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President's QRM

From our Baker2Vegas Stage13 Lead This year was the best performance ever from stage 13. We hit 100% accuracy.

Everyone did their jobs well. I really appreciated the "Can Do" attitude of all the team members. I feel very privileged to be a part of the team we have become.

Since I too am a member of the San Fernando Valley Club we can say that stage 13 was manned 100% by club members.
Viva W6SD



Net Control Steve/Ginger

Steve and Ginger demonstrated a perfect example of how a B2V stage net control should be operated. I was very impressed with how both Steve and Ginger could multi task, handle high loads of traffic and keep the accuracy rate up. Ginger demonstrated on several occasions how she could filter traffic from three different radios and properly pick out the traffic that she wanted. Steve and Ginger operated the entire race at this position with only a few short breaks. I would like to thank Ginger for improving the way EW and stage net control passes

traffic. Working with the EW team Ginger implemented a very effective line item check which seemed to really help the entire team. I think this should be part of our after action report.

Early Warning

I think Jennifer and Lynn should be nominated for EW couple of the year. I also enjoy reading Jennifer's articles! Every year Jennifer and Lynn show up on time, put in long hours and provide good mentorship to other hams at our stage. The EW position plays a vital role in our stage operations and passes the lion share of traffic into the stage. Jennifer and Lynn have been working this stage for many years and with their combined expertise they have added a tremendous amount of value to this year's success. When a group of 11 runners came through EW, Jennifer and Lynn maintained 100% accuracy in this peak communication. Jennifer and Lynn worked the entire race at EW with only one sort break. Thank You.

Timers

Alan/Ilena

It was a relief to have Alan back this year. Alan, as in the past, headed up the timing operations this year. Alan is very dedicated to the accuracy of the timing sheet. He takes a lot of pride in having 100% accuracy in his work. Through the years Alan has trained many folks at this very important position. What I noticed was that John's (AD6KT) sweet wife Ilena, has fully embraced Alan's timing methods. Ilena seems to enjoy this position and has integrated well with Alan. Alan and

Ilena put in long hours this year and worked the entire race with only a few breaks. A special thanks goes out to Ilena for her coffee.

John AD6KT

John shows up to the stage every year on time and adds a large amount of value to the overall stage operation. John goes where he is needed and does each assignment well beyond expectations. This year John spent time at EW with a young man from the RV support group who is interested in getting his ham license. John worked the EW position, relieving Jennifer and Lynn, with this young man and set a great example on how to pass clear and accurate coms from EW. Through John's efforts we might have a new ham by this time next. John also sorted out how to operate a relatively new position at our stage call Late Warning. For many years I have missed named this position as Early Early warning. John finally put his foot down and properly named this position.....LATE WARNING. Thanks John.

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, May 17
at 7:30pm

Northridge Hospital
Penthouse

18300 Roscoe Blvd,
Northridge, CA 91325

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Amateur Radio Club
ARRL Affiliated Club #1684

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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!

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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Yaesu FT-60R for sale

I would like to place the following ad in the next current "Carrier". For sale - a Yaesu FT-60R Dual Band FM Transceiver. Brand new, in-the-box, never been used or battery been charged. I won this as a gift at the W6SD Holiday Banquet in December and need another handheld like I need another hole-in-the-head. This transceiver retails for \$149.99, plus tax. I'll make a one-time-good-deal with any newly licensed ham or ARES member that can use a simple to use handheld transceiver for \$125.00 cash. Contact me by phone at (818) 345-7790, or email at, lionel.campeau@yahoo.com. Thank you.

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.

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.

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

Monthly Luncheon

We had a great lunch at the Elephant Bar.

Now is the Club Picnic, May 18th, at Woodley Park, 6335 Woodley Ave.

We don't have many people signed up to bring food. We still need Salads (green, potato), Bean dish, Chips and Desserts. Club furnishes Hot Dogs, Burgers, and Drinks. Call me 818-439-3897 or email kd6plu@verizon.net.

Elaine

I would like to give a special shout out to Steve KN6Y, my friend. Every year Steve puts in a lot of effort to recruit staff and keep the San Fernando Valley club involved in B2V. Let's all give Steve a round of applause.

Stage 13 pic at: <http://www.wb9coy.com/Pics.html>

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President's QRM

In Memory Of

This year's Stage 13 operations was dedicated to memory of



Ray. 73's Ray SK We miss you.

