



Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

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The next **meeting** is at the

Simi Senior Center,

3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley.

Thursday October 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

The next **Pizza** Night is at

Toppers Pizza, 2408 Erringer Rd, Simi Valley

Thursday October 2 at 6:00 PM

Move the Sunday night net - **YES** to **447.640 UHF repeater** - **PL is 131.8 Hz**

We are going to be at the Simi Valley Street Fair - Saturday October 25.
Frank KI6OQ will have a booth for the ARES / ACS gang, you can join in and help represent the Club.

What are you working on? Send us a picture and a few words.

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A selection of NETS

Monday	Condor Connection (Plays Newsline)	7:00 PM	Frazier Mountain 224.720-1.6 MHz PL156.7
Tuesday	County ACS HF net	6:30 PM	Summer 7.242 +/- Winter 3.987 +/-
	ACS Area 1 - Simi Simplex net	6:45 PM	145.510 MHz Simplex
	ACS Area 1 - Simi Repeater net	7:00 PM	Simi Repeater 146.805 -0.6 MHz PL 100.0
	ATN-CA Net	7:30 PM	https://www.atn-tv.com
	LSB Net	8:00 PM	3.908 MHz
Wednesday	Channel Islands chapter 10-10 International	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	28.34 MHz
	Mesh VOIP Net* Voice / video / data	8:00 PM	2.4/5.8 GHz Mesh
Thursday	LSB Net	8:00 PM	3.908 MHz
Friday			
Saturday	SSARC SSB HF Net	8:30 AM	7.240 (+ or - QRM/N) 40 meter
	CW-QRP	9:00 AM	7.032 MHz
	Quad Squad net	1:00 PM	21.365 MHz
Sunday	The Newbie net	7:00 PM	Bozo Repeater 147.885 –0.6 MHz PL 127.3
	LSB Net	8:00 PM	3.908 MHz
	SSARC 2 Meter Net**	8:30 PM	447.640 UHF repeater - PL is 131.8 Hz

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 447.640 UHF repeater - PL is 131.8 Hz:

Sep	21	Matt N3AR
	28	Ron K6RIN
Oct	5	Kerwyn N6YHX
	12	Matt KN6SEC
	19	Brian KM6MIN
	26	Kevin KD6UTC

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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.

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 for more updates.

For the Tuesday night nets:

30 Sep	Dante W6JCQ
7 Oct	Lisa KK6AKR
14 Oct	Ron K6RIN
21 Oct	Eric KE6MLF
28 Oct	Bill AB6BW

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Member Updates

Photos from the Borednet uExpo held at Cal State University Channel Islands.

Great to put faces to voices and see people again.

While these pictures were being taken, most of the gang was inside at the ARRL meeting.



Geoffrey talking with the Makerspace guys. I rode chase bikes with him on the marathon.

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This is Chester (left), I also rode bikes with him as chase on the Marathon.
I think most of the doo-dads on the table were from Geoffrey.

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Kerwyn and Dave AI6VX

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The quad with a few of the antennas

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Stu and Vern looking at a radio. No working on it, just staring at it.

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Donnie and the University radio club representative

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The ARRL table

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Rolled up, unpacked some stuff, and started talking. He was futzing around with the direction of the counterpoise wire to move the antenna pattern.

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Frank's go box (left), Brian's ammo can box (right)

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Donnie's trailer and Starlink antenna

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Ron, Donnie, Frank, and Matt. Not really doing anything useful, just sitting there.

No really, it was a bunch of work to unload the trailer, antennas, tables, chairs, radio sets, and then get the antenna trailer setup and down.

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Orv, Dave, and visitor at the AREDN table. Dave hiked up the nearby hill to get Mesh connectivity to South Mountain.

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Here is the best looking portable radio box with real wood grain flavored plywood construction

Will Keith put this on next year? Hope so. We should think up a new theme or activity for next time.

