Around the Area

One-time club vice-president Alan Margot, W6FZA, and XYL Norma, K6ZEH, now residing in Palm Desert, Calif., celebrated this April Alan's 70th anniversary of being a licensed ham. Alan got his first ticket at age 9. Alan is still active on HF daily, exclusively on CW.

Congrats, Alan & Norma!

-73 de Omri, AA6TA

Flea Market, 8 June 2002

FARS ran the Flea Market booth on 8 June 2002, this last Saturday. Several members of the club helped with setup and takedown and helped sell donuts, coffee, hot dogs, sodas, and water.

Setup started very early, around 4:00 AM, and takedown of the booth was complete around 12:30 PM.

The new FARS banner was on display (see photo below) and several people at the Flea Market asked about the club. The banner is white with blue lettering.

Many club members and others helped at the booth. Howard, KG6GRO, Flea Market Coordinator; Jack, WA6YJR; Omri, AA6TA, Dick, N6ATD; Mikel, KN6QI; Martin, KD6WJW; Frank, K6FCW; Dave, KE6PFF; Arv, WA6UUTA; Steve, K6OIK; and friend; Herb, KF6BKL; Paul, AA6PZ; and Mark, KG6GRR; and, perhaps, others helped at the Flea Market booth.

Frank, K6FCW and FARS Treasurer, reports that over \$3900 was collected from the Flea Market this year. This amount does not account for bills paid or yet to pay.

Special thanks go to Tom Cascone of the Red Cross, who helped a lot and brought the Red Cross van along with the canopy, tables, and equipment for the booth.



Field Day 2002

Hams across Region 2 (North and South America) will celebrate Field Day on June 22-23, during which they will attempt to contact as many other hams as possible using radio stations operating in field conditions.

The annual event is intended to exercise amateur operating skills and gain experience in conditions resembling those that might prevail in the aftermath of a major disaster.

Stations must not use commercial power (it will probably be disrupted!), nor use any permanent structures or antennas (they might be damaged).

In emergencies, radio amateurs have on many occasions rendered valuable communications services in support of public safety agencies. Radio amateurs also frequently support civic events with volunteer communications services.

Our club, FARS, is one of several in this area (and hundreds nationwide) participating in this year's Field Day activities. We expect to operate by voice, Morse code, radio teletype (RTTY), satellite, and digital packet radio. The event runs for 24 hours beginning at 11 AM Saturday, June 22. This is an excellent opportunity for hams to get HF and contesting experience regardless of your license level!

We will be easily accessible next to the Maryknoll Residence (23000 Cristo Rey Drive, Los Altos), opposite the entrance to Rancho San Antonio Park, near the intersection of Foothill Expressway and I-280.

- 73 de Omri AA6TA

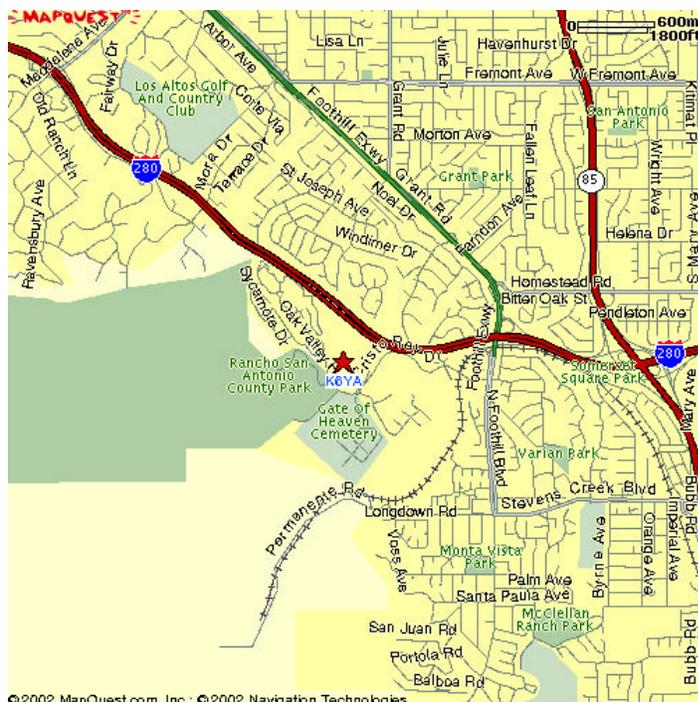
From the Field Day Rules - ARRL

"The strength of Field Day does not lay in the score that you post or the number of transmitters you put on the air. It lies in the number of operators who actually participate and gain valuable operating experience."

There are two major changes in Field Day 2002 rules:

1. The old Novice/Technician station from previous years has been replaced by a **GET ON THE AIR (GOTA) station**. The GOTA station will allow Novice, Technicians, and generally inactive hams a chance to GET ON THE AIR to help the group's Field Day effort. Non-licensed persons may also participate in the GOTA station, under the direct supervision of an appropriate control operator.
2. We have always been able to work DX stations during Field Day. Field Day 2002 now has expanded the opportunity for DX stations to more fully participate. **DX stations from across Region 2 – encompassing North and South America –** are now invited to fully participate and submit scores to the ARRL for inclusion in the results.

