



## **Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club**

# **Short Circuit**

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**From President Brian - KM6MIN**

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Happy September to everybody!

It was great seeing those of you that tuned in to last month's meeting. Our speaker was not able to attend, so I asked what your story was on how you got started in your amateur operating adventure. Glad to know plan B always works in a pinch, and it is always great to hear from you guys, the members.

I love hearing your stories, and It's amazing that most of you have kept this passion alive for longer than I have even been around. I, as always, am late to the party but I am finding the fun that all of you have had. Mine is in all the talking, all y'all know how much i love to talk.

I didn't get a chance to ask all of you, and from those of you that I did, I got the feeling that it's only the tip of your iceberg. I would love to keep this going and hear from all of you. Your stories on how you got started, what or who got you started, how you got your ticket, and your upgrades. Most of you guys know the hoops I put myself through when I got my own General license

Cheers and 73s,

Brian KM6MIN

### **Meetings**

**Thursday, September 9, 2021, 7:00pm SSARC General Meeting Via Zoom**

**Thursday, September 23, 2021, 7:00pm SSARC Board Meeting Via Zoom.**

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## Nets of Interest

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>LSB Net</b> 8pm 3.908 MHz  <b>SSARC 2 Meter Net*</b> 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)	<b>Condor Connection</b> 7pm (Plays Newslane) Frazier Mountain 224.720-1.6 MHz PL156.7	<b>LSB Net</b> 8pm 3.908 MHz  <b>ACS Area 1</b> Simi Valley SMRA-ERN 7:05pm Repeater 146.805 -0.6MHz PL100.0 or 445.580 -5.0MHz PL100.0  <b>ATN-CA Net</b> 7:30pm <a href="http://atn-tv.org/netnight.htm">http://atn-tv.org/netnight.htm</a>  <b>ACS Area 1</b> Simplex net, 6:45 PM on 145.510MHz	<b>Channel Islands chapter 10-10 International</b> 28.34 MHz at 10AM and 6PM  <b>Mesh VOIP Net*</b> 8pm 2.4/5.8 GHz Mesh	<b>LSB Net</b> 8pm 3.908 MHz		<b>SSARC SSB HF Net</b> 8:30am <b>7.240</b> (+ or - QRM/N) 40 meter  <b>CW-QRP</b> 9am 7.032 MHz  <b>Quad Squad net</b> 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/>

### 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](mailto:ke6wez@gmail.com)

If anyone is interested in how to set up 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](mailto:ke6wez@gmail.com))



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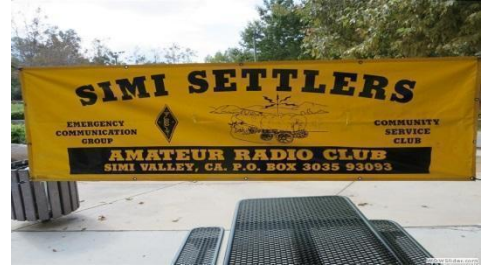
## Events

**Thursday, September 2, 2021, 6:00pm SSARC Pizza Night**  
Toppers Pizza, 2408 Erringer Rd, Simi Valley

Mod Pizza, at 2941 Cochran St, appears to have been given the thumbs down vote.

**We are getting close to meeting in person! (or so we think...)**

Our first meeting is going to be an open agenda with a swap / trade. Start digging for your ~~junk~~ stuff to ~~dump~~ trade!



## 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](mailto: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

## Mount Pinos SOTA Activation

By

Ron Nelson K6RIN

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, I set out on another "Summits on the Air" (SOTA) ham radio expedition to Mount Pinos. Mount Pinos is the highest point in Ventura County at 8,831' above sea level. The trailhead is located about 85 miles from Simi Valley near Pine Mountain Club and Lockwood Valley. The trail is relatively easy and short at 3.6 miles round trip, with 512' of elevation gain. SOTA scores this summit as an 8 out of 10 possible points due to its elevation above sea level, even though it is an easy hike.

