Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

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The next **meeting** is at the
Simi Senior Center,
3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley.
Thursday November 12, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

The next **Pizza** Night is at
Toppers Pizza, 2408 Erringer Rd, Simi Valley
Thursday November 5, 2026 at 6:00 PM

A reminder, there is no meeting in December!

The January meeting is a swap meet / junk sale. Start digging up your stuff!

Yes, there is something funny going on with the 805 repeater. Will try to see what is happening asap.

Our web page is having fits. The web page host is getting attacked.



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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
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/

Nov 1 Brian KM6MIN
8 Kevin KD6UTC
15 Matt N3AR
22 Ron K6RIN
29 Kerwyn N6YHX

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**.

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 on 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.

3-Nov-26	Dante Smith	W6JCQ
10-Nov-26	Frank Valdez	KI6OQ
17-Nov-26	Lisa Trent	KK6AKR
24-Nov-26	Ron Nelson	K6RIN

Member Updates

uExpo by https://www.theborednet.net/

A slightly smaller turn out this year, it was during a bit of a hot spell. Still a great time to see people and fun things. A presentation by AMSAT (Amateur Radio in Space) was shown, along with the ARRL Santa Barbara Section annual meeting.

Orv and Dave put on a Mesh demonstration. There was morse code buzzer build, and also a signal strength meter to assemble.

Others just brought their radios and made contacts.







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Simi Settlers Picnic

Held October 10th at Wood Ranch Park.

A great day. Bring your radio, play with other's radios, have a snack, or just have a seat and relax.

Thanks to all who brought things, and the Chef, Jim.



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STAR WARS




SIMI SETTLERS
COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION GROUP
RADIO CLUB
O. BOX 3035 93093







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Artificial Stupidity by Eric KE6MLF

I wanted some cheat sheets to print out for various hand held transceivers I have. I change things so infrequently, I forget the controls and do not always have access to the manual. I thought I would try AI to create some sheets.

Artificial "Intelligence" is a bit of a misnomer. It is really the most widely voiced opinion on the internet, or a scraping of existing information such as equipment manuals. Manuals? That is what I want!

I first tried Duck.ai. It worked, but there were a few wrong or extra bits that did not work. I then tried **AI Mode** right on the **www.google.com** page. I did make a text file to give it direction:

Make me a cheat sheet for an Alinco dj-s11 including: VFO / memory mode, Repeater offset, PL Tone, Memory write, Squelch adjustment, Keyboard lock / unlock

Here is the output:

Repeater Offset

In VFO mode, press and hold the **F** key, then press the **SCAN** key.
Use the **UP** or **DOWN** keys to adjust the offset frequency value (typically **0.60** for 2 meters).
Press the **SCAN** key on its own to cycle through the shift directions: **+** offset, **-** offset, or **simplex** (blank).
Press the **PTT** switch to save and exit.

PL Tone

Press the **F** key and the **DOWN / tone** key together to enter the CTCSS configuration.
Use the **UP** or **DOWN** keys to choose your desired tone frequency.
Press **F** + **DOWN** together again to turn the tone encoder on. A **"T"** icon will appear on the display screen.
(Repeating this key combination removes the tone).
Press the **PTT** switch to exit.

Memory Write

Set your frequency, repeater offset, and PL tone settings while in **VFO mode**.
Press the **F** key and **V/M / MW** key together. The **"M"** icon will start blinking.
Use the **UP** or **DOWN** keys to select your target memory channel number (**0 to 19**, or **C**).
Press the **V/M / MW** key once to lock the frequency data into that memory slot.
Keyboard Lock Press and hold the F key, then press the MONI button.
Squelch is not adjustable

Just what I needed! I used the input text file and changed the name for the various radios.

Now to format it so it is a small page I can put in my pocket, with large enough print to see without my glasses in the dark. Not going to laminate it, I just print out many copies, put them in many places, and throw away the ones that get wet, scribbled on, or too tattered to read.

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Parts for Projects

We now have a listing for electronic parts. Not the best of formats yet, but it is a start.

In our groups.io site, under files is **2026 -Parts.pdf**

Please go shopping and tell me what you want. This stuff is just going to collect dust if you do not build something with it. The file was a bit of work to create, and too good for adding or subtracting things, give me a hint if there is a better way.

https://simisettlers.groups.io/g/main/files

What, you do not have a groups.io login in? Easy to do, then add the groups you are interested in.

