



Presidents Column

Elections. It's club election time this month. Be sure to attend this month's meeting to have your say in club governance. This is also your last chance to nominate someone for a "member at large," or as an officer of the club. Participation on the board helps to keep the club healthy and active. Even if you don't participate on the Board, you can still help your club by volunteering for club activities throughout the year. Remember, it's your club, so participate.

Budget. This month we also present the club's budget for the membership to approve. This budget was developed by your board to cover the club's anticipated expenses for the coming year. The membership will vote the budget up or down after a few minutes of discussion. Once approved the board will be empowered to spend club money as outlined by this budget.

Banquet. Tom Schiller, N6BT of Force-12 fame will be the speaker for the upcoming FARS/PAARA banquet. The exact program has not been determined, but we expect he will talk about some of his DXpedition experiences. This should make for an entertaining evening. Thanks to Andreas, N6NU from PAARA, for making arrangements for our banquet speaker. The banquet will be held at Michael's at Shoreline on January 17th, starting at 6:00pm; dinner at 7pm; program at 8pm. Look for the signup form.

- de mikel, kn6qj

November Meeting

November 22, 2002 - 7 PM socializing, meeting starts at 7:30. Directions to the meeting are later in the newsletter.

Speaker and Topic: To Be Announced

We will have the Club Elections and Budget Presentation at the November meeting.

October Meeting Report

At the October meeting, Pink Foster, Santa Clara Valley Section Traffic Manager, KG6ILA@arrl.net, presented information on handling message traffic, or "radiograms," through the National Traffic System (NTS). Traffic may be passed by various methods such as voice, CW, and packet. Messages can be up to 25 words. NTS nets may be found in the ARRL net directory. Pink is organizing a local NTS net.

At the October meeting, the number for Don Conant, W6VTK, was chosen for the "Wish You Were Here" prize. Unfortunately, Don was not in attendance.

Secretary's Report

The FARS board held its monthly meeting on the evening of November 5, 2002. Members present were Mikel, KN6QI, Howard, KG6GRO, Jack, WA6YJR, Omri, AA6TA, Mark, KG6GRR, Frank, K6FCW, Dick, N6ATD, Steve, K6OIK, and Martin, KD6WJW. The board the payment of miscellaneous expenses. The proposed budget for next year was discussed, slightly amended, and approved as final. Other items discussed: other sources of income for the club, the upcoming election of officers and board members for next year, and banquet-related issues

- Martin, KD6WJW

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 22 7:00 PM Club meeting, Loyola School
Elections
- Dec. 3 7:30 PM Board Meeting, Los Altos Town Crier
- Dec. 20 7:00 PM Club meeting, Loyola School
- Jan. 7 7:30 PM Board Meeting, Los Altos Town Crier
- Jan. 17 **Winter Banquet**

See more events, [FARS Calendar](http://www.fars.k6ya.org/events/calendar.shtml)
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Elections

The officers are all up for re-election this month. The members at large that are listed with Year Elected as 2002 are up for election this year. The other members at large are due for re-election 3 years after the election date shown on this list.

Officers

Title	Candidate
President	Mikel Lechner, KN6QI
Vice President	Steve Stearns, K6OIK
Secretary	Martin Liberman, KW6WJW
Treasurer	Frank Weiss, K6FCW
Training Officer	Mike Zensius, KG6GUE
Radio Officer	Omri Serlin, AA6TA
Relay Editor	Mark Hardy, KG6GRR

Members at Large

Candidate	Year Elected
Richard Baldwinson, N6ATD	2000
Herb Davidson, KF6BKL	2000
David Cooper, KE6PFF	2001
Howard Califf, KE6PWH	2001
Stefan Goette, KG6MAO	2002
Howard Takaoka, KG6GRO	2002

CLUB INFORMATION

President: Mikel Lechner, KN6QI
 Vice President: Steve Stearns, K6OIK
 Treasurer: Frank Weiss, K6FCW
 Secretary: Martin Liberman, KD6WJW
 Radio Officer: Omri Serlin, AA6TA
 Training Officer: (open)
 Relay Editor: Mark Hardy KG6GRR

Board Members: Jack Eddy WA6YJR, Dick Baldwinson N6ATD, David Cooper KE6PFF, Frank Weiss K6FCW, Herb Davidson KF6BKL, Howard Califf KE6PWH, Mark Hardy KG6GRR, Howard Takaoka KG6GRO.

