

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting, October 10, 2019

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Vice President, Brian Hernandez, KM6MIN. Brian welcomed everyone to the meeting, held at the Simi Valley Senior Center. There was a recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. 7 Officers and Board Members/Advisors were present. The total attendance was 18.
- Introductions: There was a round of introductions for those in attendance. Guests included: Pam Daly and Yoshi Nakamura.
- Meeting minutes: The minutes of the September General Meeting have been posted on the Newsletter page of the Club website. It was MSP to accept the minutes.
- Announcements: Brian mentioned the donated 2Meter radio (B-Tech UV-2501 and Tram Antenna) will be auctioned through a "Silent Auction" conducted by email. Brian will send out an email to members explaining how the auction will work. It will close at the November General Meeting.
- Memberships: Membership Chairman Jim Parker, KJ6LXJ, said renewals have been slow coming in. It has been discovered that some renewals had not yet been recorded, so the sign-in list was not up to date. Jim said this will be corrected very soon.
- Club Picnic: The Fall Picnic is scheduled and ready to go on Sunday, October 20, at the home of Jim and Lea Veronica.
- Treasurers Report: Treasurer, Glenn Daly, WA6GNB, did not have an update report this month, but he said the new Club T-shirts have come in and he has them to be picked up by those who had placed orders for them.
- Pizza Night: There was discussion of our last Pizza Night at Mod Pizza. Members were asked if they favor staying at Mod Pizza or returning to Toppers. The majority choice was to continue at MOD Pizza for our next pizza night, on November 7.
- Program: Vice President Brian Hernandez introduced Eric Oberg, KE6MLF, who gave a presentation about his Rocket hobby. He refers to this as his own "Space Program". Eric said he had the rocket hobby when he was a kid, and now he is back into it with his son. Eric said that Lucerne Dry Lake is the site for model rocket launch activity with a rocketry club. He had pictures of this activity with various sizes of rockets. Eric showed small radio transmitters he has built to track and locate rockets after their launch. The transmitter sends CW code to identify and track like T-hunting, on foot. Eric concluded by telling lessons he has learned and describing his future plans.
After the program, Brian thanked Eric and presented him with a certificate of appreciation from the Club. Eric said he could also give programs about APRS and designing PC Boards.
- Break: A 15-minute break was taken at 8:15pm, with refreshments provided by Bill Everett, KI6KSV.
- Member Drawing: The progressive Membership drawing was held. The winning name was Jay Harland, AG6JF, who was present to win the \$30 prize. The prize amount will therefore start at \$10.00 for our November meeting. Members must be present to win, and the prize grows by \$10 each month it is unclaimed.
- Prize Drawing: Our monthly prize drawing was held. The featured "grand" prize this month was a small home fire extinguisher. It was won by Ray Campbell, KI6LKD.
- November Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019, with a scheduled presentation by Stu Sheldon, AG6AG.
- Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O