

June Meeting

Date: Friday, June 18, 2004.

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

Place: Covington School, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos

Topic: Field Day. There will be some discussion of field day plans. See www.fars.k6ya.org/meeting.

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

May Meeting Report

At the May meeting, Steve, K6OIK, field day coordinator, talked of field day plans. Each of the band captains and the dinner coordinator also spoke. Field day promises to be a lot of fun for all, club members and guests.



Field Day Leaders

Left to Right: Paul, AA6PZ, Sideband; Mikel, KN6QI, Digital; Peter, WA6VAQ, Dinner; Phil, KA6MZE, VHF (Kneeling); Steve, K6OIK, Field Day Captain.



Dave Cooper, KE6PFF

Dave Cooper, KE6PFF, carried away the Yaesu radio raffle prize. The "Wish you were here" number for Dirk Thiele, KE6ZUY, was chosen. Unfortunately, Dirk was not present.

Presidents Column

Field Day is here in two weeks. The June meeting will be your last chance to sign up for a choice operating spot. We still need more operators and a takedown crew for Sunday afternoon. Contact our Field Day captain, Steve Stearns, K6OIK if you can't make the meeting but want to help out. Directions for the FARS Field Day are available on the FARS web site www.fars.k6ya.org. Just click the Field Day link.

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. There will be plenty to do, so volunteer to help out.

Radio Gear. We are still looking for a new home for the club's radio gear. What we have fits into a few boxes, so a little space in someone's garage should do nicely. Contact Phil, KA6MZE, 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.

Electronics Flea Market. The next Electronics Flea Market in Sunnyvale is scheduled for July 10 and is hosted by the [Southern Peninsula Emergency Communications System](http://www.asvaro.org). Visit the ASVARO web site <http://www.asvaro.org> for details and directions.

- de Mikel, KN6QI

Secretary's Report

The FARS board was unable to convene a meeting on the evening of June 1, 2004 because a quorum of members was not present. Those who came were Mikel, KN6QI, Frank, K6FCW, Howard, KG6GRO, Phil, KA6MZE, Dick, N6ATD, and Martin, KD6WJW. Paul, AA6PZ, also attended. Despite the lack of a quorum, those who were present discussed a number of topics related to Field Day and the rebuilding of an antenna owned by the club

- Martin, KD6WJW

Upcoming Events

June 18 7:00 PM Club meeting, Covington School
June 25 Field Day Setup
June 26-27 Field Day
July 6 7:30 PM Board Meeting, Los Altos Town Crier
July 10 Flea Market, see www.asvaro.com
July 23 7:00 PM Club meeting, Covington School
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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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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Callsign Plates

How to get call sign license plates for your car.

Amateur radio license plates are not the same as the "personalized" plates or "special-interest" plates. There is a different application process. Also there is only a one-time fee. The personalized and special-interest plates have an annual renewal fee.

Start here: <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/plates/specialplates.htm>

Even if you are not planning to get call plates, check out this page because one of the examples is for a long time FARS member!

There will be a link to a form which you should print and fill out. Next you will have to apply in person at a DMV office. The office in Mountain View was recently closed. For most club members, the most convenient office is near El Camino and Lawrence Expressway. Go to the DMV home page to get the days and hours. They are open some Saturdays and closed some Mondays. You now have two choices:

Make an appointment on-line. Expect that the earliest appointment will be 2 or 3 weeks.

Go early in the morning. If you get there by 8:30, with no appointment, the wait could be only a few minutes. If you arrive later, expect to wait an hour or more.

When you go, bring all of these:

The completed form.

Your original FCC license. The form says attach a copy, but the DMV wants to see the original.

Cash or check for the application fee, currently \$21.

Tools to remove the license plates. If you don't have an appointment, you might have time to go back outside to remove the plates while waiting for your turn.

- de Paul, AA6PZ

Equipment Sale

I have acquired some pieces of equipment from the estate of a silent key. Rather than waiting for the club flea market, they will first be offered for sale at the June club meeting.

- Yaesu FL2100B linear amplifier
- Ten-Tec Triton transceiver
- Simpson VOM. This is a classic with a nice big dial.

The price you pay will all go to the club treasury, so make a generous offer.

- de Paul, AA6PZ

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