



*The San Fernando Valley  
Amateur Radio Club*

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## President's QRM

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a very Happy Holiday season.

Our Holiday party was a lot of fun. We had a great time with fabulous food & drink and a very interesting talk

from our own Bill, KC6T. Raffle winners were:

- 1) Dennis, KD6PLU who won the Astron RS-35M power supply;
- 2) Len, W6AUG took the Hiel boom mike headset -- how he wins so much you got me; and
- 3) John AD6KT won the Yaesu FT-60, a great HT.

Sadly, we lost a few dear friends last month, as Mary KE6NGC noted in her SK list below:

- Life member R C "Smitty" Smith became a SK on 12-7-12, a very fitting day for a WWII veteran.
- Life member Norm Lefcourt W6IRT is now a silent key.
- Ilene Goltz widow of Art Goltz (SK) is also a silent key.

Personally, I had a lot of fun at Handi-Hams years ago with Smitty, when GLAARG used to handle the VE testing. Also, for anyone interested in becoming a VE, please send an email to Jim, [WB6TNF @ ARRL .net](mailto:WB6TNF@ARRL.net).

January's speaker will be Joy Matlack, KD6FJV on Baker2Vegas. The San Fernando Valley ARC takes a special interest in the Baker2Vegas foot race. For the last 6 years our club has run Stage 12, and then Stage 13, one of the 20 stages where the runners baton is passed on to the next runner.

Our club is positioned outside of Pahrump, working a late afternoon until the early hours of the following day. These hours and location make it convenient for both boarding and food. Plus, we don't suffer

through triple digit temperatures as the stages in front of us do. However, even though last year was t-shirt weather until we left at 4:00am, it has been colder in previous years when north winds blew over ice capped mountains down onto us. We maintain communication for our stage and for timing of the runners. If you're interested, shoot me an email at [KN6Y@ARRL.NET](mailto:KN6Y@ARRL.NET). The race is April 13-14th. Keep in mind, that Pahrump started filling up (booked) about a month ago.

Each month on the 2nd Saturday, we hold our "Monthly Luncheon." Thanks to Elaine Nolan, we will be meeting at Maria's Italian Kitchen, 9161 Reseda Blvd Northridge -- this month on January 12th at 11:30. Phone: 818-341-5114.

If you would like to help our club provide emergency communications for Northridge Hospital, email Our Emergency Coordinator, Gabe [GabeCal@Earthlink.net](mailto:GabeCal@Earthlink.net) and cc: myself, KN6Y @ ARRL .NET.

Hope to see you at the meeting with check in hand for your renewal to our club!

Happy New Year,  
73, Steve KN6Y

### 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/>

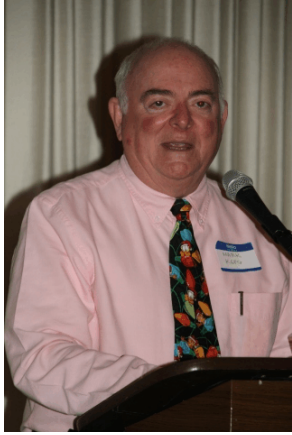
You can now follow them on Twitter.com! You will find us at @ARRL\_6\_Bureau .

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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# Our 2012 Holiday Party was a huge success!





## Monthly Luncheon

Well, we are on to first luncheon of 2013.



We will be going to Maria's Italian Kitchen,  
9161 Reseda Bl,  
Northridge.

818-341-5114.

So we see you there  
January 12, at 11:30.

Elaine

## 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.

## Simplex Net Reminder

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

## SPEAKER FOR January 18th 2013 7:30pm

### Joy Matlack, KD6FJV Annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay

This talk is an introduction to the Race and how Ham Radio Operators are an integral part of it. Ham operations make it possible to talk across approximately 8,100 square miles of desert to ensure the safety and welfare of the participants and spectators as well as making it possible to find anyone on one of the 290(+/-) teams that will be running this year.

As for the introduction:

I have been a volunteer for the race for 24 years and have been the Communications Director for the past 15 years. When I am not working to gather equipment and hams for the race, I design and teach disaster preparedness and response classes for corporate, community and ham radio groups, do communications consulting for local, state, and federal agencies, and am currently the Co-Chair for the Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs, Co-Chair for Amateur Radio Expo, and The Chair of Hamcon.



Joy Matlack, KD6FJV

## Northridge VE Schedule for 2013

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.

**2/2/13, 4/6/13, 6/1/13, 8/3/13, 10/5/13, and 12/7/13.**

## NEWLY-elected Board Of Directors

Let me introduce your NEWLY-elected Board Of Directors (BOD), as I envision their routines at our January 18, 2013 meeting:

As a member, the first thing I need to do is print out a membership form, you will find the Membership form below, fill it out, attach a check, and hand it to Steve, W6OFV, our new VP of Membership. I have worked with Steve, W6OFV on many BOD's, and we are lucky to have him. Let's all make his job a bit easier and **RENEW NOW!** You will find the Membership form in within any newsletter. Membership dues are \$18 for adults and \$6 for under 18 and for family members.

Next, I hand my signed form and check to Steve, W6OFV, then he updates his records and gives the money to our Treasurer, Jack KO6V. Jack prepares a receipt and makes the bank deposit. I am very happy to be working with Jack again. During the confusion and chaos, as members plead with Steve or Jack to take their application and money, I picture Don WG6H, our VP Technical grinning like a Cheshire cat, and thinking of all the field day equipment this new money will purchase!

Johnnie, W6HTY, our Secretary will probably be over mingling with the membership -- he's too smart to get caught up in the chaos. Johnnie is another great asset to our board.

Who's left? Well, John, KI6ZS, has stepped up to VP Planning and has already booked most of our programs for 2013!

Finally, you will see Tom, K6TGP, our Executive VP, and myself Steve, our KN6Y President, at the podium debating who is going to run our August meeting.

So now you have some idea of who does what on our elected 2013 Board of Directors.

**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.

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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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### 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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