



**The San Fernando Valley  
Amateur Radio Club**

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## President's QRM

Where has this year gone? It is already the holiday season and it seems that my tenure as president of the club just began.

This year was a success for the San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club. I thank the officers, board members and volunteers who all contributed.

At the November meeting, the membership elected the following officers for 2013: Steve Wardlaw, KN6Y, President; Tom Peabody, K6TGP, Executive VP; Steve Rudolph, W6OFV, Membership VP; John Van Egmond, KI6ZS, Planning VP; Don Pettric, WG6H, Technical VP; Johnnie Spots, W6HTY, Secretary; Jack Eyster, KO6V, Treasurer.

Continuing to serve the Club are the following members: Bernard Falkin, KG6FBM, *Carrier* Editor/Website Manager; Bill Stein, KC6T, W6SD Station Trustee; Gabe Calfas, K6AWB, Emergency

Coordinator; Arnie Schwartz, WB6PJC, Awards Manager.

Bill Stein, KC6T, conducted the annual Club auction at the November meeting. Bill was in his usual good form, providing entertainment for all of us. There was, of course, quite a bit of junk, much of which found new QTHs. But many gems were sold: HF transceivers, VHF transceivers, SWR bridges, mobile antennas, magnet mounts, low pass filters, etc., etc. You knew who the buyers were; they were the ones who left the meeting with a big smile on the face because of the very low prices.

**There will not be a Club meeting at Northridge Hospital in December. Members and guests are encouraged to attend the Holiday Banquet on December 9, 2012 at the Monterey at Encino, located at 16821 Burbank Boulevard, Encino, CA 91436. Festivities start at 6:00 PM. Last year's celebration at the**

**Monterey was enjoyed by all; we expect the same this year. The excellent raffle prizes will please everyone. The program will feature Bill Stein, KC6T. Bill refuses to disclose the topic; but Bill promises not to conduct another auction.**

Good luck to the new club officers. The membership looks forward to a year of excellent activities and comradery.

See you at the Holiday Banquet.

73,  
Mark, K6FG

### Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, January 18  
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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Sandy proved: When all else failed, amateur radio worked

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By L. James Biddle

By Jim Biddle

While Delaware County was severely visited by Sandy, this hurricane did extensive damage in neighboring New Jersey.

Knowing one of the characteristics of Amateur Radio where its signals know no boundaries, a collection of Delaware County Amateur Radio operators were on standby.

This local cooperative effort began by monitoring the shortwave, long distance communications from the International Hurricane Net.

Walter Faust, N3FXR, president of the Marple Newtown Amateur Radio Club, explained the function of this well-focused Ham Radio group,

“They provided information from the danger areas to the outside world. When radio waves leave a transmitter they don’t always go where they wanted. When they don’t, Amateur Radio operators in areas like Delaware County provide a relay to the original target area.”

As the storm advanced toward the New Jersey shore, different radios and different monitoring and possible relay techniques were employed by local Amateur Radio operators.

Faust explained, “New Jersey’s vulnerability to storms like Sandy provides a large amount of potential work for area Amateur Radio operators.

“Using equipment that provides a more localized coverage, the need for relaying information is lessened. Yet, Delaware County Amateur Radio operators like East Lansdowne’s Gary Bodnar, K3GZ, continued to provide backup assistance.”

Local Amateur Radio operator Jim Biddle, W3DCL explained, “It is not uncommon in emergencies for Amateur Radio operators to make long distance telephone calls to a police, fire, or medical emergency dispatch point when a local call cannot be completed because of downed lines in the area of the emergency.

Borrowing a phrase that describes Amateur Radio’s emergency capabilities, Biddle shared, “When all else fails, Amateur Radio works.”

L. James Biddle, CLU  
Amateur Radio W3DCL

[http://www.delconewsnetwork.com/articles/2012/12/01/news\\_of\\_delaware\\_county/opinion/doc50b7c282050df833979353.txt](http://www.delconewsnetwork.com/articles/2012/12/01/news_of_delaware_county/opinion/doc50b7c282050df833979353.txt)

### 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.

## Our 2012 SFVARC Auction was a huge success. There were some really great bargains.



### 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.**

Saw in the paper last week that Life member Norm Lefcourt W6IRJ is now a silent key.

Also Ilene Goltz widow of Art Goltz (SK) is also a silent key. Her services will be this afternoon at 3PM

73's  
Mary KE6NGC

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**Palm Springs Hamfest  
SATURDAY JAN. 26 2013  
PALM SPRINGS HAMFEST 2013 HAS BEEN CANCELLED, DUE TO LAND USE RESTRICTIONS!  
Press Release:  
Palm Springs Hamfest 2013 cancelled!!  
Riverside County acts to protect Dinacoma Caseyi (Brunnescens?) beetle habitat! WIKI-Casey's June Beetle**

The members of the Desert R.A.T.S. are sad to announce that Palm Springs Hamfest 2013 had to be cancelled and regret any inconvenience to those who already made travel and accommodation plans. Some of the area in which previous Desert R.A.T.S. Palm Springs Hamfests had been held with great success has been deemed a protective habitat for the beetle and is therefore no longer available as an event site. Palm Springs Hamfest 2014-better, bigger, and beetle friendly. First weekend in March 2014. The Desert R.A.T.S. are pleased to announce that the next event will be held in an extended format with additional activities and added opportunities for overnight stays in the heart of Palm Springs while still maintaining the nostalgic, old-time atmosphere of Hamfests of an almost gone era.

For further information you may contact:  
Past President, Peter Reinzuch, VE7REZ at [ve7rez@gmail.com](mailto:ve7rez@gmail.com)

**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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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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:  
SAN FERNANDO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC., P.O. Box 280517, Northridge, CA 91328-0517



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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.

Marv Zauss, KC6NBQ  
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SFVARC Members,  
Thanks for letting HRO meet  
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