



The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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President's QRM

The next club meeting will be an open forum for members to present subjects of interest.

Margie Hoffman, KG6TBR, was our July speaker. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed her excellent presentation. The all-YL DXpedition to the Island of Curacao was a complete success for those adventuresome hams. Very well done, YL's.

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 (N5DSR & WD5X). They did a superb job in the very successful trip that my wife and I enjoyed last year. There were 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. My XYL and I plan to take the February 2013 cruise. Another club member and his XYL have also signed up for the fun. The cruise is modestly priced. I have no financial interest in the event. If you would like more information, please visit the website: <http://www.mypinmoneytravel.webs.com>.

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. At the July meeting, the winning paid-up member was not present; so the prize will be \$50 at the August meeting. Does that motivate any of you to pay dues and attend the meetings? Another incentive is the promise of excellent raffle prizes at the August meeting general drawings.

There are a couple of hamfests and conventions that club members should consider attending. The first is the Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club's Hamfest. The gathering will take place on Sunday, August 12, 2012 at the Elk's Lodge. This year's event promises to be a good time for all. For full details, visit their website: <http://www.sbarc.org/annual/hamfest/index.html>. View the flyer: <http://sbarc.org/annual/hamfest/2012fullflyer.pdf>

Another ham event to consider is the Pacificon convention in Santa Clara, California on October 12, 13, & 14, 2012 at the Marriott Santa Clara. This year is very special in that the ARRL National Convention will be conducted concurrently. Pacificon is always a first class event; ARRL's participation promises to make the convention even better. See the website: <http://pacificon.org/home.html>.

See you at the August meeting.
73,
Mark, K6FG

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, August 17
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 at bflocks dot com](mailto:kg6fbm@bflocks.com) if you have anything for the newsletter.

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HF opportunity on Aug. 18 and 19, 2012 to Florida

<http://www.tcpalm.com/news/2012/aug/03/global-networking-at-the-2012-international-lighth/>



International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend ham radio displays and activities are free at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum. Lighthouse tours are \$5 all weekend Aug. 18 to 19.

JUPITER — Technology in our time races forward at lightning and sometimes frightening speed. But have you ever wondered what would happen if our communications technology failed on a local or global scale?

It may seem like a question for science fiction fans but in a real disaster, the solution to communication already exists and is wonderfully preserved by small groups of dedicated Ham Radio Clubs and Lighthouse Stations.

On Aug. 18 and 19, 2012, the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum will celebrate International Lighthouse-Lightship Weekend (ILLW) with two local Amateur Radio operating groups.

The Jupiter-Tequesta Repeater Group (JTRG) and the Martin County Amateur Radio Association (MCARA) will be set up behind the Museum building from 9:30 a.m. on Saturday through 3 p.m. on Sunday with two radio stations.

The public is invited to stop by and get on the air. Amateur Radio callsign, "W4J" will be tuning in

fellow ham operators at other vessels. Lighthouses and lightships all around the world to "Say Hello," joined by Boy Scout troop 721 of Palm Beach Gardens.

This event will also feature an educational tent with fun activities for children and adults. ILLW participation is free. To celebrate the 2012 ILLW, the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum is offering \$5 tour admission to everyone that weekend and the new Sweet Shop will be open.

Many lighthouses around the world will be open to the public for this special day.

The basic objective of the event is to promote public awareness of lighthouses and lightships and their need for preservation and restoration, to promote amateur radio and to foster international goodwill. The radio clubs and Museum will share information on the operation of Station J at the Lighthouse and US Coast Guard Station, the significance and contribution of radio communications to their success, and continued civic contribution of Amateur Radio for emergency communications.

The Museum's unique history as the last remaining building from an important World War II installation that existed on this site adds to the importance of this event locally. That installation was officially called a U.S. Naval Supplementary Radio Station, code named Station J, a secret operation designed to intercept U-boat radio messages, determine the position of the submarines, alert Allied ships and help U.S. forces attack enemy

During World War II, thousands of ham radio operators volunteered for service and became the backbone of military communications. Station J reached its peak in 1943, when the operation had 95 men on this site, plus 11 Marines who stood guard.

