

## May Meeting

**Date:** Friday, May 28, 2004.

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

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

**Topic:** To be announced. There will be some discussion of field day plans. See [www.fars.k6ya.org/meeting](http://www.fars.k6ya.org/meeting).

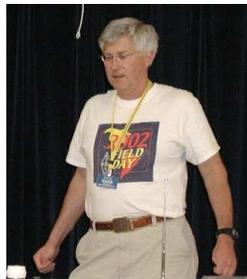
Be sure to bring your questions to submit to Dr. Know-It-All!

## March Meeting Report

At the April meeting, Herb Davidson, KF6BKL, and Steve Stearns, K6OIK, displayed and demonstrated various items that are useful to HAM operators. Items included multi-meters, an oscilloscope, a mini-welder, and other useful devices and gadgets.



**Herb Davidson, KF6BKL**



**Steve Stearns, K6OIK**

Wayne Johnson, W6WOH, carried away the ICOM radio raffle prize. The "Wish you were here" number for Jean-Claude Guillon, W6JVG, was chosen. Unfortunately, Jean-Claude was not present. There's now \$45 in the "Wish you were here" prize.



**Wayne Johnson, W6WOH**

## Upcoming Events

May 28 7:00 PM Club meeting, Covington School  
 Jun 1 7:30 PM Board Meeting, Los Altos Town Crier  
 Jun 12 Flea Market, see [www.asvaro.com](http://www.asvaro.com)  
 June 18 7:00 PM Club meeting, Covington School  
 June 25-26 Field Day  
 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

**Field Day** is one month away. We will have signup sheets at the May meeting, so plan on attending and signing up. We still need more operators and a takedown crew for Sunday afternoon. A few more volunteers for Friday would also be helpful. Contact our Field Day captain, Steve Stearns, K6OIK if you want to participate or have ideas about Field Day.

Note there will be Extra class licensed radio operators on site for Field Day, so anyone who's interested can operate on the air at any of the stations. FCC rules permit anyone to operate one of the stations as long as a properly licensed control operator is present to insure proper operation of the station. Members are encouraged to participate, since there is much to do and much you can do to help.

**Radio Gear.** We need a new home for the club's radio gear. Jack, WA6YJR who has stored the club's equipment for the past few years is moving out of the area and would like to turn over the club's gear to a new caretaker. What we have fits into a few boxes, so a little space in someone's garage should do nicely. Contact Phil, KA6MZE or Mikel, KN6QI if you would like to help out.

**Training Library.** If you are interested in upgrading your license you might want to check out our training library. Members can check out materials from our Training Officer. Contact Michael, KG6GUE, if you are interested in checking out material.

**Anderson Connectors.** We will have Anderson Connectors for sale at the meeting. There will also be people there to help you connect them up between 7:00pm and 7:30pm. Bring your gear and get it converted at the meeting or buy the connectors and do it yourself. The HAM community has standardized on these connectors for power to allow mixing and matching of equipment with power sources. Find out more at the meeting.

**Electronics Flea Market.** The next Electronics Flea Market in Sunnyvale is scheduled for June 12 and is hosted by [Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association](http://www.asvaro.com). Visit the ASVARO web site <http://www.asvaro.org> for details and directions.

- de Mikel, KN6QI

## Secretary's Report

The FARS Board held its monthly meeting on the evening of May 4, 2004. It was called to order at 7:35 PM by the president, Mikel, KN6QI. Other members present were Frank, K6FCW, Mark, KG6GRR, Phil, KA6MZE, Robert, KE6TFU, Howard, KG6GRO, Dick, N6ATD, and Martin, KD6WJW. Also attending was Paul, AA6PZ. The following resolutions adopted: the June meeting will be held one week earlier, on June 18, because of Field Day, the following weekend; an expenditure of up to \$200 was approved to refurbish the club's KT-34 antenna. The treasurer, K6FCW, reported on various club expenses. Most of the rest of the meeting dealt with various Field Day-related issues.

- Martin, KD6WJW

## CLUB INFORMATION

President: Mikel Lechner, KN6QI  
Vice President: Steve Stearns, K6OIK  
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Secretary: Martin Liberman, KD6WJW  
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KF6BKL, David Cooper KE6PFF, Howard Takaoka KG6GRO,  
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](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 is \$20. Club badges are \$6. Visitors are always welcome! Directions in this newsletter. 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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## To the Editor, FARS Relay

The activities on repeater N6NFI and FARS activities have pulled me out of a ten year lull of ham activity. Having been involved with three early repeaters (OQS, AAE, and GWE) when they first came on the air; in the sixties, I naturally still have an interest in this form of ham activity. I was also impressed with the level of interest in getting licensed and taking code tests. It was interesting to hear the Terman School students and their interests. When I heard them discussing VSWR, I sent their mentor Andrew (N6JLJ) a reflected power meter for them to use. It would be a step forward to aid groups like them.

I talked with Kristen (K6WX) about these matters and had her pick up a frequency counter that I wanted to be put to use by club members; I also gave her two volt-ohmmeters and two field strength meters. By copy of this letter I will request that she put them into the library pool for all to use. One of each of the meters should be passed on to any for the Terman students to use. I wish I could become more involved, but time has cut into my mobility. I wish you success with this project and may find other things to contribute later.

73 – Norman, W6NCM

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