



*The San Fernando Valley
Amateur Radio Club*

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President's QRM

Points to Ponder:

As I lay here in room 2344, at Holy Cross Hospital, waiting for my breakfast on this beautiful Tuesday morning I am pondering how I can send the President's QRM. Then it comes to me, a relay, this word relay is a lifesaver when it comes to our HAM community. So, I instantly think of Bernard Falkin, KG6FBM, our editor and chief. The following was relayed via landline:

- 1) Grant has resigned as President for personal reasons.
 - 2) October's Guest speaker will be Dick Norton - N6AA - ARRL S/W Division Director for October.
 - 3) Spread the word, our amateur radio class starts October 1st. See page 3 for more details.
 - 4) Mark this date on your calendar- November 17th, from 7am to 12pm, November Emergency Exercise at Northridge Hospital. We need about 20 people volunteers.
 - 5) At the November club meeting is going to be our yearly auction and election of officers by our famous Club Trustee Bill Stein.
 - 6) Our monthly luncheon will be at IHop at 21103 Devonshire St, in on October 8, 2011 at 11:30am!
 - 7) Don't forget our annual Holiday party, at only \$35.00 per person, on Sunday, Dec 11th, at 6:00pm
- All dinners include soup or tossed green salad, choice of potato, rice or pasta, fresh vegetable, dessert and complimentary iced tea, hot tea, and coffee. Cost is \$35.00 per person.

In September, Hamcon was a huge success and our club members participated by giving tributes, teaching classes, and provided the talk-in frequency at the Special Event Station, W1AW/6, on the 17th floor of the Marriot hotel, in Torrance. Special thanks to Steve, NY6Y, Jack, KO6V, Dennis, KD6PLU, Allan, W6IST, and your President Ray, KI6QME, for being the radio operators.

Allan, W6IST, taught the class in ATV (Amateur Television) because the scheduled teacher did not arrive on time.

Cliff Cheng, AC6C, taught the class in "History of the Novice" and gave a Tribute to Lenore Jensen, W6NAZ sk.

Steve Wardlaw, KN6Y, taught a class in "Don't take a Vacation, Take a Dxpedition, Trips to Hawaii, Turks & Caicos - all designed for the XYL.

Steve, NY6Y, Allan, W6IST, taught a class in beginners amateur radio protocols and usage and your editor Bernard, KG6FBM, taught about the Wouxun radio usage.

It's almost 10:00am, here in the hospital, and the interruptions are non-stop. Between phone calls, nurses, pills, taking my temperature, blood pressure, and IV's I am relaying this on the phone to Bernard. What do you expect from a patient with CHF (congestive heart failure). Yesterday, it was hard to breathe because my lungs were full of fluid. This afternoon I have a cardiac catheterization . Cardiac catheterization (heart cath) is the insertion of a catheter into a chamber or vessel of the heart. This is done for both investigational and interventional purposes.

Because of Grant's resignation, I know I am only going to be president for the next three months but I promise to do my best and what is best for the club.

73,
Ray, KI6QME

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ARRL Affiliated Club #1684

W6SD

ARRL Special Service Club
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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 Ray Solis, KI6QME, raymond.solis @ csun. edu 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.

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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 @ bflocks.com](mailto:kg6fbm@bflocks.com) if you have anything for the newsletter.

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Monthly Luncheon

Well, we did have a very good lunch at Lulu's and we will go back again sometime.

Our next one is just around the corner on October 8, 2011 at 11:30am at IHop at 21103 Devonshire St, in Chatsworth.

Hope we will see all and enjoy like we did on our last visit!

Elaine

Simplex Net Reminder

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

Amateur Radio Technician Class

Eight week course starting Saturday, Oct. 1st through Saturday, Nov. 19th, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

**Northridge Hospital, 5th floor
penthouse
18300 Roscoe Blvd, Northridge,
CA. 91328**

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Contact: Courtney Cooke –
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This will be a comprehensive course that will give you a solid foundation, and will go beyond just learning how to pass the test. Some of the topics covered will be radio operating practices, FCC rules and regulations, and very basic electrical and electronic theory. Students will need to purchase the ARRL Ham Radio License Manual, available at Ham Radio Outlet in Burbank, Hamcity, and on-line.

Thank you very much,
Jack Eyster - KO6V

Torrance Hamcon Pictures

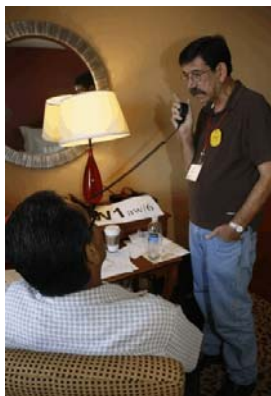
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Steve, KN6Y, and Ray, KI6QME, operating the Special Event Station, W1AW/6.



