



*The San Fernando Valley  
Amateur Radio Club*

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## President's QRM

October was a busy month. It began with a Saturday Luncheon on October 9th at the Macaroni Grill. Then, on October 15th there was a Monthly Meeting at the Northridge Hospital. Finally, on October 21st the Club participated in the Operation Shakeout earthquake drill at the Northridge Hospital.

November and December will also be busy. The following will happen:

1. Monthly Saturday Luncheon. It will be on November 13th at the Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 19724 Nordhoff Place, in Chatsworth. The Luncheon will start at 11:30 am. Be sure to attend, you will enjoy yourself.

2. Simulated terrorism/ nuclear bomb threat exercise on Thursday, November 18th, at the Northridge Hospital. The Hospital has asked for 13 Club "Emergency Responders" to be stationed at various locations in the Hospital. An additional three Hams will be in the Ham Shack and there will also be a need for backup/relief operators. Contact John Campeau or Grant Abbott for additional information.

3. Monthly Meeting on November 19th, at Northridge Hospital, at the usual time and place. The following important activities will occur:

a. Election of 2011 Club Officers. A recommended slate of 2011 officers will be presented for your approval. You may also nominate candidates from the floor.

b. Auction of Ham Radio Equipment. The Club has been conducting this auction for many years. Be sure to bring your surplus ham equipment that you would like to sell. The Club will receive 10% of the sale proceeds unless you wish to contribute more. If you plan to sell any equipment, come early, starting at 6:30pm, to register your equipment.

c. Sale of Holiday Banquet Tickets and Holiday Raffle Tickets. Banquet Tickets are \$25.00 each and may be purchased until November 30th. The Holiday Raffle Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Winners need not be present at the time of the raffle. Raffle prizes will total \$700.00.

Over 50 people attended last year's Holiday Banquet. It was a resounding success. We expect to do as well this year. Be sure to come. You will enjoy yourself.

Grant K6KLP

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, November 19  
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 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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San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club Annual Holiday Banquet and Raffle  
 Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 6:00pm  
 Northridge Hospital Penthouse, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

**Menu and service from Rosie's, of Northridge, will include: Lemon Herb Chicken, Baby Back Ribs, Slow Roasted Tri-Tip, Garden Salad, Potato Salad, Garlic Rolls, BBQ Baked Beans, Beverages, and Dessert.**

Tickets are \$25.00 each and may be purchased until November 30, 2010.  
 Contact Steve, W6OFV, [steve-w6ofv@lycos.com](mailto:steve-w6ofv@lycos.com)

The raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Winner need not be present.  
 Raffle prizes will total \$700.00.

Ken Widelitz, K6LA / VY2TT, will be our guest speaker and will describe his Prince Edward Island DX Lodge. This four bedroom lodge sleeps seven and features state-of-the-art transceivers/amplifiers. and the ultimate in antennas on every band.  
<http://www.peidxlodge.com/>



Application for SFVARC Holiday Banquet and Raffle Tickets

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Tel#( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ (+4 digit Extension) \_\_\_\_\_

Type	Cost	Number	Total
Banquet Tickets	\$25.00 each		\$ .00
Raffle Tickets	1 for \$5.00 each		\$ .00
	5 for \$20.00		\$ .00
		Grand Total	\$ .00

Please print clearly or type, then mail this form with your check to:  
 San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 280517  
 Northridge, CA 91328-0517

## Monthly Luncheon

We had a great time at Romano's Macaroni Grill for our October luncheon, our next outing will be at the Olive Garden.

So we'll see you there November 13th, at 11:30am.  
 19724 Nordhoff Place,  
 Chatsworth.  
 818-772-6090.  
 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**

**ANNUAL ELECTRONIC TREASURES AUCTION**

Hey - - just another reminder to plan your schedule to attend our annual electronics treasures auction to be held at our regular November club meeting - - immediately after elections. This is one of those golden (oldie) opportunities to pass along your cruddy, dusty, grimy, ham related treasures to others that will appreciate them just as you do (disgustingly clean treasures are also permitted).

