



*The San Fernando Valley
Amateur Radio Club*

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Presidents QRM

As we near closing the books of 2011, we can finally step back and reflect. Room for improvement, is the largest room in the world. The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life.

Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do.

On Saturday, November the 12th, our monthly luncheon was at Hometown Buffet. A good time was the order of the day. Remember there will be no monthly luncheon in December, and thank you Elaine for coordinating the luncheons, a superb job indeed.

Hope to see you all at our Holiday Banquet Dinner 16821 Burbank Blvd. Encino, CA 91436 The date is December 11th, 2011 at 6:30PM. Our Banquet Speaker is Bill Stein, KC6T come and hear his unlimited knowledge on this most legendary mystery of a subject. I am sure you will be able to relate (Don't Miss Out). Raffle prize tickets will sell for \$5.00 each, or 6 for \$20.00. There will be approximately \$700.00 in prizes.

There will be NO club meeting this month (DECEMBER) but on January the 20th, our next club meeting Joy Matlack, KD6FJV, will be our guest speaker, her presentation is B2V (Baker to Vegas) This is going to be the 28th annual B2V, save the date April 21st & 22nd, 2012, and yes, she will bring the "Tower of Babel."

We cannot change our past, we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.

73's
Ray KI6QME

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, January 20
at 7:30pm

Northridge Hospital
Penthouse

18300 Roscoe Blvd,
Northridge, CA 91325

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ARRL Affiliated Club #1684

W6SD

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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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November's Yearly Auction



2012 Officers Elected Officers of the SFVARC

President- Mark Weiss K6FG

Executive VP-Gabe Calfas K6AWB

Planning VP- (Undetermined)

Technical VP-Don Pettric WG6H

Membership VP-Tom Peabody K6TGP

Treasurer-Jack Eyster KO6V

Secretary-Johnnie Spots W6HTY

Monthly Luncheon

Will continue in January.

Elaine

Simplex Net

Reminder

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

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.

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.

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.

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

AO-51 remembered

Dozens of messages were posted to the Amsat-bb after the news of AO-51's end of mission was received. Many remembered their contacts, several thanked the Operating Team. Many noted that AO-51 was the satellite that brought them into this part of our hobby.

While too numerous to list them all a sample of the content seems appropriate ...

- Robin Haighton, VE3FRH, who was AMSAT-NA President when AO-51 was designed and launched wrote, "I was very sorry to hear of the final loss of AO-51 (Echo) as it was the last satellite developed by AMSAT-NA and launched in 2004. As I recall much of the work was carried out by Mark Kanawati, Jim White WDOE, Chuck Green N0ADI (who accompanied the satellite to the Launch site) and Rick Hambly W2GPS. My thanks to all.

Photo galleries of the people and AO-51 can be found at:

<http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/echo/integration.php>
http://bach.as.arizona.edu/gallery/m...g2_itemId=7451
<http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/echo/photos.php>

- Control Operator Mark Hammond, N8MH commented, "We essentially got 'a free, bonus overtime' from July 2010 until now. We thought it was about gone back then...check your logs and see just how many QSOs you made on AO-51 from the end of July 2010 until the end of November 2011 (and then check how many overall during the 7.5 years).

To which Patrick WD9EWK/VA7EWK replied, "I have logged a total of 10931 satellite QSOs. Of those, 4891 (44.7%) were on AO-51's different configurations. Since July 2010, I have logged 2233 satellite QSOs, with 574 of those (25.7%) on AO-51. My last AO-51 QSOs were logged on 13 November.

- Pete, WB2OQQ wrote, "AO-51, has been one of my best satellite recruiting tools and I will certainly miss her, however she gave us many wonderful years of faithful service, good bye dear friend. It is important to note that the control team managed AO-51 in a manner that I believe extended her life, thank you. We all must continue to support AMSAT's Fox-1 project, and other AMSAT projects I believe thru Amateur Satellites we

have found a potential path to excite the children today and continue the STEM initiative.

- Bob, KC2WYH recalls, "I am a new ham, licensed less than two years, and worked John K8YSE via AO-51 with my little HT and an Arrow maybe six weeks after passing my Tech. A few months later after another test my first QSO signing "slash AG" was again on that bird, with Patrick WD9EWK. Just to "echo" what others have been saying: AO51, R.I.P.

And a hearty thank-you to the Control Team for giving us so many many happy and proud hours!

- Andreas, VK4HHH, AMSAT-VK Member said, "I think thanks are in order for the operations team who provided us with many years of enjoyment on countless AO-51 QSO's. Job well done from start to finish. RIP little satellite. May your solar panels always be shone on Look up and see what your grand-daddy, AO-07, has done and maybe you can draw the inspiration to come back to life in a decade or so.

- Hector, CO6CBF wrote, "AO-51 has been like a work horse. It is the bird which got me into satellites. Thanks very much to the control team for the great work done.

- Mani, VU2WMY from AMSAT-India and Secretary & Station-In-Charge of the Upagrah Amateur Radio Club VU2URC at India's ISRO Satellite Centre, Bangalore sent this message, "It is really a sad news. Bidding a farewell to AO-51 with a very heavy heart. Looking at the success, we all at Upagrah Amateur Radio Club VU2URC at ISRO Satellite Centre and AMSAT-India express our heartfelt and sincere thanks, appreciations and compliments to the entire AO-51 (ECHO) team. AO-51 was truly one of the best amateur radio satellites.

It was a very favorite for many of our VU hams for its strong signals and ease of operations. 'Thank you AO-51 for your great and fruitful services to the World of Amateur Radio'. We take this opportunity to thank each & every one associated with this great project and wish AMSAT-NA all the success in their future endeavors.

Amsat News

<http://forums.qrz.com/showthread.php?323521-AO-51-remembered>

APPLICATION FOR SFVARC MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL

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



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