

President's QRM

Congratulations to Mike, K1MIX, for upgrading to Amateur Extra on Feb 1st.

Thanks to Eric, K6EJC, for his great talk on Baker to Vegas at the last meeting. Eric has been involved with the run for a long time and shared some of his experiences with us. Eric also brought along some new toys from HRO which is always fun. Reminder, Baker to Vegas is March 22nd. Anyone wanting to volunteer should contact Steve, KN6Y, and let him know.



This month's speaker will be Marty Woll N6VI. Marty will be talking on Field Day Strategies, Tactics, and Techniques.

The club has made reservations for the Holiday Dinner on Sunday, December 14, at the Knollwood Country Club.

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, February 21
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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Field Day – Strategies, Tactics and Techniques by Marty Woll N6VI

Do you view ARRL's Field Day as a contest, a public-relations event, a training opportunity, a disaster communications drill, or some of each? This presentation addresses the factors that drive a variety of planning decisions for those participating in this always-popular event. It identifies tactical opportunities to get more out of your Field Day efforts and ways to tackle such problems as cross-band interference and incorporation of a Get-On-The-Air (GOTA) station into a group's primary operation.



Marty has been our speaker last year May as well. His presentation on Emergency Power, Loads, Sources and Management was excellent and was well received by the club's membership. Marty has been in Amateur Radio for over forty-seven 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 licence and is a Life Member of the ARRL. 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. In nearly 20 contest expeditions, Marty has set up and operated amateur radio stations on six continents.

John VanEgmond

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.

4/5/14, 6/7/14, 8/2/14, 10/4/14, and 12/6/14.

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.

2014 ARRL Arizona Section Convention

The 2014 ARRL Arizona Section Convention, to be held in conjunction with the annual Yuma Hamfest. This event is just two months away, held Friday and Saturday, February 14-15, 2014 at the Yuma County Fairgrounds in Yuma, Arizona.

Now in our tenth year and one of the largest hamfests in the ARRL's Southwestern Division, the Yuma Hamfest is one of the few multi-day convention-style hamfests held in Arizona. We feature commercial exhibitors and vendors, tailgating, grand prizes worth \$13,700, on-site RV camping, free parking, seminars held in parallel tracks, amateur license testing, DXCC card checking, an antenna clinic & transmitter hunt, our famous "Buzzard BBQ" dinner, great hourly door prizes, a hospitality area, the "Country Store" consignment sales area, and much more.



Admission is only \$5, tailgating spots are \$10 for the weekend, and we offer a food concession run by a professional chef. Our now-famous "Buzzard BBQ" dinner is only \$10 and has sold out for the last three years. We are giving away a Samsung Note 10.1 tablet as an admission registration prize to someone just for attending. You should mark the third weekend of February on your calendar and plan on attending the Yuma Hamfest.

Please check our website at www.yumahamfest.org for more information. If you have questions, contact us at info at <http://www.yumahamfest.org> or by phone at 928-305-1034.



Flyer for the 2014 Yuma Hamfest
<http://w6sd.net/hamfest2014flyer.pdf>

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.

What is APRSdroid?

APRSdroid is an Android application for Amateur Radio operators. It allows reporting your position to the APRS (Automatic Packet Reporting System) network, displaying of nearby amateur radio stations and the exchange of APRS messages.

APRSdroid is Open Source Software written in Scala and licensed under the GPLv2.
Features

You can use APRSdroid to connect to the APRS network via different means:

- APRS-IS via Internet (WiFi or mobile data connection)
- AFSK (audio connection between your radio and the smartphone)
- Bluetooth-serial connection to a TNC

Once connected, you can beacon your presence, see which stations (amateurs and repeaters) are around and send/receive APRS messages.

Download

[QR code] If you really like APRSdroid, you can support the author by buying the Market version. You will get automatic updates and a good feeling.

You can also get the sources and follow the compilation instructions.

It is also possible to download the APK for manual installation.

<http://aprsdroid.org/>
<http://aprsdroid.org/download/APRSdroid-current.apk>



Want to order a club badge?
<http://thesignman.com/clubs/sfvarc.html>

The SFVARC badge comes standard with a safety pin fastener and may also be ordered with other fasteners.

<http://thesignman.com/badges/fastener.html>

<http://w6sd.net/member>

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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