

December Meeting

Date: Friday, December 19, 2003.

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

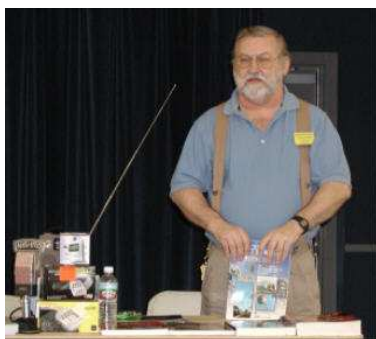
Place: Covington School, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos

Topic: To be announced.

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

November Meeting Report

At the November meeting, Howard Califf, KE6PWH – manager at HRO, talked about the latest items available at HRO. We also held the annual meeting (see notes in this newsletter).



Howard, KE6PWH

Howard Califf, KE6PWH – our speaker, took away the ICOM 2100H prize. The number for Norm Rehbein, W6IQX, was chosen for the “Wish you were here” prize. Unfortunately, Norm was not present.

January 23, 2004 – FARS/PAARA Winter Banquet

Sign up form in this newsletter!

The **Grand Prize** at the banquet will be a

Yaesu FT-817 All Mode Transceiver.

There will also be other nice, valuable, and attractive prizes now being carefully selected. Tickets are \$1.00 donation each or 6 tickets for each \$5.00 donation and may be pre-purchased with the dinner reservations and/or purchased at the Banquet.

Upcoming Events

Dec 19 7:00 PM Club meeting, Covington School
Jan 6, '04 7:30 PM Board Meeting, Los Altos Town Crier
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)

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Presidents Column

Banquet. The FARS/PAARA Winter Banquet is scheduled for January 23rd, at 6pm at Michael's at Shoreline (Mtn. View). Our speaker is Dr. Seppo Sisatto OH1VR/OH0VR, a Fulbright Scholar and an internationally known DXpeditioner and contester. This should be a very good program and every year our attendees have a great time. Don't miss out. Sign up today using the form in this edition of the RELAY. We will also raffle some valuable prizes, including a Yaesu FT-817. We are planning to have at least \$600 in prizes, so are suggesting a \$10 raffle donation. Additional tickets can be purchased at the banquet.

Membership. It's also time to renew your FARS membership. Remember that your membership dues help FARS to put on programs every month, to have Field Day, training classes, and our annual Winter Banquet. FARS cannot function without our members, so it's very important to renew your membership and to participate in our functions as much as you can manage. Your support is invaluable to our mission of educating people about amateur radio.

Thank you for your support.

- de Mikel, kn6qi

Annual Meeting Report

The Annual Member meeting of the Foothills Amateur Radio Society was held on November 21, 2003 at 7:30pm at the Covington School at 205 Covington Road, Los Altos, California for the purpose of electing directors of the corporation.

The meeting was called by Mr. Lechner, President. Written notice of this meeting was sent or personally delivered to all Members of record on the books of the corporation.

The President noted that 24 members were present constituting a valid quorum to conduct business. Mr. Lechner, President, acted as chairperson for the meeting, and Mr. Liberman, Secretary, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

Mr. Lechner read the names of the nominees presented in the meeting notice. Mr. Takaoka, Director, and Mr. Goette, Director, proceeded to distribute ballots to members present at the meeting.

After a count of ballot votes, Mr. Takaoka declared that the following were duly elected as Directors to serve for a term of 3 years, by the affirmative vote of a majority of votes represented at the meeting.

Mikel Lechner, KN6QI; Steve Stearns, K6OIK; David Cooper, KE6PFF; Phil Hawkins, KA6MZE; Robert Flemate, KE6TFU.

Howard, KE6PWH, was the speaker for the evening. He discussed several new products of interest to hams that are available at Ham Radio Outlet (HRO). Mike, KG6GUE, the training officer, told of plans for club-sponsored classes next year. Among other discussion topics were the possibility of PSK-31 on VHF and IRLP, the latter resulting from last month's meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned on motion duly made and carried.

