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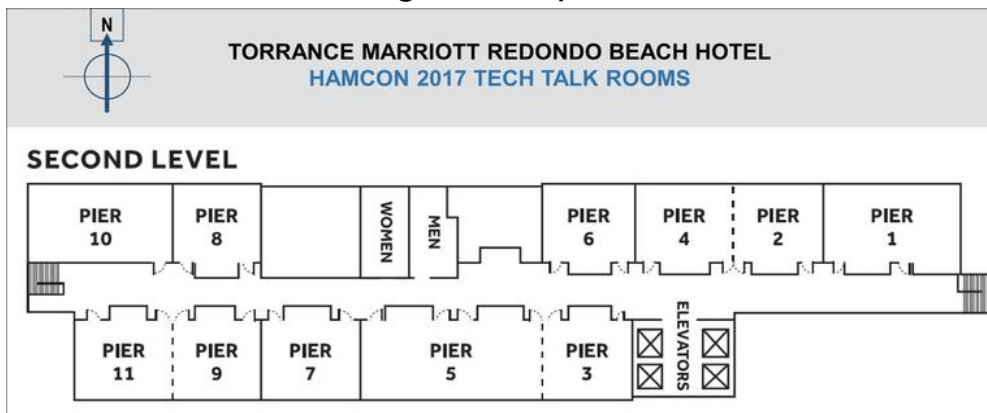
Hamcom 2017 is September 15, 16, & 17, 2017.

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33.837426,-118.351078
<http://www.hamconinc.org>

Page 5 has the schedule of Tech classes
The following is a Map of the Hotel:

Next **SFVARC**
Club Meeting
Friday, September
15
at 7:30pm
LAPD West
Valley station,
19020 Vanowen
St, Reseda, CA
91335



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Amateur Radio Club
ARRL Affiliated Club #1684

W6SD

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Northridge, CA 91328-0244

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 2017/2018

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.

10/7/17, 12/2/17, 2/3/18, 4/7/18, and 6/2/18.

BRING YOUR HT RADIOS FOR FREE TESTING BY ARRL'S BOB ALLISON, WB1GCM

All HAMCON 2017 attendees are encouraged to bring an HT radio to the ARRL's Assistant Lab Manager Bob Allison, WB1GCM, outside the Vendor Room. He will test your HT for any spurious emissions or other harmonics.

You might not be aware some HT radios transmit various amounts of RF outside the ham bands...let Bob test your radio with the ARRL's sophisticated spectrum analyzer. He also does this annually at the Dayton Hamvention and ARRL National Conventions.

Bringing your HT radio for these free tests greatly assists the ARRL in understanding which radio models are fully-compliant with FCC regulations—and lets you know as well.

Another HAMCON Activity



Simplex Net Reminder

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

W1AW/6 SPECIAL EVENT STATION

The ARRL's W1AW comes to HAMCON 2017 as W1AW/6 Special Event Station. Technician class operators can make contacts from W1AW/6 too.

The South Bay Amateur Radio Club (W6SBA) is overseeing W1AW/6, located just north of the Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach Hotel's parking structure. Look for the antenna.



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.

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 Don or Ginger

**QCWA 70th 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
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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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The following is the schedule:

HAMCON 2017 TECH TALK SCHEDULE			
FRIDAY, SEPT. 15			
Start	Piers 2 & 4	Piers 3 & 5	Piers 9 & 11
2:00 PM		<i>What do all the QST product review numbers mean</i> Bob Allison WB1GCM	
03:00:00 PM	<i>The New Dayton Hamvention</i> Diana Feinberg, AI6DF	ABC's of RFI Bob Brehm AK6R Palomar Engineers	
4:00 PM	Locating and Identifying RFI/EMI sources in So. Cal. Chris Parker AF6PX		

