



The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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President's QRM



February's monthly meeting was both informative and interesting. The main presentation was by Cliff Cheng AC6C and Officer Royal Barber of the LAPD. They discussed various ways of minimizing the risk of theft of mobile amateur radio equipment. The second presentation was by Bernard Falkin. He talked about the upcoming Los Angeles Marathon, which will be on Sunday March 21st. We were told that



they still need amateur radio operators. A sign up link can be found on the Home Page of our Club's Website (www.W6SD.net).

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

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

Our next monthly meeting will be on March 19th at Northridge Hospital at the usual time and place. The speaker will be Marty Woll N6VI, who will be discussing the use of various types of antennas in emergency communication. The title of his presentation is "NVIS - The Ultimate Fallback Emergency Communication Resource." I saw an outline of his speech and I know you will find it informative.



The next Monthly Luncheon will be at Bob's Big Boy on Saturday March 13th. It will start at 11:00am, not the usual 11:30am, so don't be late.

The Club's HF vertical antenna at the Northridge Hospital is broken and beyond repair. Does anyone know of a good, available replacement?

Be sure to look at our new website at www.w6sd.net. Bernard Falkin has done an excellent job creating it and will be responsible for keeping it updated. If you have any new or updated information, please let him know.



Finally, don't forget to pay your 2010 Club dues. The cost of a Regular Membership is only \$18.00. Family members and Junior (under 18 years of age) members pay \$6.00.

73,
Grant K6KLP

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 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.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.kqlz.com/qsibureau6.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 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



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

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.

4/3/10

6/5/10, 8/7/10

10/2/10, 12/4/10

Simplex Net Reminder

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

Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay Race



CQ CQ CQ DE
KG6NWJ calling for all
hams (even a few non
Hams) willing to
participate in the Baker
to Vegas Challenge
Cup relay race to be
held in April.
Volunteers for Stage

17 please contact me at kg6nwj@arrl.net and indicate your "Anticipated" t-shirt size for the year! This years addition to your wardrobe should make those NOT participating green with envy! (to tell the truth, I haven't seen the t-shirts yet but it was too good a reason not to use!)

So for those of you that want to participate, please send me an email as I need to get the roster submitted to Joy before she gives the shirts to someone else!

Barry Colston, KG6NWJ

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



<http://www.teenradiojourney.com/blog/2010/02/27/chile-earthquake-frequencies-2/>

Chile Earthquake Frequencies

A devastating 8.8 magnitude earthquake struck Chile early Saturday February 27th. The IARU Region 2, and the Red Chilena Nor Austral de Servicio (RECNA) suggests that any and all Amateur Radio operators with the capability to do so monitor these frequencies for earthquake and tsunami information:

SSB frequencies:

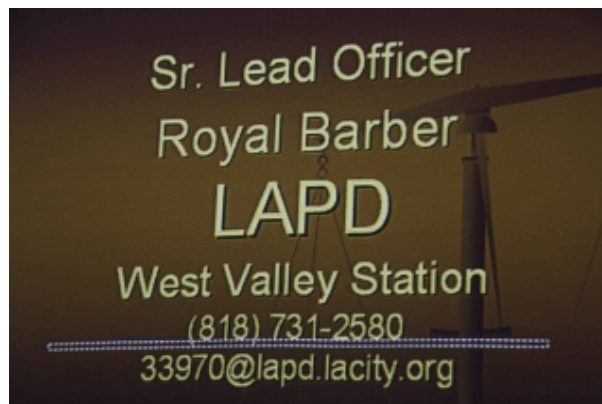
10 meters – 28.300, 28.500 MHz, 15 meters – 21.200, 21.350 MHz, 20 meters – 14.200, 14.350 MHz,
40 meters – 7.050, 7.095 MHz, 80 meters – 3.738, 3.750 MHz

Paul,

At the February meeting Cliff Cheng, AC6C, received his 30 year pin form the “Quarter Century Wireless Association.”



SLO Officer, Royal Barber gave a talk on how to secure your equipment in your vehicle.





Hey everyone, had a real nice lunch at the Red Robin. I think we wore the waitress out with all the appetizers (thanks Bernard for all the coupons). We are headed to the new

Bob's Big Boy
8876 Corbin Ave,
Northridge, 91324
818/772-2627

It is in the same shopping center as Target and Kohl's. We will be eating at **11am, March 13**. We will be going earlier than we normally do, as it gets crowded and this way we won't have a wait. Breakfast Buffet goes until 2pm on the weekends.

Remember 11 am, don't be late or you may not be able to sit with us.

Elaine

Point your GPS to: 34.231491,-118.561937

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:
SAN FERNANDO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC., P.O. Box 280517, Northridge, CA 91328-0517



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For sale

Yaesu separation kit
YSK-8900 for Ft-8800R or
FT8900R
\$50.00

Thanks & &3,
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