



Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

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What are you doing for Field Day? Get on your radio!

From President Brian - KM6MIN

Happy June Everybody!

Can you believe half the year has gone by? I'm glad to hear everybody is still doing great and doing all they can do to keep safe and healthy. Happy to see all the usual faces and hear the usual voices during these past zoom meets. We're almost through!

It is starting to look like things will be opening up soon. Which is good for **Field Day** this year which looks to be making plans to be at the **Ronald Reagan Presidential Library**. For more info reach out to **Vern Potter** at w6nct@arrl.net

A big thank you to Rick Galbraith W6DQE for hosting pizza night. Most fun I have and I'm always looking forward to the next month. Hopefully more places big enough to hold a gathering our size open up so we can give Rick a break.

This past May Ron Nelson K6RIN headed a special event station with his club SOTA LEOs call: WA6LE. I was lucky enough to provide backup (and donuts) in reaching out through HF and some uhf/vhf. We had a great event where some of our local law enforcement showed up, posed for pictures and got a little background on why Ron was doing a special event station. They even asked us to come back next year!

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

A very big welcome to our new members and a quick reminder that if you have anything you have done lately or made and would like to share, send it to our wonderful newsletter editor Eric KE6MLF.

I'm also on the lookout for anything that can be a club project, something we can get together and make. There are a few ideas already that I'm looking forward to, and I am open to adding more to that list of things we can do.

Have a great June everybody and a happy father's day to the Dad's out there.

KM6MIN

Meetings

The June general meeting is Thursday the 10th via Zoom.

The June board meeting will be on Thursday the 24 th 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!

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 The Newbie net 7 pm, Bozo Repeater 147.885 (- 127.3)	Condor Connection 7pm (Plays Newslines) 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 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>

* For more information, see <http://www.pvarc.club/mesh/mesh-applications/>

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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. None ...

Events

Thursday, June 3, 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, June 10, 2021, 7:00pm SSARC General Meeting

Via Zoom

Thursday, June 24, 2021, 7:00pm SSARC Board Meeting

Via Zoom.



Letter From The Editor

Please submit articles, pictures, etc. on things of interest to our SSARC community for publication to me at ericobergl@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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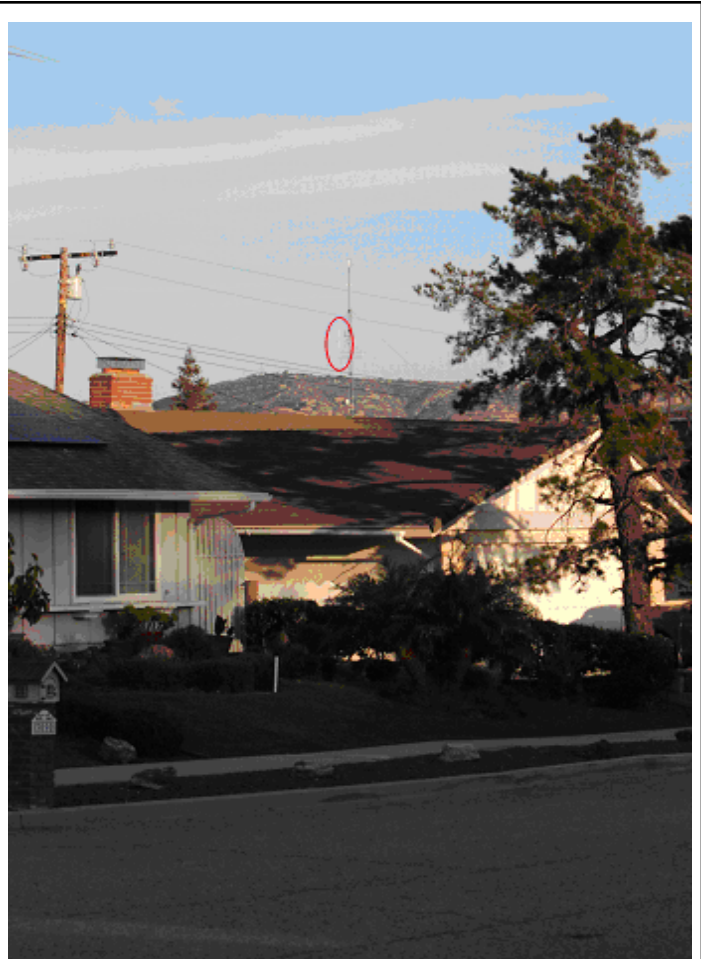
Projects

Projects listed here are intended to peak your interest. Ask questions or submit your entry for the next newsletter.

Two-meter Winlink at my QTH - Orv W6BI

If some (height) is good, more is better, right? My antenna for VARA FM is up about 25 feet on the second floor chimney. In the hopes of improving the coverage on 145.03, Eric KE6MLF and Eric KB6DYJ added two crossarms and two short masts to the top of my tower. One mast is a spare, the other had a Diamond X50NA VHF/UHF antenna installed. Once they got the crossarms and antenna and jumper cable installed, they connected a length of 3/8" heliax cable and fastened it to one leg of the tower.