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. Club badges are \$5.75. 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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Proposed Budget

Items	Income	Expense	Net	Notes
Account Interest	\$6			
Dues	\$1,700			(85 x \$20)
Relay		\$300		(12 x \$25)
Membership (Net)			\$1,406	
Flea Mkt (Vendor Fees)	\$2,310			
Flea Market (Food)	\$1,618			
Flea Market (Perham)		\$875		
Flea Market (Supplies)		\$920		
Flea Market (Net)			\$2,133	
Raffle Tickets	\$495			(11 x \$45)
Meeting		\$300		
Raffle Prizes		\$880		(11 x \$80)
Wish You were Here		\$55		(11 x \$5)
Raffle (Net)			-\$740	
Banquet Prizes		\$450		
Banquet Expenses		\$150		
Banquet (Net)			-\$600	
Field Day (BBQ)		\$150		
Field Day (Toilet)		\$170		
Field Day (Misc)		\$60		
Field Day (Maryknoll cont.)		\$100		
Field Day (Net)			-\$480	
License Class (Expenses)		\$150		
Station Maint./Upgrade		\$100		
Insurance (Liability)		\$368		>\$2M not offered
Insurance (Equipment)		\$87		
Homebrew Night		\$100		
Web Site		\$10		(k6ya.org) domain registration
Email Lists		\$40		(fars-board, fars-announce) @ \$20/yr
Incorporation		\$500		
Misc. Expenses (Net)			-\$1,355	
INCOME TOTAL	\$6,129			
EXPENSE TOTALS		\$5,765		
GAIN (LOSS)		\$364	\$364	

ARES/RACES

Information about some local ARES/RACES organizations may be found at the ARES/RACES web site www.scc-ares-races.org. Information may also be found at the SPECS web site, www.specsnet.org, or at the SVECS web site, www.geocities.com/svecsnet.

The SPECS net is held Mondays at 8:00 PM local time on the W6ASH repeater: 145.270 MHz, negative offset, PL of 100 Hz (sometimes off). Instructions will be given during the net regarding frequencies for local, city check-ins.

The SVECS net is held Tuesdays at 8:00 PM local time on the WB6ADZ repeater: 146.115 MHz, positive offset, PL of 100 Hz. Local city nets are typically held before the main net at 7:30 or 7:45 PM. City check-in times and frequencies can be found at the ARES/RACES web site. Check-ins can also be done on the main net and contact made with the appropriate city emergency coordinator for further information.

Winter Banquet

Mark your calendars. The FARS/PAARA annual banquet will take place on Friday evening, January 17, 2003. Once again we are teaming up with [PAARA](http://www.paara.org) (Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association, www.paara.org) to make this an even bigger event. For this year's venue we are returning to Michael's at Shoreline:

Where: Michael's at Shoreline
2960 No. Shoreline Blvd
Mountain View, CA
650-962-1014

When: 6:00pm - Open Bar (No Host)
7:00pm - Dinner
8:00pm - Presentation

Tom Schiller, N6BT of Force-12 fame, will be the speaker for the upcoming FARS/PAARA banquet. Thanks to Andreas, N6NU from PAARA, for making arrangements for our banquet speaker.

We have decided on the following menu choices:

Menu Choice	Price
Roast Prime Rib of Beef, au jus	\$31.50
Breast of Chicken, Florentine	\$26.50
Broiled Salmon Lemon Beurre Blanc	\$28.50
Vegetarian	\$21.50

Each entree includes "intermezzo" pasta and is served with seasonal greens, fresh vegetables, potato du jour, and French rolls. Coffee and cheesecake dessert are also included. Tax and tip are included in these prices. This is the same as last year.

We will have a NO HOST BAR for soft drinks, wine, beer, etc.

This is going to be a fun time for everyone, so let's make it a big turnout. See you there!

