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## April President's QRM

Our last Monthly Meeting was both informative and interesting. The speaker was Marty Woll, N6VI, who is Vice Director of the Amateur Radio Relay League Southwest Division. He discussed the full extent of the activities that the ARRL is involved in - from the technical to the legislative. It is an excellent organization and is worthy of our support. If you are not already a member, be sure to become one.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on April 15th at the usual time and place. We anticipate that the turnout will not be as large as usual due to many members attending the DX Convention or Baker to Vegas Relay Race. No speaker is presently planned. Rather we intend to show a DXpedition film. We have seen a number of them in the past and they have always been interesting.

Other items that will be covered are as follows:

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

**2011 DUES** - 98 members have paid their dues. If you have not already done so, the next meeting will be a convenient place to join or renew. If you are not able to attend, then please fill out the membership application form found on the Club Website at [www.w6sd.net](http://www.w6sd.net) and send it along with your check to the SFVARC, P.O. Box 280517, Northridge, CA 91328.

**SATURDAY LUNCHEON** - The next Saturday Luncheon will be on April 9th at the Red Robin Restaurant, which is located at the Northridge Mall, 9301 Tampa Avenue, Northridge. Lunch will begin at 11.30 am. Don't be late.

**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 both operators and nonoperators. You don't need a license to attend or volunteer for the event. There is plenty of work for all of us.

**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 be having 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. So mark your calendar and come and join us. There will be a signup sheet at the April meeting.

**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. We just learned that we cannot use City of Los Angeles parks since by ordinance they are closed from 10:00pm to 6:00am. If you are aware of a suitable location, please let us know. The search continues.

**CLUB WEBSITE** - Be sure to continue looking at our website at [www.w6sd.net](http://www.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, April 15  
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: The Net Control Operators are Jim Sullivan WB6TNF, Phil Reiber KJ6ZI, John Campeau AD6KT, and Johnnie Spotts W6HTY.

Net Control: Varies

- 10 meter: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. on 28.310 MHz +/- QRM in the Upper Side Band Mode

- 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/qslbureau6.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](mailto:kg6fbm@bfllocks.com) if you have anything for the newsletter.

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## Monthly Luncheon

Well, we had the usual suspects for the last lunch! Had a great time and food at Marie Callendar's and now onto our next lunch. We will be going to Red Robin Restaurant, at Northridge Mall, 9301 Tampa Ave, Northridge Lower level, below the food court. 818-717-5030. April 9th, 11:30am.

See you there!! Elaine  
Point you GPS to:  
34.238555,-118.555028

## Simplex Net Reminder

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

## MEMBERSHIP FOR 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



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## 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Mail / Make Checks Payable To: HAMCON, INC. P.O. Box 333 Pomona, CA 91768 For Information Updates Visit <b>HAMCONINC.ORG</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STAFF USE ONLY</b></p> Date Received: _____ # Adults Registered _____ # Children Registered _____ # Pins Ordered _____ Check # _____ Receipt # _____ Comments: _____
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<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](http://www.narri.org/voip_conference.html)

Show your interest in attending by contacting Kent W7AOR by e-mail [w7aor@narri.org](mailto: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 April or May 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.

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/03/man-and-dog-rescued-from-disabled-sailboat-by-us-coast-guard-.html>

## Man and dog rescued from disabled sailboat by U.S. Coast Guard

A 77-year-old man and his dog were rescued Monday by the U.S. Coast Guard from their disabled sailboat in the Pacific Ocean about 120 miles west of Ensenada, Mexico.

A ham radio operator in Stonewall, Texas, had heard a Mayday call from the sailboat shortly after noon and relayed the call to the Coast Guard. The 30-foot sailboat had no propulsion, food, water or safety equipment, the Coast Guard said.

The Coast Guard dispatched an MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter from San Diego and a C-130 Hercules plane from Sacramento.

A rescue swimmer was lowered from the helicopter as it hovered near the disabled sailboat. The man and his dog were hoisted aboard the helicopter.



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