Auction success depends on you - - please plan to attend - - and please scrounge through those treasures that you wish to sell. Mark all those goodies with your call or name, and fill out an auction form. There will be help at the auction to help you fill them out, but things will go faster if you mark your stuff with your name / call and fill out your forms before you arrive. More forms will be available at the auction, should you need them - or, just copy the form in this article.

Marv Fagenson (K6HCJ) will conduct our election of officers for 2011 - - then (shudder), John Campeau (AD6KT) will let loose with his original treasure descriptions while blasting through the great collection of stuff you will bring as he conducts the auction.

Please put reasonable minimum bid amounts on your auction form, or better yet, no minimum bid. The club receives 10 percent of the auction price (or more, if you wish) - - but if your treasures don't get snapped up, please take them home with you - - do not put them in the hospital trash (we need to keep our great relationship with the hospital intact).

Plan to arrive with your treasures, starting at 6:30 PM on auction night, and, please - - plan to attend and help make this the fun event it always is!

73, DE BILL, KC6T

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**NAME (& CALL, IF ANY):** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION OF TREASURE (PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR STUFF)	MIN. BID	AMT. TO CLUB	
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<http://www.peidxlodge.com/>      **December Holiday Dinner Guest Speaker**      PEI DX Lodge - Rental Superstation  
 Daydreaming about operating from your dream shack and antenna farm? Turn your ham radio daydreams into reality with a visit to the PEI DX Lodge. The PEI DX Lodge offers a turnkey operation from a custom designed shack featuring state of the art transceivers/amplifiers, etc. and the ultimate in antennas on every band.

Whether your interests are Contesting, DXing, CW, SSB, RTTY, or just playing radio on vacation from an IOTA location with an exotic prefix, a visit to the PEI DX Lodge will satisfy your hamming desires. With a nearby Rodd Resort, golf course and water park, the entire family can enjoy your ham vacation.

Ken Wideltz, K6LA / VY2TT: When I was 14 I was sitting at lunch in the school cafeteria and one of my friends said, "I'm going to build a transmitter." Another friend said, "I will too." So I said, "OK I will too. What do I have to do?"

After I got my license (WN2TFK - 6/65, WB2TFK - 6/66) I went to field day and got hooked on contesting. I was in and out of ham radio during college and after moving to California to attend law school at UCLA (WA6PPZ - 8/72.) In 1991, I saw the cover of QST featuring CT. That rekindled the ham radio flame in me. I had written a contesting program in 1978 in BASIC for Sweepstakes, but it crashed when the IMSAI 8080 computer I had built (now in the Smithsonian Museum) was subjected to RF and I gave up on it.

After that I got my Extra license (AB6FO - 9/91) and started building my home station on a city lot in Los Angeles. With the vanity callsign program, I obtained K6LA - 11/96. I probably have more aluminum per square foot than anyone, but zoning in LA is difficult. And LA is not on the East Coast.

Wanting to make the Top Ten box in DX contests, I started going on DXpeditions. Since I had never worked PEI in the ARRL DX CW contest, I decided to try to operate from PEI for the 2002 test. I emailed a number of hams in PEI looking for a station to operate. Two responded that I should contact Robby, VY2SS. Fortuitously, I worked Robby the next weekend in NAQP and asked for his email address. I proceeded to invite myself for ARRL DX CW and Robby was amenable to my visit. I had so much fun I invited myself back for ARRL DX Phone a few weeks later. You can't get much further East in North America, and there are almost no zoning limitations on towers and antennas.

Robby indicated he would be retiring soon and was interested in selling his house. I bought it in December, 2002. I proceeded to turn the dining room into my dream shack. I also remodeled the living room into an operators' lounge with satellite TV and fixed up the bathrooms and bedrooms. The XYL agreed to allow me five or six visits a year, so I decided to make it a rental QTH during the rest of the year.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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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