



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

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The next **meeting** is at the

**Simi Senior Center,**

3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley.

**Thursday May 8, 2025** at 7:00 PM.

The next **Pizza Night** is at

**Toppers Pizza**, 2408 Erringer Rd, Simi Valley

**May 1 at 6:00 PM**



**Alas, Linda Parker (Wife of Jim KJ6LXJ) passed away on April 22. Linda was our Public Information Officer for many years and will be missed.**

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## Timely Updates

The **spring picnic** is confirmed for this weekend **April 27th Gazebo C, 9am** to 1pm at Rancho Simi park in Wood Ranch. The address is 556 Lake Park Dr, Simi Valley.

Stop by and have a hot dog or hamburger, compliments of the club. Bring your radio or something for show and tell, or sell. Under the gazebo, so no problem if there is a bit of rain...

The **Simi Valley Street Fair** is Saturday May 3 at the Town Center. Frank KI6OQ will be manning the ACS booth, and we are invited to help answer questions or just hang out. Bring a radio for listening or show and tell?

**Voting** for club officers is at the **June** meeting. Want to try for one of the positions?

**Dues** are due in **June**. Print out the last page, or we will have a few forms at the meeting.

How about you stop by and say hi on the **Sunday night net**?

**8:30 PM on the Simi Repeater 146.805.**

Did you know: The Settlers are no longer in the **Chamber of Commerce**. Not much return for the membership cost.

We are going to join the **Simi Valley Community Council**. For more information, contact Brian KM6MIN or see <https://svcommunitycouncil.org/>

At the meetings, the **raffles** are intended to be a fundraiser for the club. Clean out your piggy bank and bring a few dollars to the meetings!

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## A selection of NETS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Condor Connection</b> (Plays Newslines)	7:00 PM	Frazier Mountain 224.720-1.6 MHz PL156.7
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>County ACS HF net</b>	6:30 PM	Summer 7.242 +/-    Winter 3.987 +/-
	<b>ACS Area 1 - Simi</b> Simplex net	6:45 PM	145.510 MHz Simplex
	<b>ACS Area 1 - Simi</b> Repeater net	7:00 PM	Simi Repeater 146.805 -0.6 MHz PL 100.0
	<b>ATN-CA Net</b>	7:30 PM	<a href="https://www.atn-tv.com">https://www.atn-tv.com</a>
	<b>LSB Net</b>	8:00 PM	3.908 MHz
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Channel Islands chapter</b> <b>10-10 International</b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	28.34 MHz
	<b>Mesh VOIP Net*</b> Voice / video / data	8:00 PM	2.4/5.8 GHz Mesh
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>LSB Net</b>	8:00 PM	3.908 MHz
Friday			
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>SSARC SSB HF Net</b>	8:30 AM	7.240 (+ or - QRM/N) 40 meter
	<b>CW-QRP</b>	9:00 AM	7.032 MHz
	<b>Quad Squad net</b>	1:00 PM	21.365 MHz
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Newbie net</b>	7:00 PM	Bozo Repeater 147.885 -0.6 MHz PL 127.3
	<b>LSB Net</b>	8:00 PM	3.908 MHz
	<b>SSARC 2 Meter Net**</b>	8:30 PM	Simi Repeater 146.805 -0.6 MHz PL100.0

**Additional** listings of **MORE** 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/>

### Our Sunday night control 8:30 on the Simi Repeater:

Apr	27	Matt KN6SEC
May	4	Brian KM6MIN
	11	Kevin KD6UTC
	18	Matt N3AR
	25	Ron K6RIN

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## ACS/ARES Corner

Frank Valdez KI6OQ is the Area 1 Emergency Coordinator

**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, just message Frank Valdez at [frankki6oq@gmail.com](mailto:frankki6oq@gmail.com).



If anyone is interested in how to set up your own packet station, RMS Winlink station, or a Mesh Node, contact Frank, he will point you in the right direction.

The **Area 1** (Simi Valley) net occurs **Tuesdays**. Generally it is just a brief check in, but usually some news about upcoming events is passed on. **Stop by and say Hi.** You do not have to do anything other than check in to test out your simplex or repeater connection.

The Tuesday **HF net** during summer months is on 7.242 +/- at **6:30 PM**.

During the winter, it is back to 3.987 lower side band.

The Tuesday **simplex net** is on 145.510 at **6:45 PM**.

The Tuesday **repeater net** is on the 146.805 (-0.6 MHz, PL 100) repeater at **7:00 PM**.

