

Relay

October 2004

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October Meeting

Date: Friday, October 22, 2004.

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

Place: Covington School, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos

Topic: Station Grounding by Mitch Cipriano

How to properly ground an amateur radio station and why it is important.

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

September Meeting Report

At the August meeting, FARS held the Annual Home Brew night. Seven home brew projects were presented by club members and one additional project was presented.

WB4YWO	Bruce	Noise Bridge kit – tuner
KG6HRU	Sig	Distributor for battery power
KV60	Stephen	T-hunt Xmit/Rcvr, DF
AA6PZ	Paul	HF Radio installation in car
WA6UUT	Arv	Soldering station – 3rd hand
W6KEZ	Rich	5m Transceiver, ca. 1934
WY6G	Herb	Signal Generator

Also Presenting

KR6DD	Andy	Full HF-band, loop antenna
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Winners are as follows (see pictures in this Relay):

1st place: KV60, Stephen - \$40 prize (Picture below)

2nd place (tie): AA6PZ, Paul; WA6UUT, Arv - \$25 each



Stephen, KV60, 1st Place
T-hunt Xcvr, DF



Paul, K6PML, Raffle

Paul Lufkin, K6PML, carried away the raffle prize (VX-150) at the September meeting. The “Wish You Were Here” number for Rich Stiebel, W6APZ, was chosen. Unfortunately, Rich was not present. There is now \$45 in the Wish you were here prize.

Presidents Column

Another FARS Ham Radio Day is scheduled for Saturday November 6. This event is intended as a low-key radio event where people are invited to bring their “portable” radio gear to set up and operate in the park. There will be power on site for the radio gear, but you need to bring everything else including radios, cables, and antennas.

The club will have some beverages on hand, but everyone is encouraged to bring their own as well as “picnic” food or something to grill. There will be an “open” grill fired up from 12:00 to 2:00pm so you can cook your own grub. Come down to enjoy the park, bring the family, and work some radio if you like. I hope to see you there.

Winter Banquet. Mark your calendars for Friday, January 21, 2005. That’s the date we’ve reserved for the banquet at Michael’s at Shoreline. Again FARS will partner with PAARA to make this an even bigger event. See the signups form later in this relay.

- de Mikel, KN6QI

Secretary’s Report

The FARS Board held its monthly meeting on the evening of October 5, 2004. It was called to order at 7:40 PM by the president, Mikel, KN6QI. Other members present were Frank, K6FCW, Ruth, KG6RZG, Howard, KG6GRO, Dave, KE6PFF, Dick, N6ATD, Mark, KG6GRR, and Martin, KD6WJW.

The following resolutions were adopted:

- To budget \$100 for another Ham Day activity next month.
- Dave Cooper, KE6PFF, was elected treasurer, effective November 19, 2004
- Pending room availability, the monthly board meeting will be held on the first Thursday of each month, starting November 4, 2004

The total cost of the Ham Day activity was \$139.19. This includes rental of the park space. Thanks were given to Dave and Frank for organizing the activity. Other items discussed were preparations for the Winter banquet and the upcoming election of board members. Several names were suggested for the latter.

- Martin, KD6WJW

Upcoming Events

Oct 22	7:00 PM, Club meeting, Covington School
Nov 4	7:30 PM, Board Mtg at the Los Altos Town Crier
Nov 6	FARS Ham Radio Day, 8 AM to Dusk
Nov 6	1-4 PM, Intro to Emergency Services Class
Nov 19	7:00 PM, Club meeting, Covington School
Dec 2	7:30 PM, Board Mtg at the Los Altos Town Crier
Dec 17	7:00 PM, Club meeting, Covington School
Jan 21, '05	FARS/PAARA Banquet
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>>

Another FARS Ham Radio Day

SATURDAY, November 6, 2004
0800 to Sundown

Sunnyvale Baylands Park

(Route 237 at Lawrence Expressway toward the Bay)

Enjoy Field Day without and heavy lifting of equipment and towers. Bring your portable units and QRP rigs (including any batteries and antennas you might need) and QSO TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT!!

