

DECEMBER CLUB MEETING

When & Where

Date: Friday, December 20th, 2013

Time: Socializing at 7PM
Meeting starts at 7:30PM
Guests are welcome to join us

Place: Covington School, 205 Covington Rd, Los Altos
(near Foothill Expressway and El Monte Rd)

Snacks: Cookies and coffee will be served.

Questions: Bring your hardest radio questions.
The mysterious Dr. Know-It-All reveals all answers.

Post-Meeting Snacks: Denny's on Mathilda in Sunnyvale.

Upcoming Special Event!

*Winter Banquet 2014
with
FARS & PAARA*

Friday, January 17th

See details at:
www.fars.k6ya.org/events/banquet
and on the last page of this Relay



Raffle Prizes

We will have a great selection of Raffle Prizes as well as the CASH Wish-You-Were-Here Prize.

1st Prize: MFJ-882 SWR/Wattmeter
1.8 -200 MHz, 200 Watts



2nd Prize: NR-770HB Diamond 2m/440 Mobile Antenna
1/2 Wavelength, Fold Over, with HiFlux Mag Mount

Wish-You-Were-Here Prize: A **CASH prize** awarded to a member who is present and has paid their 2013 dues.
(September Meeting = \$15)

It's that time of year!

FARS Membership Renewals

Renewing your membership to FARS provides much needed support for your club activities.

Thank you and 73.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

www.fars.k6ya.org/events/calendar

* Visitors are welcome at all FARS events! *

FARS is an amateur radio organization in the southern San Francisco Peninsula area serving residents of Los Altos, Palo Alto, Mountain View, and several other communities.

DECEMBER

- 20 **FARS Club Meeting**, Covington School, Los Altos, CA, 7PM
22 [ARRL Rookie Roundup CW](#), 1800 UTC – 2359 UTC
A great opportunity for new operators to get on the air and learn the skills of CW. "Rookies" are those licensed in 2013, 2012 or 2011.

JANUARY

- 5 [ARRL Kids Day 2014](#), 1800 UTC – 2400 UTC
A great opportunity to showcase Amateur Radio to youngsters and let them get hands-on experience.
tbd [BARC Meeting](#), Los Altos Public Library, CA, 6PM
*Bay Area Radio Builders Club
See the website / Yahoo Group for the date.*
8 Board Meeting, Los Altos, CA, 7:30PM
17 **FARS/PAARA Winter Banquet !!!**
Michael's at Shoreline Restaurant, Mtn View, CA, 6PM
Join us for this exciting Annual Event with \$1500+ Raffle Prizes!
18-20 [ARRL VHF Contest](#), 1900 UTC Sat – 0359 UTC Mon
Fun on the air!

FEBRUARY

- tbd [BARC Meeting](#), Los Altos Public Library, CA, 6PM
*Bay Area Radio Builders Club
See the website / Yahoo Group for the date.*
12 Board Meeting, Los Altos, CA, 7:30PM
28 **FARS Club Meeting**, Covington School, Los Altos, CA, 7PM

UPCOMING

- 4/20 [ARRL Rookie Roundup Phone](#), 1800 UTC – 2359 UTC
A great opportunity for new operators to get on the air and practice operating. "Rookies" are those licensed in 2013, 2012 or 2011.
6/28 **Field Day 2014**
Come join FARS for this on-the-air event!
7/18 [ARRL National Centennial Convention](#), Hartford, CT
A 3-day celebration w/ forums, exhibits, flea market, banquet & more!
9/14 [ARRL VHF Contest](#), 1800 UTC Sat – 0259 UTC Mon
Fun on the air!

FARS Membership

**Joining FARS
and
renewing your
membership to FARS
provides:**

*
Much needed
support for your club
activities,

*
Qualifies you for the
CASH
Wish-You-Were-Here **Prize**
awarded at each
membership meeting,

*
Plus you'll receive
a **FARS Relay**
to your email each month!

Join us!

***Have a photo, article, or
operating news to share?***

*Email your FARS newsletter
editor at K6YL@ARRL.net*

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Mikel KN6QI

Membership Meeting. Our next membership meeting is on December 20th and our program will be announced shortly. This is an opportunity to sign up for the Winter Banquet on January 17th, as well as a good time to renew your membership for 2014.