**NOTE:** Please be advised that we hold the Tuesday **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.

Visit [vccomm.org](http://vccomm.org) for more updates.

For the Tuesday night nets:

22-Apr-25 Lisa Trent	KK6AKR
29-Apr-25 Frank Valdez	KI6OQ
6-May-25 Ron Nelson	K6RIN
13-May-25 Eric Oberg	KE6MLF
20-May-25 Bill Woods	AB6BW
27-May-25 Dante Smith	W6JCQ

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## Upcoming Events

Here are some of the events the Settlers (and other clubs) have supported.

April 26 Ride for the Red - [vccomm.org](http://vccomm.org)

May 3 SoCal Ride, Walk & Roll to Cure ALS - [vccomm.org](http://vccomm.org)

May 2-4 Coyote Two Moon trail race

May 26 Memorial Day - Flags at Simi Cemetery - contact Brian KM6MIN

May 15 **Peace Officers Memorial** - contact Ron K6RIN

August 16 & 17 Wings over Camarillo



## Member Updates

### Mountains 2 Beach Marathon From Eric KE6MLF

A bunch of us assisted with communications on the marathon from Ojai to Ventura on Sunday April 14th. A little cool for us, great weather for the runners.

The SAG drivers did about a dozen trips, and there were no medical emergencies (that we know of).

Over 50 of us at fixed stations, mobile, and in Ventura at the control or shuttle stop.

The 10K had 270 runners, the half Marathon had 1430 runners, the full marathon had 1700 runners.

Missed a picture of Avi K6AVI.

### Station Delta with Frank KI6OQ and Donnie KJ6TTN



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## Station Foxtrot with Joe W6JWP and Stuart K6MQA

Stuart was sitting in the car to use the mobile radio and mag-mount. Joe's handheld was not getting in too well. This is a tough area to get good coverage.



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Station Hotel with Brian KM6MIN and Dave KM6FQ



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## Station India with Doug WA6RJN



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Sag 3 was Greg W6GRG taking a break between routes

