



*The San Fernando Valley  
Amateur Radio Club*

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### President's QRM

Our last Monthly Meeting was on August 19th. Grant Abbott conducted the meeting. The speaker was Skip Bolnick KJ6Y, the well known antenna/tower installer. He talked about some of the unbelievable antennas/towers he has installed with some located in amazing out-of-the-state locations.

Other items that were discussed are as follows:

**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 have already been mentioned in the President's QRM within the August issue of the Carrier.

**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 @ [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 September 17th at Lulu's Restaurant, which is located at 16900 Roscoe Boulevard, Van Nuys 91406. (818) 988-0707. Lunch will begin at 11:30 am. Don't be late.

**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 email [kn6y@arrl.net](mailto: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 [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, September 16  
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 Jim Sullivan (WB6TNF) 818-348-4155. 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 all enjoyed Stonefire Grill last month.

We are having a luncheon in September,

**just one week later**

(due to the convention happening on the second weekend).

We will going to Lulu's Restaurant, 16900 Roscoe Bl, Van Nuys 91406, 818-988-0707, at 11:30am, Saturday, September 17.

See you there.

Elaine

### Simplex Net

#### Reminder

Two meter

simplex:

Tuesdays, 8 p.m.

on

**145.570 MHz,**

**Jim, WB6TNF**

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

## ELECTRONIC TREASURES AUCTION IS GETTIN' HERE !!!

Howz dem apples, auction buffs?! Yep - - mark down Friday, November 18th. "WHAT!" you say - - "NOVEMBER, and you're blathering about it already?!"

YES I AM!

You really don't want to miss this. Get out those treasures, and bring them in for your trusty, true-blue auctioneer to sell (well, there are a couple of questionable adjectives here, but - - ). You will benefit the club and club members, and it will be the usual "bag of fun" event. We will have auction team members available to log your junque in, and place it in just the right place for successful results. You can save time by filling out your auction form(s) before you arrive, but if you just can't quite "get it organized", we will have extra auction forms at the meeting for you to fill-out (feel free to make copies of the form below). If you choose to specify a minimum bid, please try to keep it within the spirit of the event. And, if for some reason your treasure is not sold, please take it home with you when the auction is over. We have a great relationship with our hospital hosts, and don't want to spoil it by causing them extra cleanup effort. Don't have any dusty crusty junque to bring? Come, participate, have fun, and acquire some. Mort Hirsch's family is making ham gear from Mort's estate available for the club auction, to help support the club and its members. See you at the

auction!

73 de Bill, KC6T

NAME (& CALL, IF ANY):		APPROVED:	
DESCRIPTION OF TREASURE(S)		AMT. TO CLUB	
(PUT YOUR NAME ON THEM)	MIN.BID?	10%?	ALL?
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

## 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.

**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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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

## W1AW/6 Special Event and Talk-in Station

Celebrating the 2011 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention from Torrance Sponsored by the South Bay Amateur Radio Club, W6SBA, the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club, K6PV and the San Fernando Amateur Radio Club, W6SD, the W1AW/6 Special Event Station and Convention Talk-in station will be on-the-air September 9, 10 and 11 from Noon Friday through Noon Sunday. ARRL Members and Guests are welcome to visit and operate the Special Events Station.

**W1AW/6 Talk-In frequency 145.570 MHz. Simplex.**

W1AW/6 Special Event Station frequencies

7.295 - 14.295 - 21.395 – 28.595 MHz for voice operations

QSL Info: QSL Via W1AW, W6SBA or via [w6sba@arrl.net](mailto:w6sba@arrl.net).

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  
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**Eric J. Christensen**

**K6EJC**

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