The weather at elevation on this August day was perfect, with a temperature in the upper 70's and a view that seemed to go on forever. To the north-east, I could see the San Joaquin Valley towards Bakersfield. To the south-west, I could make out the islands off the coast of Ventura County.

For this ham radio adventure, I used my Yaesu FT-891 with a vertical antenna for HF work. I also used my YAESU FT3DR HT and a homebrew handheld Log periodic antenna for 2-meter simplex. I needed at least 4 QSO's to score the 8-points. I ended up with five 2-meter simplex QSO's and 41 HF QSO's on 17, 20, and 40-meter SSB, for a total of 46 QSO's. Two highlights stood out for the day. The first was a 2-meter simplex contact on 146.52 MHz with W6KKO in Clovis, CA (143 miles

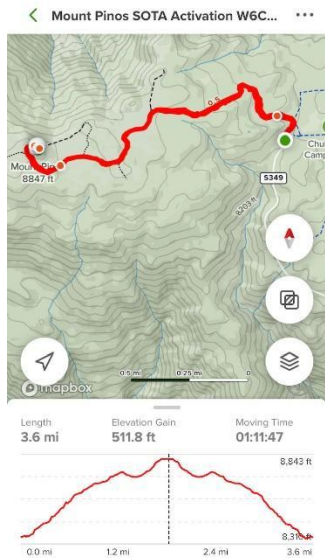
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away). The second was a 5/5 signal on 20-meters into southern France with Chris, F4WBN. Of course, I was also able to make contacts with other hams all over the U.S. and Canada.

Another highlight on the mountain was speaking with a hiker who happened by, 71-year-old Jim, of Pine Mountain Club. He was very excited to learn about what I was doing. He hung out for about 20 minutes while I made some QSO's and then explained ham radio and SOTA. Before he left on his way back home, he mentioned wanting to get his ham license. Pretty cool.

After hiking back down the trail to the car, I drove home and spent the afternoon logging all the QSO's from the trip, and then dreaming of my next expedition.

Here are a few photos from the day:



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## Broken stuff - Eric O KE6MLF

My tiny Linux computer died. I used it for Teamtalk and surfing on the Mesh Network. Just up and died, no amount of banging it with various artifacts changed anything.



Somebody was cleaning up, and found this HP Duo.



Getting Debian Linux installed as I finish up this newsletter!

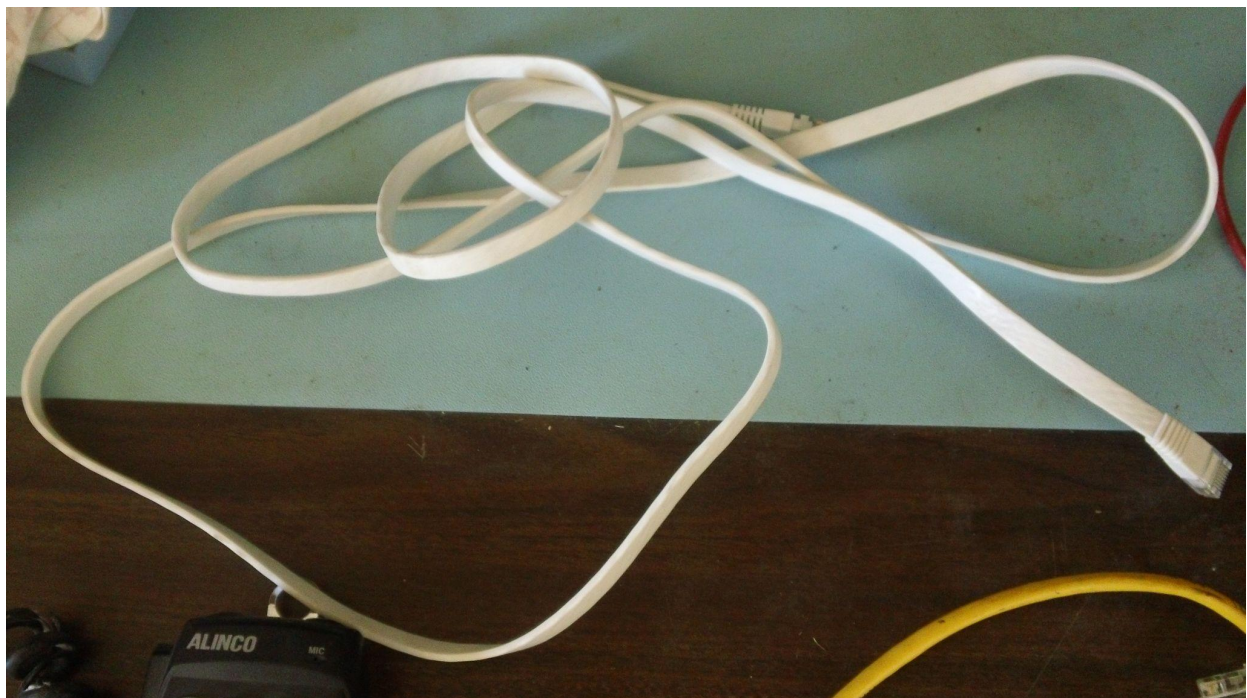
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I have several different mobile radios. They all have coily cord cables and after 15 years, the plastic coating is falling apart. Alinco has replacement cables, \$29 each! Umm, like no? A year or two ago, I used a network cable that was cable cut in half. It has stranded conductors and worked just fine, but I was really happy with it.



