



Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

January 2021

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| General Meetings
Time: 7:00pm on the 2nd
Thursday of every month.
Held via Zoom. | |

Programs

As we go to press, no speakers are lined up for January. Heard any good stories?

Thanks to past presenters:

October - Buzz Tarlow, AC6AC for CW operating and Morse Academy.

November - J. Scott Bovitz N6MI on his mobile ham shack, a converted TV news van.

Meetings

The January general meeting is Thursday the 14th via Zoom.

The January board meeting will be on Thursday the 28th via Zoom.

If you did not get an invite for any meeting, send an email to our president, Brian at km6min_bh@yahoo.com. We are happy to have you!

Static & Sparks

President Brian - KM6MIN

Happy New Year!

We made it, 2021! Not to say that 2020 won but I'm sure it left a lot of us beat, bruised, and battered. Well that's all in the past now.

My fervent hope is that everybody comes into this new year stronger, wiser, and like me, looking forward to what is to come.

As always, if you have done anything that you want to share, please send an article or even pictures to our illustrious newsletter editor. As well as if you have anything that is collecting dust that you think another operator could use, for free or not, also send a message.

I'm counting down the days until we can all meet in person once again.

- Brian KM6MIN

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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 Newslane) 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/night.htm ACS Area 1 Simplex net, 6:45 PM on 145.510MHz	Channel Islands chapter 10-10 International 28.34 MHz at 10AM and 6PM Mesh IRC Net. 6-10 PM Mesh VOIP Net 8pm 2.4/5.8 GHz Mesh	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's

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

Sunday Night Net Control Operators

Thanks to our fine Net Control Operators: Steve, KE6WEZ; Rick, W6DQE; Ray, KI6LKD; Jay, AG6JF, Brian KM6MIN and Dante, KK6JCQ.

ACS/ARES Corner

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 hold the Tue. countywide net at 19:30 (7:30PM) 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)

Upcoming ACS/ARES Events:

1. Red flag wind warning throughout ventura county next three days.
2. Paul, WD6EBY has been re-configuring the links between the repeater sites. The only links are between Sulphur Mtn and Santa Ynez peak with the occasion patch to the Rasnow "BOZO" repeater. All other repeater sites are stand alone at this point in time.
3. Monday, 4 January 2021 - ACS district meeting via Zoom at 1900 hrs.
4. Check your potential for a power shutoff at <https://www.sce.com/wildfire/psps>

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Events

Thursday, January 7, 2021, 6:00pm SSARC Pizza Night

Toppers Pizza, 2408 Erringer Rd, Simi Valley (even months)

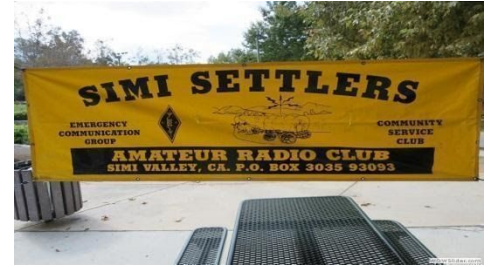
Mod Pizza, 2941 Cochran St, Unit 1A, Simi Valley (odd months)

Thursday, January 14, 2021, 7:00pm SSARC General Meeting

Via Zoom

Thursday, January 28, 2021, 7:00pm SSARC Board Meeting

Via Zoom.



Look what Orv, W6BI found:

