



The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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President's QRM

June was a busy month for the club. We started June 14th with the club picnic at Woodley Park. There were over 30 members and guests present. As usual, we had grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. Thanks to Steve, W6OFV, for getting the food and drink and for doing an excellent job of cooking. Also thanks to Jack, KO6V, Tom, K6TGP, and Mark, K6FG, for coming early and helping with the set up. Another thanks to Bill, KC6T, for heading up the chipping contest. There were three active stations at the picnic operated by Steve, KN6Y, Richard, WA6KYR, Mark, K6FG, Jack, KO6V, and Phil, KJ6ZI. They made several contacts.

June 28 and 29 was Field Day weekend. The club set up operations at Granada Hills High School beginning on Saturday morning at 7AM. John, AD6KT, was the man in charge this year. Set up went well and the club had three stations on the air at about 11AM. But as to be expected, we did have trouble getting the beam together so it was decided to use a vertical for one of the HF stations and, as luck would have it, was a no go so we started Field Day with 1HF, 1CW and a UHF/VHF station. Thanks to Steve, KN6Y, and Richard, WA6KYR, the CW station was making a lot of contacts. Steve and Richard had brought some portable antennas that really did the job. Lynn, KG6DNY, had set up the UHF/VHF station and was finding a lot of contacts including some DX on 6. Johnnie, W6HTY, set up his satellite station and worked several including the Space Station. Dennis, KD6PLU, used solar power to get the club more points on 2meters. At the end of the day we were able to enjoy some hamburgers cooked by John along with a lot of other food brought by the members. After dinner, night operations begin with the overnight shift. Among them were Ginger, AB6YL, Bill, KC6T, and John, AD6KT. Sunday began on a brighter note. Jack had brought his Buddipole antenna to replace the dead vertical. We were now back up to full strength with 1CW, 2HF and 1 UHF/VHF stations. The rest of the day went well ending with tear down at 11AM. We ended up with 522 contacts, plus the satellite, and solar contacts. I think we did well and congratulations to all the members that came out. A special thanks to John, AD6KT, for being the man in charge. Good job. Also like to thank Tom, K6TGP, John, KI6ZS, Gurbux, W6BUX, and anyone who came out to help set up and tear down.

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, July 18
at 7:30pm
Northridge Hospital
Penthouse
18300 Roscoe Blvd,
Northridge, CA 91325

A reminder that tickets for the Holiday/Christmas Party will go on sale at the next meeting.

73,
Don, WG6H

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Amateur Radio Club
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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.

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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.

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

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.

After-action Report for Field Day, June 28th and 29th 2014 Held at Granada Hills Charter High School San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club 30, June 2014

First of all, I want to thank all club members and non-members that shared concerns and attended monthly meetings at Lulu's Restaurant. The goal was to make this year's Field Day a special annual event. Many of you brought spare equipment, in the event that Murphy might show up, and like clock work, Murphy took his toll early Saturday morning during set up.

I am indebted to our set-up crew for being on-site and on-time for our games to begin at 7 AM Saturday. Don Pettric, (WG6H), Gurbux Singh, (W6BUX), Jack Eyster, ((KO6V), John Van Egmond, (KI6ZS), Lynn O'Connell, (KG6DNY), Dennis Nolan, (KD6PLU), and others who set up "push-ups", laid out coax and electrical extension cords. Tom Peabody, (K6TGP) brought food, water and most importantly, donuts for the AM crew. Steve Wardlaw (KN6Y) and Richard Donner, (WA6KYR) were responsible for the set-up and operation of the club CW station. They had been experimenting with different antenna configurations that were practical in the field, prior to Field Day. They were ready to tackle the job come Saturday morning. Don Pettric purchased signs to steer folks in the right direction and many found the site without too much effort.

Set-up became time-consuming

and frustrating as the club antennas had several issues. The R-7 had been calibrated and ready prior to Field Day, but later was determined to be the perfect Dummy Load. The SWR was off the charts and couldn't be tuned, even with an external antenna tuner. Our Cushcraft yagi; (only a few years old), had u-bolts and nuts that seized and broke rendering the antenna useless until new hardware can be obtained. Our simple, but effective wire dipole preformed beautifully and can handle 1.8 to 30MHz without the need of an antenna tuner. The conclusion of all who took part in set-up; "We need to think "field conditions" and have monoband antennas that are light, efficient and easy to assemble." For those of us that have been "muscling push-rups" and hanging thirty feet in the air to anchor antennas, the time has come to think "light" and "efficient." Hopefully, our Board of Directors will take this under advisement.

And now, for the good news. Our pot-luck dinner was small in comparison to prior years, but we had a smaller, intimate group that enjoyed hamburgers, several salads and pie for desert. Mike, a non-member who had attended several of the meetings at Lulu's brought about fifty pounds of Hungarian Goulash smothered in cheese. To hell with counting calories; its Field Day, Hi Hi. We

enjoyed the feast and I want to thank all who participated.

All bands were open, especially 40 and 80 meters. There was at least one station manned throughout the entire 24 hour period and 80 meters was open all night long. Jack, (KO6V) saved our bacon Sunday morning by supplying us with his Buddie Pole antenna so that we could put three HF stations on the air again. Johnnie Spotts, (W6HTY), set up a satellite station and contacted the International Space Station, not once, but twice. This was a first for him and a first for the club; congrats. Johnnie. Lynn O'Connell worked 2 meter sideband and 6 meters from his field day station. He made numerous 2 meter contacts and 6 meter contacts all the way up to the Pacific Northwest. He was jazzed, and so were we. All stations and antennas were spaced so that the need for band-pass filters was unnecessary. The added real estate and commitment from all operators to work blocks of time worked to the advantage of the club. I was impressed with the teamwork and proud of those who made the commitment. When they pulled my sweaty, dirty hands from the mike at 11 AM, Sunday morning, our log showed nearly 400 total contacts. Well done SFVARC!!!!

John Campeau - Technical VP

Field Day, June 28th and 29th 2014
Held at Granada Hills Charter High School
San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club



<http://w6sd.net/member>

Application For SFVARC Membership/Renewal

Date _____

Name _____ Call _____

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Address _____ City _____

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New member ? _____ Renewal ? _____

Exclude your info from printed club membership roster? Yes _____ No _____

Dues information:

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is charged the under 18 age rate

Please make checks payable to SFVARC

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Thank you for your interest and participation in the SFVARC





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