



# The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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## President's QRM

Our next monthly meeting will be on February 19th at the Northridge Hospital at the usual time and meeting place. The speaker will be Officer Royal Barber of the LAPD and Cliff Cheng, both of whom participated in the recent Northridge Hospital Emergency Exercise. Their talk will be about different ways of securing mobile amateur radio equipment so as to minimize the risk of theft.

Regarding emergency exercises, the next one scheduled at the Northridge Hospital will be on Thursday, October 21st. It will be another Drive thru Triage, but this time the simulated disaster will be an earthquake. At the time of the last emergency exercise, there were a total of 19 Northridge Emergency Responders. Fifteen signed-up for the drill and 13 actually were able to attend, which was just enough to meet our needs. At the next exercise on October 21st we will most likely need a greater number of people since it will be a region wide exercise and we will be contacting other participating hospitals and governmental agencies. Therefore, I am hereby sending out an SOS asking more people to join the Northridge Emergency Responders. Just remember how good the Northridge Hospital has been to us: allowing us to use the 5th Floor Conference Room for our monthly meetings, Christmas Party, and testing sessions; for providing space for our amateur radio station; for providing space for monthly Board meetings and amateur radio classes; and for allowing us to use their parking structure for Field Day. One of the few ways that we can show our appreciation is by participating in a meaningful way in their emergency exercises and responding if an actual emergency were to occur.

Not to belabor the above, but at the critique following the Emergency Exercise, at least three different Hospital employees stated how helpful the "Hams" were. They

said that it would be very difficult for them to do both their hospital type duties and operate communications equipment. See the letter, on page four, that was sent to me thanking the Club for our participation in the Exercise.

Other items on the agenda at the next meeting are as follows:

A sign up sheet will be provided for the Baker to Vegas Relay on April 17-18.

## LA MARATHON

Bernard Falkin will make a short presentation regarding communications for the Los Angeles Marathon. The event will be on Sunday March 21st. A signup sheet will be available.

Be sure to look at our new web site at W6SD.net. Bernard Falkin has done an excellent job creating this and will be responsible for keeping it updated. If you have any update information, please let him know.

The refreshments at the monthly meeting are being improved. In addition to regular coffee, we will be providing hot water for decaffeinated coffee, hot tea, and hot chocolate. Cookies will be provided too!

73  
Grant K6KLP

## Next SFVARC Club Meeting

Friday, February 19  
at 7:30pm  
Northridge Hospital  
Penthouse  
18300 Roscoe Blvd,  
Northridge, CA  
91325

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



San Fernando Valley  
Amateur Radio Club  
ARRL Affiliated Club #1684

### W6SD

ARRL Special Service Club  
P.O. Box 280517  
Northridge, CA 91328

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.net>

# 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 Jim Sullivan WB6TNF, Phil Reiber KJ6ZI, John Campeau AD6KT, and Johnnie Spotts W6HTY.
- 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](mailto:kg6fbm@bflocks.com) if you have anything for 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!



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### **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](http://www.doitsports.com/volunteer/info.tcl?job_id=488)



Northridge Hospital Medical Center  
A member of CHW

December 18, 2009

Grant Abbott  
San Fernando Amateur Radio Club  
P.O. Box 280517  
Northridge, CA 91328-0517

Dear Grant Abbott,

Northridge Hospital Medical Center would like to thank you for providing superior service at the December 16, 2009 Drive Thru Triage Drill. Your time and effort was greatly appreciated and helped make this event a great success.

Our staff continues to comment on how much they appreciated your willingness to participate in our drill.

Again, thank you so much for your time, support, and dedication. We look forward to working with you at the next drill.

Sincerely,

Susan Shamban  
Disaster Coordinator  
Occupational Health & Safety

18300 Roscoe Boulevard  
Northridge, California 91328  
818.885.8500 Telephone

www.North

Thank you letter from Northridge Hospital.

### From the Webmaster....

We were talking about creating a resource page, on the website, for HF users. Programs that HF users use to log contacts, look up calls (i.e. QRZ.com), maps, etc.

Please send me your favorite website addresses you use when making contacts and I'll try to create a page that will have links or a small browser on the page you could use while on the radio.

We could also include sites for satellite contacts and Amateur Television too. Send me your ideas.

Please send you links and ideas to:  
kg6fbm@bflocks.com

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2010/02/03/11326/?nc=1>

### MARS Unifies Operation in Support of Haiti Relief Effort

To assist the MARS communications support effort in Haiti, the heads of the Army, Air Force, and Navy-Marine Corps MARS programs have agreed to divvy up responsibilities among the three Service MARS programs. According to Air Force MARS Public Information Officer David Trachtenberg, N4WWL/AFA3TR, this delegation of responsibility will facilitate more efficient utilization of MARS communications assets in the overall relief operation. On January 12, a 7.0 earthquake struck Haiti, killing thousands and wiped out the island nation's communication infrastructure.

Trachtenberg told the ARRL that Air Force MARS will have primary responsibility for coordinating and releasing public affairs information on the activities of MARS radio operators assisting with the Haiti relief operation. Navy-Marine Corps MARS will be responsible for recruiting volunteers -- who will travel to Florida at their own expense -- to serve in Haiti as part of the essential communications link. Army MARS will coordinate frequency authorizations and use of digital communications for MARS operations on the island, including the transmission of e-mail via radio links; this capability is especially useful in the absence of Internet connectivity.

"The delegation of responsibilities among the three MARS services not only makes practical sense, but is an excellent example of interoperability in action," said Air Force MARS Chief Allen Eiermann. "This represents true unity of effort," added Army MARS Chief. Navy-Marine Corps MARS Chief Bo Lindfors noted that the success of the MARS operation so far "demonstrates the value of this contingency communications capability in a real-world emergency."

According to Trachtenberg, volunteer MARS radio operators representing all three Service MARS programs have been on the ground in Haiti, working with military and medical teams to provide valuable communications support.



Well, what a fun luncheon at IHOP! Can't believe the guy never wrote a thing down and could repeat everything correctly!!! Here is the next place we are going to:

**Red Robin**  
**9309 Tampa Ave #128**  
**Northridge 91324**  
 818-717-5030

Lower level of Northridge mall across from See's Candy. See you there Saturday, February 13 at 11:30am.

Elaine



These coupons will be supplied!

Park here:  
 34.238838,-118.554749  
 The restaurant is located on the first floor, east side.

**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.

**Eric J. Christensen**

**K6EJC**

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