It was a grueling task; they both were up at the top of the tower for over an hour. I anticipate improved coverage from the antenna when it's at 55 feet instead of 25 feet. The antenna hasn't been connected to the radio yet but it looks really good!! :-D



During the work “party” and the view from a block away.

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ARRL June VHF Contest - Ron K6RIN

ARRL's annual June VHF Contest will be the second weekend of June this year. The contest officially runs from June 12, 1800 UTC, through June 14, 0259 UTC. The Contest objective is for amateurs in the US and Canada to work as many amateur stations in as many different grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz. All legal modes are permitted, including CW, SSB/Phone, FM, MSK144, FT8, PSK31, FSK441, and JT65.

Amateur radio operators have taken different approaches to participating in the VHF contests. These include setting up a mobile or portable station in an elevated area such as a mountain top or high rise building in order to make as many contacts as possible, or by operating in a mobile capacity in order to operate in as many grid squares as possible.

If anyone from the Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club is interested in participating as a group, please contact Ron Nelson, K6RIN, via email at Rnelson759@sbcglobal.net.

National Peace Officers Memorial Special Event Station - Ron K6RIN

In October 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation from Congress designating May 15th as "National Peace Officers Memorial Day," and the week leading up to May 15 as "National Police Week." On this special day we remember those Peace Officers who have lost their lives while protecting their communities.

On May 15, 2021, members of the Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club and the SOTA LEO's Amateur radio club combined forces to operate a "Special Event Station" (Call sign WA6LE) in the front public parking lot of the Simi Valley Police Department, in an effort to commemorate this important day. The station was set up using portable radio equipment powered by batteries and a solar panel.

A Special Event Station's purpose is to call special attention to an event or occasion, in order to raise awareness. This is done by making radio contacts with other Amateur "Ham" radio operators around the country and even around the world, and providing a brief explanation about the special event being commemorated. This event was very successful in that the operation netted 33 contacts with Hams throughout the United States. Many were not aware of National Peace Officer's Memorial Day and expressed gratitude for the sacrifices that have been made by officers and their families.

The WA6LE station was staffed by: Ron Nelson (K6RIN), Brian Hernandez (KM6MIN), and Frank Valdez (KI6OQ).

Special Thanks to the Simi Valley Police Department for allowing us to use their parking lot for our station. They have invited us to come back and operate next year.

Ron Nelson
K6RIN

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Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting, May 13, 2021

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by President, Brian Hernandez, KM6MIN. Brian welcomed everyone to the meeting, held over the internet using Zoom. 8 Officers and Board Members/Advisors were present. The total attendance was approx. 15.
- Secretary:** Minutes from the April General Meeting have been published in the May newsletter. Secretary John gave some update information about Field Day. VCARS has identified a possible alternative site in Santa Paula, if the Reagan Presidential Library is not open for our use in time for Field Day.
- Treasurer:** Treasurer Glenn Daly, WA6GNB, reported the account balance as 2,035.87.
- Membership:** Membership chairman Jim Parker, KJ6LXJ, said he has revised the membership roster and he is waiting the Board of Directors to review it.
- Publicity:** PIO, Linda Parker, said she still has no news from the Simi Valley Senior Center about when the Center might re-open for our Club meetings.
- Newsletter:** Editor Eric Oberg, KE6MLF, said the May newsletter was posted on May 5. He is asking for any news or pictures from members for publication in the newsletter.
- Program:** President Brian said we have no guest speaker for this meeting, so he invited members in the zoom meeting to tell us about any recent projects or activities they have been doing.
- Ron Nelson, K6RIN, reminded us that May 15 will be National Peace Officers Memorial Day and he plans to operate a Special Event station at the Simi Valley P.D. Ron invited members to join him in this activity. They will use the callsign WA6LE and expect to operate on 20 and 40 meters in the General portion of the bands from about 7am to 3pm.
 - Brian gave the group a walking video tour to show progress with the interior house remodeling.
 - Patrick O'Bryan, WB6USZ, asked how he would receive the prize he won in the April meeting membership drawing.
 - Ron, K6RIN, showed us a log periodic antenna he built using aluminum arrow shafts. He said it is very broad banded and he has made 150- and 200-mile contacts with it from one mountain top to another.
 - Todd Kleopfer, KD6RCM, mentioned that the President of CVARC, Brett Price, KM6VFW, passed away on May 9th.
 - Bill Woods, AB6BW, said the "Pizza Night" get-together at the home of Rick Galbraith was great and he thanks Rick for hosting us. Until we can go back to the restaurants, perhaps we could meet at a local park for a Pizza Night.
- Member Drawing:** Brian made the drawing for the progressive Membership drawing and reported the winning name was Ken Segedie, W6KLX. Ken was not logged into this Zoom meeting, so he did not win the \$10 prize. The prize amount will increase to \$20 for our June 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 is unclaimed.
- Adjournment:** The Zoom meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

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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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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