



The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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President's QRM

Our last Monthly Meeting was on July 17th. Grant Abbott conducted the meeting. The speaker was Eric Christensen, Manager of the local Ham Radio Outlet. He talked about some of the equipment for sale at his store and brought samples for us to look at.

Other items that were discussed are as follows:

CRITIQUE OF FIELD DAY - It was held on June 25 & 26 at the softball field at Granada Hills Charter High School. This is the first year that we had it there. There were some problems, such as some people not being able to find the site and malfunctioning equipment. Some suggestions for improving next year's outcome included the following:

- Strengthen the field day organization; for example, more preparation and better delegation of duties
- Provide location maps of the school and the field day site.
- Better signage at the School.
- Continuously monitor the "Talk-In" frequency on the Magic Mountain Repeater (147.735 MHz-PL100)
- Check antennas, computers and other equipment beforehand to ensure that they are in good working order.
- Buy new equipment where needed.
- Sign up sheet for operators.
- YL Station.
- More assistance to new operators.

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 <http://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 August 13th at **Stonefire Grill, which is located at 9229 Winnetka Avenue, Chatsworth.** (818) 534-3364. 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 races 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 <http://www.trailrunevents.com/bd/> Contact Ray Solis at (310) 408-7187(cell)/ (818) 367-5688 (home) if you plan on participating.

ARRL SOUTHWEST CONVENTION It 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.

TECHNICIAN CLASS - Courtney Cooke has volunteered to teach this class. It is tentatively scheduled to begin on September 17th. Stay tuned for additional details.

CLUB WEBSITE - Be sure to continue looking at our website at <http://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, August 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 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: 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 great time at CPK, and now we are on to the next lunch. We will be going to Stonefire Grill, 9229 Winnetka Ave., Chatsworth. 818-534-3364. We'll see you there at 11:30am on Saturday, August 13th.

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:

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Ray KI6QME

The SW ARRL HAMCON convention is approaching rapidly.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION \$20.00

<http://hamconinc.org/>

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

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
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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 HAMCONINC.ORG	STAFF USE ONLY Date Received: _____ # Adults Registered _____ # Children Registered _____ # Pins Ordered _____ Check # _____ Receipt # _____ Comments: _____
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Back when Steve, KN6Y, was our club President, he asked me to have to apply to Hamcon, in Torrance, Sept. 9-11 to do another session to honor our dear clubmate Lenore Jensen, W6NAZ (sk). This is not only for honoring our dearly departed clubmate Lenore, this is also a chance to promote our club. I had nominated Lenore for the CQ Hall of Fame. Lenore already won the Dayton Lifetime Achievement award. Lenore co-founded YLRL. During WWII she was a code instructor for the Navy. In the 50s she was a pioneering phone patcher helping military personnel stationed in the Arctic and Antarctic communicate with the families. In 1961, she was profiled on This is Your Life (which we will show in Torrance). During the Vietnam War Lenore made 10,000s if not 100,000s of phone patches for our brave fighting men and women. After the war, she was key in promoting ham radio.On top of all this she was our clubmate. Please come to the session to celebrate Lenore's induction into the CQ Hall of Fame on Sat. afternoon (exact time TBA) Sept. 10, 2011 at the ARRL Southwest Convention at the Torrance Marriott. Let's fill the front 2 rows with W6SD yellow!

Please email me if you have any questions,

73, Cliff, AC6C
AC6C -at- arrl -dot- net

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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