

September Club Meeting

Date: Friday, September 28, 2007

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

Place: Covington School, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos

Topic: Annual Homebrew Contest

Summary: We invite everyone to bring a project to show and share with our audience. Each participant has 5 - 10 minutes to present a project and answer questions about it. The following prizes will be awarded (as decided by the audience): \$40 - First place, \$30 - Second place, \$20 - Third place, \$10 - Fourth place. Projects must not have been presented at a previous Homebrew contest. Projects should be something you've constructed (kits are OK) and used. Projects must be HAM radio related.

Two great prizes will be raffled at this meeting: The main prize this month is an automatic antenna tuner, the LDG Z-100 Memory Tuner 0.1 to 125 Watts (50 watts on 6 meters) 160-6 Meters. The second prize is the Red-Dee-2 Connect PS-8 (power block for connecting Anderson Power Poles with 8 connections).

The club offers refreshments at the meeting. Be sure to attend for an enjoyable evening. Get your name in the Relay: bring your toughest questions for Dr. Know-It-All.

August Meeting Report

Kristen McIntyre, K6WX, spoke about HF operating and how fun and rewarding it can be. She spoke about making contacts (calling CQ, contents of a QSO), rules and regular practices (USB and LSB frequencies), courtesy (listen before talking), and good ideas (like logging contacts). Kristen also talked about contacts using Morse code, a favorite mode. Antennas and how to set up in an apartment were also interesting topics (in March 2006, Kristen presented a 3-element antenna she designed).



Kristen McIntyre, K6WX Peter, K6WEB, & Carroll, KG6YPH Herb Vanderbeek, WY6G, won first prize and donated it back for a new drawing which was won by Carroll Kerns, KG6YPH, who took home the SGC-7014 Digital Signal Processing Speaker. Peter Sheerin, K6WEB, won the second place MFJ-281 speaker. The Wish You Were Here number for Rob Riley, KI6INR, was chosen. Unfortunately, Rob was not present to claim the prize.

President's Corner

Membership Meeting. Our next meeting is Friday, September 28th at 7pm (<http://www.fars.k6ya.org/meeting>). This month you are the star. Bring along a Ham radio project to share with the audience. The audience votes for the best projects with prizes awarded to the top four places (\$40, \$30, \$20, \$10). Open to all hams.

Am-Tech Day. The next Amateur Radio Technology Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 6th at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center. Check the FARS web site (www.fars.k6ya.org/amtechday/) for the program schedule, directions, and the latest news. Subscribe to the FARS Announcement list (www.fars.k6ya.org/mail/) to make sure you get an email reminder for this and other FARS activities.

On-line Roster. The membership roster is on-line, so you can update your information on-line. You can also use the on-line roster to find out how to contact other FARS members and to renew your membership (www.fars.k6ya.org/cgi-bin/r-edit). You can also renew your membership on-line via PayPal.

Electronics Flea Market. The last Electronics Flea Market of 2007 is at De Anza College on Saturday, October 13th. Check www.electronicfleamarket.com for details and directions.

FARS/PAARA Winter Banquet 2008. The banquet is set for January 25th at Michael's at Shoreline in Mountain View. We are again teaming up with PAARA to make this event the big todo that it is. We are planning to have \$1,000 in prizes for the raffle, a great meal, and of course our speaker (to be announced). Mark your calendars for that date and check out the details at <http://www.fars.k6ya.org/events/banquet>.

- de Mikel, KN6QI

Upcoming Events

Sep 28	7:00 PM, Club meeting , Covington School
Oct 4	7:30 PM, Board Mtg at the Los Altos Town Crier
Oct 6	8 AM to 9 PM, Am-Tech Day , SLAC, 8AM-9PM
Oct 13	Electronics Flea Market , De Anza, 5 am to Noon
Oct 19-21	Pacificon 2007 , Amateur Radio Convention
Oct 26	7:00 PM, Club meeting , Covington School
Jan 25'08	FARS/PAARA Winter Banquet 2008
Thursdays	8:00 PM, FARS net, 145.230(-), 100 Hz PL

See more events, [FARS Calendar](http://www.fars.k6ya.org/events/calendar) <<http://www.fars.k6ya.org/events/calendar>>

Amateur Radio Technology Day

October 6th will be the Three-year Anniversary of Amateur Radio Technology Day. The first "Ham Radio Day" was announced in the September 2004 Relay: "FARS is happy to announce The First Annual Foothills Amateur Radio Society Ham Day!!! The date is Saturday, October 2, 2004 from 0800 to Sundown at the Sunnyvale Baylands Park..."

Initially planned as an annual event, the event was so popular that it was held again in Nov '04 and has continued monthly since. The name was changed to Amateur Radio Technology Day (or [Am-Tech Day](#)) and the venue was moved to the [Stanford Linear Accelerator Center](#) in early 2005.

Many thanks go to Frank Weiss, K6FCW, and David Cooper, KE6PFF, for organizing the first events and to David for his many efforts in getting the current location for the venue and for leading Am-Tech Day into what it is today.

October 2004 Am-Tech (Ham Radio) Day Pictures



David, KE6PFF,
& Frank, K6FCW



Mikel, KN6QI; Dick, N6ATD;
David, KE6PFF; Phil, KA6MZE

FARS / PAARA 2008 Winter Banquet

Mark your calendars. The FARS / PAARA annual banquet will take place on Friday evening, January 25, 2008. FARS is again teaming up with [PAARA](#) (Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association) to put on this special Ham Radio 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
9:00 pm – Announcements, Awards, Raffle

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 the Banquet Signup form in this newsletter and include payment for the appropriate amount. You can also use the [Paper Signup](#) or [On-line Signup](#) at the FARS website. You can renew your FARS membership if you have not already done so.

Raffle Prizes: We are planning to raffle over \$1,000 in prizes.

Menu: We have decided on the following menu choices:

Menu Choice	Price
Roast Prime Rib of Beef	\$40
Breast of Chicken Florentine	\$31
Broiled Salmon Lemon Beurre Blanc	\$35
Vegetarian Brochette w/Wild Rice	\$27

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

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

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FARS Web Page: <http://www.fars.k6ya.org>
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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 \$8. 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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FARS 2008 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Date: _____

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

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 \$8 for badge fee. **Please note:** Membership runs from January 1 to December 31.

FARS/PAARA 2007 WINTER BANQUET SIGNUP (January 25, 2008 at Michael's at Shoreline)

<u>Name & Call</u>	<u>Meal Choice</u>	<u>Amount</u>
You _____	_____	_____
Email _____		
Guest1 _____	_____	_____
Guest2 _____	_____	_____
Guest3 _____	_____	_____
Guest4 _____	_____	_____
	Total	_____

This form may be used for membership renewal, banquet signup or both.

Send your check payable to FARS, to:

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Redwood City, CA 94065-1173

Choice	Menu Description	Price
Beef	Roast Prime Rib of Beef	\$ 40
Chicken	Breast of Chicken, Florentine	\$ 31
Fish	Broiled Salmon, Lemon Beurre Blanc	\$ 35
Veg	Vegetarian Brochette w/ Wild Rice	\$ 27



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

Meetings are held on the fourth Friday at Covington Elementary School (directions below), 205 Covington Road, Los Altos. Socializing at 7:00 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 [N6NFI](#) (145.230-; 100Hz PL) repeater or the [W6ASH](#) 145.27- (100Hz PL) repeater.

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FARS Meeting
FRIDAY 28 September 2007
Covington School