



# The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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## July President's QRM

Our last Monthly Meeting was on June 17th. I, Grant Abbott, conducted the meeting. Don Pettric and Steve Wardlaw were the speakers and they discussed the upcoming Field Day, which was held on June 25 & 26th at the softball field at Granada Hills Charter High School. This was a change in location from previous years at Northridge Hospital, necessitated by the increasing interference generated from all of the electronics at the Hospital.

I was not able to attend Field Day. Reports that I received indicated that it was a success and the majority of people attending wanted to have it there again next year. These people liked the location, the lower noise level, the availability of facilities, the potluck dinner, and the hot dogs/ soft drinks/ root beer floats provided by the Club. Pictures are on page 5 and our club website.

The biggest problem encountered was that some people had difficulty finding the actual Field Day location within the larger school. They did not realize that there is a driveable road across the campus to our site. This road is accessed from the parking lot fronting on Zelzah Avenue and leads to our site, ample parking, and reasonably available bathroom facilities.

Hopefully, these location problems will be eliminated in the future by providing site location maps and erecting temporary signs on the campus. We invite your comments at the next monthly meeting and plan on having a full debriefing at the next Board Meeting.

**SPEAKER** - The speaker at the next monthly meeting will be Eric Christensen, Manager of the local Ham Radio Outlet. He will discuss all of the latest and greatest equipment available for sale at his store and hopefully will bring some equipment for us to look at.

Other items that will be discussed at the next Monthly 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** - 110 members have paid their dues. If you have not already done so, the next meeting will be a convenient place to do that. 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 July 9th at CPK (Calif. Pizza Kitchen), which is located on the northeast side of the Northridge Mall, 9301 Tampa Ave., Northridge. (818) 701-5305. Lunch will begin at 11:30 am. Don't be late.

**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 be on August 27th and we have been asked to provide 9 radio operators. Communications will be on 2 Meters simplex. See the website at [www.trailrunevents.com/bd/](http://www.trailrunevents.com/bd/) and contact Ray Solis at (310) 408-7187 (cell) / (818) 367-5688 (home) if you plan on participating.

**ARRL SOUTHWEST CONVENTION** - Will be held on September 9, 10, & 11 at the Marriott Torrance Hotel, in Torrance, Calif. A registration form can be found on Page 4. Our Club is responsible for manning the "Talk In" station and we are looking for volunteer operators. If interested, talk to Steve Wardlaw at the next Monthly Meeting or email him at [kn6y@arrl.net](mailto:kn6y@arrl.net).

**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, July 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 - PL100) 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 begins at 8:00 a.m. and doors close at 9:00 a.m. Testing begins after registration is complete.** 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 a small turn out at Panera's, but we all enjoyed the food and company. We are headed to CPK (Calif. Pizza Kitchen).

It is located at the northeast side of the Northridge mall. 9301 Tampa Ave., Northridge. 818/701-5035. See you there!

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](http://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:

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CELL: 310 408-7187

Ray KI6QME

The SW ARRL HAMCON convention is approaching rapidly. If you register before August it is only \$18.00.

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](mailto:KN6Y@ARRL.NET).

73,

Steve KN6Y

# Annual Electronic Treasures Auction

Yep! It hardly seems possible that it will soon be time for our Annual Electronic Treasures Auction – again! I'll bet you have hardly had enough time to determine where you are going to put the junkie you bought last year! Well, nonetheless, our November meeting will again be elections and – yep – the Auction!

For those of you new to the craziness, you simply dig out the old dusty-crusty ham related items you want to sell at the meeting (no computers, please), fill out the auction form (which will be published in subsequent issues of The Carrier), and bring the junkie to the meeting by 6:30 PM on the meeting night. Your junkie will be checked-in, your auctioneer will lie through his teeth about its value (just kidding), and when it sells, you will give the club treasurer 10 percent of the auction price (more, if you wish), to be used for club member benefits. Among other items to be auctioned, will be an Icom IC-706 MK2G HF/ VHF transceiver (160 – 6m, plus 2m, 440 MHz), a 35A Astron power supply, and many, many other treasures.

Come on - - gather up your junkie (sometimes including priceless treasures), and get ready to participate in our annual fun-event. If you don't have treasures, plan to attend and acquire some. There is going to be some good stuff available to the savvy bidder. I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

73 – de Bill, KC6T

## 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.

**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
_____	_____	_____	_____
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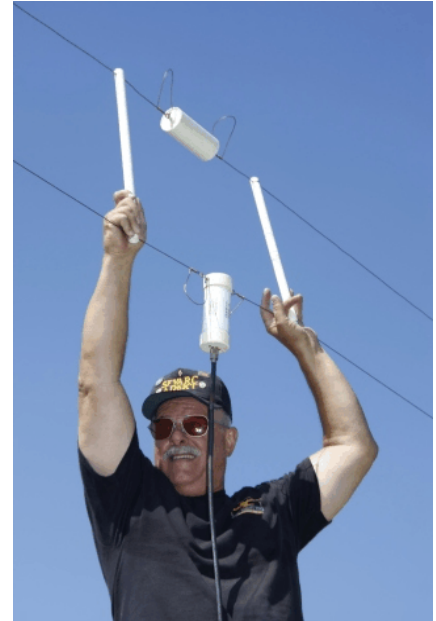
REGISTRATION OPTIONS	Price	Qty	Total
EARLY BIRD ( Postmarked/Submitted by May 31, 2011) Convention Pin Included	\$15.00	_____ @ \$15.00 =	\$ _____
PRE-REGISTRATION ( Postmarked/Submitted by Aug. 1, 2011)	\$18.00	_____ @ \$18.00 =	\$ _____
ON-SITE REGISTRATION	\$20.00	_____ @ \$20.00 =	\$ _____
Convention 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 FIELD DAY



APPLICATION FOR SFVARC MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL  
See the Club Website at <http://w6sd.net/> for a copy of the membership application.



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Thanks for letting HRO meet  
your Amateur Radio needs.

**Eric J. Christensen**

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