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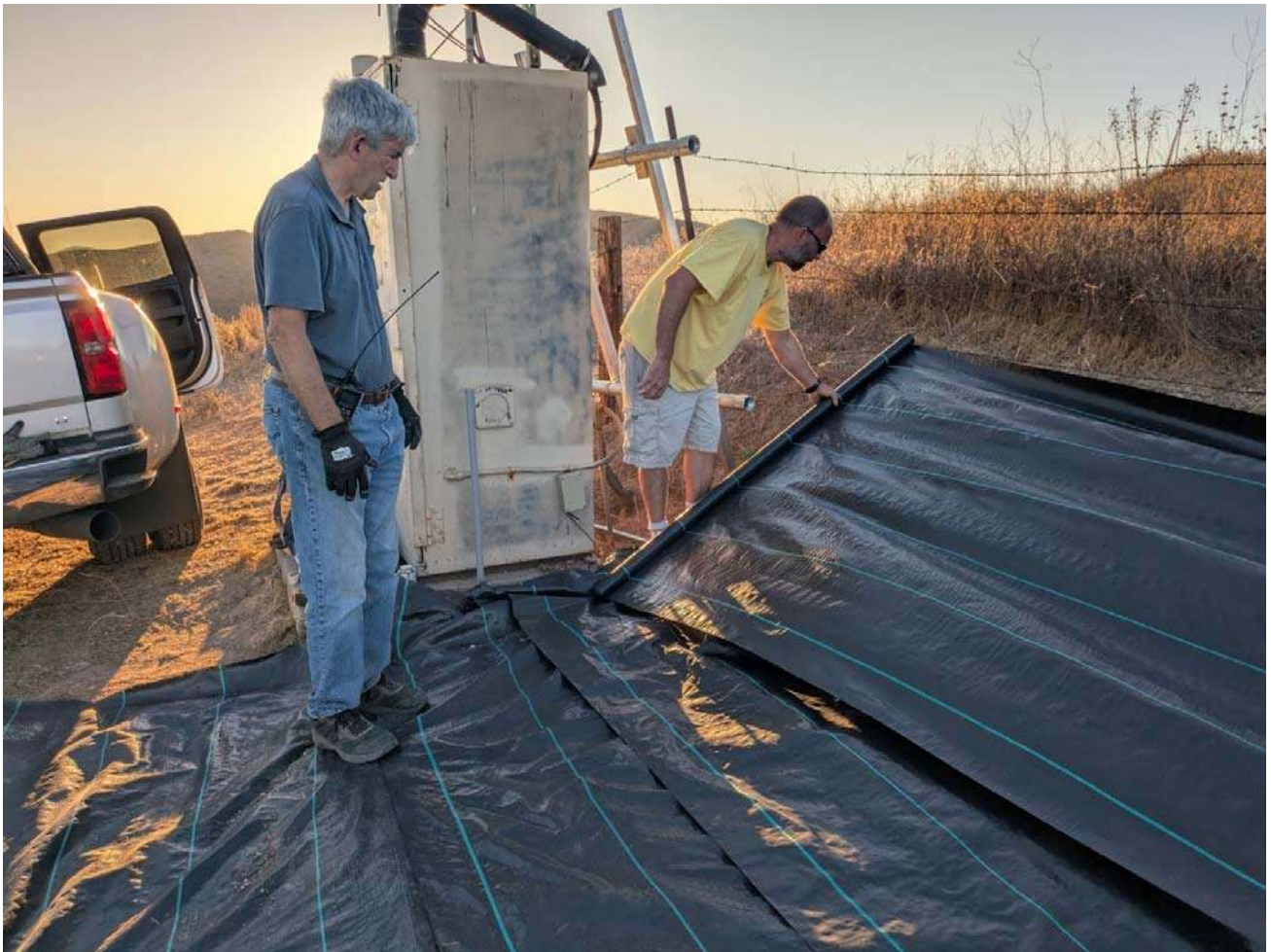
SimiNorth Work Party - 9/7/2025

by Orv W6BI (part 2 of 837)



Donnie, Dave, and Frank.

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Dave and Donnie in front of the existing Simi North cabinet.

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Action shot of Donnie flinging gravel.

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Frank moving WAY more gravel than Donnie's puny shovel.

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Dave making the gravel tidy (previously flung by Donnie).

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Donnie, Hero.

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Working till dark... Just at the edge of the weed barrier is the brown valve, the remnants of the oil well pipeline.

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Tired and sore?

A huge thanks to Orv, Dave, Frank, and Donnie. You want repeaters and infrastructure, they are building it for us.

Please contact Orv about the next work party, there will be a few more before the site is ready for the 220 repeater.

