



Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

March 2014

March 13, 2014

Static & Sparks

By President, Rick Galbraith W6DQE



Hello Simi Settlers,

What can I say except hat's off to Frank KI6OQ Valdez for coordinating the tour we had last month of the USS IOWA in San Pedro. The weather was perfect and our special tour guides were just fantastic and full of knowledge. Nice to see many of our own club members reminiscing about their military experiences back when they honorably served our country, Thank you !

Jim KI6MZ Hutchinson continues his prototype work on his dual band antenna for our club build project, which we anticipate the work party to happen sometime in July. Also Joe W6JWP Partlow has a nice mini build project kit he is working on for getting new people interested in amateur radio, details to be announced.

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General Meeting
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Simi Valley
Senior Center
3900 Avenida Simi
Simi Valley, CA 93063

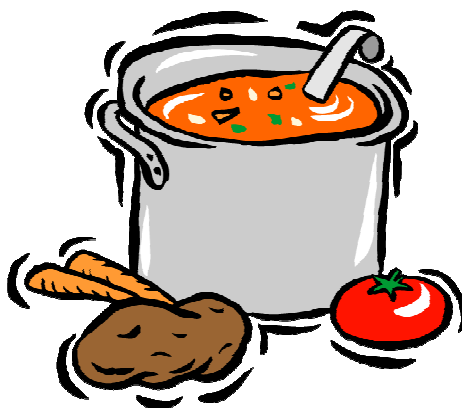
March Program

Stone Soup Night

A goulash of subjects including but not limited to:

- The Battleship Iowa tour
- Jim & Jay's antenna project
- Setting up a ham shack
- Grounding
- Picnics
- Elections
- Field Day

And anything else we can come up with.



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I will keep it short this month as I have been really busy with work and life in general. Hopefully with all this rain we can look up and see our hills green again here in Simi Valley. (maybe even get some snow skiing in this year)

Here is a link to my GoPro video I made from the Battleship USS IOWA field trip last month.

<http://youtu.be/S5062bTzm9A>

73, Rick
W6DQE
SSARC President

Loaner Radio Kenwood TS-520



If you would like to see what it's like to get on the HF bands let us know and we'll help you get on the air.

Special Event Raffle!

Enter to win a Wouxun KG-UV920P-A commercial dual band mobile radio at the April 10th General Meeting
Tickets \$5.00 each at the March and April General meetings. Licensed amateurs only.



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Nets of Interest

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SSARC CW Net 7:30pm - 8:30pm John Percival WI6O will be listening and making calls using his call sign and referencing "SSARC" in this transmission. Please listen in on 7.050, 21.050, 28.050 depending on band conditions. LSB Net 8pm 3.908 MHz SSARC 2 Meter Net 8:30 pm SMRA-ERN Repeater 146.805 - 0.6MHz PL100.0 or 445.580 - 5.0MHz PL100.0	Condor Connection 7pm (Plays Newslane) Thousand Oaks 223.940-1.6 MHz PL156.7 Frazier Mountain 224.720-1.6 MHz PL156.7	ACS Area 1 Simi Valley SMRA-ERN 7:05pm Repeater 146.805 - 0.6MHz PL100.0 or 445.580 - 5.0MHz PL100.0 LSB Net 8pm 3.908 MHz		LSB Net 8pm 3.908 MHz		SSARC SSB HF Net 8:30am 7.245 (+ or - QRM/N) 40 meter CW-QRP 9am 7.032 MHz

Additional information on local nets can be found on the CVARC web site at:

http://www.cvarc.org/new-wp/?page_id=470

ACS Corner

- 3 March 2014 - Monday - District Meeting at the Camarillo PD at 1930. There will be a demonstration of the Ham MESH-Net. This is really very interesting and it has great potential for providing valuable services during an emergency or disaster.
- 10 May 2014 - Saturday - The annual Simi Valley Safety Expo/Street Fair. We have been invited to participate once again in this event. We will need several volunteers to help man up the booth that we set up. All help is appreciated, even if you can only assist for a few hours, or all day. This is a "Yellow" shirt event, though you do not have to be a member of ACS to volunteer. While May might seem to be a long ways off, it will be here very quickly. If you can assist with this event please let me know, so I can properly schedule for the event.
- 21 May 2014 - Wednesday - Simi Valley Senior Center Wellness Expo. We need four volunteers for this half day event. This is a great way to give back and support the Simi Valley Senior Center, especially for those of you that are Simi Settler members. Simi Settlers hold their monthly meeting at the Senior Center, and we are not charged to meet there. Let's show them our thanks by helping them at this annual event. I know this is a weekday, but there are many folks out there that do not work and could help out if you wanted to. If you can help out let me know so I can get the plan and schedule set up.

As you all should know, our DEC/Radio Officer Rob Hanson has been tracking participation of all ACS members since the beginning of the year. Many of you are very active (weekly check in, event participation, ORT participation, etc.) but there are those that have an ACS card, but never seem to do anything at all. I encourage all of us to be active and to participate in not only the weekly Net check-in, but to volunteer and participate with events as well. We have several events right here in Simi Valley that you can participate in, as well as other events throughout the county.

- Steve King KE6WEZ (ke6wez@gmail.com)

Events

Thursday, March 6, 2014, 6:00pm SSARC Pizza Night

Round Table Pizza, 2345 Erringer Road, Ste. 100, Simi Valley

Thursday, March 13, 2014, 7:00pm SSARC General Meeting

Simi Valley Senior Center, 3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley, CA 93063

Saturday, March 29, 2014, 7 am W6TRW Swapmeet

(7am) and Exam Session (10am) Redondo Beach, CA

<http://w6trw.com/swapmeet/swapmeet.htm>

Sunday, April 13, 2014, 8:30am Ham Radio License Exam Session

Ventura County Sheriff's E County Station

2101 E Olsen Rd (Between 23 Hwy & Reagan Library);

Community Room, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 Walk-ins-Allowed.