See you all next year. 73's Gene WB9COY

Hats off to Gene, WB9COY our Stage Lead & Dawn, KJ6YAQ

for another great year!
Thanks for everything!

So moving on,
The Visalia International DX Convention was great, Len, W6AUG, Gabe,



K6AWB and myself found someone there able to wrap it up with a photo.

So back to Northridge:
Just received my report regarding Friday 4/26/13 drill with the hospital, and it went very well. Thanks to our fearless Emergency Coordinator with the hospital, Gabe, K6AWB and all

of the responders that showed up and made it a walk in the park.

The up Coming SFVARC meeting is May 17th at 7:30pm in the Penthouse at Northridge Hospital, with Marty, N6VI speaking, really looking forward to his talk.

Then on May 18th we have our annual W6SD picnic over at Woodley Park, same spot as last year, hope to see you there with the radios, BBQ, foods, and games plus good old camaraderie !

But wait, it is almost Field Day, if you have not been attending the planning meetings, you don't know what you're missing! Not too late, shoot Don, WG6H our Technical VP an email. WG6H@ARRL.net , be it for anything Field Day related, you can also hit me at KN6Y@ARRL.net.

I will wrap it up with that.
CU at the May meeting!!

73,
Steve KN6Y

Jim, WB6TNF, has a 900 MHz Repeater on the air. It is located on Chatsworth Peak, 927.8375 - with a PL of 162.2 open to anyone wanting to use it (club member or not). Again, it is Jim's repeater. It is Coordinated with SCRRBA.

Simplex Net Reminder

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

New to the hobby and stuck?
Maybe it has been a few too many years since you were active and need to talk to someone for simple advice on:

- HF
 - VHF/UHF
 - rigs
 - Discussion on different modes
 - An antenna
 - Contesting
 - Dxing
 - Rag-chewing.
 - public service activity
- Ask an Elmer at our next meeting.

Editor's Note- I was asked to print this exactly as it was given to me. No formatting changes.

Application For SFVARC Membership/Renewal

Date _____

Name _____ Call _____ License
Class _____

Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

ARRL member? _____

New member ? _____ Renewal ? _____

Exclude your info from printed club membership roster? Yes _____ No _____

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Full year \$18 or if under age 18 - \$6

April – Dec \$12 &œ \$4

August – Dec \$6 &œ \$2

Family membership: each additional family member
is charged the under 18 age rate

Please make checks payable to SFVARC

If mailing, address to: SanFernandoValleyARC, P.O. Box 280517, Northridge, Ca.
91328-0517

Thank you for your interest and participation in the SFVARC

May's Guest Speaker Emergency Power - Loads, Sources and Management by Marty Woll, N6VI

When the "shore power" we take for granted every day is suddenly gone, how will you communicate? This presentation helps an operator to plan for limited-power situations. Topics include equipment selection and mission parameters; developing a power budget and managing scarce power resources; generator and battery safety; battery types and selection; wiring, distribution and fusing; and alternative power sources (e.g., solar).

Marty Woll, N6VI, has been in Amateur Radio for forty-six years and is a frequent speaker at radio clubs and conventions. A retired CPA with a major international accounting firm, he holds an Extra Class license and is a Life Member of the ARRL. Marty is serving in his sixth year as ARRL's Vice Director for the Southwestern Division and serves on ARRL's Administration and Finance Committee and UHF / Microwave Band Plan Committee. In addition to his Division duties, he is Assistant District Emergency Coordinator of the ARES Northwest District of the Los Angeles Section, a Battalion Communication Unit Leader and Training Officer for the Los Angeles Fire Department's Auxiliary Communication Service, a licensing Volunteer Examiner and a Volunteer Instructor. Marty is a founding member of the Southern California Contest Club and has served as a member and chair of the ARRL's Contest Advisory Committee. He has been President of the Southern California DX Club and chair of the Los Angeles Area Council of Radio Clubs. He participates regularly in contests from HF through 10 GHz. In nearly twenty contest expeditions, Marty has set up and operated amateur radio stations on six continents.

John (KI6ZS)
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For Sale

IC 765 with matching speaker and microphone. Original owner. Mint condition and just back from an overhaul at Turner Electronics. 250 hz CW filter.
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