



The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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Presidents QRM

I thank the membership for expressing its confidence in me to serve as your president during 2012. We have a very strong board of directors; the successes we achieve as a club will reflect the fine efforts of our Club members.

The Holiday Banquet was a major success. SFVARC owes a major debt of gratitude to John (AD6KT) and Elena Campeau for producing a flawless event. Everyone had a great time. Thank you, John.

Speaking of the Holiday Banquet, the Club has reserved December 9, 2012 for the event at the same venue as year 2011 (Monterey at Encino, formerly known as The Encino Glen).

During 2012, the Board plans to initiate some new programs that should greatly benefit the Club. When the details are worked out, the membership will be given the news.

Most of the 2011 activities will continue in 2012.

Those activities include the following:

- Monthly meetings at Northridge Hospital
- Weekly Thursday luncheons at Denny's Restaurant

Once a month Saturday luncheons

Participation in one or more Emergency

Exercises at Northridge Hospital

Participation in the Baker to Vegas Relay

Race- April

Club Picnic- May

Field Day- June

Auction of Amateur Radio Equipment-

November

Holiday Banquet- December

We begin the year with the January 20th Monthly Meeting at Northridge Hospital at the usual time and place. Joy Matlack, KD6FJV, will present a very interesting program about the forthcoming 28th annual Baker to Vegas Relay Race, which will take place on April 21-22, 2012. Those of us who have seen Joy talk about the B2V event look forward to another fun evening.

My personal wishes for all of our members to enjoy a healthy and successful year 2012.

73,
Mark, K6FG

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, January 20
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 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.

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

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Trophies for the 2011 SFVARC Banquet

1. SFVARC Outgoing President 2010-2011, Grant Abbot, K6KLP
2. SFVARC Outgoing Executive Vice President 2011, Ray Solis, KI6QME
3. SFVARC Outgoing Treasurer 2011, Allan Gaynor, W6IST
4. SFVARC Outgoing Secretary 2010-2011, Jack Eyster, KO6V
5. SFVARC Outgoing Membership Vice President 2010-2011, Steve Wardlaw, KN6Y
6. SFVARC Outgoing Planning Vice President 2011, John Campeau, AD6KT

(1) The W6NAZ/W6VGO Award 2011

Presented to: Edgar W. Brown N6OU

“Given to the person who volunteers their service to and for the Amateur Radio Community for at least one year.”

(2) SFVARC George Drosti W6IN Memorial Award 2011

Presented to: Philip Reiber KJ6ZI

“In recognition of Outstanding Service to this Club and Amateur Radio.”

(3) SFVARC Gene Leary WB6OOX Memorial Award 2011

Presented to: Bill Miller K6NEQ

“Awarded to the person who best represents an Ambassador to Amateur Radio.”

(4) SFVARC W6SD (Silver Dollar) Award 2011

Presented to: Gordon West WB6NOA

“In recognition of Outstanding Service to Amateur Radio.”

A special thank you to G & W Trophies for supplying the trophies.

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Monthly Luncheon

Well, it's time to go on January lunch. We'll be going to Wood Ranch at the Northridge Mall. 9301 Tampa Ave., Northridge. 818-886-6464. See you Saturday, January 14th, at 11:30am.
Elaine

Simplex Net Reminder

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

Ham Radio in Hollywood: Amateur Radio Makes Its Debut on Last Man Standing

01/04/2012

If you watched the January 3 episode of Last Man Standing -- the ABC hit situation comedy starring Tim Allen as Mike Baxter, KA0XTT -- you were in for a treat. While this episode didn't feature Amateur Radio per se, it did show Mike's shack in the background. Viewers could see the DXCC, Worked All States, Worked All Continents and the Morse Code Proficiency Certificate -- all provided by the ARRL -- in the first scene. Later on in the show, Mike records his video blog. Sharp-eyed viewers spotted the 2012 ARRL Handbook underneath the mini-tripod, next to issues of QST!

The episode airing on January 17 will introduce Mike Baxter as KA0XTT. According to Last Man Standing Producer John Amodeo, NN6JA, Mike will have a QSO on the show. "We had two Amateur Extra class staff members complete a QSO on 10 meters and we recorded it," Amodeo explained. "Unfortunately, we were set up on a stage that is basically a Faraday cage. The very QRP signal made it radio-to-radio. We varied the Receiver Incremental Tuning to give it a little extra SSB sound, but I don't think the signal made it much past the stage walls. The recording will be on the show. We thought our ham viewers would get a kick out of it. Non-hams will think it's just distorted."

To read the rest of the article go to:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/em-ham-radio-in-hollywood-em-amateur-radio-makes-its-debut-on-em-last-man-standing-em>

Northridge VE Schedule for 2011

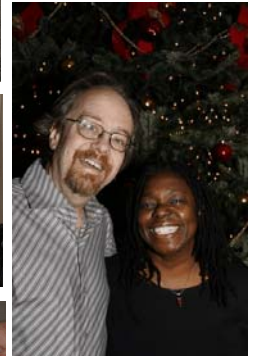
The test session registration is from 8:00 am until 9:00 am. Anyone arriving after 9:00 will be turned away. Time limit to take a test is 90 minutes. Exams will be held in the fifth floor Penthouse of the north building (Carol Pump building) of the Northridge Hospital. Signs will be posted if the room is changed.

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

Holiday Party Pictures



Raffle Prize winners



APPLICATION FOR SFVARC MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL

Please Note: In order to receive your newsletter, we must have a **valid email address**.

If you prefer to receive your newsletter through United States mail, please provide a correct zip code with the 4-digit extension.

Name _____ Call _____ Class _____

Street _____ Tel#() _____ - _____ Email _____

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<input type="checkbox"/> New Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if ARRL member	<input type="checkbox"/> Exclude from Member Roster
	Full Year (January 1 - December 31)	April-July	August-December
Regular Member	\$18.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Family or Junior Members (Under 18 years of age)	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00

Please print clearly or type, then mail this form with your check to:
 SAN FERNANDO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC., P.O. Box 280517, Northridge, CA 91328-0517



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