

November Meeting

Date: Friday, November 19, 2004.

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

Place: Covington School, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos

Speaker: Pink Foster, W6PST, Section Traffic Manager

Topic: Pink is currently Section Traffic Manager for ARRL Santa Clara Valley Section. Her topic will be "Radiograms and the NTS Message Traffic System." Radiograms are like telegrams except they are sent by radio rather than by wireline, Morse or teletype. Sending short text messages by amateur radio may seem archaic in today's email-connected, instant-messaging world. However, it is another fun aspect of amateur radio that could be useful again in the event a wide area disaster disables modern communication infrastructure. Come learn how to surprise your friends and relatives by sending them holiday Radiograms!

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

October Meeting Report

At the October meeting, Mitch Cipriano, AE6AI, spoke about how to properly ground an amateur radio station and why it's important. Nominations were made for next year's board members: Rob Goodson, KG6QQC, Steve Leander, KV6O, and Mark Hardy, KG6GRR.



Mitch Cipriano, AE6AI



Peter, WA6VAQ, Raffle

Peter Griffith, WA6VAQ, carried away the raffle prize (Mobile Radio) at the October meeting. The "Wish You Were Here" number for, Rob Goodson, KG6QQC, was chosen. Unfortunately, Rob was not present.

Upcoming Events

- Nov 19 7:00 PM, Club meeting, Covington School
 - Dec 2 7:30 PM, Board Mtg at the Los Altos Town Crier
 - Dec 17 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)
<<http://www.fars.k6ya.org/events/calendar.shtml>>

Presidents Column

Program. This month's program is about the National Traffic System (NTS) with Pink Foster, K6PST. Learn how the NTS functions and how you can send holiday messages to friends and family via Ham Radio.

Elections. This meeting is our annual membership meeting and election for FARS directors. At our October meeting the following were nominated for election to the board: Rob Goodson KG6QQC, Steve Leander KV6O, and Mark Hardy KG6GRR.

Winter Banquet. It's time to sign up for the FARS/PAARA Winter Banquet to be held at Michael's at Shoreline on Friday, January 21, 2005. FARS will again partner with PAARA for a bigger event. Look for the signup sheet on the FARS web site and in this edition of the "FARS RELAY."

Electronics Flea Market is closed for the winter and starts again on March 12, 2005. If you would like to receive a reminder about the next flea market, go to <http://www.asvaro.org/> and click on the email link to subscribe to the EFM (Electronics Flea Market) mailing list.

- de Mikel, KN6QI

Secretary's Report

FARS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 4, 2004, 7:30 p.m.
Conf. Room, Lost Altos Town Crier, 138 Main Street, Los Altos
Present: Robert Baldwinson, Dave Cooper, Robert Flemate, Ruth Lacey, Mikel Lechner, Martin Liberman, Howard Takaoka, Steve Stearns (late, exc.) Visitor: Steve Leander.

President Lechner called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

President Lechner announced the resignation of two board members: Frank Weiss, Treasurer, and Martin Liberman, Secretary. He then called for a motion to elect replacements for both Treasurer and Secretary. The voice vote was unanimous to appoint Dave Cooper as Treasurer and Ruth Lacey as Secretary. Their names were then added to the board authorization list for check signing on behalf of FARS.

The January 21, 2005, banquet was discussed including speaker, raffle prizes and ticket sales. For members' convenience, our website has a double-purpose form for both banquet registration and membership renewal.

The November 19 program will feature Pink Foster, W6PST, Section Traffic manager as speaker.

Dave Cooper reported on Ham Radio Day #2, to be held Saturday, November 6. He announced the planned activities for the day and gave food and drink details. The Board discussed holding the event during the winter months including a possible setup at the Flea Market.

