

# Relay

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## November Meeting

**Date:** Friday, November 21, 2003.

**Time:** Socializing at 7 pm, meeting at 7:30 pm

**Place:** Covington School, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos

**Topic:** Election of club officers.

Five seats on the board are up for election. Please come and vote for the new board members.

Be sure to bring your questions to submit to Dr. Know-It-All!

## October Meeting Report

At the October meeting, Donn Lee, W6FYI, talked about IRLP – Internet Radio Linking Project. Donn presented information about making contacts via the Internet using IRLP. He shows diagrams of how the contacts are made and listed IRLP repeaters. More information may be found at [www.irlp.net](http://www.irlp.net) and [www.status.irlp.net](http://www.status.irlp.net).

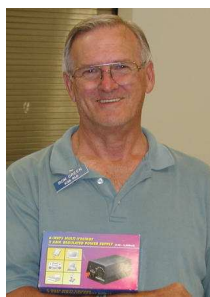


**Donn, W6FYI**

Mike Gavin, W6WZ, took away the ICOM T2H prize and Ron Green, KG6RLG, carried home the power supply. The number for Katherine Greene, KG6GRS, was chosen for the “Wish you were here” prize. Unfortunately, Katherine was not present.



**Mike, W6WZ**



**Ron, KG6RLG**

## January 23, 2004 – FARS/PAARA Winter Banquet

Sign up form in this newsletter!

## Presidents Column

**Elections.** This month is the annual membership meeting for Foothills Amateur Radio Society. At the meeting we shall have an election for five seats on the Board of Directors. The following candidates have been nominated to fill these five seats: Mikel Lechner, KN6QI (current President); Steve Stearns, K6OIK (current Vice President); Dave Cooper, KE6PFF (current Director), Phil Hawkins, KA6MZE; and Robert Flemate, KE6TFU. Paper ballots will be distributed at the meeting to all Full Members and Honorary Members. Since there are five Board seats up for election, each member is entitled to vote for up to five candidates to serve on the Board. The five candidates with the most votes are elected to the Board. We will also address any other FARS business that is brought before the meeting.

**PSK31 on VHF.** I recently received an email asking for suggestions about making contacts with PSK31 on VHF. Since most PSK31 activity is on HF, I told him that his best opportunity would be to make arrangements with another HAM. Is there interest in working PSK31 on VHF? Would it make sense to start a group or a net on PSK31?

- de Mikel, kn6qi

## Secretary’s Report

The FARS Board held its monthly meeting on the evening of November 4, 2003. The meeting was called to order by the President at approximately 7:40 PM. Present were Mikel, KN6QI, Frank, K6FCW, Dick, N6ATD, Howard, KG6GRO, Stefan, KG6MAO, Mike, KG6GUE, Mark, KG6GRR, Steve, K6OIK, and Martin, KD6WJW. The President announced that the forms for state tax exemption have been filed. The following motions were approved by the Board:

- \* Payment of various expenses (approximate amounts): state tax exemption filing, \$27; meeting expenses, \$37; raffle prize, \$130.
- \* Election procedures. In September, the Board will propose a slate of nominees for Board members for the upcoming year. The membership may nominate additional candidates at the October club meeting. All candidates nominated by the Board or the membership shall appear on the November election ballot. The election will be held at the November club meeting.
- \* Up to \$800 can be spent for raffle prizes at the Winter Banquet. This will be equally divided between FARS and PAARA. Any differences between raffle expenses and ticket sales will equally divided between the clubs. Similarly, any gain or loss that results from the sale of banquet tickets will also be equally divided between FARS and PAARA.

- Martin, KD6WJW

## Upcoming Events

- Nov 21 7:00 PM Club meeting, Covington School
  - Dec 2 7:30 PM Board Meeting, Los Altos Town Crier
  - Dec 19 7:00 PM Club meeting, Covington School
  - Jan 23, '04 Winter Banquet – Set aside this date
  - Thursdays 8:00 PM, FARS net, 145.230(-), 100 Hz PL
- See more events, [FARS Calendar](http://www.fars.k6ya.org/events/calendar.shtml)  
<<http://www.fars.k6ya.org/events/calendar.shtml>>

## 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: Mike Zensius, KG6GUE  
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FARS Board: Dick Baldwinson N6ATD, Herb Davidson KF6BKL, David Cooper KE6PFF, Howard Califf KE6PWH, Howard Takaoka KG6GRO, Stefan Goette KG6MAO.

Station Trustee: Stan Kuhl, K6MA  
FARS Web Page: <http://www.fars.k6ya.org>  
Download Relay: <http://www.fars.k6ya.org/relay>

Club members and non-members are encouraged to subscribe to the FARS Announcement list by browsing [www.fars.k6ya.org/mail](http://www.fars.k6ya.org/mail), clicking on Subscribe/Unsubscribe and following the instructions under "Subscribing to fars-announce."

You may also submit an announcement to the FARS Announcement at [fars-announce@svpal.org](mailto:fars-announce@svpal.org). The list is moderated and messages will be posted as approved by the list moderator.

The FARS board of directors may be reached at [fars-board@svpal.org](mailto:fars-board@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 (for field day) and Nov. & Dec (for holidays).

Annual club membership \$20. Club badges are \$6. 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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### Ham Class in 2004

FARS will be offering the Technician License class in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2004. If you know of anyone who is looking for a good class to prepare for the license examination, point them at the FARS website or contact any board member.

