



The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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President's QRM

Happy 2014 to everyone

As we begin the new year I would like to thank the retiring officers from 2013, Steve Wardlaw KN6Y, Johnnie Spots W6HTY and John Van Egmond KI6ZS.

Thank you for your service to the club.

The incoming officers for 2014 are Executive VP Tom Peabody K6TGP, Membership VP Steve Rudolph W6OFV, Technical VP John Campeau AD6KT, Secretary Richard Donner WA6KYR, Treasurer Jack Eyster KO6V, Station Trustee Bill Stein KC6T, Carrier Editor/Website Manager Bernard Falkin KG6FBM. I am looking forward to working with them this year.

I don't have to much more for now other than the Club Picnic is on June 14 at Woodley Park and Field Day is June 28 & 29 the site is not set yet.

Finally, our speaker for the January meeting is Margie Hoffman KG6TBR. She will be talking about B2V March 22-23. She will be looking for volunteers so be ready to sign up.

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, January 17
at 7:30pm

Northridge Hospital
Penthouse

18300 Roscoe Blvd,
Northridge, CA 91325

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Don, WG6H

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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 +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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Gigantic Sunspot Unleashes Flare; Expect Aurorae Tonight!

Right now, the Sun is sporting a huge sunspot called AR1944. It's grown in size over the past few days to a staggering 200,000 kilometers (125,000 miles) across.

Sunspots are regions of intense magnetism, and these magnetic fields store huge energies. They can be unleashed in vast explosions called solar flares ... and AR1944 popped off a good one on Jan. 7. The image above shows the Sun in ultraviolet by NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory, taken on Jan. 7 at 18:33 UTC, just after the flare exploded. The bright white patch? Yeah, that's it.

It also triggered a coronal mass ejection, an eruption of subatomic particles, toward the Earth. There's no need to panic; these happen relatively often. This one was pretty fast, with a speed of about 2,000 kilometers per second—that's 4.5 million miles per hour!

It's expected to hit the Earth's magnetic field sometime today or tonight. The Space Weather Prediction Center says it may interact strongly with our geomagnetic field, producing aurorae. I've seen some folks predicting even mid-latitudes may see the lights, so I urge folks to go out after dark and look north. Unfortunately the Moon is half-full and so the sky will be a bit bright. It sets just after midnight local time, so if you go out later your chances of seeing the aurora might be better. It looks like we'll have clear skies here in Boulder, Colo., so I'll be taking a peek. Aurorae may still be visible Thursday night as well.

<http://forums.qrz.com/showthread.php?419955-Gigantic-Sunspot-Unleashes-Flare-Expect-Aurorae-Tonight!>

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.

2/1/14, 4/5/14, 6/7/14, 8/2/14, and 10/4/14.

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.

Our club runs the B2V Stage13. Our Stage Lead is Gene, WB9COY and he plans on coming up from San Diego to join us for the meeting. Hopefully he can make it.. That is a brutal drive from San Diego to Northridge on a Friday night on the 405!

I really want to see all members planning or thinking about working at stage 13 this year. This is a very fun and be warned addictive event! You will not regret it. This year we most likely will not be in T-shirt wx seeing as how it is one month earlier this time! So mark your calendars for January 17h club meeting night and the 30th annual B2V Race March 22st 2014 !!

For those of you not familiar with what this is about well I can tell you my viewpoint in a day of the life of KN6Y. I normally take an extra day or 2 off work and turn this into a nice long weekend. On Friday (sometimes Thursdays) I will hop in my truck and take my time heading up to Pahrump NV.

Once I get out around Victorville I normally move off of the 2m simplex going on with the 10+ friends also trekking up from LAX towards Vegas. I QSY to 20m and work a few, it's fun. The others that are down on 2m by now have bailed off the 15 and are eating lunch in Barstow.

One year Ginger, AB6YL and I car pooled from the valley up to NV and stayed on 2m most of the way until we got off at Baker for lunch. After lunch we take a left into the mountains from Baker for a fantastic drive up thru INYO county eventually hitting NV . At this point I declare the trip over as I pull into my rough campsite, the Golden Nugget & Casino. I just goof off until Saturday about 3-4pm where I meet up with Gene and Dawn and we begin setting up Stage13 (of course others from the club are also there doing most of the work like John, AD6KT, Lyn KG6DNY & Jennifer KI6OIL, Allan W6IST, Ginger AB6YL, Glenn KI the list goes on.....

Gene takes care of the hot important items first. Step one the stereo with some good rock-n-roll is put into the air!

After the important stuff follows a bunch of silly stuff like radios coax antenna's and such..

It should be about 4:30pm now and we probably have a few hours before our stage opens up for runners.

So we have a great time catching up with other and telling stories. This of course includes the other half of the stage the SWORN, same folks as last year but haven't seen them since last time..

Well it should be about sunset as the first runner passes through, and this is where the fun really starts happening!! You want to find out what happens next? Talk to us Friday night January 17th 7:30pm about joining the fun this year!!

73

Steve, KN6Y

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



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