



Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

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Thursday, October 14, 2021, 7:00pm, The Settlers General Meeting AT THE SENIOR CENTER !

Our first meeting is going to be an open agenda with a swap / trade. Start digging for your stuff to trade or get rid of!

From the website:

<https://www.simivalley.org/departments/community-services/senior-center>

All clients will be asked to complete a member registration form prior to participation in any program at the Senior Center. To expedite the registration process, please complete the **Member Registration Form** online.

and Breaking News:

We have set up with Wood Ranch to have our picnic in Gazebo "C" at 9:00am to 1:00pm on Sunday October 24th.

Jim Parker has emailed out a list, please fill it out with your favorite foodstuffs you can bring and return it to him.

And One More Meeting...

Thursday, October 28, 2021, 7:00pm SSARC Board Meeting via Zoom.

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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 The Newbie net 7 pm, Bozo Repeater 147.885 (– 127.3)	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/net/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 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/>

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 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)

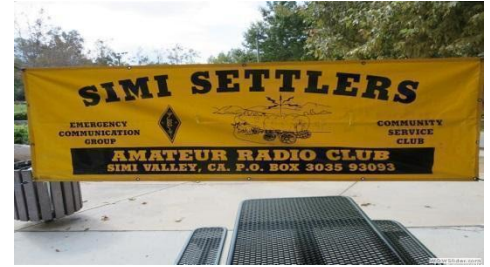


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Events

Thursday, October 7, 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.



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

Alabama Hills SOTA Activation

By

Ron Nelson K6RIN

On August 31st, I set out on another "Summits on the Air" (SOTA) ham radio expedition to the Alabama Hills near Lone Pine, CA. This was actually "Plan B" as my "Plan A" of camping and hiking in the White Mountains in the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest was curtailed due to the recent closure of most the National Forests in California. The Alabama Hills, made famous due to their use by many movie production companies going back decades, made for an enjoyable experience. The bonus is they are just outside the Inyo National Forest and therefore fare game.

Since I only planned to camp over two nights, my first night was spent preparing for two summits the next day. The second night was spent recovering from two grueling hikes.

On the morning of September 1, I hiked a hill known as "Hill 5,200," W6/SS-449. Interestingly, it was a steep 3.4 mile hike, ending up at 5,235' above sea level. I lugged along my Yaesu FT-891 and the tried-and-true vertical antenna. I ended up with 31 contacts on 17, 20, and 40 meter SSB. Highlights included contacts with George KL7ILA in Wasilla, Alaska, and Chris F4WBN in Southern France.

After completing that hike, I started out on the second summit of the day, Alabama Hill, W6/SS-636, at 5'433' above sea level. This was a grueling 2.4 mile hike across open desert (no trail) and a class 3 scramble over large boulders for the last ¼ mile in 95 degree heat. I should have taken more water. Highlights included another contact with Chris F4WBN, a contact with Andrea IK5BOH, operating a mobile station in Milano, Italy, and a contact with Paul KG7QCY, a pilot onboard a

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commercial 747 flying over the Pacific Ocean. In all, I had 34 contacts on 20 and 40 meters SSB over a 34-minute timespan. Very exciting!

Of course, you can't beat the views of the Owens Valley and the Eastern Sierras from the Alabama Hills. Another benefit, the camping is free in this BLM dispersed camping area. Of course there was breakfast the next morning at my favorite place, the "Alabama Hills Café" in Lone Pine, specializing in Cinnamon Roll French Toast. Yum!

Here are a few photos from the day:



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AREDN MESH Portable Go Box

Bill Woods – AB6BW

I am building my second portable mesh go box. The box contains a 20 Ahr LiFePo battery, a solar charge controller, a Raspberry Pi, a Mikrotik HapAC Router Board, dc-dc converters to power the mesh radios and ip camera, and misc. connectors, wiring, etc.... This article is just a preliminary look at the nearly completed box. A followup article will provide details about the main equipment choices, application software, construction details, power management and so forth.



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This box will be deployed with a solar panel and 5GHz dish at the Runkle Cyn Park aid station for the Share The Road Ride on 10/02/2021 to supply live video/still feeds for display at the STRR Net-Control station in Lemon Park.

Look for a follow-up article next month.

Bill Woods

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This forwarded from Joe Partlow, W6JWP

Apply for a grant from the ARRL or ARDC
By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

In our division director's September missive to the membership yesterday was this nugget:

ARRL IS CURRENTLY OFFERING GRANTS to fund amateur radio projects. This program, sponsored by the ARRL Foundation, is specifically for organizations and aimed primarily for education, licensing and support of ham activities. A special focus is on youth-related plans. We are now entering the last phase of this year's grant cycle, so the opportunity exists for your club or organization to submit a grant request. You can find the full details on the grant page of the ARRL web pages, check: <http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-grants>.

The ARRL accepts grant requests three times a year:

February 1 – February 28

June 1 – June 30

October 1 – October 31

All proposals will be reviewed by the Grant Committee at the close of each cycle. Once the Committee agrees on the proposals to fund, they will be sent to the full Foundation Board for a formal vote. Awardees will be notified approximately one month after the closing of each cycle.

