

December Club Meeting

Date: Friday, December 16, 2005.

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

Place: Covington School, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos

Speaker: Howard Califf, W6HOC, from HRO

Title: "Goodies for the Ham Shack"

Summary: This presentation comes just in time for the holidays. Howard will show new and useful items for the ham shack - ranging from stocking stuffers to larger station accessories, and possibly some exciting new rigs.

The club also offers Anderson Power-pole crimping service, refreshments, and a raffle prize (*Garmin eTrex GPS or Yaesu Radio*) at the meeting. Come out for an enjoyable evening.

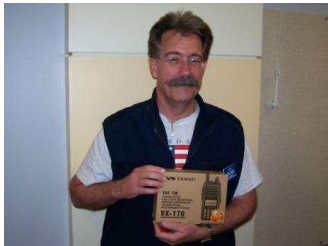
Don't forget to bring your questions to Dr. Know-it-all.

November Meeting Report

Paul Zander, AA6PZ, spoke about various types of baluns, why they are needed and how to use them. Four directors were elected to the club board to serve 3 year terms: Barbara Neuhauser (AE6RM), Kristen McIntyre (K6WX), Ruth Lacey (KG6RZG), and Richard Baldwinson (N6ATD).



Paul Zander, AA6PZ



Paul Lufkin, K6PML

Paul Lufkin, K6PML, won the raffle and took home the Yaesu VX-170 radio. Dale O'Harra, NX6S, won the HF filter donated by the club. The Wish You Were Here number for Omri Serlin, AA6TA, was chosen. Omri was present at the meeting and took home the \$15 prize.



Dale O'Harra, NX6S



Omri Serlin, AA6TA

Presidents Corner

Club Meeting. December 16th at 7pm. This month's meeting is chance to learn about "Goodies for the Ham Shack" with our friend Howard Califf, W6HOC with Ham Radio Outlet. This meeting is at our usual location at Covington School, 205 Covington Road in Los Altos.

Am-Tech DAY. The next Amateur Radio Technology Day is scheduled for January 7th at our usual location (Stanford Linear Accelerator Center). Check the FARS web site (www.fars.k6ya.org/) for the latest details and changes. Subscribe to the FARS Announcement list (www.fars.k6ya.org/mail/) to make sure you get an email reminder.

General Class License Class. We are taking sign ups for a class to upgrade to a general class amateur radio license. This class is intended for anyone who currently holds a technician class amateur license. The class is free. The class is being held in the Mountain View / Los Altos area (exact location to be announced). The class runs for 5 consecutive Wednesday evenings starting on January 11th. We are providing resources for code practice including on air transmission of Gordon West's 0-5 wpm code training tapes. Don't miss this opportunity to upgrade (www.fars.k6ya.org/classes).

- de Mikel, KN6QI

Upcoming Events

Dec 16 7:00 PM, [Club meeting](#), Covington School
 Jan 5 7:30 PM, Board Mtg at the Los Altos Town Crier
 Jan 7 8 AM to 9 PM, [AM-Tech day](#), SLAC
 Jan 11 6:30-9:30 PM, FARS General License [training](#)
 Jan 20 6:00 PM FARS/PAARA [Winter Banquet](#)
You can sign up for the banquet online at
<http://www.fars.k6ya.org/cgi-bin/banquet>.
 Thursdays 8:00 PM, FARS net, 145.230(-), 100 Hz PL
 See more events, [FARS Calendar](#) <<http://www.fars.k6ya.org/events/calendar>>

FARS/PAARA Winter Banquet 2006

The FARS/PAARA Winter Banquet has been scheduled for January 20th, 2006 at 6pm. There is no regular club meeting in January. Dinner will be served at 7pm and the program will begin around 8:30pm. We plan on having around \$1000 in raffle prizes, so bring a few extra dollars for the raffle. Attendance at the banquet requires a reservation and payment in advance. Don't wait until the last minute to sign up. We expect to have over 100 attendees at the banquet, so don't miss it.

We are again teaming up with [PAARA](#) (Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association). We have reservations at Michael's at Shoreline in Mountain View (same place as last year). A sign up sheet is available in this Relay or on line at the FARS web page (click on Banquet). We also have an on line sign up page where you can pay with PayPal or a credit card. As usual only FARS or PAARA members (and their guests) may attend the banquet.