January 8, 1987

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club 1987 Roster

CALL	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
CP5NP	Tony Rodriguez	2721 Sasha Ct., Simi Valley, CA 93065	583-5750
KA60GC	Jean Montgomery	2734 Reservoir, Simi Valley, CA 93065	583-1522
KA60MG	Ed Meyer	3406 Austin St., Simi Valley, CA 93065	522-4156
KA60XD	Bill English	6496 E. Keystone, Simi Valley, CA 93063	527-6509
KA6VIJ	John Stamatelos	6590 Menlo St., Simi Valley, CA 93063	584-3737
KA6WGD	Allen Pettebone	2752 Machado, Simi Valley, CA 93065	527-8813
KA6WJL	Jeff Meyer	1534 Acapulco, Simi Valley, CA 93065	
KB6AKV	Alan Ivers	3358 Corpus Christi, Simi Valley, CA 93063	522-9494
KB6AVT	Tom Rabe	2255 Rockdale, Simi Valley, CA 93063	583-4864
KB6DYI	Betty Rabe	2253 Rockdale, Simi Valley, Ca 93063	583-4864
KB6DYK	Brandon Rabe	2253 Rockdale, Simi Valley, CA 93063	583-4864
KB6FCM	Ralph Campbell	2353 E. Bryson, Simi Valley, CA 93065	584-0250
KB6IXA	Alan Richmond	717 Clifton, Simi Valley, CA 93065	526-6781
KB60OE	Enrique Cornejo	2710 Deerwood, Simi Valley, CA 93065	522-8323
KC5LB	Charles Holland	2428 Stow St., Simi Valley, CA 93063	526-4415
N6FFU	Bob Yonce	1876 Fitzgerald, Simi Valley, CA 93065	526-7012
N6IWW	Clancy Slyder	2364 E. Brower, Simi Valley, CA 93065	527-7999
N6IWY	Spencer Smith	2249 Knollhaven, Simi Valley, CA 93065	583-1127
N6MKK	Jim Schmidt	P.O. Box 141, Simi Valley, CA 93062	522-7519
N6MKW	Gary Elliott	2707 Beaver, Simi Valley, CA 93065	522-3963
N6MNA	Frank Schneidereit	788 Lyons, Simi Valley, CA 93065	527-2234
N6MQM	Judy Hall	664 Bristol, Simi Valley, CA 93065	526-1120
N6MQT	Frank Valdez	5717 Bloomfield, Simi Valley, CA 93063	527-4686
N6DMH	Rick Rockwell	P.O. Box 2031, Simi Valley, CA 93062	583-1859
N6OMI	John Mendez	2160 Abraham, Simi Valley, CA 93065	
W6AFF	Dick Hoolihan	1206 Sutter, Simi Valley, CA 93063	527-4779
W6EJE	Ralph Frye	1307 Mellow Lane, Simi Valley, CA 93065	526-0850
W6TOQ	Ted Gradjelick, Sr.	819 Appleton Rd., Simi Valley, CA 93065	526-7343
W6E0Z	Vern Hiebert	3390 Corpus Christi, Simi Valley, CA 93063	526-7223
W6HXE	John Hunt	2365 Alscot, Simi Valley, CA 93063	583-1345
W6OHX	Jennifer Roe	2480 N. Verda Ct., Simi Valley, CA 93065	583-3805
W6TMS	LeRoy Richmond	3054 Fitzgerald, Simi Valley, CA 93065	
WB6CWJ	Art Vorpahl	3128 Travis, Simi Valley, CA 93063	522-3358
WB6QKF	John English	6496 E. Keystone, Simi Valley, CA 93063	527-6509
WB6UXJ	Larry Scott	2257 N. Yosemite, Simi Valley, CA 93063	
WB6WEY	Orville Beach	3008 Waukegan Ave., Simi Valley, CA 93063	522-2398
WD6BUA	Larry Clark	3390 Wichita Falls, Simi Valley, CA 93063	522-1279
WD6EVT	Roger Armstrong	3262 Cole, Simi Valley, CA 93063	522-2381
WD6EZY	Bee English	6496 E. Keystone, Simi Valley, CA 93063	527-6509
WM6P	Steve Hall	664 Bristol, Simi Valley, CA 93065	526-1120

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And more updates from Orv..

