



*The San Fernando Valley
Amateur Radio Club*

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November President's QRM

As we all march forward in a direct purposeful manner towards the end of the year, we all have something to be grateful for. May it be Family, Health etc. this is certainly a time to reflect.

As Grant Abbott resigned as president on September 24th, he quotes: The resignation was the result of a number of factors. Grant said there were some recent major medical problems in his family;

Other unrelated family problems; and there were some issues with the HAM Radio Club. Unquote:

We, as a club, at our October meeting we heard Richard Norton N6AA, ARRL South western Division Director. He talks about the ARRL and its updates. After listening to N6AA presentation I felt well taken care of. It was an honor to present our guest speaker with his 56 years of HAM experience.

On Saturday, November the 12, at 11:30am the club will have their monthly luncheon at Hometown Buffet, 6705 Fallbrook Ave, Canoga Park 818-713-1776. Thank You Elaine.

Make a note on your calendar for November 17th, from 7am to 12:00pm. This is going to be our annual emergency exercise here at Northridge Hospital, we are going to need about 20 volunteers. Stand by for more information, once our Director of emergency responders John Campeau, AD6KT, finds out more info. we will pass it on.

In our November meeting Bill Stein our famous club trustee will sound off our new officers for

next year. Compliments from our nomination committee.

Don't forget our electronics treasures auction Friday November 18th, which is our next club meeting. The

club meeting will start promptly at 7:30pm Bill Stein, KC6T, will be our auctioneer.

Last, but not least, our Holiday Banquet Dinner. Banquet facility: Monterey at Encino, on Burbank Blvd. in Encino. Date: December 11th, at 6:30pm, also being provided is a "no-host" bar for cocktails. O.K. now the bottom line; Banquet dinner, including tax and service charge \$35.44. our Banquet Speaker for this special occasion is none other than our very own Bill Stein, KC6T. Bill says the subject of his presentation is so unique, you'll have to be present to appreciate the vast knowledge he's going to share. Don't miss out, come enjoy a wonderful evening with friends. Raffle prize tickets will sell for \$5.00 each, or 6 for \$20.00. There will be approximately \$700.00 in prizes.

As we move onward our strength of mind enables us as a person to meet danger, bear pain, or adversity with courage. Ray KI6QME

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, November 18
at 7:30pm
Northridge Hospital
Penthouse
18300 Roscoe Blvd,
Northridge, CA 91325

Club Web Site www.w6sd.net

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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

We had a nice lunch at IHop, and now we are going to the Hometown Buffet. 6705 Fallbrook Ave, Canoga Park. 818-713-1776. See you there on Saturday, November 12, at 11:30am.

Elaine

Simplex Net Reminder

Two meter
simplex:
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on
145.570 MHz,
Jim, WB6TNF

Dick Norton, N6AA, spoke tonight October 21, 2011, at our meeting at Northridge Hospital about what is happening at the ARRL and how our money is put to good use.



Holiday Banquet Dinner 2011

Banquet Facility: Monterey at Encino, (formerly Encino Glen Restaurant)
Address: 16821 Burbank Blvd. Encino, CA 91436
Date: December 11, 2011
Time: 1830 hours (6:30 PM for all you civilians)

Banquet Dinner Choices:

**Brisket of Beef,
Chicken Picatta, or
Salmon**

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.

Also provided is a "no-host" bar for cocktails.

The bottom line: Banquet dinner, including tax and service charge - **\$35.44**

Please see John Campeau or Allan Gaynor for tickets.

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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.

12/3/11, 2/4/12, 4/7/12, 6/2/12, 8/4/12, 10/6/12, and 12/1/12

ELECTRONIC TREASURES AUCTION IS UPON US !!!

November 18th is the date for the annual return of our world famous Electronic Treasures Auction (I guess that IS stretching it a bit), and election of club officers for 2012. The elections will take a few minutes at the beginning of our meeting that night, and then it is on to the auction. Please plan to arrive with your junkie-for-auction at 6:30 PM. As you step from the elevator, Johnnie will be at a desk with spare auction forms, and loaner-pencils - - - just in case you forgot to bring your completed forms.