Board of Director Elections. Congratulations to Bob Bynum WB2URF and Doña Kerns KI6DAR for their election to the FARS board of directors at last month's membership meeting. Thanks to both of you for joining our board and helping with our activities. I look forward to your support of the organization.



FARS/PAARA Winter Banquet 2014. The banquet has been scheduled for January 17th, 2014. This activity is open to anyone who wants to attend, but reservations are required. We are working on a speaker for the banquet, but the venue and pricing have been determined.

We have decided on \$1500 for banquet raffle prizes this year, so there are a few more opportunities to win. The top prize is an Elecraft KX-3. This unit is a full-featured, all-mode HF Transceiver covering 160-6 meters. At only 1.5 pounds it features 10W PEP, and has a current draw as low as 150mA. Look for the complete list of prizes on the FARS web site at <http://k6ya.org/events/banquet> in the near future.

The pricing for the banquet includes an 18% gratuity, 9.75% sales tax, and \$2 to cover other expenses including PayPal, speaker's meal(s), supplies, etc. The meal choices and prices are: Prime Rib \$45, Broiled Salmon \$39, Chicken Florentine \$32, Vegetarian Brochette with Rice \$30.

We are currently accepting banquet sign-ups by mail, at the December FARS meeting, and online at our web site <http://k6ya.org/events/banquet>.

FARS is a California 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, so donations and membership dues are tax deductible with the California Franchise Tax Board and the Internal Revenue Service. Note that donations to our raffles are also considered gifts, so they are generally deductible as well. Consult your tax advisor for details.

Email Notices. Subscribe to the FARS Announcement List (<http://www.fars.k6ya.org/mail/>) to receive reminders of FARS activities and other news.

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PHOTO FUN



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Nice!



FARS / PAARA Winter Banquet 2014



Raffle!

When: Friday, January 17th, 6PM
 Where: Michaels Restaurant at Shoreline (Mtn View)
www.fars.k6va.org/events/banquet



The FARS / PAARA Winter Banquet 2014 is scheduled for Friday evening, January 17, 2014. The **Foothills Amateur Radio Society (FARS)** and the **Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association (PAARA)** are presenting this annual ham radio event and fete. This event is open to all who want to attend, but [reservations](#) are required.



\$1500 in Raffle Prizes!



***** FIRST PLACE RAFFLE PRIZE *****

Elecraft KX3 Transceiver

160-6 meters (2m with optional KX3-2M module)
 Operates in all modes: SSB, CW, DATA, AM, FM
 10 W PEP (100 W with optional KXPA100 amp)

At only 1.5 pounds, the KX3 provides base station-type performance from an ultra-compact package that's ideal for mobile or external battery portable work.

View from Michaels at Shoreline
 Photo © Joanna K6YL

6:00 PM - Open Bar (No Host)
 7:00 PM - Dinner
 8:00 PM - Presentation
 9:00 PM - Announcements, Awards, Raffle

Directions

The easiest way to find Michael's is to take highway 101 to Mountain View. Exit onto Shoreline Blvd. (aka Stierlin Road) north (towards the bay). Follow for about 1 mile until you reach the gate for Shoreline Park. Alternatively, you can exit onto Amphitheatre Parkway from 101 and follow it north/east (towards the bay) to Shoreline Blvd. Turn left (north) onto Shoreline and follow until you reach the gate for Shoreline Park. Enter the park through the gate, which will be open. Follow the road (~3/4 mi.) in a wide left curve around the park. Look for a sign pointing left for Michael's. Take a left turn and enter the parking lot. The building next to the parking lot is Michael's.

TALK-IN via the N6NFI 145.230-/100Hz repeater or the W6ASH 145.27- /100Hz repeate

*RSVP by 12 noon on Jan. 13th
 Sign up form on last page.*



FARS Member Badges

Place your order online or at the meeting.
Available for pick up at the next club mtg

BAEARS Ham Cram

Next Quarterly Session: Saturday, Jan. 25th
8 AM
San Francisco, CA
www.baears.com

FARS Email Notices

Easy to subscribe!
www.k6ya.org/mail
Receive reminders of activities and other news.