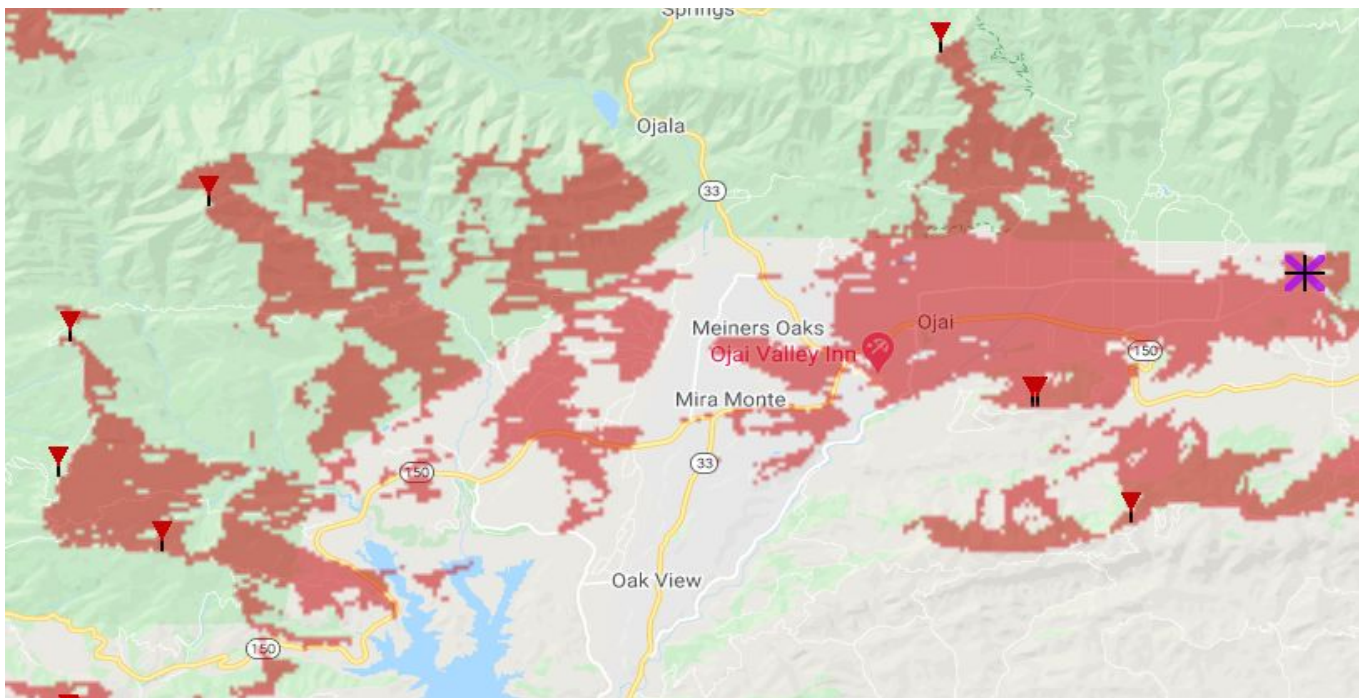
Repeater news

The preparations to move the PVARC (Pleasant Valley ARC) repeaters from the existing South Mountain site to the new one farther northeast on the ridge are continuing. As part of the preparations, the links between most of the PVARC sites have been broken down in order to move the link radios. While the WD6EBY VHF & UHF repeaters on Chatsworth Peak continue to be linked, they're now standalone and will remain that way until late January when the linking equipment has been completely moved to the new South Mountain site. You may recall that the Simi Settlers some time ago generously donated money towards backup batteries for the Chatsworth Peak PVARC site (repeaters & network gear). Installation of the batteries, charger and LVD (Low Voltage Disconnect) was completed this spring.

During the recent PSPS Chatsworth Peak was without power for 31 hours. While the batteries were getting low at the end of the outage, all equipment stayed on. If it had been an emergency situation, load could have been shed (e.g., shut down one repeater and some network equipment) to save power. Additionally, a generator is available to run up the hill and supply power during an extended outage when necessary. At some time in the future this site may gain on-site generator backup.

Ham Network News

OVARC (Ojai Valley ARC) has made good progress in modernizing their mesh network. A backbone link was established between their Reeves Road site on the east end of Ojai Valley and their site on Black Mountain. While the Reeves Road site provides good coverage of the eastern 2/3 of the valley, Black Mountain can cover the western third pretty well. Also at each site are 5 GHz and 2 GHz user access points, all using 120 degree sector antennas for good ground level coverage. With this configuration Ojai Valley has good network coverage from east to west.

