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President's QRM

The March Monthly Meeting was quite interesting. The speaker was Marty Woll N6VI, who discussed the use of various types of antennas in emergency communications.



The next Monthly Meeting will be on April 16th at the usual time and place. The topic of discussion is still up in the air but most likely will be a tape of a DX Expedition.

Our Monthly Luncheon will be at Hometown Buffet located at the Fallbrook Mall. It will be on Saturday, April 10th, starting at 11:30 am.



Our busy schedule continues, we are planning on having the Club's annual picnic on May 8th at the Northridge Recreation Center, which is where we had it last year starting at 10:30am. Lunch will be served at 12:30pm, and we will be having our annual picnic games. Lunch is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children (when accompanied by an adult). And your \$5.00 lunch ticket enters you in a door-prize drawing for two tickets to our Holiday Banquet, in December. What a deal!! So mark your calendar and come out and join us.

Finally, we are going to be having Field Day in June. There has been some criticism of our current location at the Northridge Hospital. We have been experiencing interference from all of the electronics at the hospital and it seems to be getting worse year by year. The best alternative that we have so far located is a parking structure at the CSUN campus. Ray Solis, our Planning Vice President, has requested permission for us to use the facility and we are waiting impatiently for their reply.



Be sure to continue looking at our new website at "w6sd.net." Bernard Falkin, KG6FBM, keeps improving it month by month. If you have any new or updated information, please let him know.

Finally, don't forget to pay your Club dues. There are a significant number of people who still haven't paid. After, reviewing all of the Club's activities listed above, I am sure you will agree that a Regular Membership of only \$18 per year is a great bargain.

See you at Baker to Vegas!

73,
Grant K6KLP

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Amateur Radio Club
ARRL Affiliated Club #1684

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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.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 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

Simplex Net Reminder

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

**ARRL Field Day
June 26-27, 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 This Saturday!
6/5/10, 8/7/10**

Our next outing is going to be at the:

Hometown Buffet
6705 Fallbrook Avenue.
Canoga Park, CA 91307
818/713-1776

The date is April 10, 2010 at 11:30am.

Aim your GPS to: 34.191804,-118.623706

We all had a nice visit at Bob's Big Boy, in Northridge, and we had another great turn out!

See you there! Elaine



On behalf of Bill K6NEQ and myself KE6NGC we would like to say Thank you to the club for presenting us jointly theWB6OOX award. Bill was the first recipient of this award and now we get it together. Gene Leary was a very special person to us and so to receive this award has double meaning.

Also we want to thank the Club and board for presenting us a lifetime membership in the club. It was truly an unexpected award.

Bill has truly enjoyed teaching the technician class all of these years. It was great to see many of our former students in attendance at the meeting.

Thanks again and
73's to all,

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Regards,
Mary Miller



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When: May 8, 2010

Where: Northridge Recreation Center (located at the northeast corner of Reseda Blvd and Mayall St., approximately one quarter mile south of Devonshire St./see Thomas Guide page 500 J5). Park in the lot at: 34.25293,-118.534338 or east of Reseda just south of Mayall.

Time: 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

What: Lunch, root beer floats, games, prizes, and raffle

Food: Please bring something, such as an appetizer, salad, main dish, vegetable or dessert. (The club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, soft drinks, and ice cream.)

Tickets: \$5.00 per adult and \$2.50 per child under 12 years old

Comments: In order to facilitate planning, please tell us at the April monthly meeting if you are going to attend the picnic. If you are not sure what your plans are, you may call Grant Abbott (818/709-8218) or Allan Gaynor (818/363-0058).

There is normally the club luncheon day at a local restaurant on the second Saturday of each month, this picnic replaces the restaurant luncheon.



<http://forums.grz.com/showthread.php?t=242887>

Upcoming Webinars

April 14 - Contesting Activities at Dayton 2010

Going to Dayton? Tim Duffy, K3LR provides an overview of contest related activities at Dayton 2010 including HARA, the flea market, dinners, suites, photos, hotels, CTU, pile up contest, pizza parties, and other points of interest.

To register go to: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/910952307>

May 25 - VHF Contesting - What to Do and How To Win

Veteran VHF contester and QST's The World Above 50 MHz column editor Gene Zimmerman W3ZZ shares the secrets of successful VHF Contesting.

To register go to: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/978706411>

You can also find the registration links by going to www.pvrc.org and clicking on Upcoming Webinars. Previous events are also on the PVRC web page under the Recorded Webinars link.

Ken K4ZW

<http://forums.grz.com/showthread.php?t=242169>

Latest FCC News

There has been much debate on the issue of employees and emergency drills. The FCC hopes to clarify the rules and allow more flexibility with this amendment. Lets hope that it does.

A Proposed Rulemaking was released today containing amendments to Section 97.113 of the Amateur Service Rules regarding using paid employees in government sponsored emergency training drills.

You may visit the original document here: http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-10-45A1.pdf

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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