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The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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President's QRM

Time passes rapidly. It is already January, the beginning of the new year. We ended 2009 on a high note with an excellent Holiday Banquet and a very successful Emergency Exercise.

The Holiday Banquet was on December 6th at the Northridge Hospital penthouse. There were 58 people in attendance as compared to 42 the previous year. The increased attendance enabled the club to come close to breaking even financially. The large turnout was certainly justified considering the delicious food, excellent speaker (Roger Barkley W6LAX), nice raffle prizes, and beautiful decorations. In particular, the decorations were a great improvement over last year for which we owe a special



thanks to Jennifer O'Connell and her assistants Dennis and Elaine Nolan, Don and Sharon Pettric, Frances Embry, Lynn O'Connell, and Elsie Whitaker.

The first place raffle prize was a \$500 HRO gift certificate, which was won by Jim Compton KJ6DDQ. He is a new club member, having joined in November, and passed his general class license only a week prior to the banquet. Congratulations, Jim!

The Emergency Exercise was on December 16th at the Northridge Hospital. It was characterized as a

Drive Thru Triage Drill, which simulated an epidemic of swine flu. The goal of the drill was to determine the ability of the Hospital to triage, assess and register a surge of patients in their cars rather than in the Hospital thereby reducing the potential for transmission of the H1N1 swine flue.

Thirteen club members participated in the drill. At the debriefing, a number of Hospital employees said they were too busy doing their jobs to personally operate the Hospital's emergency radios and that the hams were instrumental in effectively passing information.

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, January 15
at 7:30pm
Northridge Hospital
Penthouse
18300 Roscoe Blvd,
Northridge, CA
91325



You should attend the January 15th monthly meeting, it will be interesting. The guest speaker will be Joy Matlack KD6FJV. She will be discussing the forthcoming 26th Annual Baker to Vegas Relay on April 17-18, 2010. She is always looking for new operators. You should consider volunteering.



73
Grant K6KLP

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Amateur Radio Club
ARRL Affiliated Club #1684

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ARRL Special Service Club
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The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc (SFVARC) is an organization interested in Amateur Radio as a hobby. The SFVARC is affiliated with the American Radio Relay League and the Los Angeles Council of Amateur Radio Clubs, Inc. Members of the Club conduct licensing classes on a continuing basis. Anyone interested in Amateur Radio is invited to attend our monthly meetings.

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POSTINGS AND NOTICES

Monthly Meetings: Third Friday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at Northridge Hospital (18300 Roscoe Blvd, Northridge). Most Club activities take place at the Fifth Floor Penthouse, **but we may be assigned other rooms from time to time.**

Signs will be posted at the Penthouse elevator if there is such a change.

Board Meetings: The 4th Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Northridge Hospital, Garden Room. These are open meetings and all members are welcome to attend!

Club Station W6SD: Located at Northridge Hospital. Available to members Wednesdays, 7-10 p.m. Contact Grant Abbott K6KLP (818-709-8218) for details.

World Wide Web Site: <http://www.w6sd.com>

Club Nets:

- 2 meter simplex: Tuesdays, 8 p.m. on 145.570 MHz.
Net Control: Varies
- 10 meter: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. on 28.310 MHz +/- QRM in the Upper Side Band Mode
Net Control: The Net Control Operators are Bill Stein KC6T, Ray Johnson, AD6KQ, John Campeau, AD6KT, and Gurbux Singh, W6BUX
- 2 meter repeater: Thursdays, 8 p.m., on the Magic Mountain Repeater (147.735 - MHz) or Duck Mountain (147.24 - MHz) if Magic is unavailable.
Net Control: The Net Control Operators are Phil Reiber, KJ6ZI, and Ted Mattock, KE6EIT.

6th District DX QSL Bureau: The 6th District DX QSL Bureau has now moved to Weed, CA. The Bureau prefers that you purchase envelopes from them (\$.60 each, including postage) Contact the Bureau at P.O. Box 530, Weed, CA 96094-0530 or visit their web page at <http://www.kqiz.com/qslbureau6.html>

Beginning Ham Classes: For current class information, contact: Bill Miller at K6NEQ 818-368-4438. A copy of the ARRL book "**The Ham Radio License Manual, Technician**" will be required.

Ham Exams: Held at the Northridge Hospital, on the first Saturday of February, April, June, August, October and December. **Registration starts at 8 a.m., and testing starts at 9 a.m. Absolutely no one admitted to the testing room after 9 a.m!** You do not have to be a Club member to take an examination. There is a \$4 examination fee. Also, if you are upgrading your license, please bring your original license, a copy of your license, and originals and copies of any "Certificates of Completion". For more information, call Bill Miller, K6NEQ at 818-368-4438. In all other months, exams are conducted by the Santa Clarita Amateur Radio Club; contact Ron Klein, K6VPV at 661-259-0948

Need Help? Club Elmers are always ready to help you.
Call Bill Miller, K6NEQ (818-368-4438) or any Board Member for the Elmer nearest you!

Newsletter Contributions: Please contact Bernard Falkin, KG6FBM kg6fbm@bflocks.com if you have anything to be placed in the newsletter.

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Relief Net Control Operators Wanted

How about helping out your club by making yourself available to spell the regular Net Control Operators of the 2-meter, and 10-meter club nets? If you already participate in any of these nets, you know how much fun they are – and, if you are a club member with a home station for either 2-meters or 10-meters, and can make yourself available occasionally (at a mutually convenient time) to act as a relief net control operator – we would sure like to hear from you! Its easy – its fun – and we will be happy to provide you with the simple training and instruction you wish.