## FARS / PAARA 2004 Winter Banquet

Mark your calendars. The FARS / PAARA annual banquet will take place on Friday evening, January 23, 2004. We are again teaming up with [PAARA](#) (Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association) to make this an even bigger event. By popular demand we are returning to Michael's at Shoreline:

<b>Where:</b>	Michael's at Shoreline 2960 No. Shoreline Blvd Mountain View, CA 650-962-1014
<b>When:</b>	6:00pm - Open Bar (No Host) 7:00pm - Dinner 8:00pm - Presentation

Our speaker is to be determined.

[Note that unlike our regular meetings, attendance at the banquet is by reservation only. To attend this event fill out a Banquet Signup form and include payment for the appropriate amount. You should renew your FARS / PAARA membership if you have not already done so. Look for a signup form in your most recent newsletter.]

We have decided on the following menu choices:

Menu Choice	Price
Roast Prime Rib of Beef	\$35
Breast of Chicken, Florentine	\$30
Broiled Salmon Lemon Beurre Blanc	\$32
Vegetarian	\$25

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.

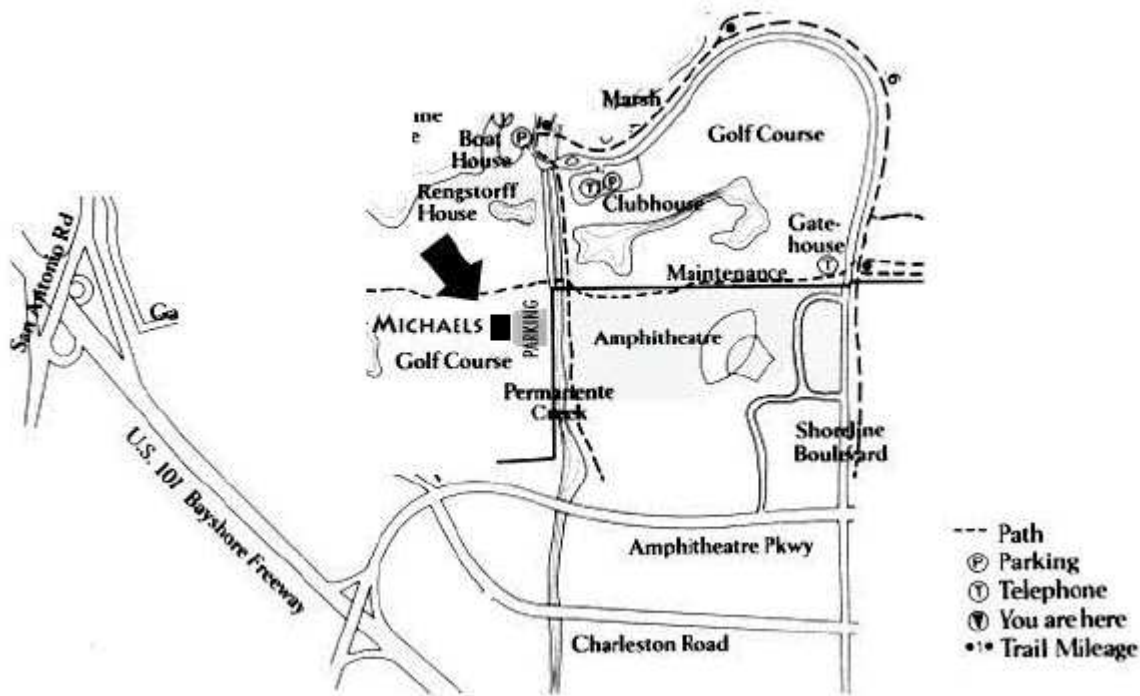
We will have a NO HOST BAR for soft drinks, wine, beer, etc.

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, fill out the signup form from your most recent newsletter. Mail the form with a check for the full amount. You can also use the form to renew your membership. To just renew your FARS membership, fill out and send in a membership form.

For reference you might want to print out a copy of the Banquet Flyer, which includes a map.

**Prizes.** Planned prizes at the banquet are an **MFJ SWR analyzer**, an **ICOM 2100H** mobile radio, a **Garmin GPS**, and more!



**Map to Michael's at Shoreline**

2960 No. Shoreline Blvd  
 Mountain View, CA  
 650-962-1014

Take the Shoreline Boulevard Exit (North) from Highway 101



**How to get to meetings:**

(Visitors always welcome)

Our meetings will be held at the Covington Elementary School (directions below) on the fourth Friday. Socializing at 7 PM with the regular meeting at 7:30 PM. There may be changes in the meeting dates for January, June, November, and December.

**DIRECTIONS:**

**From Interstate 280.** take the El Monte exit (same as for the Flea Market) but go Northeast (rather than West to the college). Cross Foothill Expressway. (A) At the first traffic light turn right on Covington. (B) Immediately at the fork take the left street (Covington). Go about 1/10th of a mile. Turn left into the parking lot. The gym is the tall building to your right with red and white stripes.

**From Foothill Expwy.** From Foothill Expressway, take the El Monte exit and go Northeast; then follow directions as above at point (A).

**From US101 or El Camino:** take San Antonio Road west (to Foothill Expressway). Then follow directions as above at point (A).

**TALK-IN** via the [N6NFI](#) (145.230-; 100Hz PL) repeater or the [W6ASH](#) 145.27- (100Hz PL) repeater.