Weekly FARS Net

Thursdays @ 8 PM
N6NFI Repeater 145.230(-), 100 Hz PL

Bay Area Radio Builders Club

“BARC”

A FARS Special Interest Group

*We are a group of mostly
Amateur Radio operators who want to gain
a better understanding of the topics covered
in the General and Extra class tests.*

*We want to learn electronics, antenna theory,
kit building, and kit design.*

Meetings: Usually the 2nd Sunday of the month
at 6pm, but please check the website to be sure

Location: Los Altos Public Library

Join the Yahoo Group:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ba_radio_builders/

More Info:

www.barbc.org

www.fars.k6ya.org/events/barbc

FARS / PAARA Winter Banquet 2013

Friday, January 17th, 6PM

Save the date!

Location:
Michael's at Shoreline
Mountain View

Open to members and guests.

\$1500 of **Raffle Prizes**,
including an Elecraft KX3!



Sign ups are open now!

By mail (form on page 9).
In person at the Dec. meeting.
Or on the FARS website:

www.fars.k6ya.org/events/banquet

That KX3 is calling your name!

The Arvid Hamer WA6UUT Memorial Lunch

Every Wednesday @ 11:30am
Sizzler Restaurant in Mountain View
(near Rengstorff)

All hams are invited to attend.

HAM RADIO NETS – Getting On The Air

FARS Weekly Net Thursdays @ 8 PM

N6NFI repeater, 145.23-/100Hz
This net is open to all interested hams.

The purpose of the net is to keep club members informed about club activities; to exchange other club-related info; and to socialize.

9AM Talk Net Weekdays @ 9 AM

N6NFI repeater, 145.23-/100Hz
This net is open to all interested hams.

This is an informal net that is very popular. Check out www.9amtalk.net for more information.

READY TO UPGRADE YOUR LICENSE?

What is a Passing Score you might ask?
Technician & General exams – 26 out of 35 (74.2%)
Amateur Extra exam – 37/50 (74%)

BAEARS (Bay Area Educational Radio Society) Crams & Exams, www.baears.com –

This group holds “Ham Crams” 4 times a year for Tech and General licenses (Amateur Extra test available but no cram). A guided study consisting of six 45-minute reading periods, with breaks and lunch. They have a high success rate!
Pre-registration required, sign up on the website. \$30

- Saturday 1/25, 8 AM @ San Francisco (exam starts at 4 PM)

Sunnyvale VEC Exams, www.amateur-radio.org –

Holds test sessions on Saturdays often alternating between Sunnyvale and Redwood City.
Walk-ins only, no pre-registrations. \$15

- Saturday 12/21, 10:30 AM @ Redwood City
- Saturday 1/11, 10:30 AM @ Sunnyvale
- Saturday 1/18, 10:30 AM @ Redwood City



Silicon Valley ARRL VE Exams, www.svve.org –

Holds test sessions on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. Arrive between 8 AM and 10:00 AM to the Saratoga Fire Station at 14380 Saratoga Avenue (in downtown Saratoga).

Walk-ins only, no pre-registrations. \$15

- Saturday 12/21
- Saturday 1/4
- Saturday 1/18

Tri-City VE Group Exams, http://www.sbara.org/tricity_ve.html –

Holds test sessions at Hurricane Electric in Fremont each month, alternating between Saturday morning and Tuesday evening. The address is 48233 Warm Springs Blvd.

Walk-ins welcome. \$15

- Saturday 1/11, 9 AM
- Tuesday 2/11, 6:30 PM
- Saturday 3/8, 9 AM

CURRENT US AMATEUR RADIO BAND PLAN: www.arrl.org/band-plan ([click here for printable PDF](#))
Effective March 5, 2012

CLUB INFORMATION

www.fars.k6ya.org

President:	Mikel Lechner KN6QI
Vice President:	Steve Stearns K6OIK
Treasurer:	Dick Baldwinson N6ATD
Secretary:	(open)
FARS Board:	Charlie Morrin KI6FXY Phil Hawkins KA6MZE Bob Bynum WB2URF Doña Kerns KI6DAR
Radio Officer:	Phil Hawkins KA6MZE
Training Officer:	(open)
K6YA Trustee:	Phil Hawkins KA6MZE
Relay Newsletter Editor:	Joanna Dilley K6YL

New!
Welcome to the board!

Contact the FARS Board of Directors at fars-board@svpal.org.

Membership: An annual FARS membership is \$20 and provides much needed support for your club activities, qualifies you for the CA\$H Wish-You-Were-Here prize drawn at each membership meeting, plus you'll receive a FARS Relay to your email each month! An optional club badge is \$9.