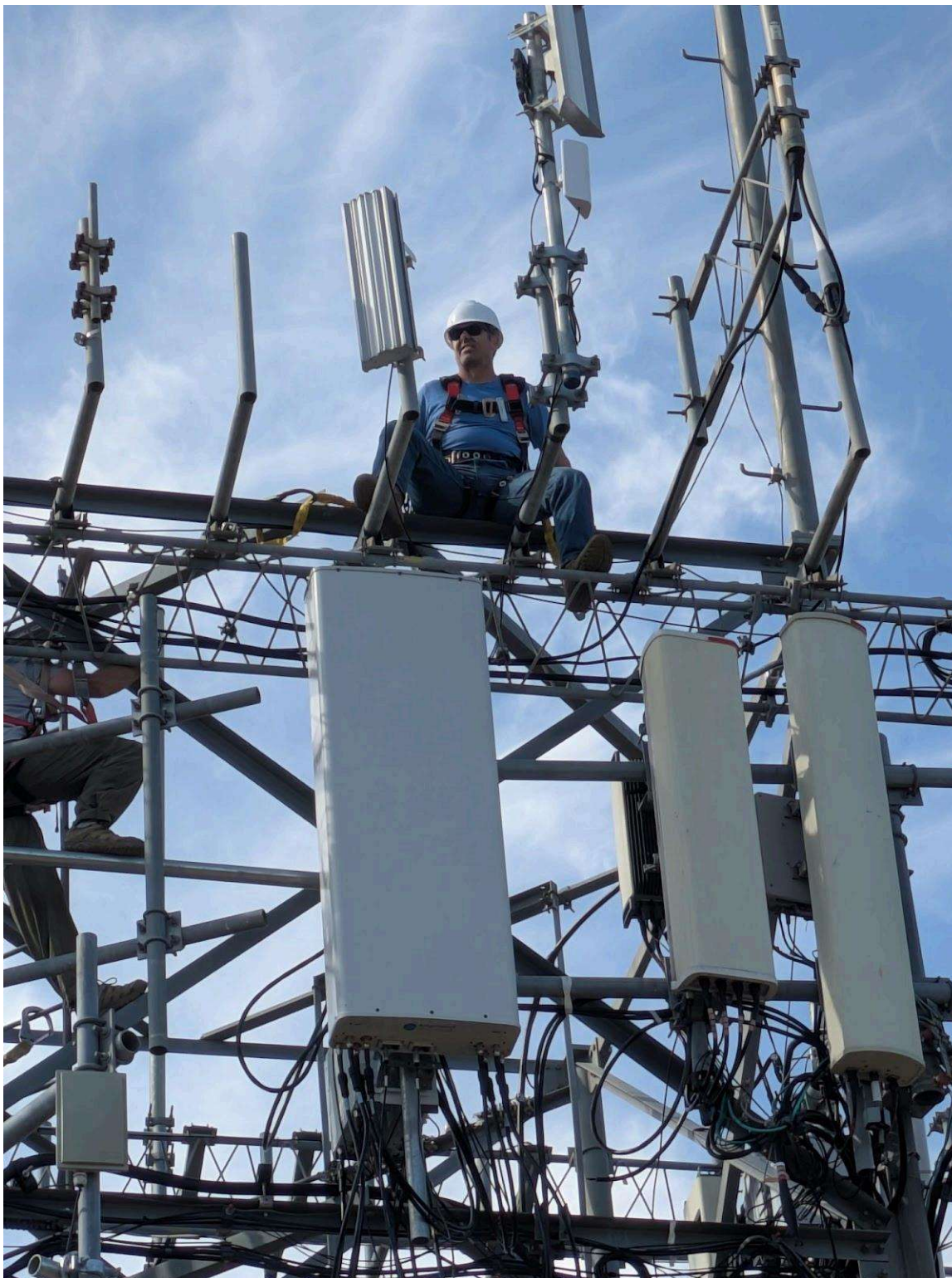


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Missed a picture of SAG 1, Eric KB6DYJ

(So here is a photo from Saturday the 12th, at his other job.)



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With me on the chase bikes were Chester K1GKM and Larry K6LWG

They both highly recommend the Donut Hole in Meiners Oaks.



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Chester and Larry with the last runner North of Ojai in the ranches and orchards



And again with two runners through downtown Ojai



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Lets recap:

Up at 3 AM, arrive at the finish line by 4 AM, get trucked up to the start line by 5 AM. Race start was at 6:10 AM.

Larry, Chester, and I rolled in with the last 6 runners finishing between 7 hours and 7:30. Burt KA6BJA, Rob W6BI and a few others were just finishing up packing the ACS trailer away.

Beer kegs all empty, food trucks all packing up. Home to shower, eat, and put all the stuff away.



## **Foxhunt - Forwarded from KC6MEH Michael**

**<https://w6sd.com/>**

Please come to our foxhunt, **April 26**, Veterans Memorial Park, in **Sylmar**:

Join us for the classic 2 meter Radio Directional Finding Foxhunt

April 26, 2025 10am to 1 PM

Veterans Memorial Community Regional Park

13000 Sayre Street, Sylmar, CA

Hosted by the San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

There will be 5 transmitters hidden in frequency 146.565

Talk in frequency will be 145.570

Start location and parking just right as you enter the park. Enter 34.32638, -118.41576 into your smartphone's map.

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## Internet Resources

simisettlers.org - us!

cvarc.org - Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club

k6mep.org - Ventura County Amateur Radio Club

vcars.org - Ventura County amateur Radio Society

pvarc.club - The home of many of the counties repeaters

arednmesh.org - Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network

vccomm.org - Ventura County ACS / ARES

www.arrl.org - American Radio Relay League

archive.org/details/simi-settlers-arc - Our old newsletters!

qrz.com - forums, for sale, articles - **Create your profile here!**

eham.net - forums, for sale, articles (kind of a zombie site)

[www.theborednet.net](http://www.theborednet.net) - a local bulletin board including net schedules and **stuff** for sale!

Under the **groups.io** banner (a free account is required):

groups.io/g/SimiSettlers/messages - A great place to post

groups.io/g/SIMI-VALLEY-HAMMESHNET/messages

vc-accs.groups.io/g/main/messages

vc-accs.groups.io/g/area-1/messages

## SSARC Marketplace

This section of the newsletter is for Simi Settler club members to post various used or previously owned items for sale that they may no longer have a need or use of. Please submit a brief description of the sale items (along with a photo if possible) and suggested price to Eric Oberg KE6MLF, the newsletter editor, at least two days before newsletter publication. It is suggested that a portion of each sale be donated to the SSARC treasury to help support the club's several activities. The term "OBO" means "Or Best Offer" and serves only as a starting point in negotiating a fair price.

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### MFJ-335 MOBILE ANTENNA MAGNETIC MOUNT



This heavy-duty 5" diameter magnetic antenna mount uses a powerful 2.5 pound magnetic base for secure mounting on top of most vehicles. It features a standard 3/8-24 threaded receptacle for attaching various hamstick or other whip antennas as needed. The 9-1/2 ft. length of RG-58 cable has a standard PL-259 UHF end connector. Typical cost of this magnetic antenna mount from MFJ or DX Engineering is \$29.95.

