



The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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President's QRM

On June 6th the club held it's annual picnic. This year thanks' to John, ad6kt, we were able to have the picnic at VFW post 2805 in Canoga Park. This has to be the best place for a picnic, trees, grass, a super grill and no problems. A great big thanks to John and the people at the post. We are hoping to be able to go back next year. Also, thanks' to Tom, k6tgp, for getting the food, Steve, w6ofv, for the drinks and Bill, kc6t, for the games. Thanks' to all the members that attended.

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, June 19
at 7:30pm

Northridge Hospital
Penthouse
18300 Roscoe Blvd,
Northridge, CA 91325

Coming up is Field Day, June 27 and 28. We will be operating from Granada Hills Charter High Hchool. Parking lot entrance is on Hiawatha between Lindley and Zelzah. We are planning to run 3a (three stations on emergency power) , a uhf vhf station and a satellite station. Also we have two end feed wire antennas along with our folded dipole antenna. They should be easy to set up. Speaking of setup, we will be meeting around 7:00 am Saturday morning. As usual, we will have a potluck dinner Saturday night. The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. We ask everyone to bring a side dish to go along with dinner. Any questions please contact me at wg6h@arrl.net.

The next meeting is on Friday, June 19 at 7:30 pm at Northridge Hospital. The meeting will be devoted to Field Day.

73,
Don

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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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Northridge VE Schedule for 2015/2016

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.

6/6/15, 8/1/15, 10/3/15, 12/5/15, and 2/6/16.

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.

Simplex Net

Reminder

Two meter
simplex:

Tuesdays, 8 p.m.

on

**145.570 MHz,
Jim, WB6TNF**

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.

Also, this month we are sad to report the passing of Gene Martin, N6XNW/SK. The club expresses its condolences to his family and friends.



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>

Watch the Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF/SK tribute video:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhTKbr2Hvel>

Amateur Radio Newsline Co-Founder, Editor Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, SK

06/12/2015

A well-known voice in the Amateur Radio news media has gone silent. Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, of Santa Clarita, California, died June 11 following a period of ill health. He was 73. Pasternak was co-founder (with Jim Hendershot, WA6VQP) of Amateur Radio Newsline™ (formerly The Westlink Report) ham radio news webcast and a frequent presence at Amateur Radio conventions. Pasternak served as Newsline's managing editor and occasional newscaster for the program. Even while hospitalized earlier this year, he kept his ear to the ground for news from the Amateur Radio community, so he could pass it along to those who had taken over Newsline during his illness — discovered after he broke two ribs in a fall. ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Director Brian Milesosky, N5ZGT, got acquainted with Pasternak at the Albuquerque hamfest and in 1997 was named Newsline's "Young Ham of the Year" (YHOTY).

"An incredible man, ham, and one of Amateur Radio's too-few giants, who woke up every day to make the hobby better for everyone, especially its legacy — youth," Milesosky said. "I've enjoyed the energy he put into keeping hams informed via Newsline, and have been honored to give back to his Newsline Young Ham of the Year Award program, since being asked by him to sit on its judging panel well over a decade ago."

ARRL Public Relations Committee Chair Katie Allen, WY7YL, said Pasternak would be missed by those within and outside the Amateur Radio community. "He

truly was one of the good ones," she remarked on Pasternak's Facebook page. "Thank you for sharing your light with us, Bill."

A Brooklyn, New York, native, Pasternak became a radio amateur in 1959 as WA2HVK and once was very active on 6 meters. "I love the hands-on approach to ham radio and built my very first transmitter using parts salvaged from an old Dumont television set," Pasternak recounted in an online biography. "It was a modification of a design by Bill Orr, W6SAI, published in his famous Novice and Technician Handbook. A crystal-controlled, low-power 6 meter AM transmitter that doubled in the final, was screen grid modulated, and put out almost no output power."

He eventually got into broadcasting and made his career in television engineering and production. He retired as a broadcast engineer with KTTV in Los Angeles in 2012 but continued as a broadcasting consultant.

