W6SD CARRIER
The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

President's QRM

Our next Monthly Meeting will take place on Friday, March 16th, at Northridge Hospital. We are honored to have our member Bill Holliday, WB6EDE, present a very interesting program on the Navajo Code Talkers. My guess is that the Code Talkers' code drove the enemy nuts.

The February meeting was a success. The attendance was very good and many topics were discussed. The raffle prizes brought smiles to the faces of three lucky hams. Yoshi, KE6ACH, went home with a Wouxun 2m/440 handheld; Grant, K6KLP, and Alan, W6IST, each slipped away with a $50 gift certificate from HRO. With member participation in the raffles, we intend to continue to enhance the prizes even more.

One of our newer members is Arnie, WB6PJC. Arnie has volunteered to serve as an ARRL QSL card checker for WAS & VUCC. We will enjoy having one of our own to field-check QSL cards at the meetings. At the February meeting, Arnie was confirmed by the membership to be our newly-appointed Awards Manager. That appointment will enable the League to process his nomination for the ARRL post. Congratulations, Arnie.

The Club plans to reduce cost and labor caused by mailing copies the Carrier to Club members. Although the newsletter will remain available on the Internet, effective July 1, 2012, there will be no US Mail deliveries to members unless a request is made to the editor, Bernard, KG6FBM. Bernard can be contacted by telephone (818) 794-9859.

The Club is implementing a mentor program for our new or potential members. If you would like to participate in the program to answer questions for those folks, please send an email to me (k6fg at arrl dot net). In the email please provide your contact information.

Field Day is in the planning stage. Please contact Don, WG6H, if you would like to serve on the planning committee. Don will welcome the help.

The Annual Picnic is also in the planning stage. Roz, KG6TRT, is the person to contact if you want to help ensure that we all will be adequately fed.

Speaking of planning, the Club has a vacant office to fill. If you are able to serve as Vice President - Planning, please contact any of the Board members. The Club needs your help.

If you would like to upgrade your license to general or extra class, a class is being offered by Norm, K6YXH, and Dave, K6AIX, of the PAPA group (www dot papasys dot net). The classes not only enjoy a very respectable pass rate, but they are also free. The classes meet from 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM on Tuesday and Thursday nights for two weeks. The exams are given at 10:00 AM on Saturday of the second week of classes. The general class is scheduled on April 3, 5, 10 & 12 (with the exam to be given on the 14th); the extra class is scheduled for April 24 & 26 and May 1 & 3 (with the exam to be given on the 5th). If you are interested, please contact Dave Danner at (818) 340-4172 (home) or (818) 681-0853 (mobile).

We are starting a "Dear Hammie" column in the newsletter. If you have burning questions that cause you sleepless nights, please send those questions to me by email (k6fg at arrl dot net). Your questions will be answered by our array of resident experts. Please limit your inquiries to ham-radio-related issues. For your other problems, please contact Dear Abby.

That's it for now, folks.
73,
Mark, K6FG

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**
Friday, March 16
at 7:30pm
Northridge Hospital
Penthouse
18300 Roscoe Blvd,
Northridge, CA 91325

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Amateur Radio Club
ARRL Affiliated Club #1684

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ARRL Special Service Club
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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.
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 if you have anything for the newsletter.

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DX4WIN (ver. 8.05) TO LOTW CHEAT SHEET

(This sheet assumes that both DX4WIN (ver. 8.05) and LOTW are installed and working on your PC.)

1. Bring up DX4WIN as you normally would.
2. On the main data entry screen, left click the LOTW menu.
3. Within the LOTW menu, left click "export to LOTW."
4. Select the folder into which the log's ADIF export will be saved. (I use the default "c:\dx4w805\save" folder.).
5. Give the ADIF file a name that you will recall; I use a six-number name that reflects the date the file is created. For example, I would name the file created on February 15, 2012, as the following: 021512.
6. Left-click "Save" to save the ADIF file.
7. A small window will appear that will indicate that the export has finished and the number of QSOs that were written to the ADIF file.
8. Left-click "OK" to acknowledge the written file.
9. Another small window will appear to ask whether or not to clear the upload tags. The upload tags are the tags that tell DX4WIN which QSOs are to be uploaded to an ADIF file next time an upload request is made. Since you do not want to clutter LOTW, left-click "YES" to clear those tags.
10. Note that a red "modified" message appears near the very top of the computer screen. That is DX4WIN's way of telling you that you need to save the modified log file. (The log was modified when you told DX4WIN to clear the LOTW upload tags.) Save the modified log file by holding down the "alt" key while you tap the "s" key.
11. Now you need to create and sign a file from the ADIF file in order to upload your log to LOTW.
12. Launch the TQSL program that you downloaded from ARRL.
13. In the "File" menu, left-click "Sign existing ADIF or Cabrillo file..."
14. A menu will appear. If you have already loaded your certificate from ARRL, your certificate name will appear. (In my case, it is named K6FG - Home).
15. Left-click the certificate to highlight it.
16. Left-click OK.
17. Find the ADIF file you created in the earlier steps. In my case, the file created in step 5, above, bears the following name and path: c:\dx4w805\save\021512.ADI. Once your computer is in the proper directory, the just-created file can be easily found by left-clicking "Date Modified" one or two times to get the files sorted by the most recently saved file at the top of the list; that will be the file you created in step 5.
18. Left-click the file shown in step 17 to highlight it.
19. Left-click "Open" to allow TQSL to create the file to be uploaded to LOTW. That upload file will now bear a "tq8" extension. That is, 021512.tq8.
20. Left-click "Save."
21. You will now get a small pop-up window that asks you to confirm that you want to sign the file to upload. Left-click "Yes."
22. Now another pop-up window will appear that asks for you to specify the date range. DO NOT PUT ANY DATES IN THE WINDOWS because when you told DX4WIN to clear the tags (in step 9), only newer QSOs will be sent next time through the process for uploading to LOTW.
23. Left-click "OK" to sign the file to be uploaded.
24. After the computer finishes the signing, you will get another pop-up that will tell you that there are QSOs now ready for uploading to LOTW. Close the small pop-up window by left-clicking the small "X" at the top right of the small pop-up.
25. Go to the Internet and sign in to your LOTW account.
26. Left-click the menu item (in the top yellow row of tabs) that says "Upload File."
27. To the right of the small "File to Upload:" window, left-click "Browse" in order to locate the "tq8" file you just created; you should find that file in the folder "c:\dx4w805\save."
28. Left-click to highlight the file to be uploaded (021512.tq8).
29. Left click "Open" to select the highlighted file.
30. The computer will return to the "Logbook File Upload" screen.
31. Left-click "Upload file" to upload the file to LOTW.
32. After the LOTW site accepts the file, you will get a message on the "Logbook File Upload" screen that says something like "File 021512.tq8 queued for processing (as msg-13010-1.tq8)."
33. That's all there is to it. You should wait a few hours (or sometimes, days) to check the "Awards" tab in LOTW to check on the status of your uploaded QSOs.

