



The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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President's QRM

I know it's May, but this newsletter is going to be about the Club activities coming up in June. First off, is the club picnic on June 14th. I mentioned it last month but here is more information. The picnic will be at Woodley Ave. park and will start at about 11:00 AM. The park is located on Woodley Ave. south of Victory and north of Burbank. The entrance is on the East side of Woodley. Tickets will be sold at the next meeting. The cost will be \$5.00 per person. The Club will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks. Everyone should bring a side dish, an appetizer, or dessert. Richard Donner, WA6KYR, has put together a portable station contest. If you have a portable rig, bring it. Bill Stein will be running a golf ball chipping contest.

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, May 16
at 7:30pm
Northridge Hospital
Penthouse
18300 Roscoe Blvd,
Northridge, CA 91325

The next event in June, is Field Day, the 28 and 29. We will be holding Field Day at Granada Hills Charter High School, 10535 Zelza Ave. The entrance for parking will be on the West side of Zelzah Ave. two blocks north of Devonshire and two blocks south of Chatsworth St. There will be signs to direct everyone to the parking lot and to the Field Day site. John Campeau, AD6KT, will be heading up Field Day this year. He will have more information at the next meeting.

I missed the last meeting butt from I heard David Greenhut N6HD gave a great talk. Sorry I missed it. Thanks to David for the great program.

73,
Don, WG6H

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Amateur Radio Club
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 +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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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>

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.

Northridge VE Schedule for 2014/ 2015

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.

6/7/14, 8/2/14, 10/4/14, 12/6/14, and 2/7/15.

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.

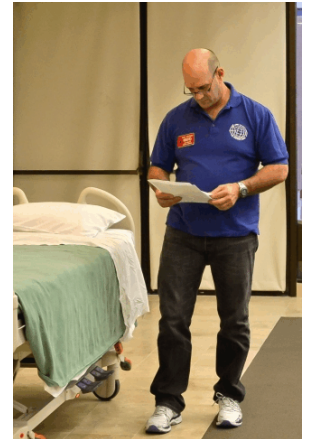
Elaine

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.

David Greenhut, N6HD, was our guest speaker at the April meeting on his recent Dxpedition.

Pictures courtesy of Michael Farrow, K1MIX.



Dear Club Members,

We are going to have a little competition between portable stations. Club members should individually setup their own portable stations consisting of antennas, radios, and batteries at the June 14, Club Picnic. We will see who makes the furthest contact. Competitive members should bring their whole station in one trip from their car. Typically, carrying a back pack or using a goat if available. Stations using 10 watts or less get an additional credit of 1,000 miles added to their furthest contact. VHF stations work for furthest grid square. CW, phone, hf, and vhf stations get separate awards.

Richard Donner

Gene, WB9COY, will speak at our May meeting debuting "SFVARC in action at the 2014 B2V" showing us the preview and if approved he will post it on YouTube.

Richard Donner

See all the pictures:

<http://goo.gl/sVSO19>

San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club members Richard Donner, left, and Steve Wardlaw, practice using their ham radios, Tuesday, April 29, 2014, at Lake Balboa Park. (Photo by Michael Owen Baker/L.A. Daily News)



<http://forums.qrz.com/showthread.php?435516-Experimental-30-Meter-Mobile-Beacon>

Experimental 30 Meter Mobile Beacon

Starting on May 15th at 1400 GMT (8:00 CDST) the first 30 Meter Mobile Beacon will be on the air at 10.129 MHz on our way to the Dayton Hamvention. We are using a quarter wave trailing wire for the antenna that will be floating behind the vehicle. The beacon will be mounted on the passenger side dashboard and Al Gallo, W0ERE will be the Chief Operator of the Beacon providing up to date grid locations during our travel. "SAP" N0SAP/M, will monitor 18.113 MHz for any live reports heard from the beacon during our travel to and from the Dayton Hamvention. Our return date is May 20th.

We take Ham Radio in the true sense of being an experimental hobby. We are asking for signal reports by email and/or audio files sent to erecom@hotmail.com.

<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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