

# W6SD CARRIER

# The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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## President's QRM



Field Day is the largest emergency exercise in the Country, with over 30,000 participants each year. It started at 11:00am on Saturday, June 26th and lasted until 11:00am on Sunday, June 27th. As usual, the SFVARC conducted its Field Day activities from the top two floors of the parking structure located at the back of the Northridge Hospital. Things went well and it appears that the Club accumulated at least as many points as last year.

The SFVARC will be involved in two other emergency exercises at the Northridge Hospital this year. They are Operation Shakeout on October 21st, and a radiological terrorism/bomb threat on November 18th. Additional details will be provided as they become available.

### Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, July 16  
at 7:30pm  
Northridge Hospital  
Penthouse  
18300 Roscoe Blvd,  
Northridge, CA  
91325

 Northridge Hospital Medical Center  
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In the interim, the Club has been asked to provide communications for the Bulldog run, which consists of two races - a 25K Trail Run and a 50K Trail Ultra Run - which are conducted simultaneously. The races will begin at a base camp in Malibu Creek State Park and will continue throughout the Santa Monica Mountains. The race will be on August 21st and we were asked to provide 9 radio operators. Communications will be on 2 Meters simplex. Ray Solis will provide additional information at the next monthly meeting.

Don't forget to attend the next Saturday luncheon on July 9th at Brent's Deli at 91324 Parthenia, Northridge. Lunch will begin at 11:00am, don't be late.



The next Monthly Meeting will be on July 16th at the usual time and place. The speaker will be Brian C. Thorson, who will be discussing radio and television interference. Brian, who is an engineer, works for Southern California Edison. He is primarily involved with interference in relation to electrical appliances, electrical products and power lines.

73,  
Grant K6KLP

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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 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

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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## Monthly Luncheon

We are going to Brent's Deli, at 19565 Parthenia, Northridge, 91324. 818/886-5679. We should probably be there for lunch at 11:00 am, since we all know how crowded they get! See you there on July 10th.

Elaine

### Simplex Net Reminder

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

## Northridge VE Schedule for 2010

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 fifth floor Penthouse of the north building (Carol Pump building) of the Northridge Hospital. Signs will be posted if the room is changed.

### 8/7/10

### 10/2/10, 12/4/10

## Field Day 2010



## FD 2010

June 26th at 6:00am on site at the west most parking structure, people started to gather, at least Ray KI6QME did early, excited and ready---to---go! Without Rays help, Don and myself would have been in trouble.

We started erecting antennas, a new method used this year pretty neat and SAFE thanks to Don, WG6H & Ted , KE6EIT – show up at a meeting and hear more!

We finished setup @ 11:00 and started racking up QSO's. Not long after the Hospital went dark! No power! They knew we were up and running on generator just across they parking lot, and ready to help if they needed us.

Later in the afternoon Susan, Hospitals' emergency services coordinator (our go between), stopped by letting us know all was AOK at NHMC.

When asked in May and early June Those wanting to operate on the SSB side was low, however on the CW side there was an abundance so we setup in advance 2 CW stations focused on 40 meters 20 meters.. Then the SSB had antennas (2) for 10 thru 75 meters.

One of the CW stations used our Hustler 4BTV (4 band trapped vertical) for 10,15,20 and 40 the second CW station used the Cushcraft A3S/ with Rotatable dipole on 40. One feeding a TS870S the other CW Station was our newly donated TS430S (from Mark N6GMG). Word from a few I spoke to was

Then on the SSB station where we had an A3s 10---20 meter beam and my W9INN 10 – 75 meter, I know the 75 was working well when we switched to it about 11pm, Ginger AB6YL as ops and it was like she was at a carnival at one of those shooting galleries, just knocking down one duck after another.

Over on the UHF/VHF side, Marv K6HCJ graciously let us test out his new 5---element 6---meter beam, which worked very well. We had a 2---meter wheel from W6IST along with a 4 element 2 meter from K6AWB. When 6 opened up it was HOT!! Many folks were on this station, many under the guidance of Clara, KJ6CNO.

Allan, W6IST again setup his demo station, THE ATV.. Was again an outstanding success! Thanks Allan!

Thanks to Ray, KI6QME we send out 12 Radiograms thru the National Traffic System, one of which was to the Section Manager David, N6HD 200 points for those 12! Thanks Ray!

Johnnie, W6HTY running our Satellite station, (Demo and educational stop) had about a 14+ hours of a manned satellite Q & A station. Many sat down and learned the ins and outs of the station setup, software used became familiar with AMSAT.

All of this was a hands on training and many satellites were heard buy the students. I must say through his perseverance sitting at the SAT Station for 14+ hours gave many folks the opportunity to pick Johnnies brain as to AMSAT, general ops, equipment needed, etc. That in it was a major success, Hats off to Johnnie W6HTY!

Now over to the GOTA station, here we had a little trouble, we were missing a piece from the R7, so that antenna was out. We managed to pull a 20---meter dipole out of someone's bag and improvised, the dipole was very low and other stations on 20 (CW & Phone) which made it difficult BUT not impossible, we achieved QSO's, not as anticipated but we did get some. This station was running under Jims callsign, KJ6CNK.

In my opinion, The number one enhancement was thanks to Pat. KG6GCZ and Jack, KG6GCI , we again, had a working network, so we could all see who was doing what, and more importantly how we were doing as a whole.

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The list goes on, as to those that toughed it out thru the setup or teardown or manning the graveyard shift like Danny, W6SO, or Grant K6KLP for the soda and water and helping with the potluck. Or W6OFV or K6TGP or K6TBA (I am sure he did something in there hihi). To all those I did not mention that came out to help thanks!

	CW QSO	Digital Power QSO	Phone Power QSO		
80	0	150	0	150	37
40	272	150	0	150	38
20	194	150	0	150	71
15	14	150	0	150	0
10	0	150	0	150	0
6	0	150	0	150	27
2	0	150	0	150	22
70	0	150	0	150	1

Totals 480 CW 0 Dig 196 Phone

"Impression of this field day: On 20 CW I got far better response to stations I called than in recent years; I worked virtually every station I heard, whereas in the past I was getting a frustrating 2 out of 3 or fewer. A lot of QRN from the immediate surroundings, and 20 was very QSB most of the day." Roger W6LAX --- BTW the station Roger is referring to was a 30 TS430s with its 30 year old Vertical antenna!!!

Again thanks to all for a FUN FD!!  
73, Steve KN6Y and Don WG6H along with Ray, KI6QME

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