



The San Fernando Valley  
Amateur Radio Club

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## President's QRM

Our next monthly meeting will take place at 7:30 PM on Friday, October 19, 2012, at Northridge Hospital. Our speaker will be Gurbux, W6BUX. Gurbux will share his experiences as a young ham growing up in Burma in the 1950s. See Gurbux's bio at [www.qrz.com/db/w6bux](http://www.qrz.com/db/w6bux).

Those of us who attended the September meeting received a special treat. Caltech seismologist, Dr. Kate Hutton, K6HTN, presented a very interesting program on earthquakes. Some of our members became frightened, but everyone enjoyed her very informative talk. Although Kate has been a ham for only a few years, she has managed to become expert in many, many aspects of the hobby. Some of her ham interests are set forth at <http://www.qrz.com/db/k6htn>. How does she find the time to pursue all of those facets of the hobby?

Three hams became new members of the club at the September meeting. Welcome David, KB6WHV; Walt, KJ6YIA; and Ken, KJ6WNZ. We look forward to sharing many good times with you at our meetings and at other club events.

The W6SD Picnic will take place on October 20, 2012 at 10:00 AM at Woodley Park. Directions to the picnic site appear on page 3 of this edition of this newsletter. New members are especially encouraged to join in the festivities. We're looking forward to a fun time. Please bring \$5, a side dish or dessert, and a big appetite. If you

are available at 9:00 AM to help set up, your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Yes, it's that time again. The November meeting will feature Bill, KC6T, as chief entertainer and auctioneer. Bring those radio-related treasures that are tired of living with you. Come early to the meeting to register the goodies with the auction staff. Please see the equipment registration form in this newsletter on page 4.

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 call entered in a drawing. If that member's call 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. The winning prize ticket is returned to the raffle pool for future meetings. 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. We had a \$75 winner at the September meeting, so the prize reverts to \$25 in October. (The winner's call is returned to the raffle pool for future monthly drawings; so further attendance is encouraged.) The member's raffle is in addition to the Club's general raffle that promises excellent prize drawings.

Meetings of the Board of Directors are open to all members. The meetings take place at 6:00 PM on Club meeting nights in the Northridge Hospital Garden Conference Room located in the Hospital's main building.

It is time to consider who will serve as club officers for year 2013. If you would like the honor of high office, please communicate that desire to any of the existing club officers. You will be properly vetted by the nominating committee and, if you're lucky, will be placed in nomination for the exalted post.

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

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**  
Friday, October 19  
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: Are now being held prior to the club meetings at Northridge Hospital. Call or email for the exact location. These are open meetings and all members are welcome to attend!

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 Club Picnic at Woodley Park  
Saturday, October 20, 2012  
10:00am - 2:00pm**



**Enter the driveway at green "A," drive to the parking lot at "B," and walk to the table area at "C."**

**The driveway entrance is .5 miles south on Woodley from Victory and .7 miles north on Woodley from Burbank.**

**As you drive in, this is what the entrance looks like:**



**Talk-in frequency will be the club repeater on 147.735-100hz.  
Cost is \$5.00 and remember to bring a side dish and/or dessert.**

### Monthly Luncheon

We had a great lunch at Emle's. We will be not having a lunch in October, due to the Club picnic, so we should see you all at the park. Get the info on the picnic on the website for the club.

See you there.  
Elaine

### Simplex Net Reminder

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

### 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.

## ANNUAL ELECTRONIC TREASURES AUCTION

Hey - - just another reminder to plan your schedule to attend our annual electronics treasures auction to be held at our regular November club meeting - - immediately after elections. This is one of those golden (oldie) opportunities to pass along your cruddy, dusty, grimy, ham related treasures to others that will appreciate them just as you do (disgustingly clean treasures are also permitted). Auction success depends on you - - please plan to attend - - and please scrounge through those treasures that you wish to sell. Mark all those goodies with your call or name, and fill out an auction form. There will be assistance at the auction to help speed your check in by signing your completed forms, and more forms will be available should you need them - or, just copy the form in this article. Please - - plan to attend and help make this the fun event it always is!

73, DE BILL, KC6T

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NAME (& CALL, IF ANY):		APPROVED:	
DESCRIPTION OF TREASURE(S)		AMT. TO CLUB	
(PUT YOUR NAME ON THEM)	MIN.BID?	10%?	ALL?
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

### 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 8/3/13.**

Arnie Schwartz, WB6PJC, completed the requirements for the DXCC Certificate by working 100 different countries on HF. Arnie achieved his DXCC Certificate by using only LOTW to confirm all of his 100 countries! No QSL cards were used or needed!

Regards,  
Arnie WB6PJC

**Jamboree-on-the-Air Introduction**

The Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is an annual Scouting event that uses amateur radio to link Scouts around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. Held on the third full weekend of October each year, this worldwide jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby radio amateur's ham shack. Many times the hams will come to you by setting up at a Scout camporee, or perhaps they already have a ham shack at your council's camp. There are many ways to get your Scouts involved in JOTA.

**Tell Me More**

Scouts of any age can participate, from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts and Venturers. Once at the ham radio station, the communication typically requires speaking into a microphone and listening on the station speakers. However, many forms of

specialized communication can also take place, such as video communication, digital communication using typed words on the computer screen transmitted by radio, communication through a satellite relay or an earth-based relay (called a repeater), and many others. The exchanges include such information as name, location (called QTH in ham speak), Scout rank, age, and hobbies. The stations you'll be communicating with can be other Scouts across town, across the country, or even around the world! The World Scout Bureau reported that the 2011 JOTA had nearly 750,000 Scout participants from over 6,000 amateur radio stations! A participant patch is available, as is a certificate/log sheet that can also be used to fulfill a Radio merit badge requirement.

**When Is It?**

The 55th Jamboree-on-the-Air is October 20–21, 2012. The official hours are from Saturday at 00:00 hours local time (right at

midnight Friday) to Sunday 24:00 (midnight Sunday evening). So you've got the whole weekend to make JOTA contacts.

**How Can I Participate as an Amateur Radio Operator?**

Contact your local Scout council and see what may already be planned in your area and how you can help. You can find your council at <http://scouting.org/LocalCouncilLocator.aspx>. If nothing is currently planned, or if current plans aren't reaching your area, you can work with the council or a local unit (pack, troop, crew) to set up a JOTA station or arrange for visits to your ham shack. You can also participate just by making QSOs with the many JOTA stations that will be on the air.

<http://www.scouting.org/jota.aspx>

**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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<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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**Eric J. Christensen**  
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