

# W6SD CARRIER

# The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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## President's QRM

Our last Monthly Meeting was on April 15th. Only 20 people attended due to many members being at the DX Convention or Baker to Vegas Relay Race. John Campeau conducted the meeting and showed a DXpedition film on Kergulin Island, which is located in the Antarctic and at one time was a Norwegian whaling post.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on May 20th at the usual time and place. The speaker will be Bernard Falkin, who will discuss the Club website ([www.w6sd.net](http://www.w6sd.net)). In addition, there will be the usual raffle and a signup sheet for the Club Picnic on Saturday May 21st. See below for additional picnic details.

Other items that will be covered at the meeting 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** - 101 members have paid their dues. If you have not already done that, the next meeting will be a convenient place to do so. If you are not able to attend, then please fill out the membership application form found on the Club Website @ [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** - There will be no Saturday Luncheon in May due to the Club Picnic.



**PICNIC** - We are going to have 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. Please bring something, such as an appetizer, salad, main dish, vegetable, or dessert. (The Club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, soft drinks, ice cream, plates and utensils.) So mark your calendar and come out and join us. There will be a sign-up sheet at the May

meeting. You may also purchase tickets to the picnic at the 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 recently 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. Field Day will be on June 25-26.

**BULLDOG RUN** - The Club has been asked to provide communications for the Bulldog Run, which consists of two races - a 25K Trail Run and a 50K Trail Ultra Run - which are conducted simultaneously. The races will begin at a base camp in Malibu Creek State Park and will continue through the Santa Monica Mountains. The race will occur on August 27th and we have been asked to provide 9 radio operators. Communications will be on 2 Meters simplex. Ray Solis will provide additional information.

**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, May 20  
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 is now in Fairfax, CA. The Bureau prefers that you purchase envelopes from them (\$.64 each, including postage) Contact the Bureau at PO Box 970, Fairfax, CA 94978-0970 or visit their web page at

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

You can now follow them on Twitter.com! You will find us at @ARRL\_6\_Bureau .

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, the usual suspects had a great lunch at Red Robin, but next month we will all be at the annual club picnic. So I have another month to figure out where to go. I am going to check on Appleby's. Have to find out if they will do separate checks. So stayed tuned for that update on the club website and an email from Bernard.

Elaine

### Simplex Net Reminder

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

#### THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEEDS NINE HAM OPERATORS FOR THE BULLDOG RUN

2011 will be the 20th anniversary for the  
Bulldog 50K & 25K  
WHEN: AUGUST 27th 2011  
WHERE: MALIBU STATE PARK, 1925 LAS  
VIRGENES ROAD, CALABASAS, CA 91302  
WEB SITE: www.bulldogrun.com  
TIME: BASE CAMP - 6:00AM  
AID STATION #1 at 5:00AM KI6QME will  
take Aid Station #1  
AID STATION #2 at 7:00AM  
AID STATION #3 at 8:00AM  
CONTACT INFORMATION:  
Raymond.solis@csun.edu  
HOME: 818 367-5688  
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### MEMBERSHIP FOR MAY 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 101.

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 membership application online.

Well, Baker2Vegas has come and gone AGAIN.. This year we, the San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club, was at the same location, just with a new number, 13.

Four of us from the club made it up there including Gene, WB9COY, and Dawn. Unfortunately, Dawn was ill, so we were running on fumes, with 5 1/3 people. We recruited a few folks up there who started off working on the "sworn side" (law enforcement, good sams, etc.).

Gene managed to get up up to about eight volunteers.

Down the road, at the one mile out at early warning station, was Ray, KI6QME, and Glenn, KF6IQ.

Sitting behind me, logging every runner coming thru was Allan, W6IST, and I was handling net control.

Gena, our stage lead was announcing the runners at one mile out then again at 100 yards outs. A very busy 10 hours, that's for sure.

The weather was fantastic, I was working with a jacket after 9PM, it was very pleasant. If you have not done this before, all I can say is BEWARE it is addictive!!

73  
Steve KN6Y

The SW ARRL HAMCON convention is approaching rapidly. The early bird registration expires at the end of this month!!

If you wait until June to register you miss out on the SPECIAL EARLY BIRD DRAWING!!

We, the San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club, are handling the "Talk-in" and I am now asking for volunteers to help out with that task. We are going to be making it FUN - see me at the meeting or email me KN6Y@ARRL.NET.

73,  
Steve KN6Y

### 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.

**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>	<b>STAFF USE ONLY</b> Date Received: _____ # Adults Registered _____ # Children Registered _____ # Pins Ordered _____ Check # _____ Receipt # _____ Comments: _____
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# 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 meetings if you are going to attend. If you are not  
going to be at the meeting, then  
call Ray Solis (310) 408-7187 or  
Grant Abbott (818) 448-1891.



APPLICATION FOR SFVARC MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL

See the Club Website at <http://w6sd.net/> for a copy of the membership application.



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SFVARC Members,  
Thanks for letting HRO meet  
your Amateur Radio needs.

**Eric J. Christensen**

**K6EJC**

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