



The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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President's QRM

The September presentation will be by Jim Norris, the Information Technology (IT) manager for the Ventura County Fire Protection District. The title of his talk is "The way ahead for Public Safety Communications - First Net". FirstNet is congressionally mandated to establish a nationwide public safety broadband network that enables police, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and other first responders to effectively communicate with one another during emergencies and to use new technology to improve response time, keep communities safer, and save more lives.

Jim recently retired from the United States Army Reserves as a Colonel after 30 years of commissioned service. During his career he commanded at the platoon, detachment, company and battalion level while serving with the 82nd Airborne Division, the 25th Infantry Division, the 2nd Infantry Division (Korea) and the United States Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command. Colonel Norris is a graduate of the John Hopkins University, Townson University, the University of La Verne, the United States Army Command

and General Staff College, and the United States Army War College. Jim's further responsibilities include advising the Fire Chief, managing District and County technology programs, and building consensus with public and private sector partners including city and Federal fire departments, city/county/state/national law enforcement agencies, hospitals, and emergency medical service (EMS) providers.

October California QSO Party We are going out!

On the 5th, W6SD is going portable for this fun event. If you're not familiar with the California QSO Party, check it out at www.cqp.org, it is really a lot of fun. The short answer as to how it works is the entire world (mainly stateside but DX is in the mix here too) wants to work ONLY CA counties. So if you call CQP and run for a few minutes, you will quickly notice that you have 2 or more stations lined up in YOUR little pileup.

We have a location with which, we will setup a few radios and portable antennas. Find out more at the meeting.

If you are not able to get away that day, work it from home and put down club competition

SFVARC-W6SD see rules <http://www.cqp.org/Rules.html>. By submitting as individuals with a club competition box checked off, we as a club, will have your score(s) added to the clubs.

November Meeting

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 & an SB401. These were in storage, clean but probably in need of recapping 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!

73

Steve, KN6Y

Next SFVARC Club Meeting

Friday, September 20
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: 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 +PL67.0) 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 \$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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Holiday Banquet

December 7, 2013 6pm to 9pm at Lulu's \$20
Dinner choices Fish, Chicken, Turkey or Beef with salad and dessert



Grand prize is an Icom IC7000

Requirements for participation in the Holiday Grand Prize .

- 1) A club member who has paid their 2013 Dues (paid by end of the month of October 2013).

or

- 2) A new member who has paid their club dues (\$18 for 2014 in the months of November 2013).
- 3) Must have purchased a ticket for the drawing at the September, October or November meeting

TICKET SALES for this drawing end at the November meeting
 Only one ticket may be purchased for \$10
Must be present to win

Regular Holiday Drawing

TICKET SALES for this drawing ends at the Banquet \$5 each or 5 for \$20

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| Value \$50 (+/-) | <i>Item yet to be determined</i> |
| Value \$150 (+/-) | <i>Item yet to be determined</i> |
| Value \$250 (+/-) | <i>Item yet to be determined</i> |

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 on the second Saturday of the month at 11:30am. 16900 Roscoe Bl, Van Nuys, CA 91406. 818-988-0707.

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.

Richard Leon Ritterband

October 5, 1912 to July 28, 2013
Richard Leon Ritterband died peacefully at his home in Monarch Beach, CA, on Sunday, July 28, 2013. Born in Chicago, Richard was the youngest son of the late Leon Maness and Laura (Lollie) Berman Ritterband. He was predeceased by his wife of 51 years, Frances Cadwell Ritterband, his brothers, Edward Philip and Robert Maness, and his sister, Marion Frances Ritterband. His ancestors include settlers of the colonial United States.

Richard's family moved from Chicago to Hollywood in 1919 and he graduated from Hollywood High School in 1928. He enrolled at Los Angeles City College the year it opened and joined the US Navy in 1930, serving our nation before, during and after World War II. In the Pacific, he was Chief Petty Officer and navigator on the USS Miller. He recalled that his ship never lost a seaman in battle, although the ship came under attack several times, including at the landing at Iwo Jima. After Richard left the Navy in 1946, he and Frances, a Registered Nurse, returned to the Los Angeles area. Frances became a high school nurse and then coordinator of nurses in the

Santa Monica City Schools while Richard partnered with his brother, Robert, at Lincoln Printing.

