



The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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President's QRM

June is here, and how the time seems to fly. I found the video from the May meeting very interesting, enjoyed seeing what other clubs did for their Field Day. This month, we will be reviewing our Field Day setup at Granada Hills Charter HS. We will be running 3A, so we will need plenty of operators. We will also give a rundown on our National Parks on the Air event.

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, June 17
at 7:30pm
Northridge Hospital
Penthouse
18300 Roscoe Blvd,
Northridge, CA 91325

We have a new section manager for the Los Angeles Section, Diana Feinberg, AI6DF, of Palos Verdes Peninsula, California, has been appointed ARRL Los Angeles Section Manager, effective June 1. She assumes the reins of the from David Greenhut, N6HD, who has resigned from the volunteer post due to time constraints, after serving since October 2009. I have served with Diana on the Hamcon 2015 committee, and I look forward to working with her in her new appointed position.



I'm also pleased to announce that W6SD now has a group page on Facebook. We have the new logo up, with a few upcoming events and pictures from NPOTA. You can find us by doing a search for W6SD – San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club.

73'
Jack Eyster, KO6V

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Amateur Radio Club
ARRL Affiliated Club #1684

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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Want to order a club badge?

The SFVARC badge comes standard with a safety pin fastener and may also be ordered with other fasteners.

Contact ko6v@arrl.net

Simplex Net Reminder

Two meter simplex:
Tuesdays, 8 p.m. on
Jim Sullivan
WB6TNF, Phil Reiber
KJ6ZI, Michael
Farrow K1MIX, John
Tibbets W9APX.

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:

AHF
AVHF/UHF
Arigs
ADiscussion on different modes
AAn antenna
AContesting
ADxing
ARag-chewing.
Apublic service activity
Ask an Elmer at our next meeting.

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.

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.

6/4/16, 8/6/16, 10/1/16, 12/3/16, and 1/7/17.

I loved the site we picked for our NPOTA. It was great fun. However, we probably will not get NPOTA credit for the activation.

It would be nice to get on the honor roll. One point would get us there for everyone to see. The top Honor Roll score in California is 47. Pick California to see. URL below.

<https://npota.arrl.org/honor-roll.php>

I have considered the activation from an honor roll point of view.
Below is my opinion which is subject to change at a moments notice.

To get 1 point credit we would need 10 confirmed QSOs. To obtain this we would need to get 20 or 30 accurate QSOs including UTC time stamps and frequencies.

LOTW used on for NPOTA has a confirmation rate of about 50%.

We could work anyone for credit but we are supposed to exchange RC17.

Probably on the next try we need to improve the antenna situation and limit the HF transmitters to only one station which could alternate between cw and phone.

Probably the best suggestion for an antenna would be the club endfed mounted 30 feet up, aligned horizontally and aimed at 55 degrees.

Another possible choice might be a vertical.
It would be wise to have antenna choices on site.

I could try my vee beam which consists of 70 foot legs of wire shaped into a v shape. It has gain like a beam.

The V would be great for 20 meters and higher frequencies . It needs 3 support points up 25 to 30 feet.

The bands of choice are probably 40 and 20 meters unless we luck out with propagation. 10 meters is also good but is for CW only.

Any of the 100 watt stations would work even 25 watts should be fine. With batteries we just should not have an energy pig for a transceiver. The propagation will vary during the day making contacts in different locals.

Last point we should pick our days carefully and send out an alert and avoid major contest days. The weather , propagation and altitude of the site are issues.

All this and I am sure we can get one point credit.

Personally with the obvious pros and cons I liked the site we picked.

bye
Richard

National Parks
ON THE AIR
2016



<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

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Thank you for your interest and participation in the SFVARC





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2 Meter mag mount
 mobile antenna, Larson
 LM-MM
 \$30.00

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