

President's QRM

Our next meeting will be on March 18th, and with some of our members and myself, out in the desert, providing communication support for Baker 2 Vegas, Tom K6TGP will be leading the meeting.



Tom has a great video for that evening. We still can use a few hams for B2V, and if interested, please contact Margie Hoffman, KG6TBR, at "admin2@radiobaker2vegas.org."

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, March 18th
at 7:30pm

Northridge Hospital
Penthouse

18300 Roscoe Blvd,
Northridge, CA 91325

Another fantastic HamFest was put on by the folks in Yuma, AZ, and I'm so happy I was able to attend. Another HamFest coming up this month is the Palm Springs, Saturday, March 12th, from 9:30am to 4:30pm, this is an easy 2 hr drive, and well worth it. They have seven fantastic presentations, and at 10:30 am, The Mighty Transistor by Kristen McIntyre K6WX, and at 11:30 am, Troubleshooting for the Non-Techie Ham by Marty Woll N6VI.



I would like to remind you that it's time for your 2016 renewals. Please make sure you get yours in by the March 18th meeting, so we can get you included in the 2016 roster.

73'

Jack Eyster KO6V

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.

Club Officers

President

Jack Eyster, KO6V
mr.eyster @ gmail. com

Executive VP

Membership Vice President
Tom Peabody, K6TGP
tpbdy @ verizon. net

Planning Vice President
Vacant

Technical Vice President
Glenn Covey, KF6QIQ

Secretary

Richard Donner, WA6KYR
rdonner @ dslextreme. com

Treasurer

Don Pettric, WG6H
wg6h @ arrl. net

Station Trustee

Bill Stein, KC6T
bill_91326 @ verizon. net

W6SD Carrier Editor/ Website
Manager

Bernard Falkin, KG6FBM
kg6fbm @ bflocks. com

ARES Liason

Jack Eyster, KO6V
mr.eyster @ gmail. Com

LAACARC delegate

Jack Eyster, KO6V
mr.eyster @ gmail. com

Awards Manager

WAS & VUCC card checker for ARRL
Arnold Schwartz, WB6PJC
usarnie1 @ sbcglobal.net
(818) 222-7037

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.

The opinions expressed in the W6SD Carrier are solely those of the editor or other contributors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of either the Board of Directors or membership of the SFVARC.

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.

4/2/16, 6/4/16, 8/6/16, 10/1/16, and 12/3/16.

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
- AAntenna
- AContesting
- ADxing
- ARag-chewing.
- Apublic service activity
- Ask an Elmer at our next meeting.

Simplex Net Reminder

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

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.



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>

The **2016 Palm Springs Hamfest** will once again be held at the beautiful Palm Springs Pavilion, 401 S Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262, near the Palm Springs Baseball Stadium, Saturday, March 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. VE testing will be available this year from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Admission: Still just \$5. Where else can you get a day's worth of entertainment for that? Hamfest is the best place to "gear up." Dozens of

vendors will be selling specially-priced merchandise as well as giving product demos.

Vendors can setup between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Friday and from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. The Expo opens at 9:30 a.m.

Talk-in on the Desert Radio Amateur Transmitting Society's Edom Hill Repeater:
146.94 MHz – 107.2

<http://palmsspringshamfest.com/>

Yuma HamFest 2016 Jack Eyster – KO6V

Well, another fantastic Yuma HamFest has come and gone. I attended a couple of informative seminars, and my favorite was the antenna clinic conducted by Marvin Johnston, KE6HTS. We got to build our own 2-meter “tape measure” beam, from kits we were able to purchase, and assemble. Then we got to test our creation, and got a little practice attempting to find three beginner transmitters on 144.525 MHz, located on the fairgrounds.

The vendor hall had a great selection of vendors, with Elecraft, Palomar, DX Store, and HRO among the more notable ones. In the back of the vendor hall, was a consignment area with some fantastic deals. And outside in the tailgating section, some really nice treasures waiting for some lucky ham. Oh, if only my lottery numbers would come up!

The Buzzard BBQ was again sold out, limited to 450 dinners, and I’m glad I got my ticket early. I mean for only \$10, you got a choice of barbecued pulled pork or chicken, corn, green salad, with rolls and butter, water or soda. After the feasting, comes what is the highlight for many, the prize drawings. I couldn’t get anyone to confirm, but they must have over \$20,000 worth of prizes. Some of the top prizes were a FlexRadio FLEX-6500, Elecraft K3S 100W Kit, Icom IC-9100, and a Kenwood TS-590SG, which was won by my buddy Mort Arditti, NA6MA, who lives here in the valley. In addition to our own local ARRL leadership, Dick Norton N6AA, Marty Woll N6VI, and David Greenhut N6HD, we had 14 other hams that made the trek to Yuma. This was my 2nd year attending, and I’m already looking forward to next year.

On a side note, the Monday following Yuma, I had to be up in Colorado Springs, CO for a 10am survey, which meant that I left Yuma at 6:00am and arrived at my motel in Colorado at 9:30 pm, ROADTRIP!!! What a difference in going from the warmer deserts of SW Arizona, to the snowy cold of the Rockies, but that’s a story for another time.

(Pictures continued on the next page.)



Mort, NA6MA



Logo Contest

The ARRL 2016 Field Day rules have come out, and they have a new bonus point category related to Social Media:

Rule 7.3.16 Social Media offers 100 bonus points for promoting your Field Day activation to the general public via an active, recognized, and utilized social media platform, such as Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram. This bonus is available to bona fide Amateur Radio clubs and Field Day groups that welcome visitors to their operations. These bonus points are not available to individual participants, and club websites do not qualify as social media for this bonus. The bonus points are available to all Field Day entry classes meeting the criteria.

With this new category, I am pleased to announce a SFVARC logo contest. We are looking for members to submit logo's that we can use to create a presence on Social Media pages, website, shirts, etc. The deadline for entries is May 1st, and the membership will vote on the submitted entries at the May 20th meeting. The winning entry will receive a \$50 cash prize. Please send all entries to "ko6v@arrl.net."



<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





San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 280517-0517
Northridge, CA 91328-0517



Next Meeting: Friday, March 18, at 7:30pm at Penthouse, Northridge Hospital

W6SD.NET

Communications Service Company, Antenna Specialist, TV-ham-
Shortwave-Satellite TV, MATV-Residential and Commercial, Audio-
Video-CCTV Cameras, Expert Tower Installations

HAROLD "SKIP" BOLNICK, KJ6Y

22712 Califa St.

Woodland Hills, CA 91367-4418

Phone 818-887-3569

Fax 818-703-8732

Eric Christensen
Manager – Burbank | K6EJC | ws3bnk@hro.net
TF: 877-892-1748 P: 818-842-1786 F: 818-842-5283
1525 W Magnolia Blvd, Burbank, CA 91506

Download the App at Google Play
Download the App at the Apple App Store

Worldwide Distribution
SALES SUPPORT SERVICE
Anaheim, CA | Atlanta, GA | Burbank, CA | Denver, CO | New Castle, DE | Oakland, CA
Phoenix, AZ | Portland, OR | Salem, NH | San Diego, CA | Sunnyvale, CA | Woodbridge, VA
www.hamradio.com