



The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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President's QRM

We are pleased to announce that Margie Hoffman, KG6TBR, will be our speaker. Margie will make a presentation of an all-YL DXpedition to the Island of Curacao. The YL's had a lot of fun during their very successful operation. Margie has informed me that she has added to the fine Power Point presentation that many of us enjoyed at the last ARRL Southwest Division Convention. Margie has a wide range of ham-related interests; please check out her bio at qrz.com.

Well, now that 2012 field day is history, we can reflect on the fun the Club's participants had at the Northridge Hospital site. Our thanks go out to the Club members who were responsible for the successful event. Our special thanks go to Don Pettric, WG6H, and to Steve Wardlaw, KN6Y, for their extraordinary efforts.

We are in the process of planning the October 20, 2012 Club Picnic, at Woodley Park. If you have suggestions for picnic activities, please discuss them with any of the Club officers. In order that we can plan for the event, please be prepared to make your reservations at the next meeting. The cost per person is \$5.00. You may also make your reservations with any of the Club officers.

The Club has reduced costs and labor caused by sending US Mail copies of the *Carrier* to Club members. Although the newsletter will remain available on the Internet, there will be no US Mail deliveries to members unless a request is made to the editor, Bernard, KG6FBM. Bernard can be contacted by email (kg6fbm at bflocks dot com) or by telephone (818) 794-9859.

For those of you who would like to experience the fun of a ham radio cruise, a venture is planned for a one-week cruise that departs on February 10, 2013. The cruise has been planned and coordinated by a Houston, Texas ham radio couple who did a superb job in the very successful trip that my wife and I took last year. There

are many shipboard activities and port excursions available in addition to ham radio operation in the two HF ham shacks. Even the non-hams (for instance, my XYL) had a great time. The cruise is modestly priced. I have no financial interest in event. Please contact me if you would like more information.

Do you have QSL cards that will entitle you to WAS or VUCC awards? If so, please bring the cards and completed applicable forms to the next meeting. Arnie, WB6PJC, our awards manager and resident card checker, will be available to check your precious cards.

As mentioned in last month's *Carrier*, we have many "members" who have neglected to pay 2012 dues. Please pay those dues. As an incentive to paying dues and attending meetings, the board has implemented a paid-members drawing at each meeting. Each paid-up member will have his or her name entered in a drawing. If that member's name is drawn, a \$25 HRO gift certificate will be awarded to that lucky person; but the winning member must be present to receive the prize. If the "winning" member is not present, then the prize will be increased by \$25 and will be available for drawing at the next meeting. If the prize reaches \$100, there will be no further increases. Let's see how much of a motivator a little greed can be.

See you at the July meeting.

73,
Mark, K6FG

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, July 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
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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 .

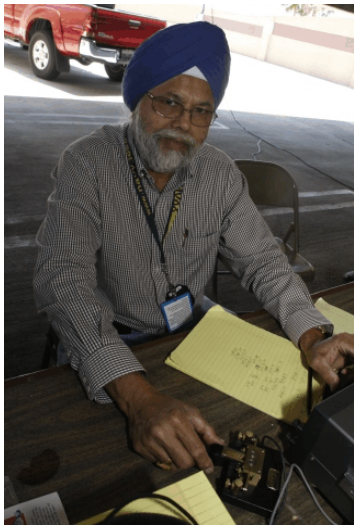
Ham Exams: Held at the Northridge Hospital, on the first Saturday of February, April, June, August, October and December. **Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and doors close at 9:00 a.m. Testing begins after registration is complete.** You do not have to be a Club member to take an examination. There 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 at bflocks dot com](mailto:kg6fbm@bflocks.com) if you have anything for the newsletter.

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SFVARC Field Day June 23, 2012

To see additional pictures point your browser to: w6sd.net.



What Gurbux does in his spare time.

Monthly Luncheon

We had nice lunch at the Sizzler, and now we are going to Lulu's, 16900 Roscoe Bl, Van Nuys. So we'll see you on Saturday, July 14th, at 11:30am. 818-988-0707. To let you know the other place said no to separate checks, their loss! Elaine

Simplex Net Reminder

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

**Want to put a picture of your station in the Carrier?
Let me know: kg6fbm at bflocks dot com.**



New Ham Mentor Program

Are you a new ham?
Do you want to pair up with a mentor?
Please contact any of the officers of the Club.

Ask the Expert

Are you a new ham or a ham who would like to have your questions answered by one of our resident experts?

Well, we have a program to fill the bill.

One of our experienced members will share his or her valuable knowledge with you at 7:00 PM in the lobby of the North Tower of Northridge Hospital on Club meeting nights. (The third Friday of each month)

WAS & VUCC Award Card Checking

Please bring your QSL cards and completed applicable forms to the next meeting. Awards Manager Arnie, WB6PJC, will be available to check your cards.

Northridge VE Schedule for 2012

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.

8/4/12, 10/6/12, 12/1/12, 2/2/13, 4/6/13, and 6/1/13.

Field Day 2012

We ended up with a total of 681 QSO's. From the HF side 640 and 41 VHF. Breaking it down further on HF. We had 474 CW and 166 SSB.

During daytime everybody, throughout southern California suffered from the same poor conditions we experience, however it simply added a challenge to working a station, still fun.

The day started off great as for as ops with John, KI6ZS and Luke, KI6CHT on the SSB station working 40m, and work them they were. John and Luke had a pretty good run. It became obvious really quick, that the only option we had for Saturday was 20m & 40m. All else was flat.

I watched Ginger, AB6YL rack them up early evening on 40 phone while Jamie, AA6TH was pulling them out using the HRO TS-590 on 40 CW. 20 meters at that point was being attacked by Gurbux, W6BUX. That is a small snapshot when the band conditions changed.

Once we were done with our potluck (which was fun and tasty), we jumped back on the air and see the bands have shifted and as the sunsets openings

throughout openings to every state start to happen. Q's became much easier, all 20 & 40 meters, for both the CW (2 stations) and the SSB station.

Dennis, KD6PLU, Bill KC6T, and Danny, W6SO, held down the fort, and had some fun doing it from what I hear. The bands just kept getting better as the night hours pasted.

Johnnie, W6HTY, gave it 3 or 4 great tries, trying to get the satellite, but no dice. I must say if we could get bonus points for effort, we would have tons of them on that 'bird.'

Thanks to all for helping crummy conditions but we made it work and had fun doing it!

All I spoke to during or after the FD 2012 had great things to say.

So, we are done with 2012 FD and already talking about 2013, if you have an idea or suggestion email it to KN6Y at ARRL dot net.

73,
Steve KN6Y

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.

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 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ (+4 digit Extension) _____

<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:
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