



Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

April 2016

April 14, 2016

Static & Sparks

By President Frank Valdez KI6OQ

Frank sends his apologies for there not being a president's column this month. But work has a habit of getting in the way of the fun stuff.

73, Joe W6JWP

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April Program

Ham Radio and the Red Cross



There are multiple opportunities for cooperation, training and interactive support between the Red Cross and the Ham community at large as well as opportunities for individual hams offering public and community service.

Stewart Stone KG6BOV, First licensed as KD4OSO in 1992, temporarily also 7J6CEA while on a Navy deployment to Okinawa, Japan and an Extra since 2001. Response Technology Lead for American Red Cross of Ventura County and Emergency Coordinator for Ventura County ARES / ACS Area 4 (Oxnard / Port Hueneme / Point Mugu). Stewart is a strong proponent of preparedness (goes well with a Boy Scout background) and communications training.

Dinner with the Speaker
Where? TGIFriday's
When? 5:15pm

Join your club board members and Stewart Stone KG6BOV, for dinner before the meeting.

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

Nets of Interest

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Newslines) 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 ATN-CA Net 7:30pm http://atn-tv.org/netnight.htm LSB Net 8pm 3.908 MHz	Channel Islands chapter 10-10 International 28.34 MHz at 10AM and 6PM	LSB Net 8pm 3.908 MHz		SSARC SSB HF Net 8:30am 7.262 (+ or - QRM/N) 40 meter CW-QRP 9am 7.032 MHz Quad Squad net 1PM on 21.365 MHz.

Additional information on local nets can be found on the CVARC web site at: <http://www.cvarc.org>

***Thanks to our fine Net Control Operators: Steve, KE6WEZ; Rick, W6DQE; Ray, KI6LKD; Jay, AG6JF and Dante, KK6JCQ.**

ACS/ARES Corner

1. Sunday, 17 April 2016: Aut2Run Event at CSUCI in Camarillo. Contact Wayne Francis at whfrancis@sbcglobal.net.
2. Wednesday 20 April 2016 - Senior Center Wellness Expo. Need 3-4 folks to volunteer to help out. This is a good way to give back to the Senior Center, as they do let us use it for our Simi Settler's meeting for free. Contact Steve King at ke6wez@gmail.com to volunteer.
3. Saturday 23 April 2016 - Safety Day at Lake Sherwood.
4. Monday 2 May 2016 - ACS-ARES District Meeting. Location to be determined.
5. Saturday 7 May 2016 - Crusin' The Conejo. Contact CVARC or VCARS.
6. Saturday 14 May 2016 - Simi Valley Emergency Preparedness Expo. Contact Steve King at ke6wez@gmail.com.
7. Sunday, 29 May 2016: Mountains to the Beach Marathon and Half. Contact Rob H. to help.



We are always looking for ACS members that would like to become Net Controllers. You will receive hands on training at the Simi Valley PD (where we normally conduct the Weekly Net). It is both fun and at times challenging. You will gain valuable experience in running a controlled Net as well as becoming more than just familiar with the equipment in the Radio Room at the PD. If you would like to volunteer for this, let me know - ke6wez@gmail.com

If anyone is interested in how to setup your own packet station, RMS Winlink station, or a Mesh Node, let me know and we can get you started in the proper direction. ke6wez@gmail.com

NOTE: Please be advised that we will now hold the Tue. countywide net at 19:30 on the Sulphur Mountain WD6EBY repeater 145.200, minus 600 KHz offset, CTCSS of 127.3. Until further notice, this will be our standard frequency for countywide communications.

- Steve King KE6WEZ (ke6wez@gmail.com)

Events

Thursday, April 7, 2016, 6:00pm SSARC Pizza Night

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

Sunday, April 10, 2016, 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

Thursday, April 14, 2016, 7:00pm SSARC General Meeting

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

Thursday, April 28, 2016, 7:00pm SSARC Board Meeting

At the home of Diane Rehaut

Saturday, April 30, 2016, 7:00am W6TRW Swap Meet

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

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

May 2016, SSARC Spring Picnic & Swap Meet

Our first picnic of the year is now in the planning stages and will include a Ham Radio Swap Meet so start looking around your shack for things that need a new home.