Bringing in the pallets of for the exhibits.



The view from the 17th floor of W1AW/6.



Registration was quick and easy.

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.

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ELECTRONIC TREASURES AUCTION IS ALMOST HERE !!!

Please mark down the date for our November meeting and annual **Electronic Treasures Auction - - Friday November 18, 2011!** The meeting will start with election of our club officers for 2012, then move rapidly to the main event of the evening – our auction. I know that most of you are familiar with the format, but for those of you about to be indoctrinated, here is a brief description of this fun event.

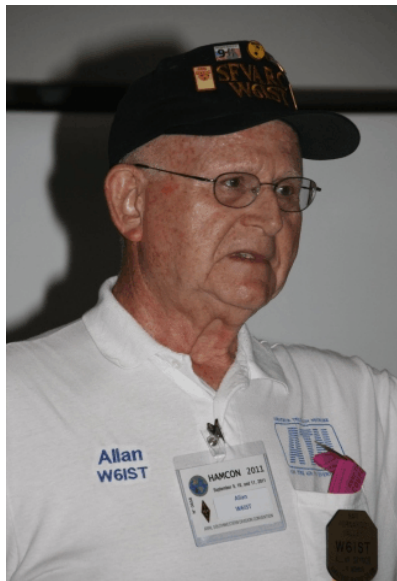
For those of you bringing ham related items for auction (please, no computers or computer parts), plan to **arrive between 6:00PM and 6:30PM**. If you have your auction form already filled-out, things will move faster for everyone – but if you don't, there will be people at the elevator exit to provide you a form (and a pencil if needed) so that you can fill your form out before entering the “check-in” line. At check-in, your form will be taken (for the auctioneer), and your treasures taken by helpers, and placed in exactly the right place (for best action) at the front of the room. Please have your treasures identified with your name and/or call sign. The best way is to place a piece of masking tape with this information on the treasures. Try to bundle things together, if appropriate – such as a “bag of resistors” as opposed to identifying resistors individually.

The club meeting will start promptly at 7:30PM, and the auction will start shortly thereafter. The treasures will be auctioned at the minimum bid you enter on the auction form (if you choose, you need not require a minimum bid – the auctioneer will do the best he can). Ten percent of the winning auction bid will go to the club (more if you choose to). Some of our members have donated all proceeds for benefit of the club and its members. The winning bidder will pay the person who brought the treasure – who then will pay the club percentage to the club treasurer (located at a convenient table at the auction). The minimum bid increment is one dollar. In the rare case where the minimum starting bid brings no bids from the club audience, there will be “no sale” - - no bids will be accepted for less than the minimum bid listed by the seller - - and the minimum bid cannot be changed after the item has gone up for auction - - so sellers, please make your minimum bid requirements reasonable. An attempt to sell each treasure will only be made once. If the treasure you brought is not sold, please remember to take it with you when you leave - - we are all anxious to keep our great relationship with Northridge Hospital intact.

This is a fun event - - I know all of you will have a great time (and so will I)!
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?
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2.			
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Torrance Hamcon Pictures



Allan, K6IST, teaching the ATV class.



Ray, KI6QME, on the 17th floor.



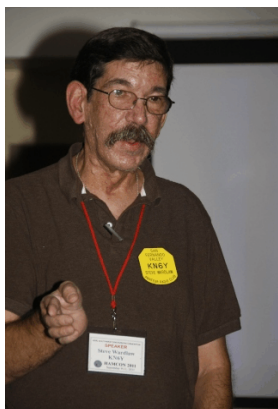
Jack, KO6V, helping out at the ARES booth.



HRO's exhibit



Yaesu's booth.



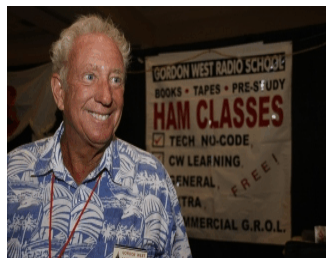
Steve, KN6Y, teaching one of his classes.



W6SD members at the Evening Social.



Cliff, AC6C, talking about Lenore Jensen.



Gordon West, KB6NOA



Dennis, KD6PLU, as W1AW/6 at Hamcon 2011.



Brenden Geary who launched a balloon to 95,000 feet with a radio and a camera onboard.

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



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Next Meeting: Friday, October 21, at 7:30pm at Penthouse, Northridge Hospital

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