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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-acs.groups.io/g/main/messages

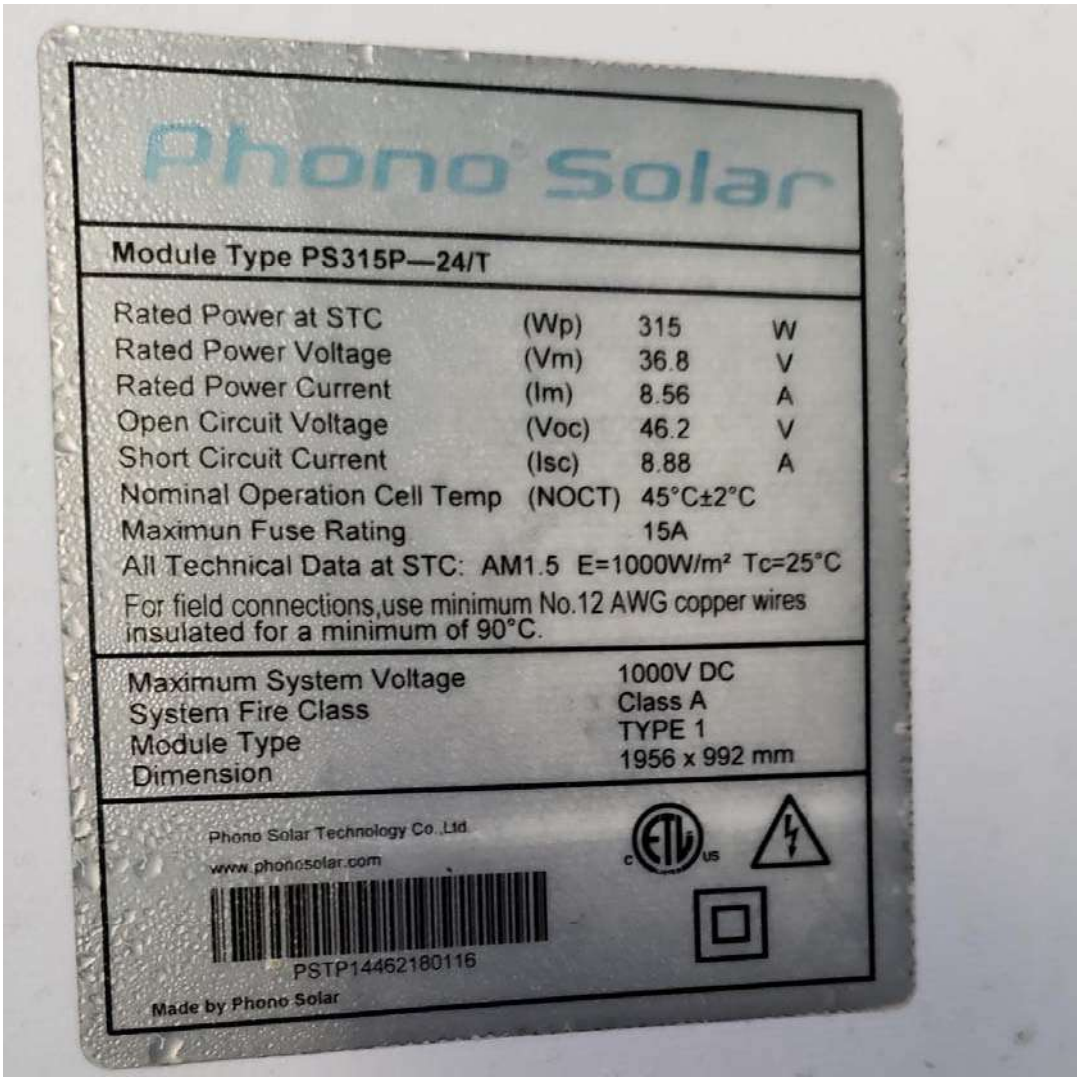
vc-acs.groups.io/g/area-1/messages

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.

From Orv W6BI

For Sale - 315 watt solar panels - $50 each. Lightly-used prior to being taken out of service. Four available. Funds will be directed towards Simi Valley repeater maintenance



From Joe W6JWP

Creality CR-6 SE 3D Printer $150.00 OBO. Lots of tools and spare parts included. More pictures available upon request.



Contact joe.w6jwp@gmail.com

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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 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)

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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

Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club Web Page: http://www.simisettlers.org/index.htm
Simi Settlers' ARC Yahoo Group: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SimiSettlersARC
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Membership Application

Type of Application: **Type of Membership:**

New Member ☐ Individual ($25/yr) ☐
Renewal ☐ 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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