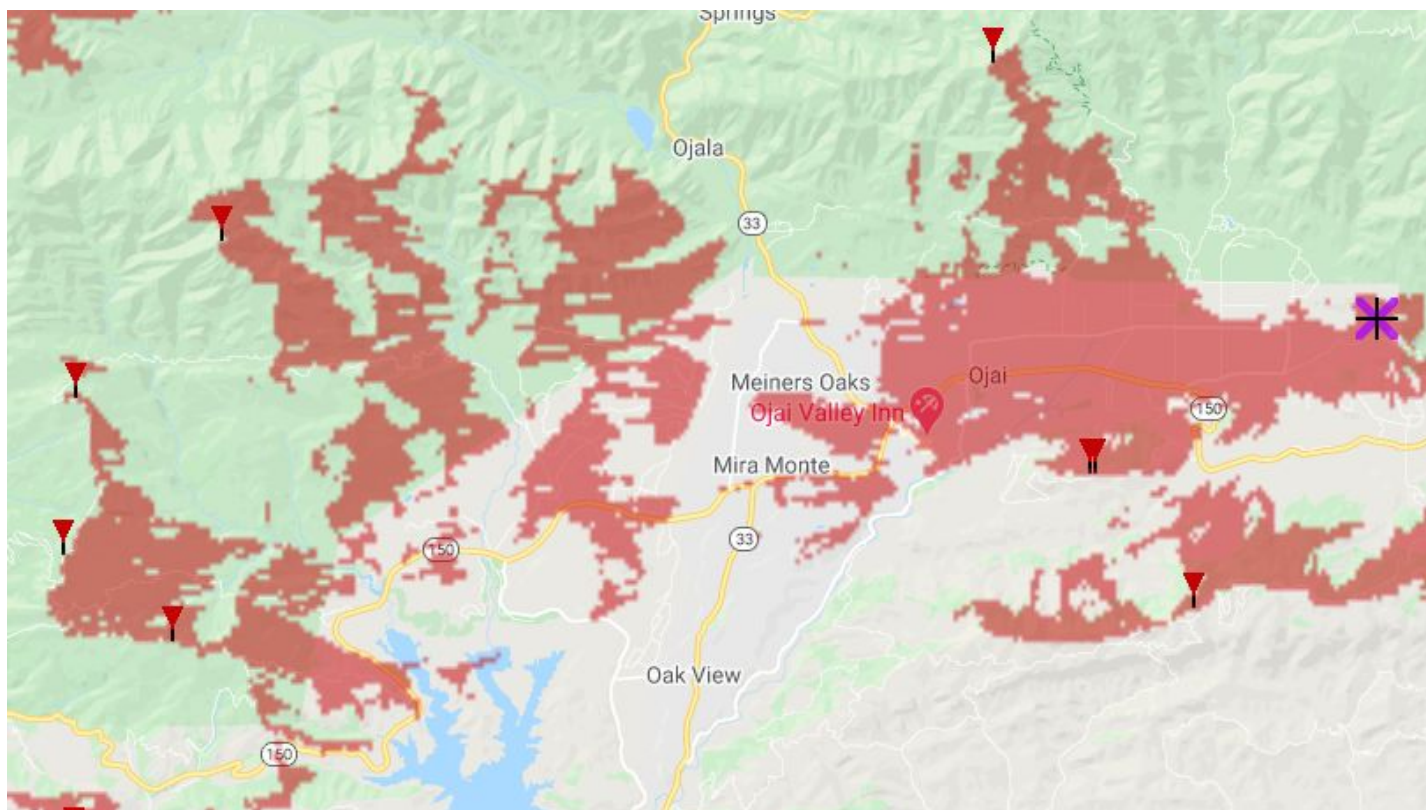


Reeves Road coverage



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Black Mountain Coverage

A VOIP phone (ext 4089) was installed at the Chatsworth Peak PVARC recently. The failed network switch at Verdugo Peak above Burbank was replaced in late October. With access to the PBX there, a half dozen phone extensions have been rolled out to hams in the Valley and elsewhere in western L.A. County. That PBX has been trunked to the Ventura County PBX, and calls can now be placed between users on the two PBXes. Work continues on trunking various other PBXes together (Santa Clarita Valley, West L.A. and San Bernardino County). Work continues at expanding the network coverage into Santa Paula. No deployment date is available yet, but with luck it should be before Labor Day 2021 (there's a LOT of prep work to be done).

We've been promised (but no date) access to the tower on Rasnow Peak. By moving the node up there from the top of the building, the south end of the Conejo Valley will no longer be shadowed and will have direct access to the network via Rasnow Peak.

