



The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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President's QRM

I would like to wish each and every one of you a Happy 2016, and hoping that your holidays were filled with family, friends, and the spirit of the season.

As we begin this new year, I would like to thank our retiring officers from 2015, Steve Rudolph K6OFV Membership VP, and John Campeau AD6KT Technical VP, for their service to the club. I was a pleasure serving with both of you.

The incoming officers for 2016 are, Tom Peabody K6TGP, Executive VP and Membership VP. Don Pettric WG6H Treasurer. Richard Donner WA6KYR Secretary, Bill Stein KC6T Station Trustee, Bernard Falkin KG6FBM Carrier Editor, and welcoming our newest member to the board, Glenn Covey KF6QIQ Technical VP. I look forward to serving with each of you in 2016.

We are proud to announce Skip Bolnick, KJ6Y, will be our speaker for January.

A few events coming up. Jan 15th – SFVARC Meeting, Jan 17th through 23rd Quartzfest in Quartzsite, AZ. Feb 19th & 20th, 2016 ARRL Southwest Convention, Yuma, AZ. Mar 12th, Palm Springs hamfest Mar 12th, Baker 2 Vegas Mar 18th & 19th.

Our club is positioned outside of Pahrump, and starts later in the afternoon, until 4am the next morning. If you are interested in working this event, please contact Steve Wardlaw, kn6y@arrl.net.

I would like to remind you that it's time for your 2016 renewals. I would like for all members to have their dues paid by the March meeting, so that we can get an updated club roster out. It's been a few years since the last one.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Jack Eyster, KO6V

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, January 15
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 **2016 Palm Springs Hamfest** will once again be held at the beautiful Palm Springs Pavilion, 401 S Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262, near the Palm Springs Baseball Stadium, Saturday, March 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. VE testing will be available this year from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Admission: Still just \$5. Where else can you get a day's worth of entertainment for that?
Hamfest is the best place to "gear up." Dozens of

vendors will be selling specially-priced merchandise as well as giving product demos.

Vendors can setup between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Friday and from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. The Expo opens at 9:30 a.m.

Talk-in on the Desert Radio Amateur Transmitting Society's Edom Hill Repeater:
146.94 MHz – 107.2

<http://palmsspringshamfest.com/>

QuartzFest is a week-long ham radio, camping, learning and living event QuartzFest 2016, celebrating its 19th anniversary, is an ARRL Specialty Convention being held January 17 to 23, 2016 near Quartzsite, Arizona in the United States. No other hamfest in the world brings together in one gathering so much innovation in mobile antenna systems, mobile ham shacks, recreational vehicles, portable and mobile EMCOMM systems, off-the-grid living, alternative energy and radio education.

Location: La Paz Valley Rd., Quartzsite, AZ 33°34'50.2"N 114°13'04.9"W or 33.580630, -114.218015
<http://quartzfest.org/index.html>

The 12th Annual Yuma Hamfest, Feb 19th & 20th, 2016, is the site of the 2016 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention. The Yuma Hamfest has two aspects. It is a hamfest for Amateur Radio people, complete with commercial exhibits, seminars, license testing and tailgating. For members of the general public, it is a trade show for emergency and disaster preparedness, with informational presentations and displays of emergency supplies and equipment.

The address of the Yuma County Fairgrounds is 2520 E. 32nd Street in Yuma, AZ.
Point your map or GPS to: 32.669729, -114.591696

<http://www.yumahamfest.org/>

First amateur radio in geosynchronous orbit

Discussion in 'Amateur Radio News' started by W0PV, Dec 24, 2015.

Finally!

"Seven days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, a new ham band will be available for the Americas"

<http://phys.org/news/2015-12-amateur-radio-geosynchronous-orbit-aid.html>

Also reported on other news sites as well; ARRL, Southgate ARC, etc.

<https://forums.qrz.com/index.php?threads/first-amateur-radio-in-geosynchronous-orbit.505312/>

73 and Happy Holidays de John - W0PV

2015 Holiday Banquet

Our 2015 Holiday banquet was on December 6th, at Knollwood Country Club. We had 38 in attendance, and enjoyed a night of great food, festive decorations, and a wonderful program by Roger Barkley, W6LAX, on how Christmas came to be as we know it today. The W6SD award was given to Steve Wardlaw, KN6Y, for his many years of service to our club, and the WB6ZWI Jack Roskilly Memorial award was given to Sean Comeau, KJ6YQE, for his work with other young amateurs, and for hosting a youth forum at the 2015 ARRL Southwest Convention in September. Unfortunately, the awards were delayed in shipping, and will be handed out at the January meeting. I would like to give a special thanks to Don and Sharon Pettric, John and Ilena Campeau, Tom Peabody, and Susanne Ranaldi for helping with the wonderful decorations.

<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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