



The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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President's QRM



Our next meeting will be on February 19th, and our guest speaker will be Margie Hoffman, KG6TBR. Margie will be talking to us about Baker2Vegas, an activity that involves many of our members.

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, February 19
at 7:30pm
Northridge Hospital
Penthouse
18300 Roscoe Blvd,
Northridge, CA 91325

A few events coming up.

Feb 19 – SFVARC General Feb 19th & 20th, 2016 ARRL Southwest Convention, Yuma, AZ.

Mar 12th, Palm Springs Hamfest

Mar 19th & 20th, Baker 2 Vegas

Jun 5th – Picnic – location to be determined.

Jun 25th & 26th – Field Day

Dec 4th – Club Banquet

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

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W6SD

ARRL Special Service Club
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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 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, Michael Farrow K1MIX, John Tibbets W9APX.

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.

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

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
Jim Sullivan
WB6TNF, Phil Reiber
KJ6ZI, Michael
Farrow K1MIX, John
Tibbets W9APX.

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/>

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/>

Morro Bay radio enthusiast turns 107, drinks two glasses of wine each day

By Nick Wilson

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As a boy, Harry K. Wolf once made a trip via horse and buggy to Morro Bay to dig for clams from his family's ranch in Paso Robles.

He recalls one day, amid church bells ringing, coming home and learning from his parents that World War I had ended.

Wolf, who lives in Morro Bay with his daughter Vicki Ryal and son-in-law David Ryal, turned 107 on Jan. 29.

That kind of milestone calls for two birthday parties.

So, first he gathered with his Estero Radio Club friends for their weekly get-together, and a few days later he celebrated again with his family at home on his actual birthday.

Wolf doesn't hear well, so he communicates through writing notes. When asked how it feels to be 107, Wolf simply jots, "It's a lot of work trying to stay alive."

He seems to be managing just fine. Wolf still strolls around, with the assistance of a walker. His daily routine includes reading the paper in the morning and watching "Jeopardy" and "Wheel of Fortune" at night with the help of closed captioning. Wolf regularly plays gin rummy with family members — and often wins.

As a possible explanation for his longevity, his daughter Vicki, who is 71, says, "He has always kept himself busy and always kept a social life."

A ham radio enthusiast, Wolf fashioned his own radio as a teenager in Paso Robles, long before others had them at home, and has maintained a fascination with radio ever since. At home these days, he cranks up the volume of his ham radio and uses Morse code. He's the oldest ham radio operator in the United States, according to his family.

Wolf's story covers a wide range of professional accomplishments and personal hobbies.

Born in 1909, he was a batboy for the Pittsburgh Pirates major league baseball team, which used to hold spring training in Paso Robles. He also appeared as an extra in films starring Hoot Gibson.

A longtime teacher, Wolf was a navigation instructor for Navy pilots during World War II and played an influential role in the early development of Cal Poly's engineering department in the 1940s, according to David Ryal. Wolf taught navigation, physics and electrical engineering at Cal Poly for 31 years.

He traveled around the world nine times with his wife, Nathalie, who died in 2005 at the age of 96. They lived in Africa and Hong Kong while he consulted in electronics. He also developed standards for equipment used in the space program.

"He certainly has a lot of stories," his daughter said.

Before his 100th birthday, Wolf self-published an autobiography

called, "The Oak Tree."

Good genes seem to run in Wolf's family. His cousin, Ella Adams, lived until 103 before she died in Atascadero in 2010. He has nieces around the age of 90.

Besides hearing, his difficulties these days include processing information, which doesn't come as quickly as it used to, and feeling tired after venturing out for the day with family.

He has observed that a desire for education in young people's lives has become more of a focus in society over the years, which pleases the former university instructor. Wolf notes that what hasn't changed is a teenager's "desire to own a car."

As far as personal habits for living a long life, Wolf offers no advice, he says, only opinion.

"In my opinion, if you reduce your food intake, you will live two to four years longer," Wolf said.

Each day, he drinks two glasses of wine — red wine right after lunch and white wine after dinner. He eats a chocolate chip cookie along with both glasses of wine.

And he's frugal.

"He likes Carlo Rossi, which is the cheap stuff," Wolf's son-in-law said.

"He likes to point out that he can drink a bottle of Carlo Rossi for the same price you get a glass of wine in a restaurant."

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/local/article59077018.html>



A huge turn out for our January meeting.

Our 2015 awards winners! Congratulations to all!



Sean won an award for speaking at the ARRL Torrance Hamfest.

Chip was our January guest speaker. And spoke about his DX experiences.



<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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