FARS is a California 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, so donations and membership dues are tax deductible with the CA Franchise Tax Board and the Internal Revenue Service.

Meetings: FARS 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 November & December (for holidays). **Visitors are always welcome!** Directions on the website as well as in this newsletter.

Email Announcements: Members and non-members are encouraged to subscribe to the FARS Announcement list to receive reminders of FARS activities and other news. Browse www.fars.k6ya.org/mail, click on Subscribe/Unsubscribe and follow 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 require approval by the moderator.

Newsletter: 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! Photos, operating news, articles, etc. can be submitted to the editor at any time. Contributions are subject to editing and/or compression.

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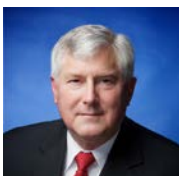
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Also available at FARS meetings.

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FARS New Membership / Renewal Form

The annual dues for 2014 is \$20. You may renew with this form or online by logging onto the FARS website and then using PayPal. <https://www.fars.k6ya.org/membership> Membership runs from January 1 to December 31. New membership applications accepted later in the year may have their dues prorated (see dues schedule).

New Memberships in December 2013 cover 2014!

Date: _____

Name: _____

Callsign: _____ Phone: _____

Class (eg Technician, General): _____ ARRL Member? _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Special topics of interest / suggestions for club meeting speakers:

Optional FARS Badge -- Please include \$9 if desired.

First Name for Badge: _____ Select: Clip / Magnet / Pin

Send your check payable to FARS, to:
FARS, PO Box 112551, Campbell, CA 95011



DIRECTIONS TO FARS MEETINGS:

Visitors are always welcome.

Meetings are held at the Covington Elementary School 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.

From Interstate 280 – Take the El Monte exit Northeast. Cross Foothill Expressway. * At the first traffic light turn right on Covington. 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 – Turn Northeast onto El Monte, then follow directions as above at the *.

From US101 or El Camino – Take San Antonio Road west (to Foothill Expressway), then follow directions as above at the *.

TALK-IN via the [N6NFI](#) repeater (145.230-; 100Hz PL) or the [W6ASH](#) repeater (145.27-; 100Hz PL).

FARS / PAARA 2014 WINTER BANQUET SIGNUP FORM

January 17th, 2014 at Michaels Restaurant at Shoreline

2960 North Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View, CA

6pm Open Bar (no host) * 7pm Dinner * 8pm Presentation * 9pm Announcements & Raffle

Deadline for signups for the banquet is 12 noon on January 13th, 2014. Mail no later than January 9th.

Please note you do not need to be a member of FARS or PAARA to attend this event.

<u>Name & Call Sign</u>	<u>Meal Choice</u>	<u>\$ Amount \$</u>
You _____	_____	_____
Email _____		
Guest1 _____	_____	_____
Guest2 _____	_____	_____
Guest3 _____	_____	_____
Guest4 _____	_____	_____
	Membership Dues (optional)	_____
	Total	_____

You may renew your FARS membership for 2014 or become a FARS member at the same time you sign up for the banquet by including a [membership form](#) and \$20 dues [\$10 for youth] with your banquet sign up.

Send your check payable to FARS to:

FARS
PO Box 112551
Campbell, CA 95011-2551

Dinner Selections:

Prime Rib \$45
Broiled Salmon, Lemon Beurre Blanc \$39
Chicken Florentine \$32
Vegetarian Brochette w/ Wild Rice \$30

\$1500 in Raffle Prizes!

*Including an Elecraft KX3 160-6m transceiver -
Well-respected, full-featured, all-mode, 10W PEP, weighing only 1.5 lbs.*

Banquet Sign-Up – *Must be received by noon on Jan. 13th*

Paper Sign-up – You may print and complete the above form, and mail along with your check for payment. All mailed sign-ups should be posted by Thursday, January 9th to arrive in time. Last minute sign-ups should use the online form. You may also bring your form and payment to the December FARS meetings.

On-line Sign-up – You must logon to the FARS website and have a credit card or PayPal account to make your payment. It's easy to register for a logon to the FARS website if you have an email address. All online payments are handled by PayPal. Online sign-ups must be completed and paid by noon on Monday, January 13th, 2014.

WEBSITE: <http://www.fars.k6ya.org/events/banquet>