2-meter nets & 10-meter net: Contact Bill Stein, KC6T at (818) 360-4640

Northridge VE Schedule for 2009

The test session registration is from 8:00 am until 9:00 am. Anyone arriving after 9:00 will be turned away. Time limit to take a test is 90 minutes. Exams will be held in the indicated room unless otherwise notified at Northridge Hospital. Signs will be posted if the room is changed.

**2/6/10, 4/3/10
6/5/10, 8/7/10
10/2/10, 12/4/10**

GIFT TO OUR CLUB

The son and daughter of silent key Mort Hirsch W6VPU donated his Yaesu FT-920 transceiver and power supply to the SFVARC. This equipment will be a welcome addition to the SFVARC's amateur radio station located at the Northridge Hospital.



Thank you for this very generous donation!



The 26th Annual
Baker to Vegas
Relay is April
17-18, 2010.

Joy Matlack, KD6FJV, will be the guest speaker on January 15th at our next monthly meeting updating us on the latest for Baker to Vegas.

Simplex Net Reminder

Two meter simplex:
Tuesdays, 8 p.m. on
145.570 MHz, Jim, WB6TNF

**ARRL Field Day
June 26-27, 2010**



LOS ANGELES MARATHON

Radio operators are needed for the L.A. Marathon on **Sunday March 21, 2010**, to provide emergency communications.

There will be a new route this year. It will go from Dodger Stadium to the Santa Monica Pier, and will include Beverly Hills, Hollywood, and major studios.

Operators will be positioned at every mile location, at first aid stations, at the start/finish lines, in the Command Center, and will also shadow race officials.

Volunteer registration is on-line at:
http://www.doitsports.com/volunteer/info.tcl?job_id=488

Our Holiday Dinner December 6, 2009



<http://www.southgatearc.org/news/january2010/VI2AJ2010.htm>

Okay, Listen Up!

VI2AJ2010 hitting the ham radio bands

The amateur radio special event station VI2AJ2010 will be on the air over the next 10 days using HF and Echolink.

The 22nd Australian National Scout Jamboree, 3-13 January at the Cataract Scout Park 85km south-west of Sydney, will have special event station VI2AJ2010 on air.

The Fisher's Ghost Amateur Radio Club is the caretaker organisation of the amateur radio shack at the park and has worked hard for the past 12 months getting everything ready.

The shack has been totally refurbished thanks to a number of sponsors and an enormous voluntary effort. It includes ICOM IC-7000 and Kenwood TS-680 transceivers.

Antennas are a four-element tribander, a 20m monobander, 1/4 wave elevated vertical, two-element beam on 40m, and an 80m dipole.

The club has advised that the best hours will be 2200 to 1100 UTC, with activity planned for the HF bands, plus 6m and 2m including simplex 145.400 IRLP 6111, plus 2m repeater VK2RMB IRLP 6366 and Echolink 63666.

The best HF frequencies are 3690 & 3790, 7090 & 7190, 14290, 18140, 21360, 24960 and 28390.

The 10 day jamboree with some 12,000 scouts and their leaders from throughout Australia and more than 26 overseas countries, who will make it their temporary home.

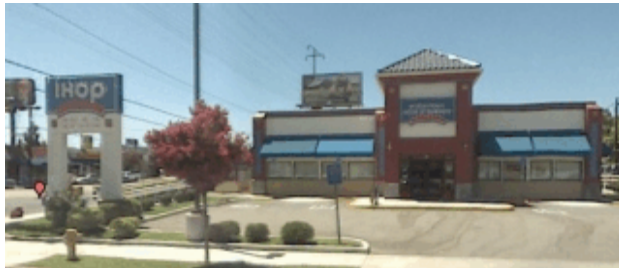
The site becomes a small town with shops, ATMs, 10 internet cafes, and 325 temporary structures, including two performance stages.

There's an onsite hospital with eight doctors and a dentist, police station with 16 officers, an ambulance for any accidents or emergencies and a helipad is on standby should it be needed. Four appliances and volunteer crews from the NSW rural fire services are also in attendance.

Amateur Radio Victoria
<http://www.amateurradio.com.au/>

Well, the new year is here and a new round of luncheons are on the way!
 We are going to be going to the IHOP
 21103 Devonshire St,
 Chatsworth 91311
 818-700-8398

Between De Soto and Canoga, on the north side of the street. Enter on Variel Ave.
 The date is January 9 at 11:30AM.
 See you there..... Happy New Year.
 Elaine



Point your GPS to:
 34.257556,-118.593037

May 29, 2010

Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day

ARMAD is an annual NON - POLITICAL Amateur Radio Public Service project that stands for Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day. We work with National Military Appreciation Month during the Month of May. We ask Amateur Radio Operators from around the world to team up during this effort to allow the people from our communities to gather at public locations such as shopping centers, parks, VA hospitals, and sporting events to express verbal positive support "LIVE" over two way radio for members of the Military, Veterans, Reserves, National Guard, Retired, Coalition Forces, First Responders, and Military Support Groups. Many of us have friends, relatives, and neighbors that are active duty, and past members of the armed forces. ARMAD gives us the chance to support one another, and to express our thanks and appreciation to those that sacrifice and serve in the Armed Forces.

<http://www.armad.net/>

APPLICATION FOR SFVARC MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL

Please Note: In order to receive your newsletter, we must have a **valid email address**.

If you prefer to receive your newsletter through United States mail, please provide a correct zip code with the 4-digit extension.

Name _____ Call _____ Class _____

Street _____ Tel#() _____ - _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ (+4 digit Extension) _____

<input type="checkbox"/> New Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if ARRL member	<input type="checkbox"/> Exclude from Member Roster
	Full Year (January 1 - December 31)	April-July	August-December
Regular Member	\$18.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Family or Junior Members (Under 18 years of age)	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00

Please print clearly or type, then mail this form with your check to:
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SFVARC Members,
Thanks for letting HRO meet
your Amateur Radio needs.

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