



# The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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## President's QRM

It's April already and summer is just around the corner. The bands have been open, as of late, and I have had some luck on 10 and 20. I hope it keeps up with Field Day coming up in June. John, AD6KT, is planning a committee meeting shortly for Field Day. The Field Day committee has a long list of ideas that was put tighter last year and John is planning to put them into action.

### Next SFVARC Club Meeting

Friday, April 18  
at 7:30pm  
Northridge Hospital  
Penthouse  
18300 Roscoe Blvd,  
Northridge, CA 91325

June 14th, is the club picnic at Woodley Park. Richard Donner, WA6KYR, is putting on a portable station contest. See the announcement in this issue of the news letter.

Another thing to check out is the ARRL Centennial QSO Party. It will be on until December, with W1AW operating in various locations. Check the ARRL web site for all the information.

Looking forward to the December club dinner, tickets will go on sale at the July meeting. All the information will be in the June Carrier.

David Greenhut, N6HD, will speak at the April meeting on his recent Dxpedition.

73,  
Don Pettric, WG6H

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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 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, 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.

Net Control: The Net Control Operators are Phil Reiber, KJ6ZI, and Ted Mattock, KE6EIT.

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?  
<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>

## **Simplex Net** **Reminder**

Two meter  
 simplex:  
 Tuesdays, 8 p.m.  
 on  
**145.570 MHz,**  
**Jim, WB6TNF**

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.

## **Northridge VE Schedule for 2014/ 2015**

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.

**6/7/14, 8/2/14, 10/4/14, 12/6/14, and 2/7/15.**

## **Monthly Luncheon**

We are headed to Lulu's for our next lunch. See you on the second Saturday of the month at 11:30am. 16900 Roscoe Bl, Van Nuys, CA 91406. 818-988-0707.

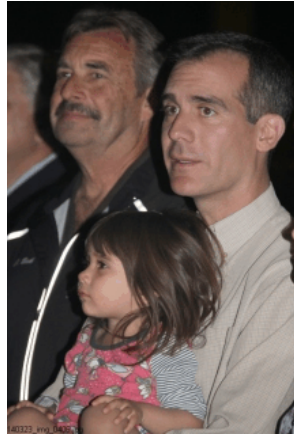
Elaine

## **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.



Joy Matlack,  
KD6FJV, at the  
Awards Ceremony.



The Mayor and  
Police Chief.



A total of 18 teams won awards.



A LAPD team won  
the race with the  
fastest time, just  
under 13 hours.



Everyone had a  
good time!

Dear Club Members,

We are going to have a little competition between portable stations. Club members should individually setup their own portable stations consisting of antennas, radios, and batteries at the June 14, Club Picnic. We will see who makes the furthest contact. Competitive members should bring their whole station in one trip from their car. Typically, carrying a back pack or using a goat if available. Stations using 10 watts or less get an additional credit of 1,000 miles added to their furthest contact. VHF stations work for furthest grid square. CW, phone, hf, and vhf stations get separate awards.

Richard Donner, wa6kyr



David Greenhut, N6HD, will speak at the April meeting on his recent Dxpedition.

Gene, WB9COY, will speak at our May meeting debuting "SFVARC in action at the 2014 B2V" showing us the preview and if approved he will post it on YouTube.

Richard Donner, wa6kyr

## W6SD at Stage 13, Baker to Vegas 2014



<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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