



*The San Fernando Valley
Amateur Radio Club*

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President's QRM

September was an active month. It began with a Saturday luncheon at Rosie's BBQ and Grillery on September 11th. Then, on September 17th, there was a monthly meeting at Northridge Hospital, where we saw a DXpedition Video of Clipperton Island. Some people were not present because they were at the ARRL 2010 Southwest Convention, in San Diego. Approximately 625 people attended that convention. One of those attending was Steve Wardlaw, who preregistered 59 of them for the 2011 Southwest Convention, in Torrance. Our Club will be one of 13 Clubs hosting the 2011 Convention. Our major responsibility will be operating the 2 meter "talk-in" station on the 17th floor of the Hotel.

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, October 15
at 7:30pm
Northridge Hospital
Penthouse
18300 Roscoe Blvd,
Northridge, CA 91325

October will be a busy month. It will begin with the Saturday monthly luncheon at the Maraconi Grill, October 9th at 11:30am, located at the Northridge Mall, 19400 Plummer St, Northridge, CA 91324.

Then, on October 15th, we will have our Monthly Meeting at the Northridge Hospital Penthouse 18300 Roscoe Blvd, Northridge, CA 91325 at 7:30pm. Be sure to attend because it will be an important meeting.

We will be doing the following:

Conducting our regular program, including a discussion by John Campeau of the most efficient way to communicate and pass traffic during an emergency.

Discussion of the simulated terrorism/bomb threat exercise on November 18th, at Northridge Hospital. We have been asked to participate in that drill.

Discussion of the electronic auction and the election of 2011 Club Officers to be held at the November meeting.

Also, we will give information regarding the December 5th, Holiday Party.

Be sure to bring your checkbook because we will begin collecting money for the Holiday Party, for raffle tickets, and for 2011 membership renewals.

See you there.

Grant K6KLP

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Amateur Radio Club
ARRL Affiliated Club #1684

W6SD

ARRL Special Service Club
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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.
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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 had another great turn out at Rosie's BBQ Grill, on to the next. It will be Romano's Macaroni Grill 19400 Plummer St, Northridge, CA 91324 818/725-2620 October 9th at 11:30am. See you there! Elaine

**Simplex Net
Reminder**

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

FOR INFORMATION UPDATES AND THE LATEST NEWS
VISIT OUR WEBSITE: HAMCONINC.ORG

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

United States Supports Secondary Amateur Radio Allocation at 461-469 and 471-478 kHz

<http://www.arrl.org/news/view/united-states-supports-secondary-amateur-radio-allocation-at-461-469-and-471-478-khz>

09/20/2010

The Federal Communications Commission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) -- the spectrum regulators for United States private sector and government users, respectively -- have agreed to support a secondary MF allocation to the Amateur Radio Service at 461-469 kHz and 471-478 kHz at the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-12), to be held in Geneva, Switzerland from January 23-February 17, 2012. FCC and NTIA officials formally presented the proposal at a meeting of the Second Permanent Consultative Committee (PCC.II) of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), held August 30-September 3 in Fortaleza, Brazil.

According to ARRL Chief Technology Officer Brennan Price, N4QX, the proposal reconciles two widely divergent proposals for WRC-12 Agenda Item 1.23, adopted by consensus of the private sector and government users. Agenda Item 1.23 calls on WRC-12 "to consider an allocation of about 15 kHz in parts of the band 415-526.5 kHz to the amateur service on a secondary basis, taking into account the need to protect existing services." The FCC's WRC-12 Advisory Committee (WAC) had adopted a proposal for a secondary amateur allocation at 495-510 kHz, but the NTIA, acting on the advice of government maritime interests, initially supported no change from the status quo.

"I am pleased that the United States is taking an affirmative position on Agenda Item 1.23," Price said "While the proposed frequency bands differ from both what the ARRL proposed and the private sector supported by consensus during WAC deliberations, it is gratifying that government interests have backed off a no change position."

Some maritime interests, both domestically and internationally, have expressed opposition to any amateur allocation in the range 415-526.5 kHz, citing existing narrowband direct printing applications at 490 and 518 kHz, as well as future plans for the band that have yet to be fully characterized, Price explained. To the extent future maritime uses of the band have been discussed, the focus has been on the 495-505 kHz segment. Despite the lack of plans for the remainder of the range under consideration, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has adopted a draft position of "no change" and has communicated this position to the ITU. IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH, has met with IMO officials in efforts to soften this position.

"The road to a favorable outcome for Agenda Item 1.23 at WRC-12 remains treacherous," Price said. "The IMO is a respected organization, and their opinion carries weight. It's up to us to continue to make the case that a secondary allocation can be made while protecting existing services, both to the IMO and to the ITU Member States who will make the decisions at WRC-12."

Technical Relations Specialist Jon Siverling, WB3ERA, represented the ARRL on the United States delegation to the CITEL PCC.II meeting. From that meeting, he notes other matters of concern to the Amateur Radio Service:

* Regarding Agenda Item 1.14, considering an allocation to the radiolocation service between 30-300 MHz, the United States proposed that no change be made in ITU Region 2 and suggested that changes in other regions should be addressed by country-by-country footnotes to the ITU Radio Regulations. Proponents appear to be focusing on 154-156 MHz.

* Regarding Agenda Item 1.19, considering regulatory provisions for software defined radio (SDR) and cognitive radio systems (CRS), sufficient support for a United States proposal of "no change" was garnered to have the proposal deemed a region-wide Inter-American proposal. The status quo reduces the risk of provisions in the Radio Regulations that could curtail experimentation in SDR and CRS by the Amateur Service and reduce the portability of equipment across international boundaries.

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/september2010/new_curacao_op.htm

Curacao operation

Jeff K8ND and Bill W9VA will be the first amateur radio operators to arrive at Signal Point Station on Curacao (SA-006, WLOTA LH-0942) between October 10-18th, just before the 10/10/10 date and operate as PJ2/K8ND and PJ2/W9VA. QSL via their home callsign.

The PJ2T callsign will be used beginning at 0400z on October 10th, when the Netherlands Antilles is dissolved and Curacao becomes an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands (and likely a new DXCC Entity).

Eventually, the team will grow to 9 operators from the U.S. and Germany, and they will be there through November 2nd, and operate in the CQWW DX SSB Contest as a Multi-Multi entry.

QSL via N9AG and LoTW.

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