- Martin, KD6WJW

CLUB INFORMATION

President: Mikel Lechner, KN6QI
Vice President: Steve Stearns, K6OIK
Treasurer: Frank Weiss, K6FCW
Secretary: Martin Liberman, KD6WJW
Radio Officer: Omri Serlin, AA6TA (Retiring 12/2003)
Training Officer: Mike Zensius, KG6GUE
Relay Editor: Mark Hardy KG6GRR

FARS Board: Dick Baldwinson N6ATD, Herb Davidson KF6BKL, David Cooper KE6PFF, Howard Califf KE6PWH (Retiring 12/2003), Howard Takaoka KG6GRO, Stefan Goette KG6MAO, Phil Hawkins, KA6MZE Robert Flemate, KE6TFU.

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, 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. 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

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-, 100 Hz).

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 1st 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](http://www.paara.org) (Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association) to make this an even bigger event. By popular demand 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

The speaker will be Fulbright Scholar Dr. Seppo Sisatto OH1VR/OH0VR, an internationally known Finnish DXpeditioner and contesteer. Dr. Seppo is known in Europe as "Mr. Market Reef" for his work organizing DXpeditions to Market Reef. He did the statesmanship background work for opening up North Korea when he met with Kim Il Jung. Dr. Seppo's e-mail address is seppo.sisatto@uta.fi. For some photos and background, visit <http://www.cqham.com/tgc/oh1vr.htm> and <http://www.qth.com/k7bv/Market>.

-73 de Vic Black, AB6SO.

[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 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

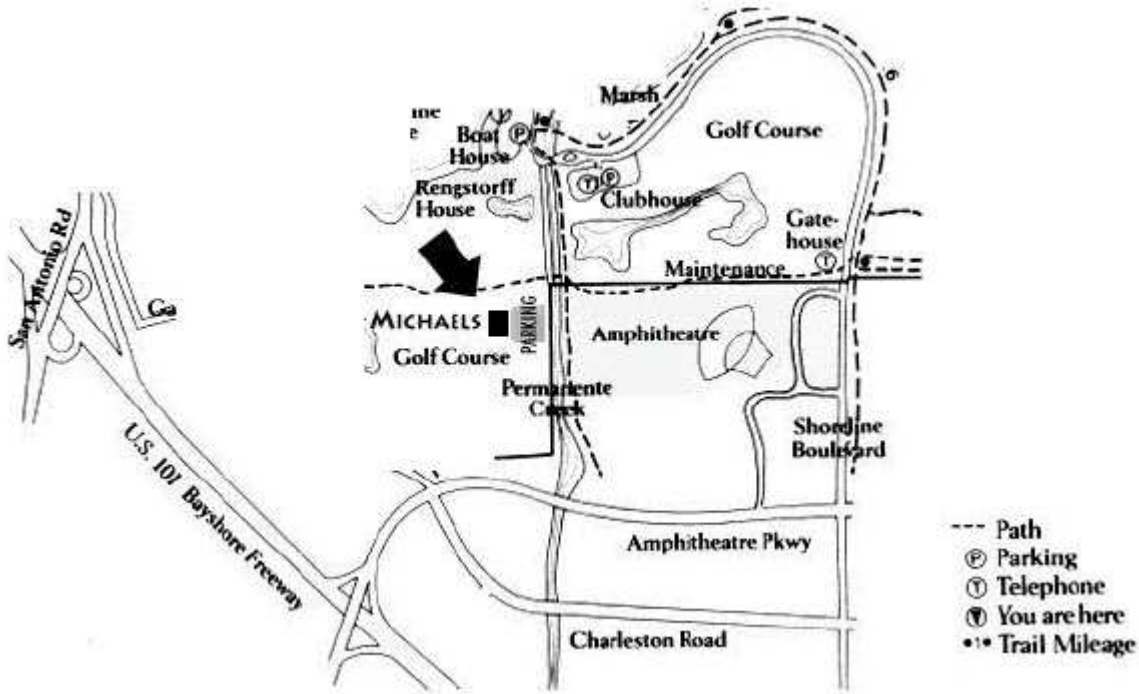
Each entree includes an "intermezzo" pasta and is served with seasonal greens, fresh vegetables, potato du jour, and French rolls. Coffee and cheesecake dessert are also included. Tax and tip are included in these prices. Each entree is served with seasonal greens, "intermezzo" pasta, fresh vegetables, potato du jour, french rolls and coffee. 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, fill out the signup form in this 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.



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).

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