Field Day 2002 Directions



From I-280 Northbound, (a) take the Foothill Expwy exit; (b) turn left and go under the highway. (c) At the first traffic light turn right on Cristo Rey. (d) Go past the traffic circle; (e) immediately past the Rancho San Antonio entrance (on your left) turn RIGHT at the small Maryknoll sign on your right. (f) Immediately turn right again onto the field.

From I-280 Southbound, take the Foothill Expwy exit and turn right; then follow instructions above at (c).

- 73 de Omri AA6TA

Other Items

To see some photographs and comments on past Field Days, check out the club web site at www.fars.k6ya.org and follow the link to "Field Day."

You can also check out past versions of the FARS Relay, get information on upcoming events, and find a lot of other interesting information by following links from the club's web site.

Also from the ARRL Web Site

Kid's Day

Purpose: Kid's Day is intended to encourage young people (licensed or not) to enjoy Amateur Radio. It can give young people hands-on on-the-air experience so they might develop an interest in pursuing a license in the future. It is intended to give hams a chance to share their station with their children.

Dates: June 15, 2002.

Time: 1800 to 2400Z. No limit on operating time.

Suggested exchange: Name, age, location and favorite color. You are encouraged to work the same station again if an operator has changed. Call "CQ Kid's Day."

Suggested Frequencies: 28350 to 28400 kHz, 21380 to 21400, 14270 to 14300 kHz and 2-meter repeater frequencies with permission from your area repeater sponsor. Observe third party traffic restrictions when making DX QSOs.

Reporting: Logs and comments may be posted on the Internet to kids@contesting.com. You may review these postings on [the Web](#). Those without Internet access may forward comments to the Boring Amateur Radio Club.

Awards: All participants are eligible to receive a colorful certificate (it becomes the child's personalized sales brochure on ham radio). You can download this certificate for free, customized with the kids' names, after filling out our [Kid's Day Survey](#), or send a 9 X 12 SASE to: Boring Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1357; Boring, OR 97009. More details may be obtained at the Web site, <http://www.jzap.com/k7rat/>

HAM Nets – From the FARS Web Site

FARS Thursday Net

FARS members meet at **8:00 PM each Thursday evening** on the [N6NFI repeater](#), 145.23-. The 100 Hz PL is off for the net. There is a 90-second time-out timer.

The purpose of the net is to keep club members informed of official club activities, to exchange other club-related information, and to socialize.

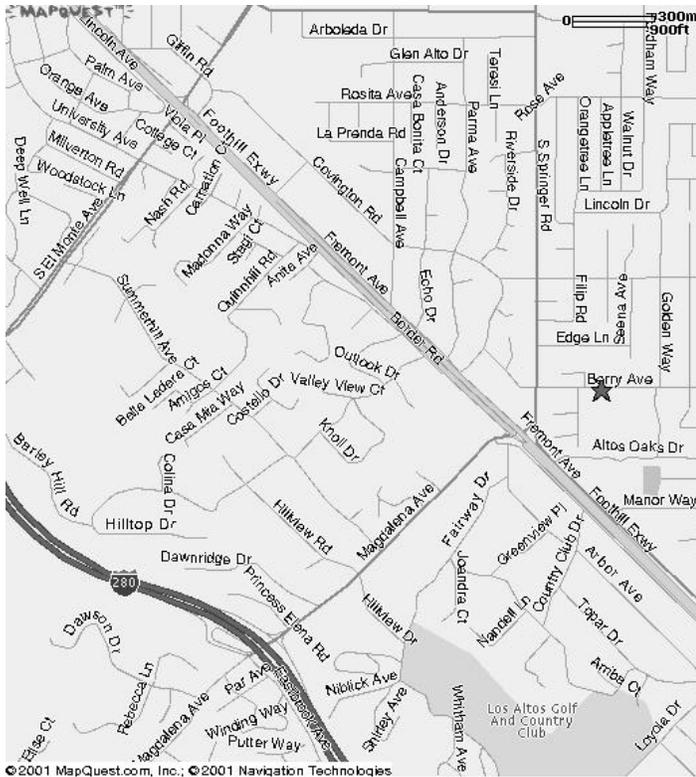
This net is open to all interested hams.

After all club QST's have been given, it's time for the rag chew session. During this portion of the net each participant is encouraged to make a contribution. Use this time to relate stories or experiences of interest to hams.

9 AM Weekday Net

This is an informal net that meets at **9:00 AM weekdays** on the [N6NFI repeater](#), 145.23, negative offset, and a 100 Hz PL to access the repeater. There is a 90-second time-out timer. This net is not affiliated with any club and is open to all interested HAMs.

There is a regular roll call and then a call for other HAMs who wish to participate. After the roll call, there are typically two rounds for comments for those who have checked in.



How to get to meetings:

(Visitors always welcome)

Our meetings usually will be held at the Loyola School gym room (directions below) on the fourth Friday at 7 PM for the code practice/socializing and 7:30 PM for the regular meeting. There may be changes in the meeting dates for June, November, and December.

DIRECTIONS:

Loyola School is at 770 Berry Avenue in Los Altos, between Springer Rd. and Miramonte Ave.

FROM FOOTHILL EXPWY take the Rancho shopping center exit and go east (toward El Camino Real) on Springer one short block; turn right onto Berry; watch for the school parking lot on your right. Walk past the office and turn right. The gym is the first building on your right.

FROM I-280 take the Magdalena Av. exit and go east (towards Foothill Expwy). Cross Foothill Expwy onto Springer; then follow directions as above.