



Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

February 2017

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Static & Sparks

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

February Program

The ACS and You.

- Steve King KE6WEZ

Steve will be giving us a rundown of current ACS activities and goals for 2017.

Whether it be supporting local public events, emergency exercises or weekly nets ACS members can always find ways to keep active.



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

Join your club board members and Steve King, KE6WEZ for dinner before the meeting.

By President Frank Valdez KI6OQ

I want to thank Marty Woll N6VI for his excellent presentation on his DX expeditions from 2008 to 2016. The slide presentation showed importance of planning, logistics, money and country environment in doing an expedition. Well done, to Marty and the DX teams.

He also added a second presentation on 503C application process. It sure requires a lot of record keeping and expense. Marty is retiring as the Southwestern Division Vice Director serving 10 years of service. Election ballots will be in two months.

During our recent rain storms, the VCACS was on standby and was keeping a close eye on the Camarillo Springs area. Or guest speaker for our February meeting is Steve King KE6WEZ Area 1 Emergency Coordinator. He give us an update on the role of the Ventura County Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) in Simi Valley. Part of his talk will cover Go Boxes, Emergency Power (both Gas and Solar), Repeater Sites and other resources.

The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 has been reintroduce in 2017 115th Congress. It has already received congressional approval . The US Senate is another matter.

The Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club, had two Silent Keys who were part of the club leadership. Dale Manquen KO6VO who was the club President 1990's. Spencer Smith N6IWY who served as Vice President and a Club Advisor. Their advice and talent will be sorely missed.

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 Newslines) Thousand Oaks 223.940-1.6 MHz PL156.7 Frazier Mountain 224.720-1.6 MHz PL156.7	LSB Net 8pm 3.908 MHz 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	Channel Islands chapter 10-10 International 28.34 MHz at 10AM and 6PM Mesh Talk Net 1st & 3rd Wed. @ 7:30pm on the WB6EBY repeaters	LSB Net 8pm 3.908 MHz		SSARC SSB HF Net 8:30am 7.240 ^{**} (+ 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.

** Take a half-hour out of your busy Saturday morning and join your fellow club members, no matter how far and wide they have strayed, for fun and invigorating conversation on the **Simi-Settlers 40 meter net**. We meet every **Saturday from 8:30 am** on a new and improved frequency: **7.240 MHz**.

ACS/ARES Corner

1. Tuesday - 7 February 2017 - ORT Night. Ask your EC how you can help!
2. Saturday & Sunday - 11 & 12 March is the Coyote Backbone Run. More to come on this event.

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, February 2, 2017, 6:00pm SSARC Pizza Night

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

Thursday, February 9, 2017, 7:00pm SSARC General Meeting

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

Sunday, February 14, 2017, 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, February 23, 2017, 7:00pm SSARC Board Meeting

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

Saturday, February 25, 2017, 7:00am W6TRW Swap Meet

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

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

Amateur Radio Parity Act Speeds to U.S. House Passage, Heads to U.S. Senate

Just 10 days after being introduced, the 2017 Amateur Radio Parity Act legislation, H.R. 555, passed the U.S. House of Representatives this week on unanimous consent under a suspension of House rules. The bill's language is identical to that of the 2015 measure, H.R. 1301, which won House approval late last summer after attracting 126 co-sponsors, but failed to clear the U.S. Senate last fall as the 114th Congress wound down. The new bill, again sponsored by Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL), was introduced on January 13 with initial co-sponsorship by Rep. Joe Courtney (D-CT) and Rep. Greg Walden, W7EQI (R-OR), who chairs the influential House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R. 555 can be found on the web at, <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/555?r=27> .

"The grassroots effort of Amateur Radio operators across this nation in support of the Amateur Radio Parity Act has been remarkable, nothing like we have ever seen before," ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, said. "To all hams, keep going! Now is the time to charge forward with that same momentum to the Senate. We can do it!" The bill arrives in the U.S. Senate with ample time in which to garner its approval through an education campaign.

"We're very encouraged by the speed with which this bill made it through the House. It's amazing that this happened," said ARRL Hudson Division Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, who has been at the forefront of the legislative initiative. "With the help of ARRL members, we believe we can get this done," Lisenco continued. "We came within a hair's breadth last time, with 110,000 e-mails to members of both houses of Congress, as well as letters and telephone calls. Member participation in this final push is critical."

H.R. 555 calls on the FCC to establish rules prohibiting the application of deed restrictions that preclude Amateur Radio communications on their face or as applied. Deed restrictions would have to impose the minimum practicable restriction on Amateur Radio communications to accomplish the lawful purposes of homeowners association seeking to enforce the restriction.

From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT January 26, 2017

CVARC to Conduct Amateur Radio License Training

The Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club (CVARC) will conduct license training sessions for the entry level Technician Class and the more advanced General Class beginning Saturday March 4, 2017, and the following four Saturdays.

