

W6SD CARRIER

The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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President's QRM

Our next Monthly Meeting will be on March 18th at Northridge Hospital at the usual time and place. It will be a busy meeting, so be sure to attend. Items that will be covered are as follows:

SPEAKER - Marty Woll will be discussing his job as Vice Director of the ARRL Southwest Division.

Bill HR 607 - This proposed legislation will include selling for commercial use the Ham portion of the 70cm band. If this were to happen, the amateur radio community would lose one of its most important bands, which is used for both emergency and general communication. It is important that we write to our Congressmen letting them know the importance of this band space. Additional details will be provided.

TECHNICIAN CLASS - The Club is looking for volunteer(s) to teach this class. If you are interested, please let me know.

2011 DUES - 95 members have paid their dues. If you have not already done so, the next meeting will be a convenient place to pay. If you are not able to attend, please fill out the attached membership application, on page five, and mail it with you check payable to SFVARC, P.O. Box 280517, Northridge, CA 91328.

SATURDAY LUNCHEON - The next Saturday Luncheon will be on March 12th at Marie Callendar's, which is located at 19310 Business Center Drive, Northridge, 91324. Lunch will begin at 11.30 am. Don't be late!

LA MARATHON - Bernard Falkin will make a short presentation regarding communications for the Los Angeles Marathon. The event will be on Sunday, March 20. A sign up sheet will be available.

BAKER TO VEGAS RELAY RACE - In January, Joy Matlack made a presentation discussing the forthcoming 27th annual Baker to Vegas Relay Race on April 16-17. She is looking for additional operators. You should consider volunteering. Any questions that you have will be answered at the Meeting.

2011 PICNIC - Our busy schedule continues. We are planning on having the Club's annual picnic on May 21st. at the Northridge Recreation Center, which is where we had it last year. It will start at 10:30 am. Lunch will be served at 12:30pm, and we will have our annual picnic games. Lunch is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children (when accompanied by an adult). And your \$5.00 lunch ticket enters you in a door-prize drawing for one ticket to our Holiday Banquet, in December. What a deal! So mark your calendar and come out and join us.

2011 SOUTHWEST CONVENTION - Steve Wardlaw will keep us apprised of any new developments. The Convention will be at the Marriot Hotel, in Torrance. Our Club will be one of the 13 local clubs hosting the Convention. Our major responsibility will be operating the Two Meter "talk-in" station on the 17th floor of the Hotel.

FIELD DAY - There has been some criticism of our current location at Northridge Hospital. We have been experiencing interference from all of the electronics at the Hospital and it seems to be getting worse year by year. We are attempting to find a new location.

CLUB WEBSITE - Be sure to continue looking at our website at "w6sd.net." Bernard Falkin keeps improving it. If you have any new or updated information, please let him know.

Grant K6KLP

Next **SFVARC Club** **Meeting**

Friday, March 18
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.kqlz.com/qsibureau6.html>

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 @ bfllocks.com if you have anything for the newsletter.

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Monthly Luncheon

We had another good turn out
and always enjoy Rosies!
Had a guest ham, too. Well, this
month we are headed to
Marie Callendar's, March 12th,
11:30am, at
19310 Business Center Drive,
Northridge, 91324.
818/993-0704.

Elaine

GPS 34.231033,-118.5544

Simplex Net Reminder

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

MEMBERSHIP FOR MARCH 2011

The San Fernando Valley Amateur
Radio Club has a great presence in
more than just Northridge. Our
membership as we stand today is
at 95. We have about 35 members
"at large" probably just awaiting a
reminder.

Well, your DUES ARE DUE!

So please mail in your check and
application.

Membership applications will
continue to be received and
accepted, after the roster goes to
press but wouldn't you want to be
in it, we only produce the roster
once a year.

We have an application online and
in the newsletter for your
convenience.

73,
Steve, KN6Y
Membership VP

Snow, at HRO Burbank! Saturday, February 26, 2011



Courtesy of Steve Wardlaw.

Northridge VE Schedule for 2011

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.

4/2/10, 6/4/11, 8/6/11, 10/1/11, 12/3/11



HAMCON 2011

ARRL Southwest Division Amateur Radio Convention

September 9, 10, & 11, 2011

Marriott Torrance South Bay

3635 Fashion Way, Torrance, CA 90503 1-800-228-9290 Hotel Reservation Code: HAMCON

REGISTRATION FORM

ALL ATTENDEES MUST BE REGISTERED - Please list all additional attendees

No Charge for Children under 16 when Accompanied by a Registered Adult

Call Sign: _____ Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES (all adults must pay admission)

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	CALLSIGN	CHILD	ADULT
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

	Price	Qty	Total
EARLY BIRD (Postmarked/Submitted by May 31, 2011) Convention Pin Included	\$15.00	_____ @ \$15.00 = \$	_____
PRE-REGISTRATION (Postmarked/Submitted by Aug. 1, 2011)	\$18.00	_____ @ \$18.00 = \$	_____
ON-SITE REGISTRATION	\$20.00	_____ @ \$20.00 = \$	_____
Convention Pins (While Supplies Last)	\$ 5.00	_____ @ \$ 5.00 = \$	_____
Breakfast Tickets	\$25.00	_____ @ \$25.00 = \$	_____
Luncheon Tickets	\$30.00	_____ @ \$30.00 = \$	_____
Banquet Tickets _____ Beef _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian	\$45.00	_____ @ \$45.00 = \$	_____
Excursion (Bus Tour from Hotel to The Getty Museum)	\$30.00	_____ @ \$30.00 = \$	_____

Seating is limited - Reserve your seat now!

TOTAL: \$ _____

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Date Received: _____ # Adults Registered _____
Children Registered _____ # Pins Ordered _____
Check # _____ Receipt # _____
Comments: _____

<http://www.narri.org/>

Since 2001 NARRI has sponsored the Annual VoIP IRLP Conference in Las Vegas that is held in the Spring. In the last few years the conference has broadened into a VoIP Topical Conference of not only IRLP, but is open to presentations on Echo link, Echoirlp, D-Star and All Star Linking.

Use of VoIP for emergency communications is a popular topic. The date for the Ninth Annual VoIP Topical Conference is Saturday, April 16, 2011. The VoIP event is normally just before or after the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) conference, also in Las Vegas. For more information:

http://www.narri.org/voip_conference.html
Show your interest in attending by contacting Kent W7AOR by e-mail w7aor@narri.org or phone 702-452-4412.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB 2011 PICNIC

When: May 21, 2011

Where: Northridge Park (located at the NEC of Reseda Blvd. and Mayall St., approx. one-quarter mile south of Devonshire St.)

Time: 10:30AM - 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 March or April meetings if you are going to attend. If you are not sure what your plans are, you may call Ray Solis (310)408-7187 or Grant Abbott (818)709-8218 at a later date.

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 _____ Home Tel#() _____ - _____ Cell Phone#() _____ - _____

Email _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

<input type="checkbox"/> New Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if ARRL member	<input type="checkbox"/> Exclude from Member Roster
Payment Period	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



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Thanks for letting HRO meet
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