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16						
Start	Piers 2 & 4	Piers 3 & 5	Piers 9 & 11	Pier 6	Pier 7	Pier 8
08:00:00 AM		<i>Vendor New Product Forum</i>				
9:00 AM	<i>Electcraft- High performance HF for Dxing, Contesting and even Mountain Topping</i> Matt Zilmer W6NIA	<i>The New Lithium Phosphate battery Technology</i> Kevin Zanjani- Bioenno Power	<i>Summits on the Air</i> Don Minkoff, NK6A	<i>Using your Smartphone</i> Bernard Falkin ,KG6FBM	<i>How to Solder</i> Allen Wolff, KC7O	
10:00 AM	<i>Dealing with Government for Amateur Radio Antennas</i> Attorney Johnathan Kramer W6JLK	<i>Again! Again! Why Some Modes Work Better</i> Kristin McIntyre K6WX	<i>Secrets of the End Fed Wire Antenna</i> Bob Brehm, AK6R Palomar Engineers	<i>Flex Radio</i> TBA	<i>3D Printing</i> Allen Wolff KC7O	<i>Microwave Antenna Measurements</i> Dan Slater - AG6HF
11:00 AM	<i>The AREDN project: the latest in Mesh Network</i> Andre Hansen, K6AH	<i>Maxwell's Equations in 45 minutes</i> Kristen McIntyre K6WX	<i>Multi-Mode Digital voice modem Host Software and Hardware</i> Jim McLaughlin K16ZUM and Michael Rickey-AF6FB	<i>Building Ham Radio go boxes</i> Robert Burchett-WB6SLC	<i>Starting a Ham Radio Youth Education Program</i> Bill Bradley WD6FON	<i>New Hams Forum</i> Gordon West WB6NOA
12:00 AM	<i>Closed for Lunch</i>	<i>Closed for Lunch</i>	<i>Closed for Lunch</i>	<i>Closed for Lunch</i>	<i>Closed for Lunch</i>	<i>Closed for Lunch</i>
1:00 PM	<i>What do all the QST product review numbers mean</i> Bob Allison WB1GCM	<i>VIRCLW: What the heck are they</i> Kristen McIntyre K6WX	<i>New Designs for Vertical Antennas</i> Tom Schiller N6BT	<i>The AREDN project: the latest in Mesh Network</i> Andre Hansen, K6AH	<i>EMCOMM-ARES in the Southwestern Division Panel Discussion</i>	<i>Adventures in the Contest</i> Van Scott Bovitz N6MI
2:00 PM	<i>ABC's of RFI</i> Bob Brehm AK6R	<i>Dealing with Government for Amateur Radio Antennas</i> Attorney Johnathan Kramer W6JLK	<i>DX Forum</i> Jerry Lewine K6QU Don Minkoff NK6A	<i>Youth Forum</i> Randy Comeau W6BC	<i>EMCOMM-Future Direction for Government affiliated Amateur Radio Groups (Los Angeles County)</i>	<i>O.C. Hospital Disaster Communications</i> April Moell WA6OPS
3:00 PM	Locating and identifying RFI/EMI sources in So. Cal. Chris Parker AF6PX	<i>Contest Forum</i> Dick Norton N6AA	<i>Remote operations with the big boys</i> Ned Stearns AA7A	<i>Ham Radio's Role During the Vietnam War</i> Dennis Vernacchia, N6KI	<i>EMCOMM Future Direction for Government affiliated Amateur Radio Groups (Orange County)</i>	<i>You Might Be a Transmitter Hunting Champion!</i> Joe Moell K0OV
4:00 PM		<i>ARRL Forum</i> Dick Norton, N6AA				

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17			
Start	Piers 2 & 4	Piers 3 & 5	Piers 9 & 11
9:00 AM		<i>The New Lithium Phosphate battery Technology</i> Kevin Zanjani- Bioenno Power	<i>High Altitude Balloon Hamming</i> Joanne Michael, KM6BWB
10:00 AM			<i>The New Dayton Hamvention</i> Diana Feinberg, AI6DF
11:00 AM			<i>ARRL Los Angeles Section Forum</i> Diana Feinberg, AI6DF

<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:
San Fernando Valley ARC
P.O. Box 280244
Northridge, CA 91328-0244

Thank you for your interest and participation in the SFVARC.





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Small mobile speaker:
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Swivel mounting
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Next Meeting: Friday, September 15, at 7:30pm at LAPD West Valley Station.

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