



The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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President's QRM

For those of you that missed the July meeting, I don't know what to say other than WOW what a presentation. Burt, K6OQK put on an excellent show. We had more visitors, friends of Burt who took part in some way in the Mt Wilson repeater. If you happened to have missed it, Burt has agreed to do his presentation at the Torrance Marriott Sept 10-13 for the HAMCON SW Convention.

We also had Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF from AR Newsline onsite filming the talk, plans for that film, who knows, maybe it will go to the Oscars! Thanks to Burt and Bill along with Burt's friends for a very enjoyable night.

It is almost August but the board is already planning for the upcoming Holiday dinner. We have a big surprise here, the dinner tickets will go on sale very soon. The surprise is, we plan on having a Grand prize, such as an IC7000 or FT856 or ?? The catch here is: 1) you must be present to win and 2) you must be on the 2014 Membership list! The cost of the single ticket for that Grand prize has not been finalized yet. We will also have a regular Holiday raffle as always.

We will be in the backroom at Lulu's, seating the first 60 paid and if we exceed that number, no

sweat we will have a lot of overflow room into the restaurant. Mark your calendars for December 7th, 2013 at 6pm. Dinner choices will be, Fish, Chicken, Turkey or Beef with salad and dessert. Yesterday I managed to get the Bar's well drinks down to \$4 and domestic Beer to \$3 with import at \$3.50. The Dinner itself will cost \$20.00 each.

The party will be just that a party, no speakers just camaraderie. I plan on buying 2 tickets for Terrie, KI6RDU and myself as soon as they go on sale, so I will have the \$40.00 check ready to give to Jack, KO6V once we announce the sale date.

So back to the current, John, KI6ZS has lined up another very interesting talk for the August meeting, looking forward to it. Don't forget this September 6, 7, & 8th the Santa Barbara section is hosting the 2013 ARRL SW Convention, you should check it out at www.SWHAMCON.com.

Then, in October on the 5th, I would like to hear from those interested in going out for the day with the California QSO Party. We tried to get into Woodley park, but it was booked. So we need an easy access venue where we could setup a few radios and

portable antennas..

Now let's jump to November, we have our annual elections and if you're interested in getting involved with the board shoot me an email.

Next **SFVARC Club** **Meeting**

Friday, August 16
at 7:30pm

Northridge Hospital
Penthouse

18300 Roscoe Blvd,
Northridge, CA 91325

Then, of course, immediately following the elections is our annual auction run by Bill, KC6T! We have brought in a lot of very nice station accessories along with a Viking AM transmitter, a HW16 with external VFO, along with a SB102, SB301 & a SB401. These have been in storage, so clean but probably in need of re capping them, sounds like a bunch of fun projects. Now keep in mind the items just listed off are only from one listing! Looks like it is going to be a great auction!

Finally back to where we started, December 7th our Holiday party.

73

Steve, KN6Y

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ARRL Affiliated Club #1684

W6SD

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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: 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.

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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 \$5.00 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 August presentation will be by Jim Stitzinger, WA3CEX. His talk will be on the "Rockwell Collins HF-80 Amateur Station" one of the finest pieces of equipment ever built for Amateur radio. A picture of Jim and the HF-80 radio, rack-mounted, is attached.

Jim is formerly from Bucks County, PA but now is living in Santa Clarita, CA since 1987. He has been a ham since 1968 and collected and operated Collins and Rockwell Collins equipment from as early as he could afford it! His collecting includes pre-war Collins, Post war large Collins

transmitters, Collins Broadcast Equipment, Collins Receivers, A-line and S-line equipment, HF-380 and HF-80 Rockwell Collins equipment, Collins operating desks, The Collins Communications Van, Rockwell Collins AN/TSC60(V) Com Central Shelters, a 1950 M-38 Jeep with Collins equipment, Collins RLP (Rotating Log Periodic) antennas, Numerous parts to support my equipment, Large Dummy loads, Collins made tubes from the period 1936-38, Collins prototypes, A Collins Research Library of 6000+ items, and Collins and Rockwell Memorabilia including the original factory punch clock and typewriter, signs and clocks. Jim is a professional Librarian and Historian and enjoys talking to others about this equipment and learning from others.

John (KI6ZS)
SFVARC Program Planning

Northridge VE Schedule for 2013/2014

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.

10/5/13, 12/7/13, 2/1/14, 4/5/14, and 6/7/14.

Monthly Luncheon

We are headed to Lulu's for our next lunch. See you August 10th, at 11:30. 16900 Roscoe Bl, Van Nuys, CA 91406. 818-988-0707. My editing on my last months messages was not good. Reminder, I need someone to take over getting restaurants lined up. My last time is the November lunch.

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.

The July presentation was **Burt Weiner (K6OQK)** with the history of the WA6TDD and K6MYK repeaters in Southern California. Art Gentry, W6MEP built the first truly automatic repeater, K6MYK, which operated from Mt. Lee (above the Hollywood sign) beginning back in the late 50's. Burt followed this repeater with the installation of WA6TDD on Mt. Wilson, back in the very early 60's.