Now I found this lying around. It is a network cable, but is flat and very flexible. I have found more on Amazon, so I will order a few and start soldering!



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**Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club**  
**General Membership Meeting, August 12, 2021**

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Brian Hernandez, KM6MIN. Brian welcomed everyone to the meeting, held on-line over Zoom. Fourteen were in attendance, including six Officers and Board Members/Advisors. There was also a new ham, John Bliss KN6OGQ, who joined us to check out the club.
- Secretary: Minutes from the July General Meeting were published in the August Newsletter. They were approved.
- Treasurer: Glenn Daly, WA6GNB, provided the Treasurer's Report, which included a \$2,241.87 balance in the club's account, (including \$246 which was added by members renewing their annual dues), and \$44 in petty cash. The Treasurer's Report was approved.
- Membership: Jim Parker, KJ6LXJ, reported that 21 members renewed their annual dues, with the new fiscal year beginning July 1. There were no new members added to the roster.
- Jim offered that he will post the latest club roster on the Club's website.
- PIO: Linda Parker reported that she had been in touch with staff at the Simi Valley Senior Center and learned that the club may be able to begin having in-person meetings beginning in October 2021. Senior Center Staff indicated that we will be back in the same meeting room, #106. If we are able to meet in October, our first meeting will include a swap meet as the first program. All were encouraged to bring their ham radio treasures that they wish to sell.
- Newsletter: Eric Oberg KE6MLF reminded President Brian Hernandez KM6MIN to submit his words of wisdom for the next Newsletter. He also reminded all other members that he is always looking for Newsletter articles.
- Program: The regularly scheduled program fell through, so President Brian Hernandez called upon several members who were present to talk about how they became interested in Ham Radio. Six members offered their stories. It was a very well received program by all in attendance.
- Member Drawing: President Brian Hernandez, KM6MIN, conducted the progressive membership drawing of \$40 and reported that Charlotte Johnson had been drawn. Charlotte was not present so the prize will increase to \$50 for the General Membership meeting in September.
- Announcements: Linda Parker announced that Steve King KE6WEZ is looking for at least one more person to assist during the Upcoming Wellness Expo on September 22 at

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the Simi Valley Senior Center. It will be a “HT event” and those assisting will be providing help in the parking lot.

The “Wings Over Camarillo” event is still in need of ham operators on August 21-22 at the Camarillo airport. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to contact Avi Carmi K6AVI.

Adjournment: The Zoom meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Submitted by: Ron Nelson, K6RIN (Asst. Secretary)

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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 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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