

NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING

When & Where

Date: Friday, November 21st, 2014

Time: Socializing at 7PM
 Meeting starts at 7:30PM
Guests are welcome to join us

Place: Covington School, 205 Covington Rd, Los Altos
 (near Foothill Expressway and El Monte Rd)

*****Important*** This month's meeting will be in Classroom 32, which is around the corner from the multi-purpose room**

Snacks: Cookies and coffee will be served. *(new coffee pot!)*

Questions: Bring your hardest radio questions.
 The mysterious Dr. Know-It-All reveals all answers.

Post-Meeting Snacks: Denny's on Mathilda in Sunnyvale.

Who & What

Presentation:
**Holiday Ideas
 for the Ham Shack**

Speaker:
**Don Anastasia, AA6W
 from Ham Radio Outlet**



Raffle Prizes

We will have a great selection of Raffle Prizes as well as the CA\$H Wish-You-Were-Here Prize.

1st Prize: Yaesu FT-60R 2m/70cm Dual Band HT, 5W transmit, 1000 memory channels, NOAA alert, 1400 mAh battery

2nd Prize: MFJ-392B Headphones

3rd Prize: 2014 Northern California Repeater Directory

Wish-You-Were-Here Prize: A CA\$H prize awarded to a member who is present and has paid their 2014 dues. (now \$5)



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

www.fars.k6ya.org/events/calendar


* Visitors are welcome at all FARS events! *

FARS is an amateur radio organization in the southern San Francisco Peninsula area serving residents of Los Altos, Palo Alto, Mountain View, and several other communities.

NOVEMBER

- 21** **FARS Club Meeting**, Covington School, Los Altos, CA, 7PM
One week earlier than usual due to the holiday
Presentation: Holiday Ideas for the Ham Shack, Don AA6W

DECEMBER

- 10 Board Meeting, Los Altos, CA, 7:30PM
- 14 **BARC Meeting**, Panera Bread, Cupertino, 3PM
Bay Area Radio Builders Club. Sponsored by FARS.
See the website / Yahoo Group for details.
- 19** **FARS Club Meeting**, Covington School, Los Altos, CA, 7PM
One week earlier than usual due to the holiday
- 31 **ARRL Straight Key Night**, 4PM PT
(January 1, 0000 UTC – 2359 UTC) 
24 hours dedicated to celebrating our CW heritage. Participants are encouraged to get on the air and simply make enjoyable, conversational CW QSO's, preferably with straight keys or bugs.

JANUARY

- 11 **BARC Meeting**, Panera Bread, Cupertino, 3PM
Bay Area Radio Builders Club. Sponsored by FARS.
See the website / Yahoo Group for details.
- 14 Board Meeting, Los Altos, CA, 7:30PM
- 23** **FARS/PAARA Winter Banquet 2015**
Michaels at Shoreline Restaurant, Mtn View, CA, 6PM
Join us for this exciting annual ham radio event!
*Presented by the Foothills Amateur Radio Society (FARS)
and the Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association (PAARA).*
*It is be open to anyone who wants to attend, but reservations
are required. Signups are now open on the FARS website!
Over \$1000 in raffle prizes!!!*

UPCOMING

- 2/28 **FARS Club Meeting**, Covington School, Los Altos, CA, 7PM
- Mar. **Electronics Flea Market** starts up again!
- 4/19 **ARRL Rookie Roundup Phone**, 1800 UTC – 2359 UTC
*A great opportunity for new operators to get on the air and practice
operating. "Rookies" are those licensed in 2015, 2014 or 2013*
- May **Radio in the Park** starts up again!
Stay tuned for details.

FARS Membership

**Joining FARS
and
renewing your
membership to FARS
provides:**

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**Much needed
support** for your club
activities,

*
Qualifies you for the
CASH
Wish-You-Were-Here **Prize**
awarded at each
membership meeting,

*
Plus you'll receive
a **FARS Relay**
to your email each month!

Join us!

***Have a photo, article, or
operating news to share?***

*Email your FARS newsletter
editor at K6YL@ARRL.net*

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Mikel KN6QI

Membership Meeting. Our next membership meeting is scheduled for November 21st and our talk is about "Holiday Ideas for the Ham Shack" with Don Anastasia AA6W of Ham Radio Outlet. He talks about the latest and most popular items available at the "Candy Store". This is a chance to figure out gift ideas for that ham in your family (perhaps for yourself), as well as a good chance to ask questions.



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FARS / PAARA Winter Banquet 2015. The banquet has been scheduled for January 23rd, 2015. This activity is open to anyone who wants to attend, but reservations are required. We are working on a speaker for the banquet, but the venue and pricing have been determined. We are meeting again at Michael's at Shoreline in Mountain View (located next to the golf course in Shoreline Park).