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Go Box Power - Eric KE6MLF

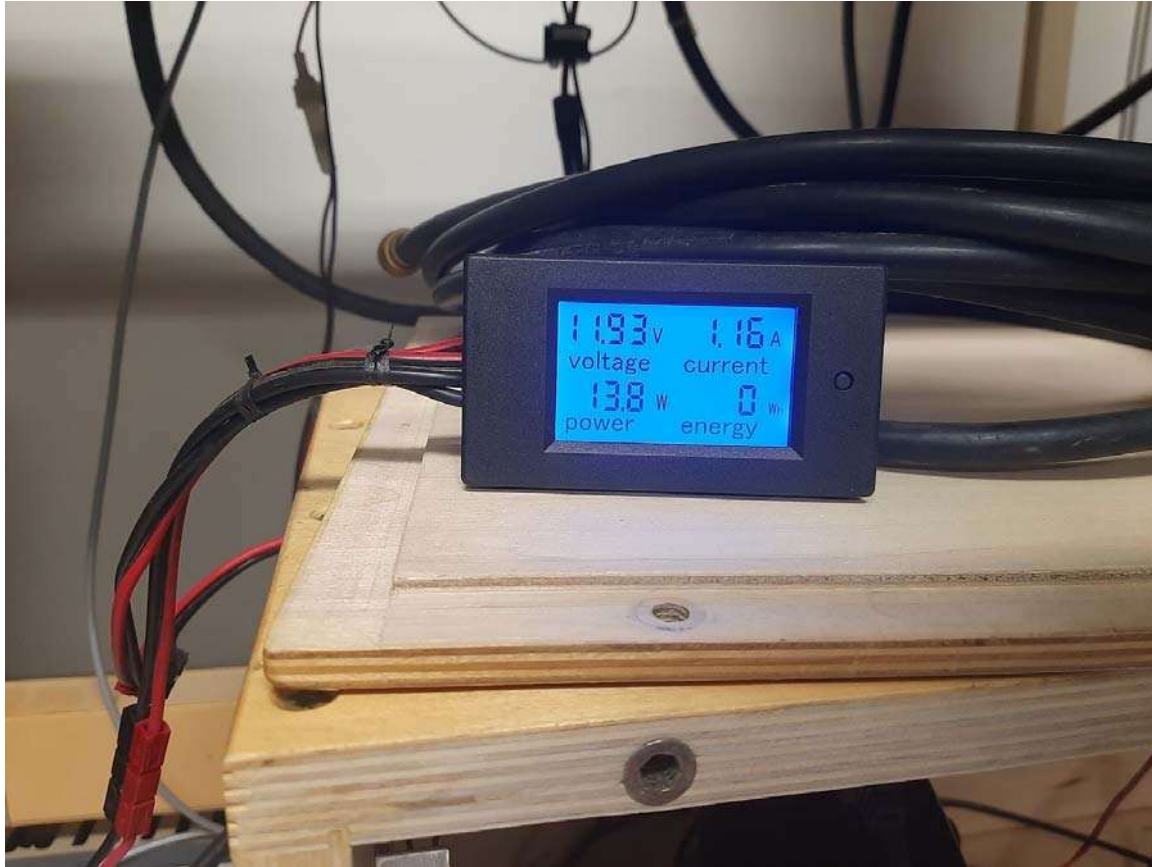
So here is the super wood grain go box, with computer, TNC, USB hub, mouse, LED lighting and TWO Btech radios. Powered off of a 100 Ah battery (who was embarrassed to go on camera - it was in a plain black plastic battery carrier, no wood). Just how long is this all going to last on battery power?



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Here ya go - a \$15 item that will show up to 20 amps and 100 volts. 1.16 amps on standby (listening) will be at least 50 hours.

Do I really believe a 100 Ah battery off of Amazon is going to deliver anywhere close to the advertised specification? Maybe not, but this is a good start! Maybe some solar panels and a charger are in the future?



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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 - 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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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 μ -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)

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

From Joe W6JWP

MFJ 259 Antenna Analyzer 1.8 to 170MHz \$100.00 OBO.

Good working unit with extras.





Contact joe.w6jwp@gmail.com

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Anycubic Mega Pro 3D FDM Printer w/Laser Engraving

Upgraded flexible magnetic steel bed.

The power supply and extruder fans make noise when first turned on but it goes away after about 30 seconds.

Includes glass bed, tools, spare extruder and nozzles, laser head and protective glasses.

\$75.00 or best offer.



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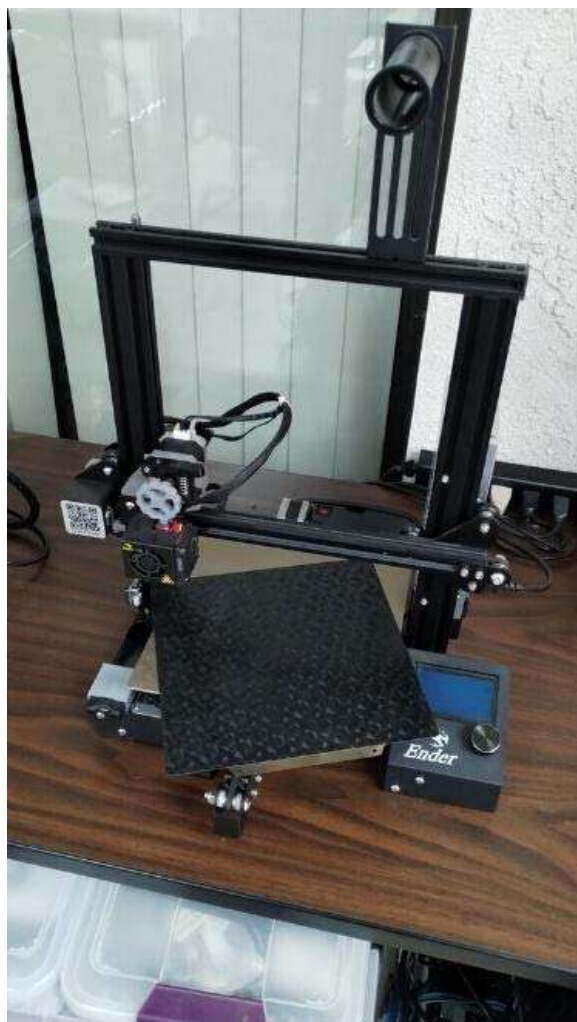
Ender 3 v1 3D FDM Printer

Modified for direct drive.

Upgraded flexible magnetic steel bed. Includes a spare textured steel bed.

Good basic machine

\$75.00 or best offer.



Contact joe.w6jwp@gmail.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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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): _____

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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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