Contact: Jeffrey M Reinhardt (818) 706-3853

See: <http://www.cvarc.org/> for more information

Computer For Sale

Texas Instruments TI-99/4A Computer.

This computer is in "like new" condition and it is operational.
It comes complete with all of the factory manuals, power
Supply, TV Modulator, Accessory cable and original paperwork.

It would make a great collector's item.

Asking price is \$25.00.

Contact Spencer, N6IWY at n6iwy@sbcglobal.net or [805 583-1127](tel:8055831127)



**Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club
General Membership Meeting, February 13, 2014**

- Call to Order: President Rick Galbraith, W6DQE, called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. Rick welcomed everyone to this first meeting of the New Year, held at the Simi Valley Senior Center. There was a recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance led by Sandy Snowbarger, KQ2U. 11 Officers and Board Advisors were present. The total attendance was 30, with 4 visitors.
- Introductions: A brief round of introductions was held. The Club welcomed guests Bill Costello, AG6XK, John Kesselring, KE6RQP, Pat Reyes, and Allen Brasher, KK6HCW, who joined the club at this meeting.
- Announcements: Steve King, KE6WEZ, said this Sunday is the Bandit Run starting from Corriganville Park with over 300 runners expected. Other ACS events include the District ACS meeting in Camarillo on Monday March 3 and the Coyote Backbone race on March 15-16. Frank Valdez, KI6OQ, said our field trip to the USS Iowa on Sunday, February 23 has 26 people signed up. Carpooling will plan to leave from the Senior Center at 8:30am. The Iowa is at the L.A. waterfront in San Pedro. (Secretary's note: see www.pacificbattleship.com).
- Club Officers: Rick mentioned that our Club year runs through June when election of our Club officers is held. Norbert Rehaut, W9YPM wants to step down and have someone to take over the Treasurer's position. Rick also plans to step down after serving as President for the last four plus years.
- Program: With no special guest speaker this month, Jim Hutchinson, KI6MZ, gave a short presentation about a 2M-440 dual band antenna he has designed, showing his prototype. Jim says it has wide bandwidth with 2dBi gain on 2M and 6dBi gain on 440, on a single feed line. Jim Veronica showed a new rig he just got at HRO, a TM-281. The group then enjoyed an ARRL produced video titled: "100 Years of the ARRL". It told the story of how Amateur Radio began and gave the history of the ARRL since it's founding in 1914 by Hiram Percy Maxim and Clarence Tuska. QST publication began in 1915 and the first ARRL Handbook in 1926. The video told the story of Ham radio through the decades along a timeline marked with events, stories of people and technical advancements. For example, during the years after WW1, the US Navy wanted to maintain control of radio but Maxim and the ARRL led the battle to make radio available for amateur use. In the conclusion, the mission of the ARRL was presented as: To be the voice of Amateur Radio, to defend our spectrum and to promote education. The ARRL video was followed by an independently produced short video demonstration of operating features of the Elecraft K3 radio with its P3 spectrum panadapter.
- Break: A 15-minute break was taken at 8:20pm with members enjoying refreshments.
- Member Drawing: The progressive membership drawing was held and the name drawn was Buzz Hall, KJ6SPN, who was not present to win the \$20 prize. For our next regular meeting on March 13, 2014, the prize will therefore be increased to \$30. Members must be present to win!
- Prize Raffle: The raffle drawing this month featured the "Grand Prize", a 250-foot length of rope. The winner was new member Allen Brasher, KK6HCW.
- Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.
- Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

Simi Settlers' Leadership

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Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club Web Page: <http://www.simisetters.org/index.htm>

Simi Settlers' ARC Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SimiSettlersARC>

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Letter From The Editor

Is it just me or is this year flying by? Here it is March already. This last weekend saw the ARRL DX contest with 10 meters wide open (I could hear them even if I couldn't work them). But, it did make a few contacts. Of course this means that Field Day is just around the corner.

The tour of the Iowa was a big success. We're always looking for new and interesting activities for the club so if you come across one let one of your board members know.

We're planning our first club picnic of the year for April 19th. A tentative date depending on feedback from the membership.

There's Jim & Jay's latest antenna project that may turn into a club antenna building event.

And don't forget that elections are coming up.

73's to all,

Joe W6JWP

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club

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Membership Application

(Membership Year is counted from July 1st of the current year to June 30th of the following year. New Member fees will be prorated accordingly.)



Type of Application:

New Member ☐
Renewal ☐

Type of Membership:

Individual (\$12/yr) ☐
Family (\$18/yr) ☐

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____
(Omit year)

Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ No ☐

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Alt. Phone: (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Additional Family Members:

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____
(Omit year)

Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ No ☐

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____
(Omit year)

Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ No ☐

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____
(Omit year)

Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ No ☐

Badges requested: Yes ☐ No ☐ How many? _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____

Name (s) Call(s): _____

Shirts requested: Yes ☐ No ☐ How many? _____ X \$35.00 = \$ _____

Name (s) Call(s) Size(s) (Sm, Med, L, XL, etc): _____

Jackets Requested: Yes ☐ No ☐ How many? _____ X \$88.00 = \$ _____

Name (s) Call(s) Size(s) (Sm, Med, L, XL, etc): _____

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Application type: New ☐ Renewal ☐ Membership type: Individual ☐ Family ☐

Date Received: _____ Amount Received: _____ Database completed: _____

Badges and Shirts ordered: _____