



**The San Fernando Valley
Amateur Radio Club**

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President's QRM

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

At the November meeting, officers for 2013 will be elected. Please plan to attend to be able to cast your vote. Immediately following the meeting, there will be a brief transition and Board meeting for the 2012 & 2013 officers.

The October meeting was a major success. Gurbux, W6BUX, presented a talk that related his experiences as a young ham growing up in the 50s in Burma. Everyone was very impressed with his excellent presentation.

The W6SD Picnic took place on October 20, 2012 at Woodley Park. Those who attended enjoyed fine food and fine camaraderie. The games were

fun and the tall tales were abundant. We also had the experience of seeing two emergency/portable HF stations that were in operation in the picnic area. All who attended the picnic had a great time.

Please plan to enjoy the annual holiday banquet. Last year's banquet was a major success.

The festivities are scheduled to begin at 6:00 PM on Sunday, December 9, 2012 at same location as last year: Monterey at Encino, 16821 Burbank Boulevard, Encino, CA 91436. Again this year, Bill Stein, KC6T, will offer one of his fine programs for all of us to enjoy. Consistent with Bill's MO, he is very secretive about the content of his talk.

Last month, some of our members attended the Pacificon convention in Santa Clara. This year the convention was conducted concurrently with the ARRL National Convention. The programs and exhibits were plentiful. If you have a chance to attend next year, you will find that the trip to the North is well worth the effort. A side note

Next SFVARC Club Meeting

Friday, November 16
at 7:30pm
Northridge Hospital
Penthouse
18300 Roscoe Blvd,
Northridge, CA 91325

about the convention is that a major quilters convention took place during the same weekend down the road from Pacificon. The quilters event offered non-ham companions the opportunity to enjoy their weekend, as well.

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.

See you at the November meeting.

73,
Mark, K6FG

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ARRL Affiliated Club #1684

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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: 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.

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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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The First Hurricane Sandy

Sandy has happened before, sort of.

The Hurricane was named Sandy. It struck in October and took a path that brought it through northern New Jersey and New York State before the storm petered out over Canada.

This Hurricane Sandy happened in the minds of members of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) in Westchester County, New York, 15 years ago this month.

The webpages created at the time to war game this imaginary Hurricane Sandy are still online (<http://www.weca.org/SET/>). The main page reads in part:

Hurricane Sandy is a fictitious hurricane based on a real one: the Hurricane of 1938. The following National Weather Service advisories and storm tracks are based on data from that storm and are being used as stimuli for an Amateur Radio emergency communications drill. They were produced at a training seminar at the National Hurricane Center in Miami, FL.

The first, fake Hurricane Sandy was an exercise for ham radio enthusiasts to practice relaying vital information should a situation identical to the real Hurricane Sandy ever occur, destroying more conventional lines of communication.

The mock-ups they created of National Weather Service bulletins about the storm make for eerie reading now, as the budding superstorm forces evacuations around Long Island Sound and closes the stock exchange:

...LARGE AND POWERFUL HURRICANE SANDY MENACING THE ATLANTIC SEABOARD...AT 5 AM EDT...0900Z...THE HURRICANE WARNING IS EXTENDED NORTHWARD TO ROCKLAND MAINE. A HURRICANE WARNING IS NOW IN EFFECT FROM CAPE LOOKOUT NORTH CAROLINA TO ROCKLAND MAINE.

The ARRL drill involving Hurricane Sandy certainly seems strange now, but similar coincidences have occurred in the past. After the Titanic plummeted to the bottom of the North Atlantic in 1912, someone remembered that a little known author named Morgan Robertson had written a novel (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Futility,_or_the_Wreck_of_the_Titan) many years before that was eerily similar to the tragedy.

The Observer checked Internet Archive versions of the pages related to the fictional Hurricane Sandy to ensure this was not a hoax.

They have been online and unchanged for a decade and a half.

<http://observer.com/2012/10/the-first-hurricane-sandy/>

Monthly Luncheon

Well, we will be going to Rosie's BBQ Grillery for our November 10th lunch. Same time 11:30am, 9012 Tampa Ave, Northridge 91324. 818-349-3055.
See ya,
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.

ELECTRONIC TREASURES AUCTION IS GETTIN' HERE !!!

Yep - - I told ya so! We ARE going to have the world famous electronic treasures auction again this year, at our November meeting immediately following election of our club officers for 2013. The success of this event depends on all of us bringing our dusty-crusty junque (and some really classy stuff too) to the auction. This is a chance to clean out the shack, pick up a few "bux" at the auction, and help to make this (as always) a fun event! Just take your ham related stuff, slap on a label or piece of tape with your name (and/or call), fill out the auction form (below) and bring form-and-stuff to the auction in November. Please keep your stuff ham related (no computers, etc., please). We will have auction forms on auction night, but you will help reduce "check-in" time if you fill out the forms before coming to the auction. You can print out and use one or more copies of the form included in this blurb, if you choose. Please keep your "minimum bid" amounts within reason - "ZERO minimum" is OK too. If you wish, you can donate all proceeds from the sale to the club, or just the minimum 10 percent (or anything in between). In past years, we have had gobs of stuff from ham-estates to increase the variety and quantity of stuff available at our auction. The good news - - as of this writing, we DO NOT have gobs of ham-estate equipment committed (we need all our ham buddies to keep on tickin')! This means that it will be more important than ever for each of us to bring as much as possible to the auction. Don't have anything to auction yet? Just come, bid, and be prepared to start your own collection of priceless junque. It really is fun, and there is always really super stuff available each year.

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.

12/1/12, 2/2/13, 4/6/13, 6/1/13, 8/3/13, and 10/5/13.

Amateur-Radio Emergency Services and Disasters

The second morning after Hurricane Sandy hit the East Coast seems like a good time for Electronic Design readers to think about ham radio and emergency response issues.

I got involved in these issues myself when my neighbor, Dave, told me about his experiences after the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989.

Dave's a lawyer, so he was down at the Courthouse when the quake struck. At the time, the courthouse and the police station were co-located. The police station had (still has) a ham radio station (HF, VHF, UHF) on the premises. Those were both good things, because what there was of a public safety communications structure in Northern California came down with the quake, and for all anybody knew, so had the overpasses on 101 and I-280, the main north-south corridors. (They hadn't, but were rumored to.)

For the first long hours, the mayor and the police and fire chiefs had no idea what was going on. During that period, Dave, who was part of a trained and drilled ham radio emergency services organization, got on the air, into an emergency net and filled them in.

You're probably thinking: That was 1989. All they had was spotty Gen-1 cell coverage. Today, the mayor and the chiefs would be communicating on their iPads before the first aftershocks rippled under their feet. So here's Important Thing #1:

To read the rest of the fascinating article go to:

<http://electronicdesign.com/blog/secondary-emissions-4/analog-and-mixed-signal/amateurradi-o-emergency-services-disasters-74616>

APPLICATION FOR SFVARC MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL

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Regular Member	\$18.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
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HF System for sale...

1. Astron RS-335M dual meters
2. Kenwood TS570D HF transceiver with instruction manual with hand mic and disk mic MC-60 with instructions
3. Low Pass Filter 1.5kv constant voltage 5kv continuous
4. Heil Clear Speech DSP speaker system
5. Butternut Antenna

All in very good condition, used very little. I will guarantee everything is working in good condition. I would like \$500.00 for everything.

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SFVARC Members,
 Thanks for letting HRO meet
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