General Meeting Refreshments

Bill Everett KI6KSV has been doing a great job with the refreshments, but it has been suggested that we reach out to the membership and see if anyone would like to bring something different for our regular meeting refreshments. So if you have some specialty you'd like to share or just want to contribute something different, please get in touch with Bill at ki6ksv@gmail.com.

**Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club
General Membership Meeting, March 10, 2016**

Call to Order: President, Frank Valdez, KI6OQ, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Frank welcomed everyone to the meeting, held at the Simi Valley Senior Center. He explained that a change in his work schedule enabled him to attend this meeting. There was a recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. 13 Officers and Board Members/Advisors were present. The total attendance was 34, with 4 visitors.

Introductions: A brief round of introductions was made. Guests included, Marty Woll, N6VI, Vern Potter, W6NCT, Randy Comeau, W6BC, and Bill Woods, N6YOX.

Announcements: Frank spoke about the Strathearn Park History Day event that has been scheduled for the same Saturday, June 25, 2016, which will be on the Field Day weekend. In recent years our Club has been setting up demonstration stations at History Day which has been held on the weekend prior to Field Day. This year Frank proposes that we support Strathearn with a Special Event Station operated under the SSARC Club Call W6SVS. He is willing to operate that station (from about 10am to 3pm) while other Club members participate with VCARS in Field Day at the Reagan Presidential Library. Vern Potter said that for Field Day, there would be no change as a result of the passing of Mrs. Reagan this past week. Deanna Smitha, W6DWS, mentioned her plans to leave the area and asked for potential "Elmers" to take her place.

Program: Frank introduced our guest speaker for this month, Marty Woll, N6VI, who is ARRL Vice-Director for the Southwestern Division. Marty's program topic was "VHF & UP Contesting", focusing on improving the mobile or home station equipment and improving operator skills. He has been active in VHF and above contesting since the 1980s and he began "Rover" operation in contests in 2003. Contest operating can be done from a home station, a portable location such as a mountaintop, or as "Roving portable" traveling to different grid squares to make more contacts and points. Marty has achieved the ARRL's "VUCC" award on five bands. Marty pointed out that all license classes can do VHF-UHF contest operating, beginning with simple equipment and then gradually upgrading over time. With emphasis on developing contesting skills, Marty gave tips and suggestions to maximize scores. At the end of this contesting presentation, Marty answered questions and then spoke about recent ARRL news. He mentioned that the ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, is retiring and his successor will be Tom Gallagher, NY2RF. The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 is doing well; now up to about 123 cosigners. Asked about the lifetime license proposal, Marty said he does not see it going anywhere. At the conclusion of the program Frank thanked Marty and presented him with a certificate of appreciation from the Simi Settlers.

Break: Following the program a 20-minute break was taken with refreshments provided by Bill Everett, KI6KSV.

Member Drawing: The winning name in the progressive Membership drawing was Jeremy Seino, KE6DAR, who was not present to win the \$50 prize. Therefore, the amount will increase to \$60 for our next regular meeting on April 14, 2016. Members must be present to win, and the prize grows by \$10 each month it is unclaimed.

Prize Raffle: Bill Costello, AG6XK, won the "Grand Prize" at this month's raffle, a Weather Station.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

Simi Settlers' Leadership

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

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

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Letter From The Editor

I have enjoyed building electronic devices since I was introduced to electric devices sometime in the 1960's. I remember having a science book that showed how to make an electromagnet out of a nail wire and a "D" cell battery and from that how to construct a simple telegraph system. I ended up twisting wires together until they stretched from one corner of the garage to the other and sending "clicks" back and forth. Of course I didn't know Morse code at the time but pushing my homemade key and hearing the homemade relay click was enough to instill in me a life time love of all things electronic. So in Junior High I took Electronics Shop and the rest is history. I still enjoy bread boarding a circuit or soldering one on a proto board and seeing it come to life even if it just lights an LED or sounds a buzzer.

- 73

- Joe W6JWP

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club

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Membership Application



Type of Application:

New Member
Renewal

Type of Membership:

Individual (\$18/yr)
Family (\$20/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 \$16.00 = \$ _____

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: _____