We continue to negotiate with the city of Simi Valley for access to their site at the water tower above the north end of Madera. Placing network equipment there will allow us to cut the LONG network link between Chatsworth Peak and South Mountain in half. It's the weakest, most problematic link in the mesh network in Ventura County, and as a result has less available bandwidth than other links. A 5 GHz user access point will be placed there for improved coverage in the southwest quadrant of Simi Valley (i.e., Wood Ranch). Ideally a PTZ camera will be placed there for viewing the inevitable brush fires. Funding is only partly in place for this project, nor has the MOU (Memorandum Of Understanding) between PVARC and the city of Simi Valley been signed (pandemic, personnel absences and management shakeup) yet. With the MOU in place, sometime in late 2021 we may also be allowed to occupy the Mount McCoy site.

Other news

I've been working on getting my Winlink Express up on the mesh network and have finally figured out how it's done. If you have mesh connectivity and your Winlink station has an IP address from your network node, you're almost set! Contact me if you're interested. Being able to move 5-7 Megabits/second between stations on the mesh network is nice, and way faster than the VHF protocols. And you don't have to worry about digipeating :-). It's been an 'interesting' year. We have lots of work planned for 2021!

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Orv W6BI

Letter From The Editor

Please submit articles, pictures, etc. on things of interest to our SSARC community for publication to me at ericoberg1@gmail.com. Such items may discuss your recent antenna project, shack modifications, new operating modes, anecdotes from portable field operations, and so forth. A picture with a caption works. A few sentences strung together works. A few paragraphs, a few pages with detailed illustrations.... It's all good.

73, Eric KE6MLF

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General Membership Meeting, December 10, 2020

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President, Brian Hernandez, KM6MIN. Brian welcomed everyone to the meeting, held over the internet using Zoom. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions on gatherings, this meeting was a replacement for the traditional December Holiday-Christmas-Potluck dinner party, 8 Officers and Board Members/Advisors were present. The total attendance was approx. 12.
- Treasurer:** Treasurer Glenn Daly, WA6GNB, reported the account balance now stands at \$2035.37. He is expecting to receive checks for the new account any day now. It was MSP to approve the Treasurer's Report.
- Membership:** Orv Beach, W6BI, asked how many paid up members we currently have. Membership Chairman Jim Parker, KJ6LXJ did not have his records handy but Brian said the current number is something over 20. Jim and Glenn discussed how they will coordinate the process of membership applications and dues payments.
- Program:** Instead of a program speaker this month, the meeting was an informal social activity with individuals contributing "Shop Talk" about their recent technical or operating activities. The following are some highlights:
Glenn Daly said he has talked to Jim Veronica, WA6NXX, and learned that Jim and Lea are OK, but Jim is not walking very well.
Eric Oberg, KE6MLF, shared pictures of a winter camping trip in the snow. He also showed an Astron power supply he is testing and described how he will make a resistor load to measure the current capability.
President Brian said he has some house remodeling work going on and he showed some video views of the work areas. He hopes to include an antenna mast in the project.
Ron Nelson, K6RIN, talked about a SOTA adventure he had in snow on Reyes Peak, near Pine Mountain off highway 33. Ron also said he has a 6-40 meter Hex-Beam antenna available free if anyone could use it.
Joe Partlow, W6JWP, talked about his new ICOM radios.
Kevin Deadwylier, KD6UTC, talked about setting up a "shack" in his home with an antenna in the attic and making his first QSOs other than portable operating in parks.
John Percival, WI6O, mentioned the recent strong winds and resulting power shutoffs and problems with keeping his antenna wire up in the trees.
Orv talked about recent Mesh Node developments and plans for expansions next year.
Bill Woods, AB6BW, showed some coils he has wound for a 40M/80M doublet antenna. He also talked about a RigExpert model AA-230 antenna analyzer that he has ordered.
- Member Drawing:** Brian made the drawing for the progressive Membership drawing and reported the winning name was John Percival, WI6O. John was logged into this Zoom meeting, so he won the \$10 prize. The prize amount will again start over at \$10.00 for our January meeting. While the Club continues to hold meetings on Zoom, members must be logged into the meeting to win. The prize amount grows by \$10 each month it goes unclaimed.
- Adjournment:** The attendees gradually left the Zoom meeting and the Secretary left prior to a formal "adjournment" at 8:09pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

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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>

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Simi Settlers' Leadership				
President	Brian Hernandez	KM6MIN	(805) 813-7595	km6min_bh@yahoo.com
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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: _____

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For Sale, Trade, or “Please keep this stuff at your house, my place is full”.