Condition: Excellent Price: \$5 or OBO. Contact Mike Tweedy KV6I (805-231-9683)



## REALISTIC PRO-42 SCANNER



The PRO-42 is a handheld 10-channel programmable scanner radio capable of receiving FM frequencies in three separate bands: 30 MHz to 54 MHz (VHF Low), 138 MHz to 174 MHz (VHF High) and 380 MHz to 512 MHz (UHF). The unit features keypad entry programming buttons plus standard volume and squelch controls to set desired audio level. The display is an LCD type with a backlit display for improved readability in low-light conditions. It includes a channel lockout capability with an optional 2-second scan delay to eliminate missed replies. The unit has a built-in internal speaker plus a headphone output jack. Antenna input is a BNC-type connector for connecting to an 8-inch flexible antenna (included) or an outdoor antenna if desired. Power (9VDC) is provided by six internal AA batteries or via an external power jack. A separate charger input is also provided should rechargeable 1.25 volt nickel-cadmium batteries be used instead. A convenient belt clip is also provided for ease of use.

Dimensions are 6.75" tall x 2.75" wide x 1.50" deep. Weight is 15.9 Oz.

Condition: Very Good    Price: FREE!.    Contact Mike Tweedy KV6I (805-231-9683)

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## LAFAYETTE RADIO MODEL TE-50 TUBE TESTER



This portable tube tester from Lafayette Radio is perfect for testing vacuum tubes from classic radios and television receivers sold back in the day. It has eight tube sockets capable of testing standard Octal, Loctal, 7-pin miniature, 9-pin miniature types as well as 9- and 12-pin Compactron tubes and nuvistor tubes that were popular back in the 1950's and 1960's. Tests include leakage, shorts and tube emission (e.g.- gain or  $\mu$ -measurements). The tester includes a slide-out chart drawer plus supplemental charts for newer-type tubes listing the required selector switch and slide switch settings for each tube under test including a test clip for testing tubes with high-voltage anode top caps such as those used for horizontal sweep circuits of earlier televisions. Similar Lafayette Model TE-50 Tube Testers are listed on E-Bay for \$99.99 or more.

Condition: Very Good    Price: \$5 or OBO. Contact Mike Tweedy KV6I (805-231-9683)

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## RADIO SHACK MODEL 15-1244 RF MODULATOR



This Radio Shack RF modulator can provide an NTSC type RF signal to older TVs or video monitors that require an analog signal as an input. The output is user-selectable for either channel 3 or channel 4 output and can provide 75 ohm or 1k ohm impedance. Input is AV video/video using standard phono-type plug cables. An RF coax jumper cable is provided.

Condition: Excellent Price: FREE! Contact Mike Tweedy KV6I (805-231-9683)

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### EDSYN MODEL CL1481 SOLDER STATION



This solder station contains a 30 watt soldering iron, a soldering iron holder, a cleaning sponge and 4 different types of interchangeable soldering tips. Unit was originally won as a raffle prize and never used, but has been tested to work OK.

Condition: Excellent   Price: FREE!   Contact Mike Tweedy KV6I (805-231-9683)

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## TOWER CLIMBING HARNESS



This is a heavy duty tower climbing harness for climbing towers to repair existing antenna elements or to install a new antenna on top of a tower. The belt is of rugged leather construction with safety clip-ons to provide safety and security during a tower climb.

Condition: Fair/Good   Price: FREE!   Contact Mike Tweedy KV6I (805-231-9683)

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## **From Glenn WA6GNB**

GrandStream # 1620/1625 telephone for sale. New – still in the original box. Compatible with our MESH system. \$30.00 Contact Glen at [gnb.2112@yahoo.com](mailto:gnb.2112@yahoo.com)

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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

P.O. Box 2125 Simi Valley, Ca 93062-2125 --- (www.simisetters.org)

## Membership Application



### Type of Application:

New Member ☐  
Renewal ☐

### Type of Membership:

Individual (\$25/yr) ☐  
Family (\$30/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): \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Printing: Yes ☐ No ☐ How many? \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s) Call(s): \_\_\_\_\_ (Self Supplied Polo Shirt, no emblem or pocket)

Hats Requested: Yes ☐ No ☐ How many? \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s) Call(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Application type: New ☐ Renewal ☐ Membership type: Individual ☐ Family ☐

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Database completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Badges and Shirts ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

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