



The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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President's QRM

The holiday session is upon us again and along with it comes two club events. First, we have the club auction and the election of club officers for the coming year. Next month is the club Christmas/Holiday dinner.

Friday, November 20th is the date of the annual club electronic treasurers auction. This year the auctioneer will be Arnie, wb6pjc.

Beside the normal array of wonderful items we will be auctioning off equipment from the estate of Archie Willis, w6lpj. Included will be a complete HF station. If you plan on bringing something to auction come early in order to check your item in and fill out the auction form. Coming up December 6th is the annual club Christmas/Holiday dinner at Knollwood country club. Tickets and all the information will be available at the next meeting. The price of the tickets are \$35 per person.

Finally, thanks to Bill, wb6ede, for the video he brought to the meeting. It really shows the broad range of things amateur radio covers. There is something of interest for everyone to get involved in.

A reminder dues are due in January. It would be a good time to pay them at this month's meeting and get it out of the way.

73,
Don

Next **SFVARC Club
Meeting**

Friday, November 20
at 7:30pm
Northridge Hospital
Penthouse
18300 Roscoe Blvd,
Northridge, CA 91325

San Fernando Valley
Amateur Radio Club
ARRL Affiliated Club #1684

W6SD

ARRL Special Service Club
P.O. Box 280517
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.

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.

12/5/15, 2/6/16, 4/2/16, 6/4/16 and 8/6/16.

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.



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>

THE WORLD OF DX

Harald, DF2WO, is operating as XT2AW from Burkina Faso until November 27. Harald will likely be operating on slow CW. QSLs go to his manager, M0OXO.

Andi DL9USA and Jan DJ8NK will be active as VP2ECC and VP2ENK respectively from the Caribbean island of Anguilla until November 18. They are using CW, SSB and digital and QSLs go via the home call signs.

Martin, LU9EFO, and Faber, HK6F, are operating until November 17 from San Andres. Call signs will be HK0-slash-followed by their home call signs. QSL manager is SP5QAZ.

Dave, EI9FBB, is activating Coetivy Island in the Seychelles for the IOTA program and will operate as S79C. He will be there Nov. 16 through Nov. 22.

Steve, G0KIK, will be operating holiday style as E51KIK from the South Cook Islands through Nov. 15. QSLs go to his home call.

(IRISH RADIO TRANSMITTER SOCIETY)

<http://forums.qrz.com/index.php?t=threads/amateur-radio-newsline-t-m-report-1985-november-13-2015.500469/>

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 Arnie, WB6PJC

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.			

Free Digital Mode Android App
Discussion in 'Amateur Radio News' started by KB3FXI, Sep 30, 2015.
First Formal Release of AndFLMSG!

Available for download at:
<http://w1hkj.com/vk2eta/>

AndFLMSG is a combination of Fldigi and Flmsg for portable devices running Android. The main objective of this development is to provide a low power highly-portable, as in mobile or backpack, Flmsg/Fldigi solution. Rigs like the Yaesu's FT-817, Icom's 703 and Elecraft's KX3 would be the typical companions of the Android phone or tablet running AndFlmsg, thereby providing a low weight, low energy requirement, access to most Flmsg services.

The integration of Internet sharing/forwarding makes this solution attractive as a relay option, possibly a mobile or portable station in a pertinent geographical location. The inclusion of modes like MT-63 and long interleave MFSK modes allows audio coupling to be used effectively without the need for an audio interface. The addition of images and GPS data inclusion opens the usage to practical field reporting too.

What does it do? Basically most of what the fully featured version on the PC does.

- Receive Flmsg formatted messages (any Form).
- Forward any form message as-is over the radio in Flmsg format OR over the internet via email, instant messaging (Facebook, Tweeter, ...) or cloud services (Dropbox, Google drive...), print services (E.g. Google Cloud Print).
- Copy and edit received messages for replying or further forwarding (all custom forms plus the following "hard coded forms": Blank form, Radiogram, IARU message, Plaintext, CSV, all ICS and HICS forms at present, plus the "Picture Form").
- Create new messages using any custom forms or the current set of "hard coded" forms. - Send created messages over the radio or internet.
- Define and save templates for facilitating the creation of new messages.
- Consult the activity log and the messages as-sent.
- The implemented modems are the FLMSG modems (including extra modes), that is all PSK/PSKR modes, including multi-carrier modes, some of the 8PSK modes, THOR, MFSK, OLIVIA, MT-63 and Domino-Ex modes.

The performance is good as the modems now coded in native C++ code for performance and is heavily based on the Fldigi modems code.

In regards to AndFLMSG, where I see the most practical use would be mostly for receiving bulletins and messages with nothing more than a smart phone and a VHF/UHF mobile or handheld transceiver, but I will be looking into an interface to my HF rigs as well.

Imagine no internet and phone service and you're deployed to a shelter. On the way, you could have your smart phone somewhere near your radio speaker and receive all the data on an incident you need without having to do anything but drive. Then when you get to the scene, you can review and/or forward the received data.

Let us know how your testing with AndFLMSG goes!

-Dave Kleber, KB3FXI

<http://forums.qrz.com/index.php?threads/free-digital-mode-android-app.495045/>

<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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ICOM IC-7800 for sale. Excellent condition. Latest Version 2 production configuration. Ver 2 has improved synthesizer board (phase noise) and new crystal oscillator design. Non-smoking environment. Operating & Service Manual. Double boxed. \$6,000. You ship from 98092. Selling only because I bought an IC-7851. Jim K7EG (253) 939-6107.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 20, at 7:30pm at Penthouse, Northridge Hospital

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