



The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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President's QRM

The two club events coming up in November and December are the annual Electronic Treasures Auction on November 21 and the Holiday/Christmas Party on December 14. If you are new to the Club or never attended one of the auctions make sure you are there to join in on the fun and maybe find a real bargain on that piece of equipment that you can't live without. Auctioneer Bill Stein, KC6T, adds a special flavor to the event that is not to be missed. Bill will also conduct the election of officers for next year before the auction.

A brief note on the Holiday/Christmas dinner at Knollwood Country Club, 12040 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, CA 91344, on December 14. Tickets will be available at the auction along with raffle tickets. Marty Woll, N6VI, will be presenting the program at the dinner. More on this later.

The Board was considering updating the Club logo. We had a few examples at the last meeting. If anyone has any ideas for a new logo or thoughts on changing the logo, let the board know.

Last month's membership meeting Richard Donner, WA6KYR, presented a very interesting program on Summits On The Air. To most of us this was a new ham radio activity. Basically, you hike to the top of a mountain carrying all of your equipment and try to make contacts, with other hams, in order to earn points for awards from SOTA. If you missed the meeting and would like more information on SOTA go to their website at www.sota.org.uk. Again, thanks' to Richard for a great program.

73,
Don, WG6H

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, November 21
at 7:30pm
Northridge Hospital
Penthouse
18300 Roscoe Blvd,
Northridge, CA 91325

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Amateur Radio Club
ARRL Affiliated Club #1684

W6SD

ARRL Special Service Club
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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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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>

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.

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.

12/6/14, 2/7/15, 4/4/15, 6/6/15 and 8/1/15.

Richard Donner October Guest Speaker



During the October meeting spoke about SOTA (Summits On The Air) It included a short movie and slide show illustrating Mountain top Activaters and the Chasers sitting at home in the shack. There was something everyone can do and enjoy even if you do not hike.

Brief Bio:

Ricahard is a ham since 1960 and tried many different forms of communication: SSTV, Satellite, CW HF, VHF, SSB HF & VHF, RTTY, PSK, Packet and FM & AM repeaters and now SOTA.

He has a DXCC and WAS, and is working on Mountain Goat and Shack Sloths awards from SOTA. Since he retired 4 years ago he is trying different type of antennas. Mainly loop and wire.

Richard Donner

Our annual Holiday/Christmas dinner this year will be at the Knollwood Country Club, 12040 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, CA 91344, on Sunday, December 14, at 6:00pm. Set your GPS for the driveway entrance at: 34.289104, -118.501609. Tickets are \$35.00 and will be available at the auction along with raffle tickets. Marty Woll, N6VI, will be presenting the program at the dinner.

ELECTRONIC TREASURES AUCTION IS UPON US !!!

November 21th 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.			

<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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