The pricing for the banquet includes an 18% gratuity, 9.75% sales tax, and \$2 to cover other expenses including PayPal, speaker's meal(s), supplies, etc. The meal choices and prices are: Prime Rib (\$47), Broiled Salmon (\$40), Chicken Florentine (\$35), or Vegetarian Brochette with Rice (\$30). Each meal includes a dinner salad, coffee/tea, and a chocolate mousse desert. Additional beverages are available at the no-host bar.

We are currently accepting sign-ups for the banquet on-line or by mail-in form. Sign up today and put the date (Jan. 23) on your calendar. See you there.

Board of Director Elections and Annual Member Meeting. Our November meeting is our annual member meeting where we elect/re-elect members of the FARS board of directors. We have two directors whose three year terms are ending: Richard Baldwinson N6ATD and Charlie Morrin KI6FX. The board has nominated each of them for another 3 year term. Members are encouraged to attend this meeting and vote.



Dick N6ATD



Charlie KI6FX



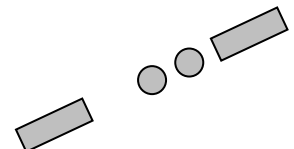
Support FARS with membership. Membership dues are our main source of support, helping FARS put on programs and other activities. Membership is only \$20 (\$10 youth rate for applicants under 18) for the year. Look for a membership form on the back of this newsletter, or check on-line on our web site at <http://k6ya.org/membership>.

FARS is a California 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, so donations and membership dues are tax deductible with the California Franchise Tax Board and the Internal Revenue Service. Note that donations to our raffles are also considered gifts, so they are generally deductible as well. Consult your tax advisor for details.

Email notices. Subscribe to the FARS Announcement List (<http://www.fars.k6ya.org/mail/>) to receive reminders of FARS activities and other news.

de Mikel KN6QI

*Thank you to all of the Officers and Directors
who volunteer their time
for the
Foothills Amateur Radio Society!*



FARS / PAARA *Winter Banquet 2015*

Friday, January 23rd, 6PM

Save the date!

Location:
Michael's at Shoreline
Mountain View

*Open to members, guests,
and non-members.*

Over \$1000 in **Raffle Prizes**,
including an Elecraft KX3!

*160-6m transceiver -
well-respected, full-featured,
all-mode, 10W PEP, weighing only 1.5 lbs*



Sign ups are open now!

By mail (form on the website).
In person at the December meeting.
Or on the FARS website using PayPal:
www.fars.k6ya.org/events/banquet

That KX3 is calling your name!





How is your Go Kit coming along?





YL's Love Ham Radio

Interested in Amateur Radio License Plates?

Link to the California DMV
Special License Plates Application
Form REG 17A:

http://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/?1dmy&urile=wcm:pat h:/dmv_content_en/dmv/forms/reg/reg17a

Mail the completed form
to the address on the form,
and be sure to include
a copy of your valid FCC license.

For \$21 you can have:



FARS Member Badges

Place your order online or at the meeting.
Available for pick up at the next club mtg

BAEARS Ham Cram

Next Quarterly Session: Saturday, January 24th
8 AM
San Francisco, CA
www.baears.com

FARS Email Notices

Easy to subscribe!
www.k6ya.org/mail

Receive reminders of activities and other news.

Weekly FARS Net

Thursdays @ 8 PM
N6NFI Repeater 145.230(-), 100 Hz PL

Bay Area Radio Builders Club

“BARC”

A FARS Special Interest Group

*We are a group of mostly
Amateur Radio operators who want to gain
a better understanding of the topics covered
in the General and Extra class tests.*

*We want to learn electronics, antenna theory,
kit building, and kit design.*

Next Meeting: 3PM on Dec 14th
Location: Panera Bread in Cupertino
(20807 Stevens Creek Blvd)

Join the Yahoo Group:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ba_radio_builders/

More Info:
www.barbc.org

FARS PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE OCTOBER RAFFLE

Congratulations!



1st Prize: **Soren AK4WQ** (#5 in photo)
Kenwood TM-281A 2 meter 65 watt
Base/Mobile Transceiver

2nd Prize: **Carrol KG6YPH** (#2 in photo)
DBJ-1 2m/440 Dual Band J Pole
Antenna by Ed Fong WB6IQN

3rd Prize: **Cliff KN6DH** (#4 in photo)
La Crosse Wireless Weather Station
Model WS-9630TWC-IT-TB

4th Prize: **Steve K6OIK** (#1 in photo)
Cold Heat Soldier Tool with Wire
Stripper TB

5th Prize: **Cliff KN6DH** (#4 in photo)
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WYWH: This Wish-You-Were-Here prize is a
CASH prize awarded to a member
who is present and has paid their 2014
dues.

Jeff Shimbo AK6TG (#6 in photo)
was at the meeting and collected
\$50 cash
when his name was called!

HAM RADIO NETS – Getting On The Air

FARS Weekly Net **Thursdays @ 8 PM**

N6NFI repeater, 145.23-/100Hz
This net is open to all interested hams.

