

## FARS/PAARA 2007 Winter Banquet

**Date:** Friday, January 19, 2007.

**Schedule:** 6:00 pm - Open Bar (No Host)

7:00 pm - Dinner

8:00 pm - Presentation

**Place:** Michael's at Shoreline

**Speaker:** Alan Eshleman, K6SRZ

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Alan Eshleman, MD MPH, is a board certified internist, medical writer, and editor. His clinical practice is in general internal medicine. He recently retired

from the Northern California Kaiser Permanente Medical Group where he divided his time between seeing patients and serving as the Chief Medical Editor for Kaiser's Internet Services Group. Dr. Eshleman has a special interest in communicating scientific and medical issues to the general public. He has moderated on-line medical discussion groups, and for several years wrote the "Doctor E's Diary" for SFGate, the on-line service of the San Francisco Chronicle.

FARS is again teaming up with [PAARA](#) to present the Winter Banquet. We will be raffling ~\$1000 in valuable prizes at the banquet. Raffle prizes include the following:

Grand Prize – Yaesu FT857 (HF, 6M, 2M 440)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Yaesu FT1802 (2m-50W mobile)

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Power Crimp Tool w/bag of Anderson connectors

4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Grundig Emergency Radio

and many more....!

Raffle tickets will be sold on site for \$1/ticket or \$5/6 tickets. We will have a NO HOST BAR for soft drinks, wine, beer, etc.

## Presidents Corner

**No Club Meeting for January!** The Winter Banquet is our January meeting.

**FARS/PAARA Winter Banquet 2007** is scheduled for Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 6pm. Our speaker is Alan Eshleman, K6SRZ, who is a medical doctor by profession and a writer. He is also a ham who has worked a number of DXpeditions including: T33C, T30CA, T32CK, and Kure Atoll in 05. Those of you signed up to attend may find the directions on the FARS web site useful: <http://www.fars.k6y.org/events/banquet>.

**Am-Tech Day.** There's no date yet for the February Am-Tech Day. For the latest details check the FARS web site ([www.fars.k6ya.org/amtechday/](http://www.fars.k6ya.org/amtechday/)). Subscribe to the FARS Announcement list ([www.fars.k6ya.org/mail/](http://www.fars.k6ya.org/mail/)) to make sure you get an email reminder.

**Membership.** A new year is now upon us, so now is the time to renew your membership for another year. Remember your membership entitles you our monthly newsletter, voting rights, and supports FARS educational programs and activities. See the renewal form later in this Relay or check online at [www.fars.k6ya.org](http://www.fars.k6ya.org).

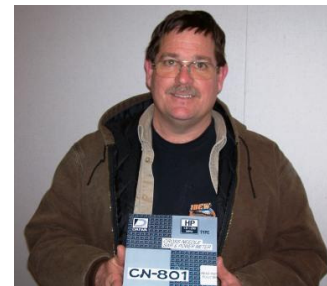
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## December Meeting Report

Steve Stearns, K6OIK – FARS Vice President, presented “Novel and Strange Ideas in Antennas and Impedance Matching.” Steve talked about antennas and modeling. He showed various impedance matching techniques and examples of antennas.



**Steve Stearns, K6OIK**



**Gregg Lane, KF6FNA**

Gregg Lane, KF6FNA, won the raffle and took home the Daiwa CN-801 Professional Power/SWR meter 1.8-200MHz. The Wish You Were Here number for Hans Neumann, KE6TGA, was chosen. Unfortunately, Hans was not present to claim the prize.

## Upcoming Events

Jan 19	6:00 PM, FARS/PAARA Banquet
Feb 1	7:30 PM, Board Mtg at the Los Altos Town Crier
Feb TBA	8 AM to 9 PM, <a href="#">Am-Tech Day</a> , SLAC, 8AM-9PM
Feb 23	7:00 PM, <a href="#">Club meeting</a> , 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) <<http://www.fars.k6ya.org/events/calendar>>



### Directions to Michael's at Shoreline

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.

### Article by FARS Vice President, K6OIK

An article by FARS Vice President, Steve Stearns, K6OIK, was published by ARRL in *QEX*, Jan/Feb 2007. Steve's article is on the discone antenna - its history, theory of operation, and a design for a high performance broadband digital TV antenna.

### New Newsletter from ARRL

The ARRL has started a new newsletter, the "ARRL Club News." Current issues are available at the ARRL web site <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/clubnews/>. There is also a link that describes how ARRL members can sign up to receive the newsletter by email.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 2007 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.

Send your check payable to FARS, to:

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

Meetings are 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 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 [N6NEI](#) (145.230-; 100Hz PL) repeater or the [W6ASH](#) 145.27- (100Hz PL) repeater.