

July Meeting

Date: July 25, 2003 - 7 PM socializing, meeting starts at 7:30 PM.

NOTE MEETING LOCATION!

Place: The gym / multi-purpose room at Oak Elementary School, 1501 Oak Avenue, Los Altos. Directions to the meeting are later in the newsletter.

We will have "Show and Tell" before the presentation. Additionally, during the break, you can submit written questions to Dr. Know-it-all on amateur radio related topics and see your questions answered in the Relay.

- Steve, K6OIK

July Meeting Prize

The prize at the July meeting will be an ICOM IC-T2H handheld.

- Dick N6ATD

Secretary's Report

The FARS board held its monthly meeting on the evening of June 30, 2003. It was held one day earlier because of the approaching July 4th holiday weekend. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm. Members present were Mikel, KN6QI, Frank, K6FCW, Dick, N6ATD, Stefan, KG6MAO, Omri, AA6TA, Howard, KG6GRO, Dave, KE6PFF, Mike, KG6GUE, and Martin, KD6WJW. Field Day was briefly discussed, especially interference between the SSB and digital stations. KG6GUE reported that the technician class was about half finished with a total of 13 attendees. They are

Toby Vanderbeek, Kevin Ho, Joy Ho, Glen Ireland, Bruce Utecht, Doug Smith, Wendy Breu, Victoria Sarem, Charles Walter, Ruth Lacey, Susan Thomas, Roland Wentz, and Timothy Chon.

The board approved associate membership for them. Final preparations were made for the Flea Market. The payment of various expenses (e.g., raffle prizes, refreshments, etc.) was also approved. This included a \$100 voluntary contribution to Maryknoll for allowing the club to use their facility for Field Day. Also discussed were sites for future club meetings and aspects of dues payments.

- Martin, KD6WJW

Presidents Column

Incorporation. Foothills Amateur Radio Society was officially incorporated in the State of California effective May 5, 2003. The board of directors of Directors adopted the incorporation and new Bylaws on June 20, 2003. This completes the process of incorporating. There are still a few minor bits of paperwork to be completed and we still have a tax exemption filing to complete, but the incorporation is done.

Flea Market. Thanks to everyone who helped with the FARS edition of the Electronic Flea Market. This event is the major fundraiser for the club and helps us to fund our activities. We cannot do it without you. I especially want to thank Howard Takaoka, KG6GRO, for his efforts to organize this event. Look for Howard's report on the Flea Market for more details. Look for Frank's report on the results of the Flea Market.

The next Foothill Electronics flea market is Saturday August 9. This one is sponsored by SVECS (Silicon Valley Emergency Communications System). You can find the schedule on the FARS web site www.fars.k6ya.org. Spread the word about this year's flea markets.

Field Day. In spite of the poor conditions on the upper HF bands we had a pretty good Field Day this year. We operated in the 2A category (2 HF stations operating on emergency power) with a HF SSB voice station and a CW/Digital mode station. In addition, we had a VHF/Satellite station.

Because of the poor band conditions, the 2 HF stations had to operate on the same band during the day. The interference between the two stations made it difficult to hear stations. In the evening, when 40 meters became active, we had considerable success on both stations. Both stations racked up a considerable number of contacts in the evening hours. Paul, AA6PZ and Richard, N6ATD operated the SSB station on 40 meters in the hours near midnight to pull in the contacts. In spite of this, 20 meters was our best band.

The Satellite station also had a challenging time since two of the best satellites for Field Day failed to be available. However, Phil, KA6MZE, managed to obtain the minimum one contact required to get the bonus points.

As usual we had a very good turnout for the BBQ on Saturday. Thanks to Peter, WA6VAQ for making this run as smooth as ever.

Look for more comments on Field Day experiences in this and next month's RELAY.

- de mikel, kn6qi

Upcoming Events

July 25	7:00 PM	Club meeting, Oak School
Aug 5	7:30 PM	Board Meeting, Los Altos Town Crier
Aug 9		Dawn to Noon, Foothill Flea Market
Aug 22	7:00 PM	Club meeting, Oak School
Thursdays	8:00 PM	FARS net, 145.230(-), 100 Hz PL

See more events, [FARS Calendar](http://www.fars.k6ya.org)

<<http://www.fars.k6ya.org/events/calendar.shtml>>

CLUB INFORMATION

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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, 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 \$20. Club badges are \$6. Visitors are always welcome! Directions on the back page. Talk-in: N6NFI (145.23-, 100 Hz) or W6ASH repeater (145.27 or 224.36).

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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Field Day

I thoroughly enjoyed Field Day. I was able to make a number of contacts on the sideband station. It was wonderful to hunt for operators in New York, Massachusetts, Georgia, Colorado, and many other states. My daughter, who just got her driver's license, helped with logging and made a contact of her own to Long Island. Last year I worked the PSK 31 station and had a blast as well. What a great time, and the food and friendship was fantastic.

- Mark, KG6GRR

Field Day Pictures



Antenna Setup



Sideband Station



CW Station



VHF Station



Barbecue

FARS Membership Form

PLEASE fill out the membership form for all new/renewal members.

FARS 2003 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 note: Membership runs from January 1 to December 31.

Send your check payable to FARS, to:

FARS, c/o Frank Weiss K6FCW, 109 Stratford Court, Mountain View, CA 94040



How to get to meetings:

(Visitors always welcome)

For the next few months, our meetings will be held at the Oak Elementary School gym room (directions below) on the fourth Friday at 7 PM for the code practice/socializing and 7:30 PM for the regular meeting. There may be changes in the meeting dates for January, June, November, and December.

DIRECTIONS:

Oak Ave. is off Grant Road, between Fremont and Covington.

From El Camino Real, take Grant Road south (towards Foothill Expwy). At the Oak stop light, turn left (only possible turn). Go 0.3 miles on Oak. Watch for the parking lots and the gym on your left.

From Foothill Expwy. take Grant Road north (towards El Camino). At the Oak stop light turn right (only possible turn). Go 0.3 miles on Oak. Watch for the parking lots and the gym on your left.

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