The license training is five Saturdays: March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 at the Ventura Sheriff's East County Station Community Room on Olson Road off the 23 freeway. General Class license training is in the morning between 9 am to 1 pm. The Technician Class license training is in the afternoon between 1 pm to 5 pm. The sessions conclude in time for the FCC license testing on Sunday April 9 at 8:30 am at the same location.

There is no cost for the license training, although study material must be purchased and is required. There is no fee for license testing, but a materials and processing cost of around \$15 is required.

Morse code is no longer a licensing requirement. The entry level Technician Class license grants amateur radio privileges in the VHF/UHF frequency spectrum which includes the popular 2-meter band. The General Class license grants all the amateur radio privileges of the Technician Class as well as many frequencies in the HF spectrum.

Further information and registration for the General Class license training can be obtained from CVARC instructor Zak Cohen-N6PK by email at zcohen@ieee.org.

Further information and registration for the Technician Class license training can be obtained from CVARC instructor Bill Willcox-KF6JQO by email at wlinport@pacbell.net.



Dale Manquen KO6VO SK

Dale, past SSARC club president, died Sunday morning Jan. 15, 2017

Dale was diagnosed with Lymph node cancer. He been ill for the past month.

He was admitted to the hospital and had kidney failure and was put on life support.

He then entered into a coma Saturday and then passed on silently in his sleep Sunday

This photo was taken at his Square Dance group Christmas party.

Please Join Us in
Celebrating the
Life of
DALE MANQUEN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017
1:00-3:30 PM

GOEBEL SENIOR CENTER
1385 E JANSS RD, THOUSAND OAKS, CA

OPEN TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY, THIS WILL BE A
CASUAL GATHERING TO SHARE OUR
TREASURED MEMORIES OF DALE.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AND WE
WELCOME ANY HOMEMADE DISH YOU WOULD
LIKE TO BRING.

CONTACT LUKE MANQUEN AT (805) 857-3528
WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

N6IWY, SK



Spencer was an active participant in the amateur (ham) radio and television community and went by the call sign N6IWY. He found great joy in participating in his “nets” every Tuesday evening establishing contact with fellow radio operators. He was an active member of the Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club. He also served for 30 years as president of the Los Padres group of the Mercury Amateur Radio Association. He loved to share his passion with others and regularly participated in “field day” events at the Ronald Reagan Library.

Spencer is survived by his wife of nearly 56 years, Linda, his children Evan (Liz) Smith, Audrey (Steve) Parry, LaMar (Lisa) Smith, and Courtney Smith, brothers, Rowland Smith and David Smith, and 11 grandchildren.



Southern California Linux Expo

The 15th annual [Southern California Linux Expo](#) will be held March 2-5, 2017 at the Pasadena Convention Center. What does that have to do with ham radio? More and more every year, actually.

SCALE is unique among computer shows; they give a booth to any Open Source software group that has a good story to tell. As a result of the 100+ booths on the Expo floor, about a third aren't try to sell you anything - not for money, anyway :-)

And starting last year, SCALE hosted:

An event station, N6S, operating HF from PCC.

A license exam session - SCALE tested over 35 hams

And AREDN, the Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network, had a booth on the Expo floor. AREDN writes firmware to move Ubiquiti and TP-Link wireless access points down into the Part-97 only portions of the 2.4 and 5 GHZ bands.

Users of the AREDN code are creating local networks and providing resources (web sites, VOP phone switches, webcams, etc) for hams and emergency responders to use.

For this year's SCALE, all the events of the previous year will be reprised plus a BOF (Birds of a Feather) session will be hosted by AREDN.

BOFs are meetings among small groups that want to get together and discuss their project. SCALE provides meeting rooms in the evenings free of charge. The AREDN (ham digital networking) group will meet on the evening of the 4th (Saturday). It will be a free-wheeling discussion covering whatever topics the group likes. It could be

Meet & Greet / Face to Face / Introductions

AREDN firmware overview

Firmware installation demo

Application discussion / presentation

Local network backfill discussion

Q & A - a few of the AREDN developers will be there to take your questions (well, at least one :-)

and whatever else the group decides on.

For those interested in getting started with Linux, SCALE holds training sessions on Saturday and Sunday. In the morning an installfest is held - bring a machine and the SCALE training proctors will help you get Linux installed on it. In the afternoon a trainer from the Linux Foundation will cover basic system administration skills.

The classes are first come, first served so if you're interested, come early to get a seat.

Hardware requirements are posted on the SCALE web site.

As an organizer of SCALE I have some free admissions to hand out. Ping me separately if you're interested.

SCALE is a fun event. You'll enjoy yourself more than you think!

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W6BI

IMPORTANT: Anyone interested in participating in this year's SCALE event, its "N6S" Radio Station support and/or operation, whether as a core team member or as a FREE Pass recipient, should contact Vern Potter (W6NCT, w6nct@arrl.net) **as soon as possible**, indicating interest level and availability.