To attend the banquet, use the signup form below. Fill it out and mail it with a check for the full amount. You can also use this form to renew your membership. To just renew your membership, fill out the membership portion only.

Note that unlike our regular meetings, the banquet is for members only and their guests. Also note that you must make a reservation to attend this event by filling out the banquet signup and prepaying.

Note that you must renew your membership in order to attend the banquet.

Electronics Museum History

Jack Eddy, WA6YJR, the past President of FARS is writing a history of the Electronics Museum. We plan to include excerpt from the history in the Relay. Below is the introduction, with more to come in future issues.

Introduction (by Jack Eddy, WA6YJR)

Amateur Radio is a fascinating hobby and the opening of the Electronics Museum provided an ideal place for an amateur radio station. The purpose of the station was threefold:

1. To teach the community about amateur radio and provide classes for those wishing to become Hams.
2. To provide a working station for Hams of the area.
3. To provide emergency communications in the event of a disaster in the area.

In February of 1973, the museum opened its doors to the public. 1972 was a very fast pace for the museum staff to get the displays organized and built.

The museum had one of the finest collections in the country. The library had all of Lee deForest's papers and much time was spent by the staff librarian to catalog this collection so it would be useful for research by those wishing to do so.

The first radio station was built by Doc Harold in San Jose and was reconstructed in the museum using many of the original parts. This station was heard throughout Santa Clara Valley only because Doc Harold built receivers and gave them to the people of the valley. This station is known today as KCBS.

The tube collection was one of the finest around and was of great interest to the Amateur community. deForest's audion tube was a part of this collection as was one of the large Klystron tubes used for radar on the dew line in Alaska.

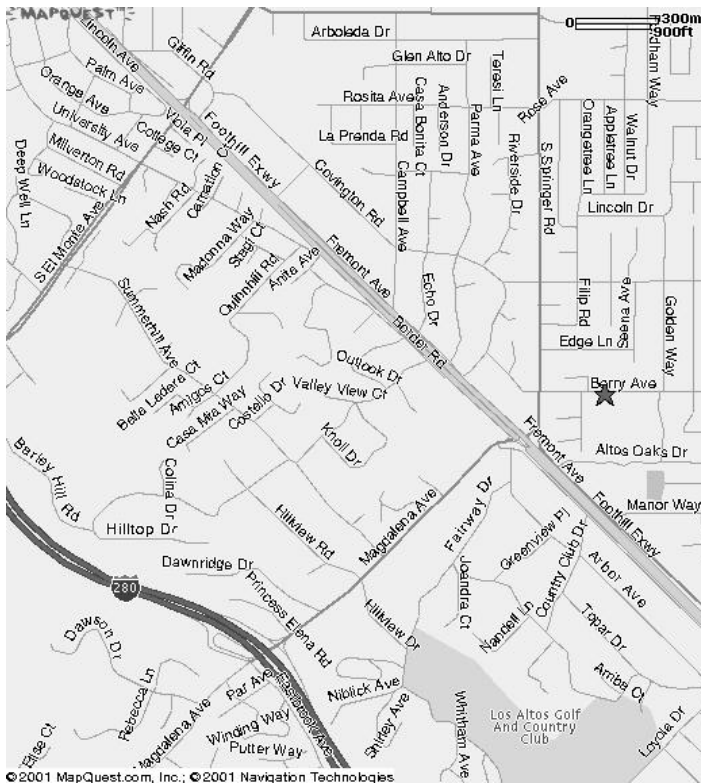
Several old radios were restored and old radio programs were played from them.

The museum had a pendulum, which was housed in a round well area of the museum. It was soon learned that it would not work correctly and would never do so. It was removed and the location was used for the Amateur radio station.

With a lot of hard work, the museum staff built round tables to house the radio equipment. This location was ideal because the visitors could look down into the well and see the station in operation.

The museum curator, Jack Eddy, called upon the Amateur community to help organize the station. The station housed all Heath equipment, which was built by Jack Eddy.

The well was ideal for the station, because conduit was already into the roof, which made it easy to run coax.



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 January, 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.