The station included an operations building with 24 radio receivers. With those radio receivers tuned to the frequencies used by the U-boats, Station J was able to pinpoint the locations of the submarines, which would surface every night to charge their batteries and send their locations and weather reports to their home base. Due to the skill and perseverance of the military radio operators, 67 German submarines were destroyed that spring, helping to insure the safety of all Americans. Radio operators have long been a part of the history at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse.

"JTRG and MCARA are two very active amateur radio groups in North Palm Beach and Martin counties focused on exposing their members to all aspects of the hobby and with a particular interest on the role Amateur Radio provides for emergency communications," states Kevin Jackson, president of JTRG.

As part of a long-standing tradition between radio groups, a special postcard with a Lighthouse image will be exchanged with contacts from that weekend. Join the JTRG and MCARA at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum to say hello to other lighthouses and lightships all over the world.

Monthly Luncheon

Well, we had a great turn out at Lulu's last month. We will be headed to Stonefire Grill, 9229 Winnetka Ave, Chatsworth, CA 91311. 818-534-3364. Saturday, August 11, at 11:30am. Let's have another great turnout.

Elaine

Simplex Net Reminder

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

Would you like to have your shack featured in an upcoming newsletter? Send your pictures and a description to kg6fbm at bflocks dot com.



Bernard, kg6fbm, talking on his Yaesu FT-8800.

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

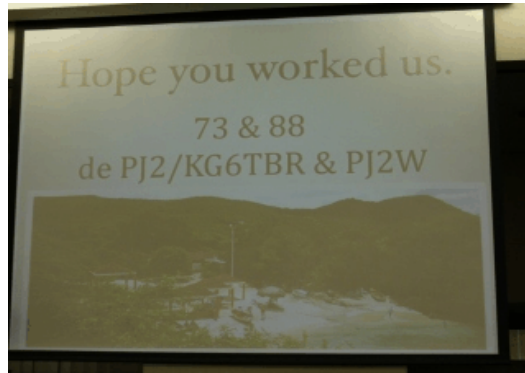
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Northridge VE Schedule for 2012

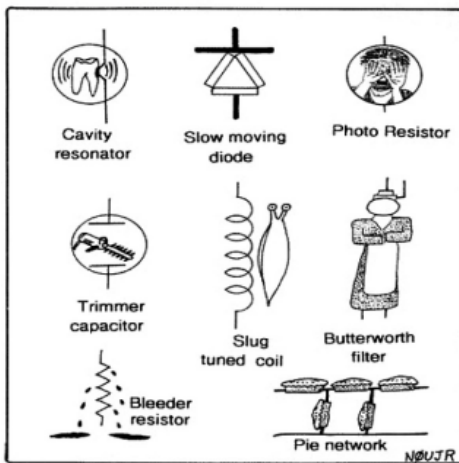
The test session registration is from 8:00 am until 9:00 am. Anyone arriving after 9:00 will be turned away. Time limit to take a test is 90 minutes. Exams will be held in the fifth floor Penthouse of the north building (Carol Pump building) of the Northridge Hospital. Signs will be posted if the room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

10/6/12, 12/1/12, 2/2/13, 4/6/13, 6/1/13, and 8/3/12.

We are pleased to have Margie Hoffman, KG6TBR, as our speaker in July. Margie made 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 stated that she has added to the fine Power Point presentation that was at the ARRL Southwest Division Convention. Margie has a wide range of ham-related interests; please check out her bio at qrz.com.

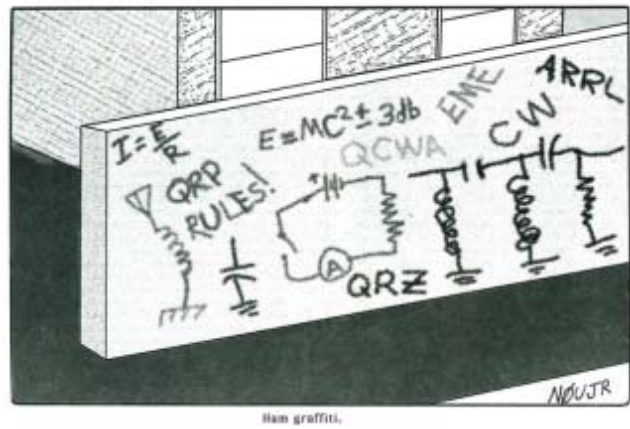


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