

September Meeting

Date: Friday, September 24, 2004.

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

Place: Covington School, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos

Topic: Annual Home Brew Night. The home brew night has been a very enjoyable meeting in the past. Bring your latest project to share with the club and/or see the other projects. Be sure to bring your questions to submit to Dr. Know-It-All!

August Meeting Report

At the August meeting, Mike Zensius, KG6GUE, presented his portable HF station equipment and discussed the choices and tradeoffs among performance capability, options, size, weight, and power. He also talked about the lure of HF and his personal experience at upgrading from Technician to General.



Jack Eddy, WA6YJR, and Mike Zensius, KG6GUE
(Picture from Field Day 2002)

Jack Eddy, WA6YJR, carried away the raffle prize (handheld radio) at the August meeting. The "Wish you were here" number for Jeff Furman, AD6MX, was chosen. Unfortunately, Jeff was not present.

Upcoming Events

Sept 24 7:00 PM Club meeting, Covington School
 Oct 2 Ham Radio Day, 8 AM to Dusk
 Oct 9 Flea Market, www.asvaro.com
 Last Flea Market this year!
 Oct 15-17 Pacificon, www.pacificon.org
 Oct 29 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)
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Presidents Column

FARS Ham Radio Day is scheduled for Saturday October 2. 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. This weekend has a couple of contests going so the bands will be active, but no pressure to make lots of contacts.

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 kids, and work some radio if you like. I hope to see you there.

Homebrew Night. This month's meeting is dedicated to the do-it-yourself Ham. Show and tell about your latest Ham Radio project and win prizes. The audience decides the winners and the prizes are \$40, \$30, and \$20 for the first, second, and third place winners. Even if you don't win you will have your five minutes of fame and chance to inspire others. Homebrew night is always a blast so don't miss it!

Electronics Flea Market. The next Electronics Flea Market in Sunnyvale is scheduled for October 9th and is hosted by the [West Valley Amateur Radio Association](http://www.asvaro.com). This the last Electronics Flea Market 'til March 2005. Visit the ASVARO web site <http://www.asvaro.org/> for details and directions.

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. We will begin taking signups with the October edition of the FARS Relay.

- de Mikel, KN6QI

Secretary's Report

The FARS Board held its monthly meeting on the evening of September 7, 2004. Members present were Mikel, KN6QI, Frank, K6FCW, Howard, KG6GRO, Robert, KE6TFU, Dave, KE6PFF, Phil, KA6MZE, Mark, KG6GRR, Dick, N6ATD, Mike, KG6GUE, Steve, K6OIK, and Martin, KD6WJW. A visitor, Ruth, KG6RZG, was also present. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by the president, Mikel, KN6QI. The following actions were discussed, voted on, and adopted:

- Ruth, KG6RZG was voted in as a Director to fill the term of Stefan, KG6MAO.
- A motion was passed to hold a "Ham Day" activity on October 2, 2004 at Sunnyvale Baylands Park.
- A budget of \$175.00 was approved for the above event.
- A motion was approved to accept \$75.00 donation from Leivio Technologies, Inc. for sponsoring "Ham Day." In return they would have permission to post a banner at the event displaying the company name, logo, etc., and post a picture of the event on their web site.
- A proposal to spend \$500 per club, if agreed upon by PAARA, for prizes at the winter banquet.
- There were discussions of the insurance on club equipment and programs for upcoming monthly meetings of the club. Candidates are needed for next year's club officers and board members. Frank, K6FCW and Martin, KD6WJW, announced that they will not be candidates for re-election.

- Martin, KD6WJW

FARS Ham Radio Day
from Frank, K6FCW

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. The location is the Sunnyvale Baylands Park at Route 237 at Lawrence Expressway toward the Bay.

Enjoy Field Day without the schlepping 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, but there is a charge of \$4.00 per car to enter the Park. People on bikes are free. Look for the FARS banner.

Oct. 2, 2004 is the California QSO Party and also a major DX Contest Day, so the bands will be active. 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>

FARS Flea Market Report
from Frank, K6FCW, Treasurer

RECEIPTS

Receipts from food sales	\$1,477.00
Sales after cash box closed	\$2.00
Receipts from Vendors – 185 admissions @ \$15	\$2,840.00
Sale to SVECS of sodas	<u>\$49.86</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$4,368.86

EXPENSES

Sodas from SPECS	\$44.18
Supplies from SPECS	\$56.63
Hot dogs (Jerry Haag)	\$183.00
Buns, soda (Costco)	\$121.44
Paper goods, condiments, water (FrankWeiss)	\$27.44
Donuts, 4 pots coffee (Lucky)	\$113.85
Ice (Dick Baldwinson)	\$47.09
Ice (Rolf Klibo)	\$17.28
ASVARO (Insurance, etc.)	<u>\$1,100.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,710.91

NET PROCEEDS **\$2,657.95**

CLUB INFORMATION

President:	Mikel Lechner, KN6QI
Vice President:	Steve Stearns, K6OIK
Treasurer:	Frank Weiss, K6FCW
Secretary:	Martin Liberman, KD6WJW
Radio Officer:	Phil Hawkins, KA6MZE
Training Officer:	Mike Zensius, KG6GUE
Relay Editor:	Mark Hardy, KG6GRR
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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