2017 Arizona Section Convention

Yuma Hamfest

Yuma, Arizona

Feb. 17 & 18, 2017



Yuma County Fairgrounds
2520 East 32nd Street, Yuma, Arizona

www.yumahamfest.org

Check the Website for Additional Information

Gates Open for Camping Thursday, 2 pm Vendor Setup Friday, 7 am - Noon	Event Hours Friday, Noon - 5 pm Saturday, 8 am - 5 pm	Hamfest Dinner & Grand Prize Drawing Saturday Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm
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Vendors & Exhibitors
Consignment Sales
License Testing
Hourly Door Prizes
On-site RV Camping
Hamfest Dinner
ARRL Speaker
Transmitter Hunt
\$5.00 Admission

Tailgating (Swap Meet)
Full Seminar Schedule
DXCC Card Checking
Incredible Grand Prizes
Emergency Preparedness
Admission Prize
Hospitality Area
Near Space Balloon Launch
Antenna Clinic

Hamfest Talk-In Frequency: 146.780 (-) PL 103.5 Hz

Email Contact: info@yumahamfest.org



We are proud to have the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA) as a sponsor of our event.

The Yuma Hamfest is an American Radio Relay League (ARRL) sanctioned event.



Presented by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization

**Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club
General Membership Meeting, January 12, 2017**

Call to Order: President, Frank Valdez, KI6OQ, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Frank welcomed everyone to the meeting, held at the Simi Valley Senior Center. There was a recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. 9 Officers and Board Members/Advisors were present. The total attendance was 24, with 1 guest.

Introductions: A brief round of introductions was made. Our one guest was our speaker for tonight, Marty Woll, N6VI. Frank thanked those who attended our successful Holiday Party, and he gave special thanks to Jim and Lea Veronica for hosting the party at their home. Frank asked for any ideas that members may have for Club field trips. Frank has been looking into a visit to the Edwards Air Force Base museum and also possibly a trip to an Air Traffic Control center.

Program: Frank Valdez introduced Marty Woll, N6VI, who is Vice Director for the ARRL Southwestern Division. Marty gave a presentation titled "Being DX". He spoke about his "DX-peditions" and Contesting trips to DX locations that he has made during the years 2009 to 2016. He has made trips almost every year going back to 1980. Marty showed pictures and gave highlights of the following trip locations made in October of each year:
2009 to Jersey Island of the French Coast, with call sign GJ2A,
2010 to Qatar, with call A73A,
2011 to Southern Cook Islands, on Rarotonga, as E51Z,
2012 to the Philippines, as DX1M,
2016 to Croatia, near Zagreb, operating as 9A1A
Marty described the preparation for the trips, including license for operating in the destination country, customs clearance for radio equipment, and provisioning all the accessories, tools and spare parts needed. He participated with a team of contest operators during each operation; and he had interesting pictures of the stations and antenna setups for each trip.
Following a 10-minute break, with refreshments provided by Bill Everett, KI6KSV, Marty spoke about the requirements for obtaining "Tax-Exempt, Non-Profit status for Amateur Radio organizations". Marty outlined the advantages and the steps required to obtain the non-profit status. He mentioned three types of tax exempt status; "501(c) (7), 501(c) (4), and 501(c) (3). Only the last of these allows tax deductible donations to be made to the Club. For that status, the process is the most complex and expensive, and it requires formal record keeping and annual reporting. Marty offered our Club very helpful information about this subject that we would need to consider very carefully.
At the end of the program, after a question-answer period, Frank thanked Marty and presented him with a certificate of appreciation from the Simi Settlers.

Member Drawing: The winning name in the progressive Membership drawing was Ken Sandberg, KS3I, who was present to win the \$10 prize. The prize amount will again start over at \$10 for our next regular meeting on February 9, 2017. Members must be present to win, and the prize grows by \$10 each month it is unclaimed.

Prize Raffle: After the prize raffle drawing, the Grand Prize, a home weather station, was won by Jim Veronica, WA6NXK.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

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PIO	VACANT			
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 Simi Settlers' ARC Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SimiSettlersARC>
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Letter From The Editor

This month I'm going to talk about some the other sources I use for the newsletter content. Last month you may have noticed an article titled "Noise Floor Report Does Not Inspire Confidence" by Dan Romanchik, KB6NU. Dan makes his articles available just by signing up at his web site KB6NU.Com. "A Ham's New Year's Resolutions" came from a email from John Bee, N1GNV, Quicksilver Radio Products www.qsradio.com. All I had to do was request permission to publish it in the newsletter via an email.

If you're a member of the ARRL (and even if you're not) they have tons of mailing lists you can sign up for as well as content on the league web site.

Sometimes the content is of a more somber note such as this month's notes regarding the passing of Spencer Smith, N6IWY and Dale Manquen, KO6VO.

Next month we'll talk about some of the issues involving including pictures.

- 73 - Joe W6JWP

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club

P.O. Box 2125 Simi Valley, Ca 93062-2125 --- (www.simissettlers.org)

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: _____