

Rocket Day Special Event Station

SSARC has been invited to operate a Special Event Station as part of the Rocket Day celebration Nov. 18 at the Strathearn Historical Park. Special event stations are fairly common on the HF bands. They are usually set up and run by amateur radio clubs in conjunction with larger community or historical society events. The FCC has set aside 1x1 call signs beginning with K, N, or W which can be assigned for short limited times to these special event stations. This is the provision that grants VCARS the call sign N6R for our Field Day operations at the Reagan Library. Special Event Stations are favorite targets for QSL card collectors.

In our club meeting on October 14, Bill Woods will be presenting a plan for SSARC to sponsor a Special Event Station (SES) at Rocket Day. To do this right, we need to:

- ▶ **Choose a call sign:** our club call (W6SVS) or a 1x1 call sign such as W6S.
- ▶ **Commit** to setting up and operating one or more HF stations for the period of 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- ▶ **Design a Special Event QSL card** and then fill QSL requests after the event.
- ▶ We have also been asked to highlight amateur radio interaction with space. I know, it's a vast subject. Demonstrating the reception of beacons from passing satellites or especially the ISS (International Space Station) would be a cool addition to the SES. We are seeking a club member with experience in this area to guide, help, and (oh yeah) volunteer to **do something with ham satellites**.

A celebration of the local aerospace workers and industry that made the US Space programs possible...

In person NASA astronaut from Johnson Space Flight Center

Live feed from the International Space Station

Aerojet Rocketdyne RS-18 rocket engine on display

"Mission Control" room launch videos, NASA videos

Frank Winter from the National Air and Space Museum

Dr. E.C. Krupp, Director, Griffith Observatory

Astronaut ice cream and other novelties

Memorabilia and photos from Rocketdyne on display

Food trucks and vendors

And much, much more!!

Adults: \$10.00 | Children: \$5.00 | Children 4 & under: FREE
(13+) (5-12)

Saturday, November 18th 2017

11AM – 5PM

The Simi Valley Historical Society presents

ROCKET DAY

at Strathearn Historical Park and Museum

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