



# The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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## President's QRM

Wow, it is already November! That means we have an election coming up on Friday, the 15th.

Make sure you attend the general meeting to cast your vote, then reward yourself by buying a great addition to your shack. That's right, we also have our annual auction immediately following, run by Bill, KC6T.

I have heard rumors about some neat items going up for auction. When I announced the news about the auction last night at the Los Angeles Area Council Amateur Radio Club meeting, the room froze heads turned as the 12 council members listened HARD. I think we just might have a few visitors coming.

Another piece of news from the council is a **field trip to the USS IOWA!!** That's right, later in 2014 we will be going on a road trip to the **USS IOWA**, a few details to work out, however much more info. to come. If we hear back from membership showing a sign of interest I will pursue this trip come 2014! So what do you say? Yea or nay? Email me KN6Y @ ARRL.NET if you're interested.

HAMCON 2015 Convention is coming along very well. Ginger, AB6YL, the HAMCON Secretary and SFVARC delegate is working with me on the HAMCON 2015

Southwest ARRL Convention is coming to Torrance on September 2015. Seems like a long ways away, however it really is not, a lot of rewarding work goes into putting on a convention. Each of the 13 participating clubs, will have a specific task/responsibility in preparation and execution of the convention.

I took on the 2011 convention and can attest it is a lot of fun watching a convention come together and become a successful profitable convention.

Ginger and I were working on the planning committee all year and will continue until the convention is over. We are now reaching out to fellow SFVARC members to begin a team representing the SFVARC. We are putting together the SFVARC 2015 Convention Team. This group will meet a few times in 2014 with the frequency increasing through 2015. This committee will wrap it by carrying out its assign task at the convention. Most of these meetings take place over lunch and we all have to eat. Those who decide to join the team will also be welcome to join Ginger and myself at the HAMCON meeting's, not necessary but fun.

We are seeking those who want to have some fun and help us pull off

the best convention ever!

Don't forget November meeting will be your last chance to purchase Holiday Dinner Tickets for our Banquet December 7th, 2013 at 6pm at Lulu's!

Attention the SFVARC B2V Stage 13 team, the 30th Annual B2V is March 22 & 23 2014. I heard last night that December 15th is the deadline for guaranteed delivery for B2V gear!

Signup at

<http://www.radiobaker2vegas.org/formsp>

Let me know if you're in also!  
So email me KN6Y @ ARRL.NET

73

Steve KN6Y

### Next SFVARC Club Meeting

Friday, November 15  
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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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.

**12/7/13, 2/1/14, 4/5/14, 6/7/14, and 8/2/14.**

### 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.



Jack Eyster, KO6V, reports the CQP was on Saturday Oct 5, 213, and was located at Congregational Church of Northridge. We operated from 9:00am until 2:30pm, and although this contest runs from Saturday through Sunday, we thought it would make a great test session as a possible field day site. We had three stations running, 15 meters CW, 20 meters CW, and 2 & 10 meters phone. We made 79 contacts, for a total score of 6,084 points. We worked 6 DX stations, Cuba, Russia, Germany, Netherlands, Sweeden, and Switzerland. The following members participated, Gurbux W6BUX, Richard WA6KYR, Randy W6OKK, Don WG6H, Dennis KD6PLU, Len W6AUG, Steve W6OFV, Steve KN6Y, Johnnie W6HTY, Rodger W6LAX, and Jack KO6V. The weather was perfect, and everyone seemed to really enjoy being out, operating under the shade of a big tree!



**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:	
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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