



# The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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## President's QRM

I hope that every one had a wonderful July 4th.

Field Day June 27 and 28 at Granada Hills Charter High School was a great weekend. Weather started out hot Saturday morning but a cloud cover moved in bringing the temperature down to a very comfortable level. Thanks' to John Campeau, kd6kt, our technical VP for organizing the weekend. Read John's report in this newsletter to find out about the weekend.

Our next meeting will be Friday, July 17th. The speaker will be Skip Bolnick, kj6y. Skip will be talking about operating from Catalina and Santa Rosa Islands.

Next **SFVARC Club**  
**Meeting**

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

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Don, WG6H

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Amateur Radio Club  
ARRL Affiliated Club #1684

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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, 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>

### **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.

### **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 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.

**8/1/15**

After-action Report for Field Day, June 27th and 28th 2015  
Held at Granada Hills Charter High School  
San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

07, July 2015

First off, thank you to Club members and non-members who helped with the set-up and tear-down for Field Day. The following people, as always, can be counted on to further the interests of the Club. Our President, Don Pettric, Jr., (WG6H), Treasurer, Jack Eyster, (KO6V), Executive V P, Tom Peabody, ((K6TGP), our Secretary, Richard Donner, (WA6KYR), our unofficial Technical V P's Steve Wardlaw, (KN6Y) and Bill Stein, (KC6T). Kudos to the following folks who said yes to special events that we had this year. Johnny Spotts, (W6HTY) who operated a satellite station on Saturday and came back at 3 AM to try to pick up a pass on Sunday morning. Although he wasn't able to get in, he's a hero in my book. Lynn O'Connell, (KG6DNY) set up and operated a VHF station during the weekend. He was asked, and responded with a resounding YES; thanks Lynn. Another gentleman, Louis, (KG6WXX) took-one-for-the-team when a pulley broke loose from a push-up pole and struck him on the top of the head. He had a cut, but in true hard-core fashion, continued to help with the set-up and tear-down on Sunday. Again, thank you and if I've failed to mention someone, please know that your contributions are appreciated.

Before we get into crunching numbers, I want to say that although the turnout was sparse, there were people that made this year a "special event" in my mind. Ahmed, (unsure of the spelling), (KK6BIG) was there for the entire 24 hour period. His enthusiasm was contagious. He worked with Johnny Spotts on satellite, drinking in all that he could glean from the experience. Gwendolyn, (K6GRH) came to operate SSB on 40 and he sat in with her, logging contacts and later working SSB. They both enjoyed the company and were full of smiles as they worked through the night. If for no other reason than to watch his enthusiasm, it was worth the work.

This year, we took a step in simplifying our set-up. The Club purchased two end-fed dipoles and erected the B&W folded dipole. All antennas worked satisfactorily and, like last year, 40 meters remained open all night long. 20 meters was active until approximately 1:30 AM Sunday morning. In spite of using wire, the Club faired well.

Ok, lets talk numbers. As in years past, we operated 3 Alpha. CW contacts totaled 188, Phone was 262. Total number of contacts equal 450. Total QSO points equaled 638 with a power multiplier of 2 for a claimed score equals 1,276; way up from last year. Please consider being part of next year's Field Day and helping the Club raise the score.

We owe a debt of thanks to Granada Hills Charter High School again this year, and in particular to Mike Panman who invited us back. Thank you for the use of the facility and the pop-ups, it makes the daytime operation much more bearable.

John Campeau - Technical VP

<http://w6sd.net/member>

## Application For SFVARC Membership/Renewal

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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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.  
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Thank you for your interest and participation in the SFVARC





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