President Lechner adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

- Ruth, KG6RZG

FARS / PAARA 2005 Winter Banquet

Mark your calendars. The FARS / PAARA annual banquet will take place on Friday evening, January 21, 2005. We are again teaming up with [PAARA](#) (Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association) to make this an even bigger 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

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 a Banquet Signup form and include payment for the appropriate amount. You should renew your FARS membership if you have not already done so.

Raffle Prizes

We are planning to raffle nearly \$1,000 in amateur radio gear. The prizes are yet to be determined but will likely include a radio or two. Tickets may be purchased at the banquet, so be sure to bring some extra cash. No purchase is required to enter, but your donation is much appreciated to cover the cost of the prizes.

Menu

We have decided on the following menu choices:

Menu Choice	Price
Roast Prime Rib of Beef	\$37
Breast of Chicken Florentine	\$30
Broiled Salmon Lemon Beurre Blanc	\$32
Vegetarian Brochette	\$25

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

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

President: Mikel Lechner, KN6QI
Vice President: Steve Stearns, K6OIK
Treasurer: David Cooper KE6PFF
Secretary: Ruth, KG6RZG
Radio Officer: Phil Hawkins, KA6MZE
Training Officer: Mike Zensius, KG6GUE
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FARS Board: Dick Baldwinson N6ATD, Herb Davidson KF6BKL, Frank Weiss, K6FCW, Howard Takaoka KG6GRO, Robert Flemate, KE6TFU, Martin Liberman, KD6WJW.

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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FARS/PAARA 2005 WINTER BANQUET SIGNUP – FARS Members and Guests

January 21, 2005

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Membership Dues (see below)		_____
	Total	_____

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FARS Membership Form

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

FARS 2005 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 Member(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:

FARS
c/o David Cooper, KE6PFF
270 Redwood Shores #41
Redwood City, CA 94065

Silent Keys

FARS is saddened at the recent passing of two local Amateur Radio operators:

Walter A. Read, W6ASH, is well known throughout the valley and beyond. He was a leader in ARES/RACES in the area. He became silent key on November 11, 2004. More information about Walt can be found at the SPECS website, www.specsnet.org and at the Mercury News website at <http://www.legacy.com/mercurynews/LegacySubPage2.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonId=2823047> (published in the print version 16 November 2004).

David Rogers, K5DKR, passed away on November 9, 2004. David worked in the Sequoia School District for almost 30 years. He belonged to PAARA and SCARES and often attended FARS meetings. More information about David may be found at the Mercury News website at <http://www.legacy.com/mercurynews/LegacySubPage2.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonId=2817091> (published in the print version on 14 November 2004).

Field Day Results

The results for the 2-A category in the Santa Clara Valley section are as follows:

Call	Score	Cat	QSOs	PwrX	GOTA	Sect	#Part	Club
W6OTX	6004	2A	1764	2	K6YQT	SCV	126	Palo Alto Amateur Radio Assn
W6UQ	4446	2A	1323	2	W6VJK	SCV	18	San Mateo RC
K6YA	3626	2A	854	2		SCV	25	Foothills ARS
WA6TOW	2006	2A	446	2		SCV	12	Coastside ARC
W6UW	1810	2A	513	2	W6UU	SCV	35	Santa Clara Cty ARA
WA6NPC	1782	2A	420	2		SCV	4	Madonna Mountain Boys
AC6P	1708	2A	345	2		SCV	15	UCSC IEEE Student Branch
W6MLP	1534	2A	159	2		SCV	6	Milpitas Amateur Radio and Elec Soc
W6YPE	1372	2A	234	2		SCV	37	SARES
K6SRA	776	2A	129	2		SCV	5	Sierra Radio Assn

FARS was 8 of 32 entries in the SCV section, 130 of 455 entries in the 2A category contest wide, and 448 of 2249 entries overall.



How to get to regular meetings:
(Visitors always welcome)

Our meetings will be 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 (same as for the Flea Market) but go Northeast (rather than West to the college). 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. From Foothill Expressway, 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 as above at point (A).

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