Pasternak was the spark plug behind the all-volunteer Amateur Radio Newsline bulletin — which was relayed on repeaters around the US and elsewhere — as well as the creator and administrator of the annual YHOTY. He was the author of three books and served as a writer/producer on several educational films and videos, including the award-winning "Amateur Radio Today." In earlier years, he wrote the "Looking West" column for 73 Amateur Radio Today Magazine for 26 years and penned a "VHF, FM and Repeater" column for WorldRadio. He also contributed to broadcast

trade publications as well as to CQ.

In addition to the ARRL, Pasternak belonged to the Radio Club of America and the Quarter Century Wireless Association. He also enjoyed flying, including stunts getting on the air from thousands of feet up.

He was the only person ever chosen to receive the Dayton Hamvention Special Achievement Award (1981) and Radio Amateur of the Year Award (1989). In 1995, the League presented him with an ARRL National Certificate of Merit in recognition of his contributions to the "furtherance of the goals of the Amateur Radio Service."

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Sharon, KD6EPW.

ARRL Hudson Division Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, remarked, "I wonder how you measure a person's success in life. Some would say that you measure an individual by the amount of wealth they've acquired. I would say that the true measure of value of an individual is by the amount lives they've touched. If that is the case, then Bill died a very wealthy man."

The future of the Amateur Radio Newsline broadcast, out of production since its May 22 edition, has not been determined, although an appeal for volunteers was issued in late May. Before he died, however, Pasternak said he was determined that Newsline would name a Young Ham of the Year for 2015.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/amateur-radio-news-line-co-founder-editor-bill-pasternak-wa6itf-sk>

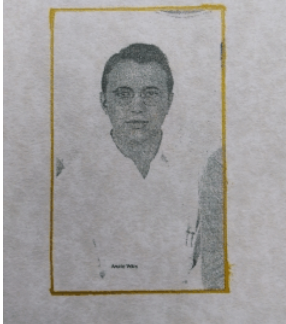
Club Picnic 2015



Archie Willis, W6LPJ



Archie R. Willis 1927-2015



Born in 1927 in Amarillo, Texas, Archie Willis continued a childhood interest in radios into World War II and emerged as a Radio Officer in the US Merchant Marine. After voyages that touched each ocean and every continent, he returned to his high-school sweetheart, Rosemary, to raise a family.

Archie moved to California during the Fifties and began a long career in aerospace machinery working for giants like Northrup-Grumman and Lockheed-Martin before opening his own job shop in the Sixties. Surviving downturn and recession, he wound down his career as a model maker for Disney Enterprises.

Through all these years his interest in radio never diminished, staying active in all areas of amateur radio, serving as an officer in local and national societies and instructing license classes for aspiring operators.

Archie is survived by two of his sons, Tom and John, and his younger brother, Thomas.

<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

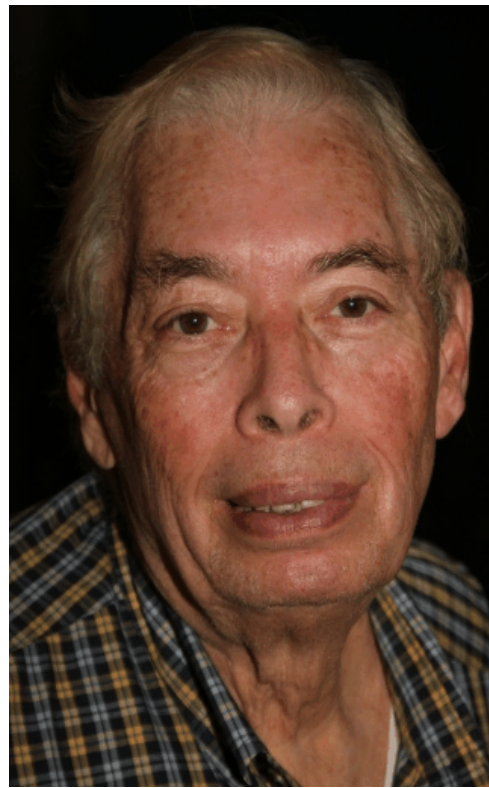
Please make checks payable to SFVARC

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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Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF/SK

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