

June Club Meeting

Date: Friday, June 15, 2007

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

Place: Covington School, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos

Speaker: Field Day Coordinator and Band Captains

Topic: Field Day Plans

Summary: Phil, KA6MZE, field day coordinator and the band captains will speak on field day plans and how we can help. FARS field day has been very enjoyable, with the Saturday BBQ a real highlight. Please come and support the field day activities for fun and friendship.

Two great prizes will be raffled at this meeting: The main prize this month is another Yaesu FT 1802 M/E 2 meter mobile transceiver. The second prize is a Red-Dee-2 Connect PS-8. This is a power block for connecting Anderson Power Poles with 8 connections.

The club offers Anderson Power-pole crimping service and refreshments at the meeting. Be sure to attend for an enjoyable evening. Don't forget to bring your questions to Dr. Know-it-all.

May Meeting Report

Rob Goodson, N2RAG, talked about how to use HT's in various modes/functions. HT's are your key to a world of RF fun! Rob provided information on antennas, phone patches, repeaters, D-star, digital modes, and much more. See Rob's website for a link to his presentation on HT's <http://www.n2rag.info/>.



Rob Goodson, N2RAG



Carrol Kerns, KG6YPH

Mike Gavin, W6WZ, won the first place raffle prize and took home the LDG Z-100 Memory (antenna) Tuner. Carrol Kerns, KG6YPH, won the Dual Band J-pole (designed by Edison Fong, Feb 2003 QST). The Wish You Were Here number for Howard Califf, W6HOC, was chosen. Unfortunately, Howard was not present to claim the prize.

President's Corner

Membership Meeting. Our next meeting is Friday, June 15th at 7pm. This is a week earlier than normal because of Field Day. We will take some time at this month's meeting to talk about Field Day plans.

Field Day is schedule for June 23rd and 24th this year from 11am until 11am the next day. We are setting up on Friday the 22nd starting after 11am. If you've never been to Field Day, then you must come up this year. If you are an old hand, then we need you to come up as well. We will have an SSB HF station, a combination CW/Digital Modes station, a GOTA (Get On The Air) HF voice station for the newbies and non-hams. Don't forget the VHF and satellite station working DX on 6-meters. Sign-up up to help out at the meeting or on-line at the FARS web site (<http://www.fars.k6ya.org/fieldday>).

Am-Tech DAY. The next Amateur Radio Technology Day is scheduled for July 7th at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center. Check the FARS web site (www.fars.k6ya.org/amtechday/) for the program schedule, directions, and the latest news. Subscribe to the FARS Announcement list (www.fars.k6ya.org/mail/) to make sure you get an email reminder for this and other FARS activities.

On-line Roster. The membership roster is on-line, so you can update your information on-line. You can also use the on-line roster to find out how to contact other FARS members and to renew your membership (www.fars.k6ya.org/cgi-bin/r-edit). You can also renew your membership on-line via PayPal.

Flea Market. The next Electronics Flea Market is at De Anza College on Saturday July 14th. Check www.electronicfleamarket.com for details and directions

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Upcoming Events

June 13	7 PM General Class– Sponsored by FARS
June 15	7:00 PM, Club meeting , Covington School
June 20	7 PM General Class– Sponsored by FARS
June 23	Field Day
June 27	7 PM General Class– Sponsored by FARS
July 5	7:30 PM, Board Mtg at the Los Altos Town Crier
July 7	8 AM to 9 PM, Am-Tech Day , SLAC, 8AM-9PM
July 14	Electronics Flea Market , De Anza, 5 am to Noon
July 27	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) <<http://www.fars.k6ya.org/events/calendar>>

FARS Field Day

The Foothills Amateur Radio Society will participate in the [American Radio Relay League \(ARRL\)](#) 2007 Field Day event on Saturday June 23th and Sunday June 24th. You can download a copy of the [2007 Field Day Rules](#) ([pdf](#)), or the complete 2007 Field Day Package ([pdf](#) [456K]).

FARS will likely operate in the 2A category, with two HF radio stations on emergency power at a temporary location. We plan to have four operating radio stations: HF station operating Single Sideband (SSB) voice; HF station split between operating CW (Morse Code) and PSK31/RTTY (keyboard); VHF/satellite station (not counted in category number); GOTA (Get On The Air) station (not counted in the category number).

Our GOTA station will be open to be operated by new hams and anyone who wants to try their hand at operating an amateur radio station. Non-licensed visitors are also welcome to operate the station under direction of our GOTA station captain.

Visitors are welcome to visit during Field Day. The best time to visit is on Saturday June 23 from 12pm 'til 7pm. This is your chance to observe several aspects of Amateur Radio in one location. We will be operating near the Maryknoll Seminary in Los Altos.

[Setup](#). Setup starts at the field day site at 12pm on Fri. June 22rd.

[Takedown](#). Takedown starts at 11am on Sunday June 24th.

[BBQ](#). The BBQ starts at 5pm on Saturday June 23th. Attendees should pre-register and are expected to bring a side dish to share.

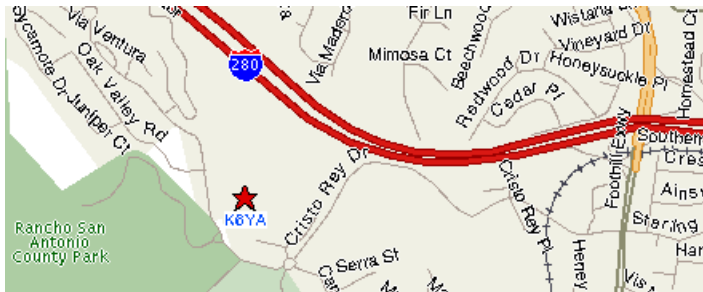
[Operate](#). Field Day operations begin at 11am Saturday and end at 11am Sunday.

You can sign up to participate in the FARS Field Day at the FARS website <https://www.fars.k6ya.org/events/fieldday>.

Directions

To find the FARS Field Day site take Interstate 280 towards the Los Altos / Mountain View border. Exit onto Foothill Expressway and head south. Make a right turn onto Cristo Rey Drive (first light). Follow signs towards Rancho San Antonio Park. Follow Cristo Rey Drive (~ 3/4 mile) until you reach Rancho San Antonio Park and turn right into the Maryknoll (private) driveway. Go past the gate, turn right and park next to the Eucalyptus trees. If you end up at the seminary building, you went too far. Go back to Cristo Rey drive and head back to Rancho San Antonio Park. Enter the drive across from the park.

Our Field Day operation is located in the large open field next to the parking area. Please do not disturb the Seminary residents located in the buildings northwest of our location. They have generously allowed us to use this location on their property for our Field Day operation.



CLUB INFORMATION

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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 submit announcements 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 \$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.

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FRIDAY 15 June 2007
Covington School