A hot BBQ grill will be available for your BBQing pleasure from about 1200 to 1400. So bring your own chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, etc., and any other grub you want to eat. Some drinks will be provided. There are children's play areas, nature trails, and grassy knolls! And real rest rooms! So bring the whole family! There is no charge to participate. We believe that the \$4.00 per car to enter the Park has been dropped, but check at the gate. People on bikes are free. Look for the FARS banner.

Nov. 6, 2004 there are some CW contests, but you can also ragchew on SSB. Come and have a good time!! By the way, the City of Sunnyvale prohibits animals in the park, so please leave your pets at home!

For further information and maps, go to <http://www.fars.k6ya.org>

October FARS HAM Day Pictures



Thanks to Dave, KE6PFF, and Frank, K6FCW, for organizing the October HAM day event.

Intro to Emergency Services Class

Coincident with the FARS Ham Radio Day on November 6, 2005, the club will host an introduction to emergency services class at the Sunnyvale Baylands Park. The class will be held between 1:00 and 4:00 PM. There is a maximum of 25 people in the class. There will be more training classes in future months.

FARS / PAARA 2005 Winter Banquet

Mark your calendars. The FARS / PAARA annual banquet will take place on Friday evening, January 21, 2005. 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:

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

Our speaker is to be determined

Note that unlike 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.

Raffle Prizes

We are planning to raffle nearly \$1,000 in amateur radio gear. The prizes are yet to be determined but will likely include a radio or two. Tickets may be purchased at the banquet, so be sure to bring some extra cash. No purchase is required to enter, but your donation is much appreciated to cover the cost of the prizes.

Menu

We have decided on the following menu choices:

Menu Choice	Price
Roast Prime Rib of Beef	\$37
Breast of Chicken Florentine	\$30
Broiled Salmon Lemon Beurre Blanc	\$32
Vegetarian Brochette	\$25

Each entree is served with seasonal greens, fresh vegetables, potato du jour, and French rolls. For dessert we have an ice cream parfait. Prices include all taxes and tips.

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

Don't Miss it!

This is going to be a fun time for everyone, so let's make it a big turnout. See you there! For reference you might want to print out a copy of the [Banquet Flyer](#) (from the FARS website) which includes a map.

CLUB INFORMATION

President: Mikel Lechner, KN6QI
Vice President: Steve Stearns, K6OIK
Treasurer: Frank Weiss, K6FCW
Secretary: Martin Liberman, KD6WJW
Radio Officer: Phil Hawkins, KA6MZE
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FARS Board: Dick Baldwinson N6ATD, Herb Davidson KF6BKL, David Cooper KE6PFF, Howard Takaoka KG6GRO, Robert Flemate, KE6TFU, Ruth, KG6RZG.

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 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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More Home Brew Contest Pictures



AA6PZ, Paul, 2nd Place,
HF Radio installation in car



WA6UUT, Arv, 2nd Place,
Soldering Station, 3rd hand



KG6HRU, Sig, Distributor for battery power

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FARS/PAARA 2005 WINTER BANQUET SIGNUP – FARS Members and Guests

January 21, 2005

Name & Call	Meal Choice (B, C, S, V)	Amount
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Membership Dues (see below)		_____
	Total	_____

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FARS Membership Form

PLEASE fill out the form for all new/renewal memberships.

FARS 2005 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM Date: _____

Name(s) & Callsign(s) & Class (E-A-G-T-N-None): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Fax (H or W?) _____ Packet BBS Address: _____

E-mail: _____ ARRL Member(s)? _____

Preferred modes: (e.g. HF-SSB/VHF/QRP/Other): _____

I'm willing to Elmer new hams with: _____

Special topics of interest / suggestions for club meeting speakers:

Dues: \$20 per year, new members add \$6 for badge fee. Please write one check for both banquet and membership.

Please note: Membership runs from January 1 to December 31.

Send your check payable to FARS, to:

FARS
c/o Frank Weiss K6FCW
109 Stratford Court
Mountain View, CA 94040

More Home Brew Contest Pictures



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How to get to regular 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.

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