For sale by Orv – W6BI –
orv.beach@gmail.com

2 brand-new, never used 12V
8Ah batteries - \$30 for both



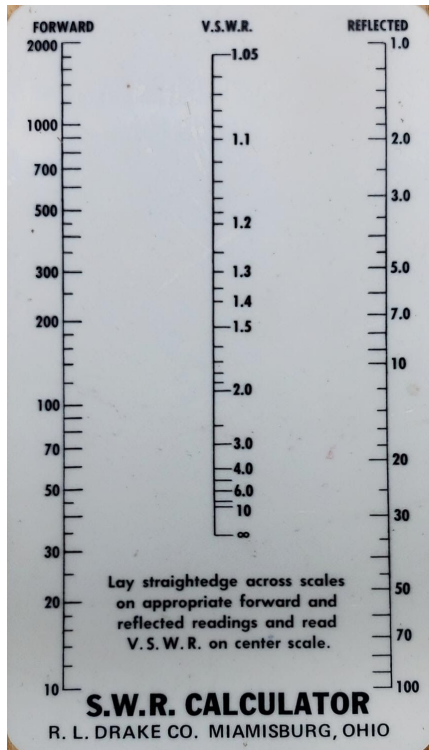
For sale by Orv – W6BI –
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Kenwood SP-230 Speaker -
\$50



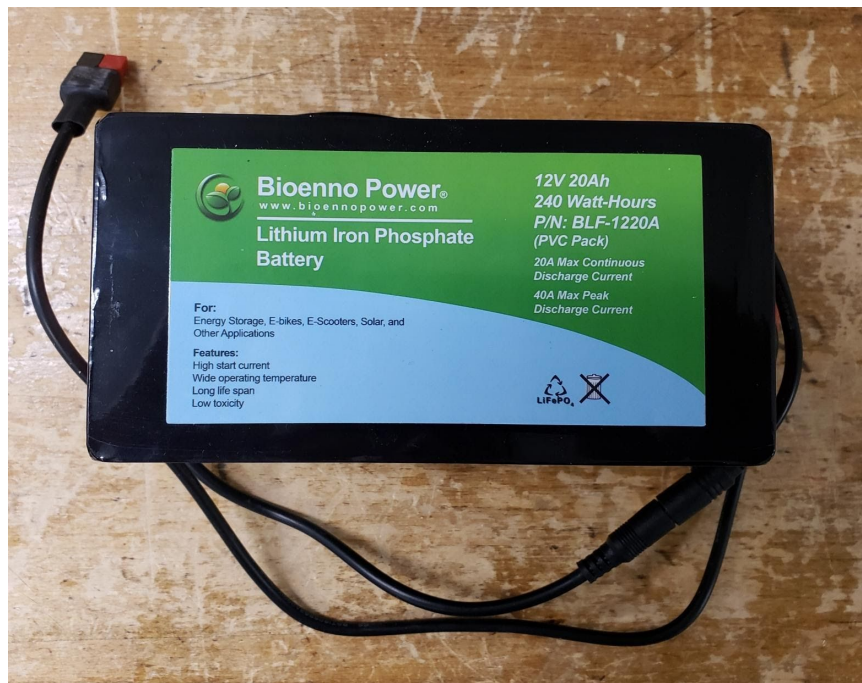
For sale by Orv – W6BI –
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Drake W-4 Wattmeter –
includes Drake SWR
Calculator - \$50



For sale by Orv – W6BI –
orv.beach@gmail.com

Bienno LiFeP04 20 Ah
battery. Only one year old,
kept on float - \$150



For sale by Orv – W6BI – orv.beach@gmail.com

TenTec Omni VI Plus – works fine, receiver recently aligned - \$450



Free to a good home – Eric
/ KE6MLF –
ericoberg1@gmail.com

These came from 150 amp
stick welders. **I have 10 sets.**

Each set has 2 cables, 9 foot
long, 4 gauge stranded wire.

1 cable has a “stick holder”
1 cable has a ground clamp
The connector is a “Tweeco”
style, and can be replaced.



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Free to a good home – Eric
/ KE6MLF –
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From Glen WA6GNB

18 gauge stranded wire -
twisted pair with foil shield
and drain wire. Tough green
insulation. Might have been
for outside lighting or
sprinklers.

Would be good for audio.
Many hundreds of feet
available. Want a few feet?