Richard earned a bachelor's degree in Theater Arts and traveled with his wife, visiting most of the continents, mostly by sea on 32 cruises. He studied and became fluent in Spanish, German, French, and Japanese. He was always ready to strike up a conversation with anyone who would help him practice his language skills. In fact, he delighted in initiating conversation with everyone he encountered.

For almost two decades, Richard was active in Optimist International, including serving as chapter president. He served in the International Association of Printing House Craftsmen. As an organizer of the Golden West Railfans, he co-owned a restored a Pullman dining & lounge car, which he had attached, with other cars, to steam locomotives for excursions around the Southwest through his travel agency, Golden West Rail Tours.

In his early 50s, Richard became a high school graphic arts (print shop) teacher, and took on the other shop classes as well. He earned his Master of Science Degree in Education, and

continued teaching young people for 20 years. His students nicknamed him "Happy," which was a perfect descriptor and stuck with him the rest of his life. It became his AOL email name when, in his 90s, he bought his first computer and graduated from ham operator (AA6BC) to emailer.

For the last decade of his life, Richard was in the loving care of Sherry Merrick, who provided around-the-clock attention, quality nutrition, companionship, and support. Sherry and her daughters assured that he was never alone during the final years of his life. He never lost his positive outlook, was openly grateful for every day, and constantly expressed appreciation to the caregivers, family, and medical persons who visited and attended to him.

Per Richard's request, his ashes will be scattered at sea in a private ceremony. Memorial gifts in his name are encouraged to organizations of the donor's choice.

C y n t h i a W a l l
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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.

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

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

ELECTRONIC TREASURES AUCTION IS UPON US !!!

November 15th is the date for the annual return of our semi-world famous Electronic Treasures Auction, and election of club officers for 2014. The elections will take a few minutes at the beginning of our meeting that night, and then it is on to the auction. This year, Jack Eyester has found a wonderful assortment of goodies including classic rigs and all the super-junque that we MUST have. That, combined with all the treasures that we bring to auction, should make this an especially good time for all of us.

For those new to this special event, the object is to have fun. Your auctioneer is particularly honest, scrupulous, devil-may-care and dapper, with an uncanny ability to describe the goods at auction with incredible accuracy, while exaggerating in such a way as to faithfully and accurately describe the true value of the stuff being offered (have I mentioned that I am the auctioneer? No? Then add that

the auctioneer will always give a true description of the goods after he finishes lying about it!). Please plan to arrive with your junque-for-auction at 6:15 PM. As you step from the elevator, Johnnie will be at a desk with spare auction forms, and loaner-pencils - - - just in case you forgot to bring your completed forms. You can really speed things up if you bring your completed forms together with your junque – each item must be marked with your name or call sign. You can then just step directly into the check-in line, where Joe and Archie will check you in – after which helpers will place your stuff in the proper place at the front of the room, in just the right place to bring potential buyers to a buying frenzy (possibly).

For those of you with no junque to bring, here is your opportunity to glom-on-to some really top-notch crusty-dusty stuff. Bids are in one-dollar (minimum) increments, but the auctioneer will choose the amount for the

“next” bid. Bidding will start at the minimum bid you choose (on your auction form). The successful bidder will pay you and take possession of the treasure from the front of the room, and you will then pay the treasurer ten percent (minimum) of the sale price. Many choose to donate the entire amount for the benefit of the club, in which case the winning bidder simply pays the treasurer the full amount. There will be bunches of good stuff, in price ranges for everyone. Feel free to copy and complete the auction form below and bring it with you. Although there will be additional forms available on auction night, there will be no one available to help you fill it out - - so please make every effort to complete the forms before you come to the event.

This is a fun event - - please attend, support your club, and enjoy yourself!

73 de Bill, KC6T

| NAME (& CALL, IF ANY): | | APPROVED: | |
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| DESCRIPTION OF TREASURE(S) (PUT YOUR NAME ON THEM) | MIN.BID? | AMT. TO CLUB 10%? | AMT. TO CLUB ALL? |
| 1. | | | |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |



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