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## President's QRM



At last month's meeting one of our members gave a very interesting and informational presentation. Gwendolyn Hayden, k6grh, talked about how she became a ham and about the loop antennas she has built. When Gwen got her licenses she wanted to get on HF but she lived in an apartment which made it difficult. After much trial and error with several antennas she discovered the loop antenna and begin to build one and another until she got one to work the way she wanted it to. Gwen brought several examples of antennas she made. She hooked one up to a transceiver and although she could not transmit the signals that were heard

were amazing. This is what ham radio is all about building your own equipment, thanks' again Gwen.

This Friday Duane Mariotti, WB9RER, will be talking to us about the future of amateur radio communications. Don't the meeting it is September 18th, at 7:30pm.

Last month, we welcomed 4 new members to the club. Bill Carlson, kk6cb, and the Husman family Matthew, kk6vkm, Laura, kk6vkl, and Peter, kk6vkn. Welcome to all of you.

I am sure you will get this after the fact, but Hamcon will be over, but look forward to a full report next month.

Coming up in November is the annual electronic treasures auction. Start looking around your shack for that special item you just know some one would give a good home to. All the details will be in next months newsletter.

Coming up December 6th is our holiday/Christmas dinner. Put it on your calendar now.

73,  
Don

### Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

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



San Fernando Valley  
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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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

**8/1/15, 10/3/15, 12/5/15, 2/6/16, and 4/2/16.**

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.



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>

Editors Note: My understanding is we could listen to this event, but not participate, because it encrypts and obscures the contents of the transmissions, a Part 97 violation.

Non the less, sounds like a really cool idea. Too bad our "freedoms" don't include this. End, Editors Note.

Sunday, September 6, 2015

### **The Enigma Event**

Members of the ARI Fidenza will be activating special callsigns

IO4ENG and IQ4FE during the 'Enigma Event'.

The Enigma Event consists of exchanging ham radio messages over the air encrypted with the Enigma code of WW II memory to commemorate its importance in the history of communications and encryption.

The Event Enigma is one of the "European Researchers' Night" events on Sept 25th, when a number of initiatives will be organized by European research

and cultural institutions.

An Amateur Radio Award (ENIGMA AWARD) is associated with this event. The ham activity of the ENIGMA AWARD will start on Sept. 12th. All details and rules are available on the official Web site at:

<http://www.enigma-reloaded.it>  
[http://www.southgatearc.org/news/2015/september/the\\_enigma\\_event.htm#.Vfo1jH1HHow](http://www.southgatearc.org/news/2015/september/the_enigma_event.htm#.Vfo1jH1HHow)

## Amateur Repeaters Fall Victim to Washington Wildfire

Two Central Washington repeaters, owned and operated by the Lake Chelan Amateur Radio Club, have been destroyed by one of the wildfires raging in that state. The co-located machines, one on 2 meters and one on 6 meters, were sited on Slide Ridge near Manson, Washington, in Chelan County. On August 27, the First Creek Fire completely leveled the building housing the repeaters. Scorched antennas and support structures are still standing but are likely beyond repair. The club's Roger Odorizzi, W7CH, said the repeaters had been offline for several days.

"We knew the fire had wiped out the power going to our site, but we hoped for the best, that our mountaintop building was possibly spared," he said. "Now we have confirmation this was not the outcome." Odorizzi said

the area remains closed, and the club likely will not have access to it "for a long time."

The club's Ken Rau, K7YR, said the loss, in addition to the building, included the two repeaters, duplexers and antennas. The repeaters provided coverage in North Central Washington. Rau told ARRL that it's unlikely that the building housing the repeaters would be replaced. It once housed radio and TV broadcast translators, most no longer in use. Topography is also a factor.

"This is a mountain site -- 4900 feet above mean sea level -- with power lines that were installed on a very steep slope."

Odorizzi said the club's foresight in tending the area around its 440 MHz FM repeater, located northeast of the city of Chelan, paid off. Although the fire took

out power for 3 days, the 70 centimeter repeater site was saved because club members had taken care to clear brush and weeds from a wide perimeter around the building housing the machine.

"Get out there and do some weed abatement. The repeater you save may be your own!" Odorizzi said in a September 1 message. "The two repeaters we lost were on another mountaintop but were surrounded with a brushy area."

Odorizzi said recent rainfall in his area has helped to dissipate the smoke from the wildfires and dampened the flame-charred ground. Much cooler weather also was making life easier for the firefighters. "Locally, fire is not a threat now," he added.

## September Guest Speaker

Duane Mariotti, WB9RER  
Duane is an Electrical / Biomedical Engineer. He has been involved with emergency communications for almost thirty years both as an engineer, responder and policy leader. He has worked as an EMT, Paramedic, Firefighter and been a college level educator for biomedical technology and hazardous materials. Following 9/11 he served on several state and national committees improving hospital emergency preparedness and communications systems. Most recently Duane is a Clinical Engineer for Kaiser Permanente in Southern California integrating

medical technology into new facilities and patient safety initiatives. He is also the coordinator of the Kaiser Permanente Amateur Radio Network (KPARN). Duane has been involved in amateur radio specifically emergency communications for over thirty years.

Program Description:

Amateur Radio has become an important emergency communications tool for hospitals. The Department of Homeland Security as well as the Center for Disease Control have strongly recommended that Health and

Hospital organizations incorporate amateur radio into their emergency planning strategies. Unlike most other amateur radio support activities hospitals are very unique entities. This presentation provides a background of hospitals, especially those in Southern California, the hospital emergency communications requirements and the pitfalls to avoid with a hospital based amateur radio program regulatory compliance. The speaker Duane WB9RER has been there and done that being involved in supporting hospital communications via public safety, commercial and amateur radio since 1978.

<http://w6sd.net/member>

Application For SFVARC Membership/Renewal

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Exclude your info from printed club membership roster? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_



Dues information:

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Please make checks payable to SFVARC

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Thank you for your interest and participation in the SFVARC



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