



# The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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## President's QRM

I would like to wish each and every one of you a Happy 2017, and hoping that your holidays were filled with family, friends, and the spirit of the season.

I would like to welcome our board for 2017,  
Jack Eyster KO6V President  
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Tom Peabody K6TGP Planning VP  
John Tibbetts W9APX Technical VP  
Ginger Wonderling AB6YL Membership VP  
Richard Donner WA6KYR Secretary  
Don Pettric WG6H Treasurer

Our next meeting will be Friday, January 20th, at LAPD West Valley community room and our speaker will be Margie Hoffman KG6TRB, and the topic will be Baker to Vegas.

I would like to remind you that it's time for your 2017 renewals.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

73,  
Jack Eyster KO6V

Next **SFVARC**  
**Club Meeting**  
Friday, January 20  
at 7:30pm  
LAPD West  
Valley station,  
19020 Vanowen  
St, Reseda, CA  
91335

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

Board Meetings: Usually at Lulu's restaurant. Dates and times "TBD." 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 Tibbetts 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 VE Exams will be at "The Van Nuys Flyaway" located at a NEW location! 7610 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406. 2nd Floor in the Conference Room located at the North end of the Building. Parking is free in the parking lot next to Woodley Ave. Park in the row closest to Woodley Ave., Enter the terminal, elevator on the right to the 2nd floor, turn right, end of the hall 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 2016/2017

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 at "The Van Nuys Flyaway" located at a NEW location! 7610 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406. 2nd Floor in the Conference Room located at the North end of the Building. Parking is free in the parking lot next to Woodley Ave. Park in the row closest to Woodley Ave., Enter the terminal, elevator on the right to the 2nd floor, turn right, end of the hall. Signs will be posted if the room is changed.

**2/4/17, 4/1/17, 6/3/17, 8/5/17 and 10/7/17.**

### 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.

### **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/#!loveview>

and search for socalsota

2. <http://reflector.sota.org.uk/> This is the reflector tab on the sotawatch.org page 3

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

73,  
Richard wa6kyr

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

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)

## Results from the last VE Test Session (12/3/16)

2 people showed up for the Technician exam and both passed.  
1 of the new Tech's decided to also sit for the General Exam, and passed.

Our new hams are:  
Dean KM6HBV (General)  
Reginald KM6HBW (Technician)

Thank you to Don (WG6H), John (W9APX) and John (K6KZE) for their help at the Test Session.

Jim - WB6TNF

## Yuma Hamfest February 17-18, 2017

The Yuma Hamfest is just a little over two months away on February 17-18. Yuma has become the site of one of the largest hamfests in the southwestern U.S. and will be the site of the ARRL Arizona Section Convention for 2017.

We feature commercial vendors, tailgating, grand prizes worth over \$25,000, on-site RV camping, free parking, seminars held in parallel tracks, \$8 amateur license testing, DXCC card checking, an antenna clinic & transmitter hunt, our famous "Buzzard BBQ" dinner, a near-space balloon launch, great hourly door prizes, a hospitality area, the "Country Store" consignment sales area, and much more.

Admission is only \$5, tailgating spots are \$10 for the weekend, and we offer a food concession run by a professional chef. Our "Buzzard BBQ" dinner is only \$10. We hope you and members of your club mark February 17-18 on your calendars and plan on attending the Arizona Section Convention in Yuma.

Please check our website at [www.yumahamfest.org](http://www.yumahamfest.org) for more information. If you have questions, contact us at [info@yumahamfest.org](mailto:info@yumahamfest.org) or by phone at 928-305-1034. If you can, please announce information about the Yuma Hamfest via your club's newsletter, meetings or local nets. Thank you very much for your help.

Attached is a flyer for the 2017 Yuma Hamfest. Please note the change in the talk-in frequency.

Roger Hunt, K7MEX  
Volunteer, Yuma Hamfest

# **2017 Arizona Section Convention**

## **Yuma Hamfest**

**Yuma, Arizona**

**Feb. 17 & 18, 2017**



Yuma County Fairgrounds  
2520 East 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Yuma, Arizona

**[www.yumahamfest.org](http://www.yumahamfest.org)**

Check the Website for Additional Information

Gates Open for Camping Thursday, 2 pm Vendor Setup Friday, 7 am - Noon	Event Hours Friday, Noon - 5 pm Saturday, 8 am - 5 pm	Hamfest Dinner & Grand Prize Drawing Saturday Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm
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**Vendors & Exhibitors**  
**Consignment Sales**  
**License Testing**  
**Hourly Door Prizes**  
**On-site RV Camping**  
**Hamfest Dinner**  
**ARRL Speaker**  
**Transmitter Hunt**  
**\$5.00 Admission**

**Tailgating (Swap Meet)**  
**Full Seminar Schedule**  
**DXCC Card Checking**  
**Incredible Grand Prizes**  
**Emergency Preparedness**  
**Admission Prize**  
**Hospitality Area**  
**Near Space Balloon Launch**  
**Antenna Clinic**

Hamfest Talk-In Frequency: 146.780 (-) PL 103.5 Hz

Email Contact: [info@yumahamfest.org](mailto:info@yumahamfest.org)



We are proud to have the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA) as a sponsor of our event.

The Yuma Hamfest is an American Radio Relay League (ARRL) sanctioned event.



Presented by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization

**QCWA 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
CHARITY Cruise  
October 18 – 29, 2017**

Join us aboard **Holland America's**  
new ship, ms **KONIGSDAM**

*Don't miss this exciting opportunity.  
Sail the seas with your family & QCWA  
friends to promote Amateur Radio World Wide*



**11-Day Southern Caribbean Wayfarer**  
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*Enjoy sailing 11 days visiting St. Maarten, Guadeloupe, Barbados, Martinique, St Kitts & Nevis,  
St Thomas and the Bahamas before returning back to Ft Lauderdale.  
Be part of the group functions, enjoy a complimentary Pinnacle Grill dinner and the comradery.*

**Rates start at \$1444\* per person including tax and may be combinable with current promotions.**

**Call WHITE TRAVEL for the best possible rate.**

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Book with WHITE TRAVEL (Monday to Friday) between January 30 and February 10, 2017

Inside staterooms will receive \$35 on-board credits\*\*

Outside Stateroom will receive \$50 on-board credits

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**Contact White Travel for all the details**

**Phone: 800-547-4790 / Email: [info@whitetravel.com](mailto:info@whitetravel.com)**

\*Rate is based on an inside Category J, double occupancy at the time of printing. Lower categories and/or a lower rate may be available at the time of booking. All rates and accommodations are based on availability \*\* Credits are per stateroom



<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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Contact: Jack Eyster, KO6V  
mr.eyster @ gmail. com

**Next Meeting: Friday, January 20, at 7:30pm at LAPD West Valley Station.**

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