



Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

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Static & Sparks

By President Frank Valdez KI6OQ

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

November Program

Power to the People

Kevin Zanjani, KI6DHQ, from [Bioenno Power](#) (located in Santa Ana, CA) will be presenting an exciting overview of LiFePO4 (lithium iron phosphate) battery technology for ham radio and solar applications, including typical setups used with ham radio.

The presentation will highlight the benefits of LiFePO4 technology compared to traditional batteries. The presentation will also have Q&A at the end and an exciting show-and-tell of various LiFePO4 batteries, powerpacks, and solar products. Bioenno Power has attended various hamfests and hamventions including the Palm Springs Hamfest, Visalia DX Convention, Dayton Hamvention, Nevada State Convention, Texas HamComm, PacifiCon, among others, providing hands-on demos of the products.

The company's products were highlighted in the July 2016 issue of CQ Magazine, with Gordon West, and have also been featured on HamNation.

We are looking forward to an informative and exciting presentation!

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

Join your club board members and Kevin Zanjani, KI6DHQ, for dinner before the meeting.

I want to thank Joe, W6JWP for finding our October guest speaker, Glen Kinney from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Glen's presentation was about the volunteer service members supporting the US Coast Guard maritime safety, security missions, administrative and support services. The US Coast Guard Auxiliary also provides a wide variety training opportunities for its membership.

I want to thank all SSARC members who attended the Oct. 29, 2016 picnic. Also our cooks Ken and Ray who did an outstanding job barbequing the hamburgers and hot dogs.

Our SSARC holiday party is just around the corner. Be sure to check out the details elsewhere in this newsletter. So get your funds ready to purchase your raffle tickets.

I would like to thank Jim and Lea Veronica for once again graciously offering to host our party at their home.

73,

Frank KI6OQ

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 Newsline) 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 Mesh Talk Net 7:30pm on the WB6EBY repeaters	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 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.**

****We're trying a new frequency for at least a couple of weeks.**

ACS/ARES Corner

- Monday - 7 November 2016 - ACS-ARES District Meeting - 7:30pm - Red Cross Offices in Camarillo - 836 Calle Plano Camarillo, CA 93012
- Saturday - 12 November 2016 - Oxnard High School Band Competition. Contact Hovan, KI6BQL at ki6bql@arrl.net
- Saturday - 12 November 2016 - Red Cross Ride for the Red bike ride. Contact Stewart, KG6BOV AT kg6bov@arrl.net
- Sunday - 20 November - Muddy Warriors Xperience - Paramount Ranch, Agoura Hills - Contact Zak <mailto:n6pk@arrl.net>
- Saturday - 3 December - Skywarn Day
- Saturday - 10 December - Camarillo Christmas Parade. Contact Ted KI6PTX at ki6ptx@arrl.net
- Sunday - 11 December 2016 - Santa to the Sea Run. Contact Stewart, KG6BOV AT kg6bov@arrl.net



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.

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, November 3, 2016, 6:00pm SSARC Pizza Night

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

Monday, November 10, 2016, 7:00pm SSARC General Meeting

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

Thursday, November 21, 2016, 7:00pm SSARC Board Meeting

At the home of Diane Rehaut, 2805 El Paso Av, Simi Valley, CA 93063

Saturday, November 29, 2016, 7:00am W6TRW Swap Meet

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

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

Sunday, December 11, 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

The SSARC Holiday Party is Coming!



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Hello Settlers,

It is time for our annual Holiday Party! You are invited to join us on Saturday, December 17th at 6pm (0200 Z), at the home of our hosts Jim (WA6NXX) & Lea Veronica. The address is 442 Peter Place, Simi Valley.

For the Pot-Luck dinner, please bring a main course, a side dish or dessert to share. The Club will provide soft drinks.

This year's raffle prizes include 3 Ark III personal-sized survival packages, 3 Baofeng UV-5R HT's and a Grand Prize of a LUITON LT-588UV 60watts Dual Band VHF 45watts UHF Mobile Transceiver with Free Programming Cable*! And we will be

giving away another Baofeng UV-5R and other prizes just for attending.