Eligibility and Guidelines

- Grant requests for emergency communications equipment, facilities, or projects will not be considered.
- Grant requests for ongoing operations or expenses will not be considered.
- Only programs and initiatives conducted within the United States are eligible for consideration.
- Proposals for projects with a high likelihood of sustainability or expansion are encouraged and preferred.
- Proposals for projects with demonstrated support of the local amateur radio community or clubs are encouraged and preferred.
- Grants are awarded only to organizations, not individuals.
- Awarded grants generally do not exceed \$3,000.
- The ARRL Foundation may elect to fund a qualified proposal in its entirety or partially at its sole discretion.
- It is rare for the ARRL Foundation to award an extension to a previously issued grant.
- The ARRL Foundation does not wish to be the sole funder of a proposal and gives preference to groups that provide evidence of other successful fundraising conducted prior to proposal submission.

[Follow this link to view a grant application form example.](#)

ARRL Foundation grants are awarded from its General Fund or one of the following special sources:

Victor C. Clark Youth Incentive Fund

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CW Operators Educational Fund

The Alfred E. Friend, Jr., W4CF Educational Activities Fund

Questions regarding grant proposals, eligibility, or contributions to the ARRL Foundation may be directed by email to foundation@arrl.org.

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting, Sept 9, 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 over the internet using Zoom. 7 Officers and Board Members/Advisors were present. The total attendance was approx. 12.

President: Brian mentioned that Jim Hutchinson, KI6MZ, was hurt in a fall at home in August. Jim is now recuperating at a care facility, and will return home when his balance returns to normal. To make sure Jim will be able to move around easily with a walker, once he gets home, Bill Woods, AB6BW, and assistants (Orv?) have moved some things at Jim's house.

Secretary: Secretary John Percival, WI6O, thanked Ron Nelson, K6RIN, for recording minutes at the July and August meetings while John was absent. Minutes from the August General Meeting have been published in the Sept newsletter. It was MSP to approve the Secretary's report.

Treasurer: President Brian reported for Treasurer Glenn Daly, WA6GNB, who was not present. The current account balance is \$2,241.81, along with \$23 of petty cash. It was mentioned that the membership drawing had not been won since April, so the prize is \$50 for this month. It was MSP to accept the Treasurer's report.

Membership: Membership chairman Jim Parker, KJ6LXJ, reported on membership renewals. There have been 3 renewals received, or "in the mail". The report was approved by a motion MSP.

Publicity: PIO, Linda Parker, reports that we expect to hold our next general meeting in-person at the Simi Valley Senior Center, on Thursday, October 14, at 7PM. The Senior Center is requiring that all individuals attending will need to submit a "registration" form online using "DocuSign" or by printed copy. The mask policy has not been stated yet, so we should assume they will be required. Another restriction for this meeting is that we cannot make food available in the meeting, but bottled water is OK. Linda reminded us that we will continue to hold the Board Meetings using Zoom. It was MSP to approve the PIO's report.

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Newsletter: Editor Eric Oberg, KE6MLF, said the September newsletter has been posted. He welcomes articles and pictures for use in the newsletters.

Planning: There was no guest speaker for this meeting, so President Brian spoke about future planning and invited comments from members. Brian said that Steve Noll, WA6EJO, will give a presentation about the rebuilding of his home that was lost in the 2017 Fire. Brian said he has interest in the "Dream Beam" antenna. Eric Oberg said he is still working on build projects for the Club. Orv Beach said that Steve King, KE6WEZ, will be moving to Idaho and Bill Woods, AB6BW, has indicated that he will take over for Steve as E.C. for Simi Valley. Also, the Share the Road Ride event will be in October, and volunteer radio operators are needed. Joe Partlow said he can give a meeting program presentation about 3-D Printing. Ron Nelson mentioned that John Kitchens could give us an update on the ARRL. Ron also said he is willing to give another presentation about his Summits on The Air (SOTA) activities. Linda Parker asked about Kevin Deadwylier, KD6UTC, who had indicated some interest in the Vice President position. Brian said he will contact Kevin to see if he is still interested in being V.P. Bill Everett, KI6KSV, said he is recovering from a broken knee.

Member Drawing: Brian made the drawing for the progressive Membership drawing and reported the winning name was Tuija Heinonen, KJ6WMR. Tuija was not logged into this Zoom meeting, so she did not win the \$50 prize for this month. The prize amount will therefore increase to \$60 for our October 14th meeting. When the Club resumes in-person meetings, members must be present at the meeting to win. The prize amount grows by \$10 each month it is unclaimed. Announcements: Ron Nelson mentioned that the weekend of June 12-13 will have the ARRL VHF Contest. He said he plans to operate portable during the contest.

Adjournment: The Zoom meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.
Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

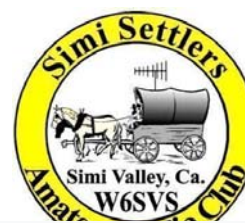
Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club Web Page: <http://www.simisetters.org/index.htm>

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: _____