The purpose of the net is to keep club members informed about club activities; to exchange other club-related info; and to socialize.

9AM Talk Net **Weekdays @ 9 AM**

N6NFI repeater, 145.23-/100Hz
This net is open to all interested hams.

This is an informal net that is very popular. Check out www.9amtalk.net for more information.

READY TO UPGRADE YOUR LICENSE?

What is a Passing Score you might ask?
Technician & General exams – 26 out of 35 (74.2%)
Amateur Extra exam – 37/50 (74%)

BAEARS (Bay Area Educational Radio Society) Crams & Exams, www.baears.com –

This group holds “Ham Crams” 4 times a year for Tech and General licenses (Amateur Extra test available but no cram). A guided study consisting of six 45-minute reading periods, with breaks and lunch. They have a high success rate!
Pre-registration required, sign up on the website. \$30

- Saturday 1/24/15, 8 AM @ San Francisco (exam starts at 4 PM)

Sunnyvale VEC Exams, www.amateur-radio.org –

Holds test sessions on Saturdays often alternating between Sunnyvale and Redwood City.
Walk-ins only, no pre-registrations. \$15

- Saturday 12/13, 10:30 AM @ Sunnyvale
- Saturday 12/20, 10:30 AM @ Redwood City



Silicon Valley ARRL VE Exams, www.svve.org –

Holds test sessions on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. Arrive between 8 AM and 10:00 AM to the Saratoga Fire Station at 14380 Saratoga Avenue (in downtown Saratoga).
Walk-ins only, no pre-registrations. \$15

- Saturday 12/6
- Saturday 12/20
- Saturday 1/3

Tri-City VE Group Exams, http://www.sbara.org/tricity_ve.html –

Holds test sessions at Hurricane Electric in Fremont each month, alternating between Saturday morning and Tuesday evening. The address is 48233 Warm Springs Blvd.
Walk-ins welcome. \$15

- Tuesday 12/9, 6:30 PM

CURRENT US AMATEUR RADIO BAND PLAN: www.arrl.org/band-plan ([click here for printable PDF](#))

Effective March 5, 2012

CLUB INFORMATION

www.fars.k6ya.org

President:	Mikel Lechner KN6QI
Vice President:	Steve Stearns K6OIK
Treasurer:	Dick Baldwinson N6ATD
Secretary:	(open)
FARS Board:	Charlie Morrin KI6FXY Phil Hawkins KA6MZE Bob Bynum WB2URF Doña Kerns KI6DAR
Radio Officer:	Phil Hawkins KA6MZE
Training Officer:	(open)
K6YA Trustee:	Phil Hawkins KA6MZE
Relay Newsletter Editor:	Joanna Dilley K6YL

Contact the FARS Board of Directors at fars-board@svpal.org.

Membership: An annual FARS membership is \$20 and provides much needed support for your club activities, qualifies you for the CA\$H Wish-You-Were-Here prize drawn at each membership meeting, plus you'll receive a FARS Relay to your email each month! An optional club badge is \$9.

FARS is a California 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, so donations and membership dues are tax deductible with the CA Franchise Tax Board and the Internal Revenue Service.

Meetings: FARS 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 November & December (for holidays). **Visitors are always welcome!** Directions on the website as well as in this newsletter.

Email Announcements: Members and non-members are encouraged to subscribe to the FARS Announcement list to receive reminders of FARS activities and other news. Browse www.fars.k6ya.org/mail, click on Subscribe/Unsubscribe and follow 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 require approval by the moderator.

Newsletter: 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! Photos, operating news, articles, etc. can be submitted to the editor at any time. Contributions are subject to editing and/or compression.

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FARS New Membership / Renewal Form

The annual dues for 2014 is \$20. You may renew with this form or online by logging onto the FARS website and then using PayPal. <https://www.fars.k6ya.org/membership> Membership runs from January 1 to December 31. New membership applications accepted later in the year may have their dues prorated (see dues schedule).

Date: _____

Name: _____

Callsign: _____ Phone: _____

Class (eg Technician, General): _____ ARRL Member? _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Special topics of interest / suggestions for club meeting speakers:

Optional FARS Badge -- Please include \$9 if desired.

First Name for Badge: _____ Select: Clip / Magnet / Pin

Send your check payable to FARS, to:

FARS, PO Box 112551, Campbell, CA 95011



DIRECTIONS TO FARS MEETINGS:

Visitors are always welcome.

Meetings are held at the Covington Elementary School 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.

From Interstate 280 – Take the El Monte exit Northeast. Cross Foothill Expressway. * At the first traffic light turn right on Covington. 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 – Turn Northeast onto El Monte, then follow directions as above at the *.

From US101 or El Camino – Take San Antonio Road west (to Foothill Expressway), then follow directions as above at the *.

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