



# Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

# Short Circuit

April 2014

April 10, 2014

## Static & Sparks

By President, Rick Galbraith W6DQE



Hello Simi Settlers,

It is official - the SSARC club picnic will be April 19th at our usual location at the Rancho Madera park in Wood Ranch, from 11am-3pm. All you need to do is show up with you and your family and a favorite side dish to share with the rest of us.

The club will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. Norbert W9YPM will also be serving those kosher dill pickles.

Please feel free to bring along portable radios to make a few contacts in the park.

Also if you have any equipment for sale or to swap please just bring your own table/blanket to display your ham gear for sale. That way there are plenty of tables for all of us to sit, to eat and socialize.

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

### April Program

#### "Decisions that Matter"

Our speaker this month is Wayne Woodhams, N6WIX.



Wayne was first licensed in 1975 as WB8WXM (39 years and counting).

He is a former EC, ADEC, and DEC for Ventura County and is currently is ARRL Assistant Section Manager for the Santa Barbara Section.

Was awarded the "volunteer of the Year" Award for the 2013 ARRL Southwestern Division (September, 2013).

"I truly enjoy being an ARRL, ARES, and ASM member. I've paid a lot of dues, and it is time for others to lead."

Regards,

Wayne N6WIX

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I have found myself on the airwaves more last month both from home and on the road. Our Saturday morning SSARC HF net on 40 meters has moved up the band a bit, 7.262 MHz +/- depending on QRM. So please check Saturdays at 8:30am-9am if you have time. Then for you CW operators check into the Western States QRP net starting at 9am on 7.032 MHz.

I have been able to carve a little time out of my schedule lately, working with Glen Roe WA6MHA on the IRLP 220 MHz simplex link that will soon be in operation here in Simi Valley. All good things in amateur radio take time. hi,hi

My wife Kim W6KJG has offered to help the club set up a Facebook page to reach out to all ages of interested folks that might want to follow the Simi Settlers. I must admit that I find this a quick and fun way to stay in contact and inform so many people at one time with one simple posting. Plus, think of all the fun photos and videos that can be shared! The page will also be viewed through a Google search which will help to attract visitors to our page that may be interested in amateur radio.

Weather has been nice and those Simi Valley hills finally have some green in them!

73, Rick  
W6DQE  
SSARC President

## Special Event Raffle!

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



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## Nets of Interest

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday | Thursday                        | Friday | Saturday  |
|---|---|--|-----------|---------------------------------|--------|---|
| <b>SSARC CW Net</b><br>7:30pm -<br>8:30pm<br>John Percival<br>WI6O will be<br>listening and<br>making calls<br>using his call<br>sign and<br>referencing<br>"SSARC" in this<br>transmission.<br>Please listen in<br>on 7.050,<br>21.050, 28.050<br>depending on<br>band conditions.<br><br><b>LSB Net</b><br>8pm 3.908 MHz<br><br><b>SSARC 2 Meter<br/>           Net</b><br>8:30 pm<br>SMRA-ERN<br>Repeater<br>146.805 -<br>0.6MHz PL100.0<br>or 445.580 -<br>5.0MHz PL100.0 | <b>Condor<br/>           Connection</b><br>7pm<br>(Plays Newline)<br>Thousand Oaks<br>223.940-1.6<br>MHz PL156.7<br>Frazier<br>Mountain<br>224.720-1.6<br>MHz PL156.7 | <b>ACS Area 1</b><br>Simi Valley<br>SMRA-ERN<br>7:05pm<br>Repeater<br>146.805 -<br>0.6MHz PL100.0<br>or 445.580 -<br>5.0MHz PL100.0<br><br><b>LSB Net</b><br>8pm 3.908 MHz |           | <b>LSB Net</b><br>8pm 3.908 MHz |        | <b>SSARC SSB HF<br/>           Net</b><br>8:30am<br>7.262 (+ or -<br>QRM/N) 40<br>meter<br><br><b>CW-QRP</b><br>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](http://www.cvarc.org/new-wp/?page_id=470)

## ACS Corner

1. 6 April 2014 - Sunday - Aut2Run event at CSUCI. We need volunteers to help support this great event. Looking for someone that could ride their bike as "chase". We would outfit with HT GPS/APRS. Contact me to volunteer.
2. 3 May 2014 - Saturday - Ride 2 Recovery - Will need help to cover this event that supports our veterans. Contact me.
3. 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.
4. 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](mailto:ke6wez@gmail.com))

## Events

**Thursday, April 3, 2014, 6:00pm SSARC Pizza Night**

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

**Thursday, April 10, 2014, 7:00pm SSARC General Meeting**

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

**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

**Saturday, April 19, 2014, 11am-3pm SSARC Picnic**

At Rancho Madera Park in Wood Ranch, 556 Lake Park Drive Simi Valley, CA.93065

**Saturday, April 26, 2014, 7:00am W6TRW Swapmeet**

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

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

## Silent Key

Bill Hebard, N6MBV, became a Silent Key March 15, 2014. Dr. William L. Hebard, for many years was a radiologist serving the Simi Valley Adventist Hospital and a member and elder at the Simi Valley Adventist Church. Bill was member of the Simi Settlers Amateur Club and secured a meeting place at the Simi Valley Seventh Day Adventist Church 8 years ago at no expense to the membership. He donated a Kenwood 440S to the club as raffle gift two years ago. The memorial services were held March 22 at the Simi Valley Seventh Day Adventist Church.

- Frank KI6OQ

**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 April 3 and the Coyote Backbone race on April 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](http://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 April 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

|                                    |  |        |                     |  |
|------------------------------------|--|--------|---------------------|--|
| <b>President</b>                   | Rick Galbraith                         | W6DQE  | (805) 433-4513 cell | <a href="mailto:Rick@keymaterial.com">Rick@keymaterial.com</a>         |
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| <b>Field Day</b>                   | <i><b>What will <u>you</u> do?</b></i> |        |                     |  |
| <b>Youth Coordinator</b>           | <b>VACANT</b>                          |        |                     |  |
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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>

Mail: P.O. Box 2125 Simi Valley, CA 93063-2125

### Letter From The Editor

Just a short note this month, things have been busy it doesn't look like it's going to slow down anytime soon. Hope to see you all at the meeting and/or the picnic.

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): \_\_\_\_\_

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Application type: New  Renewal  Membership type: Individual  Family

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Database completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Badges and Shirts ordered: \_\_\_\_\_