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Monthly Luncheon
Our next outing will be at Mimi's Cafe, March 10th (11:30am), 19710 Nordhoff Pl, Chatsworth. 818-717-8334. See you there. Looking forward to enjoying good food and company.
Elaine

Amateur Radio Gets Secondary MF Allocation at WRC-12
02/14/2012

It's official -- delegates attending the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-12) have approved a new 7-kilohertz-wide secondary allocation between 472-479 kHz for the Amateur Radio Service. Agenda Item 1.23 had both its first and second readings in Plenary Session on Tuesday, February 14; to become part of the ITU's Radio Regulations, each Agenda Item must be read twice in Plenary Session. While the Final Acts will be signed on Friday, February 17 at the close of the Conference, the new allocation will not take effect until it is entered into the Radio Regulations. No date has been set for this, but it is unlikely to be earlier than January 1, 2013. In any case, no amateur can use the band until his or her national regulations are revised to implement the allocation.

"This is a fantastic achievement for the Amateur Radio Service," IARU President Tim Ellam. VE6SH, told the ARRL. "A new allocation for spectrum is always something that should be celebrated. The success on this issue is due to the hard work over the last four years from our IARU representatives, as well as the volunteers from the numerous IARU Member-Societies who have worked within the ITU process on behalf of their national administrations. This is excellent work from our team in Geneva, and from those who have assisted from their home countries."

Read the rest of the article at:
http://www.arrl.org/news/amateur-radio-gets-secondary-mf-allocation-at-wrc-12

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

Phil, KJ6ZI, won "The George Drosti W6IN Award" for Outstanding Service to the Club and Amateur Radio.
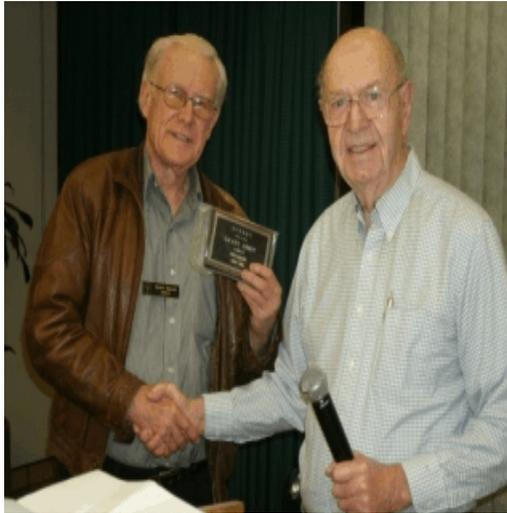
Grant, K6KLP, received the award of being our past President for the year 2011.
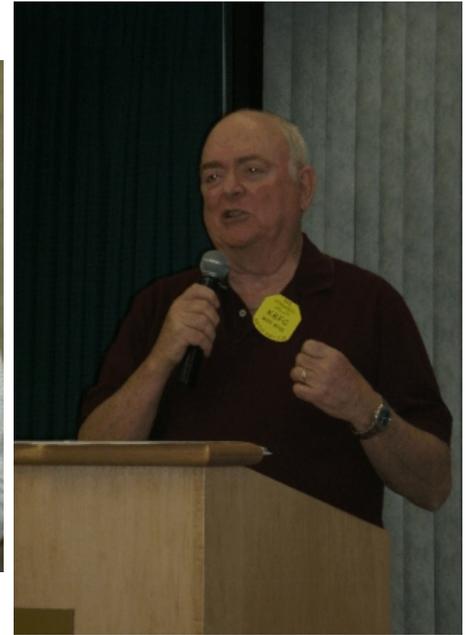
Mark, K6FG, conducted the meeting as Gabe, K6AWB, handed out the awards to our Club members.

APPLICATION FOR SFVARC MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL
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Family or Junior Members (Under 18 years of age)	$6.00	$4.00	$2.00

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