Speaker. Robert Schmieder, KK6EK is our featured speaker for the banquet. Thanks to Jim Rice, K6AK for arranging for the banquet speaker. Bob is a physicist, with more than 80 technical publications, 2 patents, and numerous popular articles. He is the author of five books. He is the owner and operator of a research vessel, the Cordell Explorer and Founder and Expedition Leader of Cordell Expeditions, a nonprofit research group begun in 1977. The group is responsible

for the creation of the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, which was designated entirely on the basis of results from Cordell Expeditions.

He is a Fellow of the Explorers Club and current Chairman of its Northern California Chapter. He has been listed in almost every Who's Who in the world.

Licensed since 1962, he now holds an Extra Class license. Bob is a phone man and likes to operate 10 through 80 meters.

He is active in Islands on the Air (IOTA), having activated five New Ones: Farallons, NA-178; Guadalupe, NA-179; Roqueta, NA-183; Northern California Group, NA-184; and Central California Group, NA-187.

- de Mikel, kn6qi via Jim, K6AK

FREE GENERAL CLASS UPGRADE COURSE!

Starts Wednesday, January 11, 2006!

Thinking of upgrading to GENERAL? Getting tired of the FM repeater scene? Want to experience the magic of talking around the world on HF?

Upgrade to GENERAL CLASS. FARS will help you get there!

The Foothills Amateur Radio Society (FARS) is conducting a FREE General Class upgrade course for interested Technician or Technician Plus class amateurs! Get upgraded NOW!

The course will be held in the Los Altos / Mountain View area, and will run for 5 weeks starting January 11, 2006 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Testing will be offered week 6 with the General test (Element 3) and a CW test (Element 1). We will be using The ARRL General Class License Manual, 5th ed, 2004, available at HRO or available for purchase in class on the first day of class for \$16.95.

In addition to the class, code practice will be conducted on a local Mountain View repeater.

WHEN: Five Wednesday nights starting January 11th, 2006 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Testing will be offered on the 6th week (Element 1 and 3).

WHERE: In the Los Altos / Mountain View area (see web link below for more)

COST: FREE! You will need a copy of The ARRL General Class License Manual, 5th ed, 2004, available for purchase at HRO or at the first day class.

Additionally, if you wish to take the test(s) on the sixth week, there is a fee of approximately \$14.00.

HOW: Register by sending an e-mail with your contact information (Name, address, phone number, callsign) to kv60@arrl.net or call 650-472-2298.

Limited class size. Register NOW!

INFO: More information can be found at <http://www.fars.k6ya.org/classes>.

CLUB INFORMATION

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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 submit announcements 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).

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 preferred; but all readable forms welcome.

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Morse Code Practice

Code practice 0-7 wpm on the W6ASH 440.800 (+) pl 100.00 repeater located in MountainView. Code practice sessions will be held on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 9:00-9:30 PM starting 27 December 2006 (Thursday) and ending 14 February 2006 (Tuesday). Practice sessions will be approximately 30 minutes of morse code practice from the GordonWest series. For more information or if interested, please contact Phil Hawkins KA6MZE via email: ka6mze@arrl.net.

FARS/PAARA 2006 WINTER BANQUET SIGNUP – FARS Members and Guests

January 20, 2006

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

<u>Menu Choice</u>	<u>Price</u>
Roast Prime Rib of Beef	\$38
Breast of Chicken Florentine	\$31
Broiled Salmon Lemon Beurre Blanc	\$33
Vegetarian Brochette	\$26

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FARS Membership Form

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

FARS 2006 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 Exp Date(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:

David A. Cooper, KE6PFF
270 Redwood Shores Parkway
PMB 41
Redwood City, CA 94065-1173



How to get to FARS Club meetings (Visitors always welcome)

Meetings are 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 Northeast. 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., 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 above at point (A).

TALK-IN via the [N6NEI](#) (145.230-; 100Hz PL) repeater or the [W6ASH](#) 145.27- (100Hz PL) repeater.

FARS Meeting FRIDAY 12/16/05 Covington School, Los Altos