



# *The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club*

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## President's QRM

Greetings to all, and here we are in September already. A big thank you to Orv Beach, W6BI, for his fascinating presentation on digital mesh networking.

For our September meeting, our own Arnie Schwartz, WB6PJC, talked about antique radios, and we had a very special presentation at the West Valley Police Station, 19020 Vanowen St. Reseda. I don't want to give anything away, but Arnie has over 55 years as a licensed ham. See his bio and pictures inside this month's Carrier.

I'm pleased to announce that we have appointed Arnie Schwartz as our Vice President of Public Relations, and he will be developing a working relationship with Northridge Hospital. Our club has had a great relationship with the hospital for over 20 years, and we would like to see if we can continue this relationship.

To end on a positive note, our tour of the Battleship IOWA was a fun and informative event. We had 21 members from San Fernando Valley ARC and Santa Clarita ARC. Our tour started at 1:00pm, and we didn't leave the ship until 5:00pm. On behalf of Randy Comeau, W6BC, President of Santa Clarita ARC and myself, a BIG thank you to Doug Dowds W6HB, President of the Battleship IOWA Amateur Radio Association, and the staff of the IOWA, in making our tour a very special event.

73'  
Jack Eyster, KO6V

Next **SFVARC  
Club Meeting**  
Friday, October 21  
at 7:30pm  
**"To Be  
Determined."**

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ARRL Affiliated Club #1684

### W6SD

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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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2016 5/2017

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:

- HF
- VHF/UHF
- rigs
- Discussion on different modes
- An antenna
- Contesting
- Dxing
- Rag-chewing.
- public 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.

### **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](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](mailto:ko6v@arrl.net)

On behalf of the San Fernando Valley ARC and Santa Clarita ARC, we would like to give a big thank you to Doug Dowds W6HB, President of the Battleship IOWA Amateur Radio Association, and the staff and volunteers, for giving us an awesome tour.



Shaking hands with Bob DiSpain. He was stationed aboard the USS Hoel, that was attacked and sunk, during the Battle of Leyte, Oct 25, 1944. He and the survivors spent 3 days and nights, in shark infested waters. What a treat to be able to meet this gentleman and spend a few minutes with him.





Arnie was licensed as a Novice WV6RAD from 1961-1962. He operated with a General License WB6PJC from 1965 to 2012. In 2012 Arnie obtained his Extra Class License.

Arnie likes to operate both CW and SSB on the HF bands. You can find him on 10/15/20/40 meter bands most of the time. 2011 was his 50th year anniversary as a Ham Radio Operator. He has received the following ARRL awards: WAS, DXCC for Mixed, CW, Phone, 10/15/20 meters, the Diamond DXCC Challenge and the Centennial Challenge Award.

Arnie is a former U.S. Navy Communications Technician, U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Radioman and a former member of the U.S. Naval Surface Reserve Force, Merchant Marine Training Unit. Arnie taught Industrial Arts for the Los Angeles Unified School District from 1972 to 2002. Additionally, he sailed as a Civilian Merchant Marine Radio Officer during his summer vacations off from LAUSD and worked on 38 different merchant ships from 1968 to 1998. Arnie gave up all of his jobs in 2002 and is now enjoying his Ham Radio Hobby in retirement.

Arnie holds the following FCC Commercial licenses: 1st class Radiotelegraph, GROL, GMDSS (operator & maintainer). All of his commercial licenses have the Radar Endorsement. Arnie is also a Volunteer Examiner with both W5YI and the Greater Los Angeles Amateur Radio Group. Additionally, Arnie is the appointed ARRL WAS card checker for the San Fernando Valley, CA area. When Arnie is not on the air, he is looking for 1923 Atwater Kent Breadboard radios and parts for them. He enjoys repairing and restoring these early broadcast radios. After 43 years of collecting and restoring these early radios, he has 9 sets in his collection.



<http://w6sd.net/member>

Application For SFVARC Membership/Renewal

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

License Class \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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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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