Raffle Tickets Are:

1-4 tickets for a \$2 donation each

6 tickets for a \$10 donation

9 tickets for a \$15 donation

12 tickets for a \$20 donation

You can purchase tickets at the November Pizza Night, the general meeting, the December Pizza Night or at the party.

And remember to make your check out to Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club (SSARC).

***The raffle is open to all paid club members. You need not be present to win the Grand Prize.**



Celebrating your club's Elmers might encourage others

Sam, W5KF, recently sent me a link to the Elmers' page on the Norman, OK South Canadian Amateur Radio Society (SCARS) website. Not only is it a listing of the club members who have stepped forward to Elmer new members, but also provides ways to honor current and past Elmers. This is from the SCARS newsletter:

"Elmer List on the W5NOR.org website

"This week we talk about a brand new feature on the W5NOR web site. In the amateur radio community, an experienced amateur radio operator who mentors a new or prospective ham is commonly called an "Elmer". In our hobby, that seems to be a great way for knowledge to be transferred.

"Yes, we all have taken an FCC test to receive our license, however that's only the starting point. Remember that person that helped you set up your first radio, or gave you the courage to press the PTT button, or answered endless questions about a radio, or an antenna? That's the kind of thing we're talking about.

"Thanks to a great suggestion from Gary Skaggs WB5ULK [not sure it was my idea. – Editor], we've created the SCARS Elmer Page, located at <http://w5nor.org/elmers>, for us to celebrate Elmers; past, present, and future. We provide a place for Elmers to list their specialty, and contact information, which allows new hams to find someone they can ask questions of.

"Since this is a new section of the web site, this list is rather short. If you're willing to help others on a given topic, send a message to n5hzz@arrl.net and you will be added to the list. Right now we need lots of different categories, like antennas, radio setup, HT programming, contesting, satellite operation, high power operation, test gear, building your own gear, repairing radios, APRS, D-Star, DMR, CW, logging, etc. oh well, you get the idea.

"You don't need a PhD to be listed here. You just need a willingness to help others in a given area. It's OK to be a new ham, and be listed here. You may have just struggled through your first space contact, but you'll have infinitely more knowledge than the person who's been a ham for 40 years, and has never tried that portion of the hobby.

"Also, there is a link to the "ARRL Elmer Award" page of the American Radio Relay League's web site. Here, you can enter your favorite Elmer's name and callsign. The ARRL will print a nice certificate, and mail it to the address you enter. Yes, for FREE! This certificate can either be mailed to your favorite Elmer, or you can mail it to yourself so you can present it to them personally. Feel free to order an Elmer certificate, and present it to your Elmer at an upcoming SCARS meeting. Talk with one of the officers before the meeting to get your place on the agenda. What a great way to recognize these people for their extra efforts.

"Finally, we've got a place to list YOUR favorite Elmer in our SCARS Elmer Hall-of-Fame. This is the place to memorialize your Elmer, whether they are SCARS members, Silent Keys, or not. I've already listed a few Elmers on the list from my own travels through the hobby. We'd love to list the people that help us all succeed.

"So, please help make this page useful, visit the SCARS Elmer page at: <http://w5nor.org/elmers> and be listed as an Elmer, and list your favorite Elmers."

I think this is a wonderful idea, and I hope that you will consider doing something similar in your club. A little recognition could go a long way, and we need all the Elmers we can muster. And, if you're already doing this, please send me a link. I'll add that link to my website, KB6NU.Com.

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Dan, KB6NU, is the author of the "No Nonsense" amateur radio license study guides, and blogs about amateur radio at KB6NU.Com, and you can contact him by e-mailing cwgeek@kb6nu.com. When he's not pondering the vagaries of the U.S. licensing system, you'll find him working CW on the HF bands.

Picnic Pictures! Care of Jim and Lea!



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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 93062-2125

Letter From The Editor

Not much to report. Good meeting. Good picnic. And it's almost turkey day! Could the holiday party be far behind?

BTW for those of you who are interested, in addition to the \$100.00 donated from the club funds for the WD6EBY Chatsworth Peak repeater battery project, the club members have donated \$201.00 via the donation jar at our various functions. Making a total of \$301.00 donated to the project. The board has decided to keep the jar in place until the goal of \$400.00 is reached. That's just another \$99.00!

- 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 \$18.00 = \$ _____

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: _____