You can really speed things up if you bring your completed forms, together with your junkie – each item marked with your name or call sign. You can then just step directly into the check-in line, where Joe and Archie will check you in – after which Don and his helpers will place your stuff in the proper place at the front of the room, in just the right place to bring potential buyers to a buying frenzy (possibly).

For those of you with no junkie to bring, here is your opportunity to glom-on-to some really top-notch crusty-dusty stuff. Bids are in one-dollar (minimum) increments, but the auctioneer will choose the amount for the “next” bid. Bidding will start at the minimum bid you choose (on your auction form). The successful bidder will pay you and take possession of the treasure from the front of the room, and you will then pay the treasurer ten percent (minimum) of the sale price. Many choose to donate the entire amount for the benefit of the club, in which case the winning bidder simply pays the treasurer the full amount. In addition to the Icom IC-706 MkIIIG that I spoke of a few months ago, we also have a 2m-440MHz dual band mobile transceiver, an Astron 20A regulated power supply, a 2m hand-held transceiver, a Heil headset with the HC4 (DX) cartridge - - and many, many other treasures - - in price ranges for everyone. Feel free to copy and complete the auction form below and bring it with you.

This is a fun event - - please attend, support your club, and enjoy yourself!
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.			
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4.			

This article is from Alaska, but could also affect us if we don't stay on top of what is happening elsewhere- Editor.

Tower talk worries Ham operators

BY ANDREW WELLNER
Frontiersman

Published on Monday, October 31,
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MAT-SU — With a vote scheduled for tonight that could end the years-long process of rewriting Mat-Su Borough codes for tall structures, a group of hobbyists say they are worried that the new rules might spell the end for their pastime.

"The chilling effect would mostly be to discourage this kind of activity, which is already at a very low ebb," said Ham radio operator Ken Slauson.

Slauson, who spends a lot of time working on boards overseeing emergency services, said the way he reads the ordinance, any structure taller than 85 feet built on private land will need something on the order of \$3,500 worth of permits. That's not taking into account various engineering requirements written in for tall structures.

For Ham radio operators, that would significantly curtail their hobby, Slauson said. The type of radio frequency that can bounce signals off of the ionosphere and communicate with people around the world generally requires a relatively tall antenna, he said.

Slauson noted that Ham radio enthusiasts often provide crucial communication links during an emergency. It's usually the last form

of communication to go down, he said. When everything else is broken, usually there's still a Ham operator who can summon help.

Most of those kinds of communication don't require the tall towers. Slauson's got one in his car, for instance, that can get a decent signal.

"Will we still try to communicate? Sure," he said.

But they won't get a signal that's as reliable or that can go as far, say to connect with other Hams internationally, which would make the hobby a lot less fun.

"The reason it does work when the world breaks is because they've used it recently," he said. "The reason they've used it recently is it's fun."

Killing that fun will likely push a lot of people out of the Ham community, a group that is already made up mostly of people "who are getting fewer and fewer and older and older," Slauson said.

He said that previous versions of the tower ordinance have included exemptions for towers used for noncommercial purposes like Ham radios. Writing those exemptions out of the code, he said, is foolish, especially in a state like Alaska, which is short on backups where infrastructure is concerned.

"We're talking about getting rid of one of the few backup that we have," he said.

He said he also doesn't see a much of a reason for the ordinance. Slauson said he doesn't buy borough safety concerns.

"I know of two towers that have fallen over in the last 20 years. Both of them are because airplanes ran into them," he said.

The safety issue is just one of many concerns the borough has raised. The borough has gone through a number of tower fights in recent years. Officials say the ordinance is an attempt to thread the needle between having enough telecommunications in the borough while also minimizing the impact towers have on neighbors' views and property values.

Co-location has been a goal — putting multiple antennas on a single tower. Another goal has been to encourage tower construction on borough land.

Contact Andrew Wellner at andrew.wellner@frontiersman.com or 352-2270.

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APPLICATION FOR SFVARC MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL

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



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