



The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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President's QRM

Greetings to all, and I would like to thank Richard Donner, WA6KY, for presenting his Summits on the Air talk. I'm sorry I missed it, as I've heard a lot of great feedback.



Our speaker for August is Orv Beach, W6BI, and he will be giving an overview of digital mesh networking, one of the newest modes in amateur radio. It's a ham radio 'internet' (with a lowercase 'i'). He'll talk about what it is, how it works and how and why it's growing rapidly in Southern California. If a ham is also into computers, it's a great mode to get involved with!

Our tour of the Battleship Iowa, is set for Saturday, Sept 10th, at 1:00 pm. We have 12 spots left, so send me an email to reserve your spot.

Please join us for dinner before the meeting, at Lulu's around 5:15-5:30 pm, 16900 Roscoe Blvd, Van Nuys, CA.

A quick reminder that our September meeting will NOT be in the Penthouse. We should know in the next couple of weeks where we will be meeting, and watch the Carrier, website, and our Facebook page for updates.

73'
Jack Eyster, KO6V

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, August 19
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, 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.

10/1/16, 12/3/16, 2/4/17, 4/1/17 and 6/3/17.

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:

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

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Please bring
your QSL cards
and completed
applicable forms
to the next
meeting.

Awards Manager
Arnie, WB6PJC,
will be available
to check your
cards.

SOTA Talk-1

I am starting a monthly SOTA column in the the W6SD Carrier. Each month I will answer your questions regarding SOTA. Also, please send comments or personal experiences to be shared in the W6SD Carrier to RDONNER at DSLEXTREME dot COM.

To start, I would like to remind everyone that SOTA stands for Summits On The Air. Activators climb specially designated peaks and the rest of us are Chasers from our home qth. There are awards for both activities.

As a starter you can begin your quest at <http://www.sotawatch.org/>

There are three relectors (talk sites) that you might look at. My favorite is the local SOCALSOTA site.

1
https://groups.google.com/forum/#!love_rview

and search for socalsota

2. <http://reflector.sota.org.uk/> This is the reflector tab on the sotawatch.org page

3
<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/nasota/info>

73,
Richard wa6kyr

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

Amateur Radio Related Event

The AC100 (ac100.com) trail race was on August 6 & 7, 2016. Things were going as usual as I have volunteered at the finish line for about the last 5 years or so. This year they used VHF, UHF, packet, and a MESH network (even using it to go Live on Facebook where there was no cell phone or data available).



This year the first finisher came in about 12:30am Sunday morning. Then at 1:03:41 Jerry Garcia came in 4th and the crowd cheered as they did for all the other runners. What made this special was after 100 miles in 21 hours he led his girlfriend back to the finish line, got down on one knee, took out a ring, and proposed to her.

This was very different than any other amateur radio event I have ever volunteered.

How about your stories? We will publish them in our monthly Carrier, just let me know.



Story by Bernard Falkin
KG6FBM

Amateur Radio Event

Saturday, August 6, 2016 starting about 07:30 in the morning was another one those major earthquake drills that we all have participated in for the last 22 years or so. What made this one different was not only did the usual police and fire departments participate, but Providence hospital had a triage area set up treating patients. And, even better than that, the Army National Guard participated giving the medical and communication people their capabilities and what they could provide during an actual event.



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<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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