



# The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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## President's QRM

August was an eventful month. Activities included the following:

- 1.) August 24th - Saturday luncheon at the Claim Jumper Restaurant
- 2.) August 14th - Santa Barbara Hamfest
- 3.) August 20th - Monthly meeting
- 4.) August 21st - Bulldog Run
- 5.) August 29th - Amateur Radio Expo at the 2010 Grape Harvest Festival, in Rancho Cucamonga

Many things are going to be happening in the next few months, including the following:

### Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, September 17  
at 7:30pm  
Northridge Hospital  
Penthouse  
18300 Roscoe Blvd,  
Northridge, CA 91325

### SEPTEMBER

- 1.) September 11th - Saturday luncheon at "Rosie's BBQ and Grillery" at 9012 Tampa Blvd., Northridge. Lunch will start at 11:30am.
- 2.) September 17th - Monthly meeting at the Northridge Hospital at the usual time and place. A DXpedition film will be shown. Ray Solis will bring Mexican Sweet bread, so don't leave your appetite at home.
- 3.) September 17-19 - The 2010 ARRL Southwest Division Convention will be held at the Four Points Hotel Sheraton, 8110 Aero Drive San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 277-8888. Point your GPS to the entry driveway: 32.809739,-117.148526. For additional, information, go to the website:

**<http://www.sandarc.net/Convention1010/index.html>**

### OCTOBER

October 21st at 10:21 am - simulated emergency earthquake exercise called the 2010 Great California ShakeOut. Northridge Hospital will participate in this region wide exercise and has asked the SFVARC to be involved. For more information, go to: **<http://www.shakeout.org/drill/>**

### NOVEMBER

November 18th - a simulated radiological terrorism/bomb threat. The Northridge Hospital will also participate in this region wide exercise and has asked the SFVARC to be involved.

I hope to see you at one or more of these events.

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 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.kqjz.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  
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## Monthly Luncheon

Well, we had a good turn out at Claim Jumper, so let us have another good turn out at:

**Rosie's BBQ and Grillery,  
9012 Tampa, Northridge 91324**

Point your GPS to:

34.233813,-118.552878

818/349-3055.

The date is Sept. 11th at 11:30am.

We may not be there, but I will have someone update you, as I will be still recovering from surgery.

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.

**10/2/10, 12/4/10**

<http://forums.grz.com/showthread.php?t=262671>

## Emergency communications in Pakistan update 4/9/2010

The Pakistan Amateur Radio Society (PARS) reports that a cross-band emergency repeater is set to provide the first communications of its type to the flood hit Swat Valley, linking it to the rest of the country through a chain of 2-metre band repeaters.

PARS emergency communications organiser Asad Marwat AP2AUM that while the linking of so many repeaters will cause a tail squelch delay, given the circumstances and lack of proper equipment it will be acceptable.

A convoy of radio amateurs is relocating a repeater already installed at Changla and relocating it to Malakand Heights, so it can be linked into the emergency communications system via Nowshera.

Asad AP2AUM said that a team of radio amateurs will be transporting via a helicopter a VHF base station with a high gain antenna, and subject to the availability of a 12v car battery all should be up and running.

As the massive flood disaster that has ravaged Pakistan for the past month shows no signs of easing, PARS continues to collaborate with Islamabad Jeep Club members and the Pakistan Academy of Family Physicians to provide support for those affected.

Some 30 radio amateurs are involved in providing emergency communications in response to the disaster estimated to have affected 20 million people and claimed 1500 lives.

Jim Linton VK3PC

Chairman,  
IARU R3 Disaster Communications Committee

On Sunday, the 29th of August, the San Fernando Valley ARC, trekked over to San Bernardino County to take part in the Amateur Radio Expo. This event known as the Grape Harvest Festival, gives us an opportunity to introduce amateur radio to the general public.

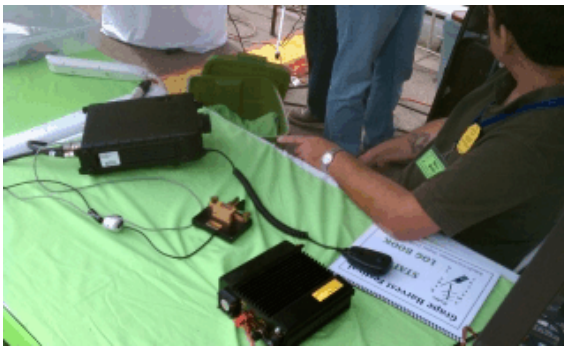
We had a 40 meter dipole and a buddipole tuned to 20 meters, the rig was an FT-897 paddles & mike plus power supply.

Our part, was to simply QSO all day long, mostly in CW mode. We worked from Hawaii to New England and down into Honduras. Many visitors wanted to know how to get started, and of course, all of that information was in our booth.

Our crew: Gwendolyn, K6GRH, Gurbux, W6BUX and Steve KN6Y

73

Steve KN6Y



<http://forums.grz.com/showthread.php?t=262614>

## AREC at the ready following big earthquake

So far AREC (Amateur Radio Emergency Communications) volunteers have not been required in any major way to assist, following the earthquake that hit Christchurch in New Zealand.

The magnitude 7.1 earthquake occurred at 4.36am local time Saturday 4 September, while most people were asleep in their homes.

The result was extensive building damage in New Zealand's second largest city, Christchurch, with only two people seriously hurt and no one reported trapped or missing.

AREC Deputy Director, Geoff Chapman ZL3PX who lives in Christchurch, said that while AREC was at the Civil Defence Headquarters, there has been no requirement for it to pass any emergency traffic.

That is due to restoration of telephone and power to the majority of the affected areas. While water and sewerage systems have been affected there has been no reported major loss of roads or bridges.

However AREC is ready, as the situation could worsen with the weather bureau issuing a warning of very strong winds with gusts up to 130km/h and heavy rain posing new threats to already damaged buildings.

Adding to the danger are numerous aftershocks with authorities advising that these will continue for many days or weeks.

The 'quake is New Zealand's most damaging since the one which hit Napier (Hawke's Bay) in February 1931, that saw radio amateurs extensively provide emergency communications.

That led to the formation by the IARU national radio society, the New Zealand Amateur Radio Transmitters (NZART) of what is today known as AREC.

Jim Linton VK3PC  
Chairman,  
IARU Region 3,  
Disaster Communications Committee

### APPLICATION FOR SFVARC MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL

Please Note: In order to receive your newsletter, we must have a **valid email address**.

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<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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