

President's QRM

Now is the time to renew your SFVARC membership and you can do it at the picnic or send it to the groups P.O. Box!

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB PICNIC



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.)

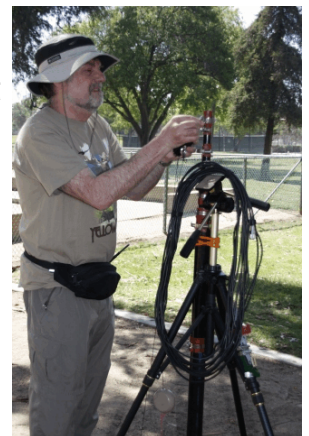
Tickets: \$5.00 per adult and \$2.50 per child under 12 years old

Comments: In order to facilitate planning, please tell us at the 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.

Next SFVARC Club Meeting

Friday, May 21
at 7:30pm
Northridge Hospital
Penthouse
18300 Roscoe Blvd,
Northridge, CA
91325



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.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

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.

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



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



Field Day 2010 will, once again, be held at Northridge Hospital, 18300 Roscoe Blvd, Northridge, CA 91325, at the top of the west parking garage. Volunteers are needed to help set up and tear down the equipment. At our June meeting will discuss this in more detail.

Set your GPS to: 34.219367, -118.533436
Or, 18351 Cantara St., Reseda, CA 91335
at the corner of Cantara and Darby Ave.

<http://forums.grz.com/showthread.php?t=245368>

CSS announces Digital Desktop/SC for Icom Radios

Muscle Shoals, AL, April 19th 2010: Creative Services Software announced today that hams can pre-order the Digital Desktop Soundcard release for Icom Radio.

The program takes advantage of the built in soundcard and CI-V interface via the USB port on the back of the IC-7200 and IC-7600. Since these radios support the TX/RX commands in CI-V interface, only one cable is needed for digital modes, the USB cable. Other Icoms that support the TX/RX commands will only need the soundcard interfaced to them, and those Icoms that don't have a soundcard or TX/RX commands can still use the program with a soundcard interface to their computer.

The Icom radios that support the TX/RX and soundcard in the radio are:

IC-7200 and IC-7600.

Icom radios that support the TX/RX commands but will need a external soundcard are:

IC-703, IC-746 (original), IC-746 Pro, IC-756 Pro, IC-756 Pro II, IC-756 Pro III, IC-7000, IC-7700 and the IC-7800.

Modes like RTTY, PSK-31 and SSTV are included with the product and the plans are to include Winmor in a future release, and more modes will be added via the snap-in dll technology created by Erik Gawtry, KC0WWC, of Timewave Technology. This open source interface allows anyone to create just the modem portion of a digital mode and by putting the DLL in the folder of the program and the mode appears on the drop down list.

Company President Rick Ruhl, W4PC, said, "At the Orlando Hamcation, we found out that only CSS supported the TX/RX commands in the Icom radios. The CSS staff decided to come out with a version of the Digital Desktop for the Icom Radios. While they won't be able to get the ARQ modes like Pactor, Amtor or G-Tor without a TNC, but will be able to use their radios in the non ARQ modes with the software.

A pre-order price of 34.95 is available at the CSS online store at <http://www.cssincorp.com>, which is a savings of \$5 off the retail price of \$39.95. When the product is released, those who have purchased the preview will have the option to download the program or have it sent to them on CD (or both)

Icom is on the web at <http://www.icomamerica.com>

Timewave Technology is on the web at <http://www.timewave.com>

Creative Services Software is on the web at <http://www.cssincorp.com>

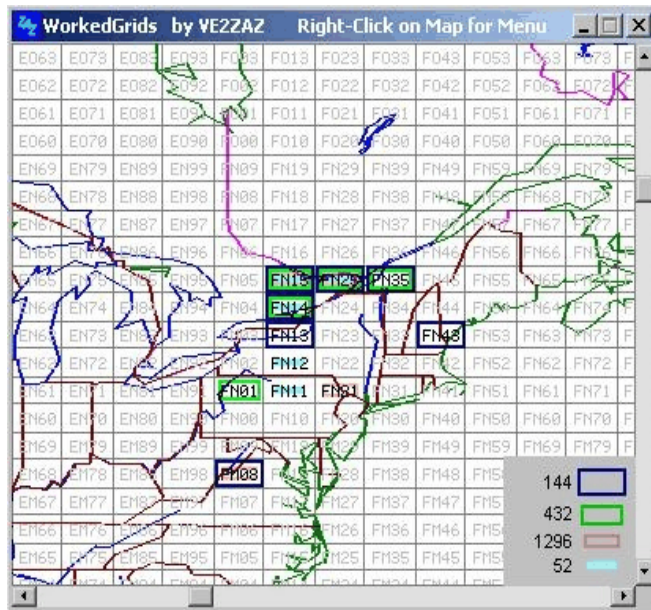
<http://forums.qrz.com/showthread.php?t=246348>

WorkedGrids software

WorkedGrids is a freeware Windows application that displays a map showing Amateur Radio grid squares contacted and logged using a third-party logging program.

It was developed by Bertrand Zauhar, VE2ZAZ, and uses colors to display information on a per-band basis and up to four bands can be displayed concurrently.

For its input, the program reads the plain-text (ASCII) log files generated by most logging programs. The file is read at a set interval and the worked grid squares on the map are updated in a dynamic way as the contest progresses and the log file is periodically saved.



WorkedGrids can be downloaded from <http://www.ve2zaz.net/WorkedGrids/WorkedGrids.htm>

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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