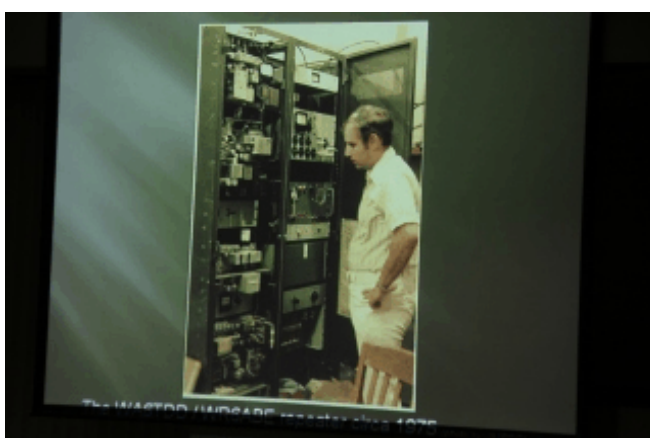
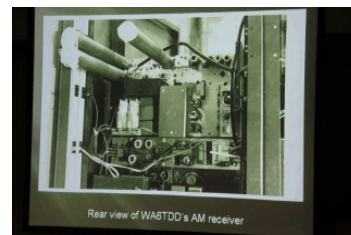
Burt has been involved in Amateur Radio since the early fifty's while in Jr. High School. He built and maintained the WA6TDD /WR6ABE repeater on Mt. Wilson, which went on the air in 1962. His professional background is in broadcast engineering, antenna systems and measurement systems design.



The entire story of WA6TDD / WR6ABE can be found online at:

<http://wa6tdd.tripod.com/wa6tdd.pdf>

You can also do a YouTube search for WA6TDD



Look ahead to the ARRL Southwestern Division

Hamcon coming September 6 – 8, 2013

Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club is proud to announce the ARRL

Southwestern Division Convention to be held at –

The Marriott Santa Ynez Valley

Hotel and Convention Center

455 McMurray Road

Buellton, CA 93427

<http://www.swhamcon.com/>

ARRL Convention Listing

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/southwestern-division-convention-swamcon>



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.

Simplex Net Reminder

Two meter simplex:

Tuesdays, 8 p.m. on

145.570 MHz, Jim, WB6TNF

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 _____

Dues information:

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

SOTA

I would like to share with you my adventures with my new SOTA hobby! First, what is SOTA ? It stands for Summits on the Air. It begins with a ham activator who sets up a ham station on a specially designated peak. The activator then has a QSO with a ham chaser who is located at their shack using hf, vhf or uhf, using any mode except for repeaters.

It was started by John Linford, G3WGV on March 2, 2002. SOTA has spread all over the world and is big in Europe. It is also growing fast in this country. And there are lots of fine looking awards and accessory trinkets.

Since I love to hike and participate in contests, I was attracted to SOTA because it was a way of putting the two together. The summits can be reached by any one as long as you activate the summits by human power for the last 100 feet. You can drive to many of the summits.

So, how has it been going on my treks? So far, I have made 59 chaser points sitting at home in the shack, and 9 activator points from reaching summits and setting up a radio station and making at least 4 QSO's on each peak. The total points are calculated based on the elevation of the summit and the number of QSOs.

My second summit was to Mt. Pinos, near Frazier Park. After driving up to a parking lot at Mt Pinos, I hiked to the summit carrying an hf transceiver, portable chair, fiberglass pushup pole, 20 meter dipole, 17 meter dipole, 40 meter dipole, rg58 coax, lithium iron phosphate battery, paper, Ipad to find the summit location, pens, rope, cardboard to set on my lap as a table for the rig and paper, battery cable for my rig, headphones, adapter, a tarp for the ground, and water and lunch.

So how did it all go? Well, first I broke the top part of my pole. So instead of the dipole apex being 16 feet up, it was 10 feet up. Then, I noticed my homebrew power cable had severed the positive connection on the power pole. So my hope for 10 watts became 5 watts. Luckily, my radio has built in batteries! Did I mention it was windy up there; well my paper log went flying around.

Then there was another problem! When I tried to send a dash my key was occasionally sending dots.

Despite all this, I made 5 contacts and I only needed 4 to claim a summit.

All in all, I had a great time making my contacts, and in addition the hike was beautiful and the view was spectacular. If this mini contest/field day sounds fun to you, all you have to do is:

1. Go to <http://www.sota.org.uk/> to get familiar with the program.
2. Register for an account for your logs at: <http://www.sotadata.org.uk/register.aspx> (section is w6)
3. Find out who is on a summit at: <http://www.sotawatch.org/> and click "more spots."
4. For more help, there is a SOTA talk group at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nasota/files/>

Or just listen at 14.062 +/- cw and maybe 14.3425 ssb. The best time to listen is during daylight hours.

Have fun.
Richard
WA6KYR

Learn more about SOTA:

<http://www.sota.org.uk/>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Summits_on_the_Air
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4x3TxPo1pMo>
http://www.flickr.com/groups/sota_pics/





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Annual Malibu Bulldog Race Saturday, August 24, 2013

We support the race every year! We need volunteers to operate at 6 checkpoints. Support your club and volunteer for this race.

Please email Bernard (kg6fbm at bflocks dot com) for all the details

Next Meeting: Friday, August 16, at 7:30pm at Penthouse, Northridge Hospital

W6SD.NET

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.

Huge collection of QST's, and other ham radio magazines. Dates are ranging from the 1940's to 2000, with many still in their brown paper wrapper. All are boxed with the majority being in smaller, lighter boxes. This will fill the back of a small pickup truck. You must take ALL. I will deliver anywhere in the SF valley, but you must take all.

Contact Jack Eyster KO6V
818.270.3384 Cell

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