



Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

February 2014

February 13, 2014

Static & Sparks

By President, Rick Galbraith W6DQE



Hello Simi Settlers,

We certainly hit the ground running at last month's general meeting, thanks to Jussi Eloranta AA6KJ who dazzled us with his fine DXing presentation along with great stories from his home country of Finland. Jussi has a real special talent of compressing a lot of information into a short period of time. Thank you Jussi !

Please make plans to embark on a special tour of the battleship USS IOWA on February 23, 2014. Frank Valdez KI6OQ has done a great job on coordinating this Field Trip to the LA Waterfront in San Pedro, with a special private tour for the Simi Settlers. Cost is just less than \$30 for the tour and lunch. Many of us will be carpooling from Simi Valley leaving 8:30 am Sunday morning. So please contact Frank KI6OQ at ffvaldez@dslextrême.com to purchase your tickets.

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General Meeting
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Simi Valley
Senior Center
3900 Avenida Simi
Simi Valley, CA 93063

February Program

Movie Night! ARRL at 100: A Century of Ham Radio

Produced by: ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio, (c) 2014. Narrated by Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY, QST Managing Editor. <http://www.arrl.org>

The ARRL continues "To promote and advance the art, science and enjoyment of Amateur Radio." By being an ARRL member you not only reflect the commitment and enthusiasm of American radio amateurs, or "hams," but also provide leadership as the voice of Amateur Radio in the USA. The ARRL is all of us working together...

- * to defend our spectrum
- * to help teach new hams
- * to encourage your enjoyment with contests and activities
- * to promote Amateur Radio in the media
- * to advocate for hams in Washington and in international conventions
- * to share the joy of creating new things, learning new things and realizing, "Hey, I can do that!"

...and we're just getting started.

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The SSARC Board has another big raffle prize coming your way in the month April. So "buy your tickets early and often" for a chance to win a Wouxun KG-UV920P-A commercial dual band mobile radio. Tickets are only \$5 per ticket and will only be sold at the SSARC general meetings, so I look forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting.

Now onto our club building project, Jim Hutchinson KI6MZ has been designing and making preliminary tests on this own 2 meter/440 dual band vertical antenna for are club build project coming up later on this year. This I am sure will be another great project, and when Jim is involved you can bet on learning something for sure.

I thank all of you for making this club a special group to be a part of, as 2014 is on the move for the Simi Settlers !

73, Rick
W6DQE
SSARC President

Loaner Radio Kenwood TS-520



If you would like to see what it's like to get on the HF bands let us know and we'll help you get on the air.

Simi Valley CERT Training

The next Simi Valley CERT training class is scheduled for February 13, 2014 thru March 22, 2014. The first five classes are held on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm to 9:30pm at Simi Valley Police Department Emergency Operations Center, 3901 Alamo Street. The Saturday disaster simulation exercise is held at the Ventura County Fire Regional Training Center, located at 102 Durley Road, Camarillo Airport, Camarillo, from 8 am to 4 pm.

Seating is limited so call (805)583-6116 or e-mail CERT@simivalley.org or check out <http://www.simivalley.org/index.aspx?page=267> for more information.

Nets of Interest

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SSARC CW Net 7:30pm - 8:30pm John Percival WI6O will be listening and making calls using his call sign and referencing "SSARC" in this transmission. Please listen in on 7.050, 21.050, 28.050 depending on band conditions. 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	Condor Connection 7pm (Plays Newsline) Thousand Oaks 223.940-1.6 MHz PL156.7 Frazier Mountain 224.720-1.6 MHz PL156.7	ACS Area 1 Simi Valley SMRA-ERN 7:05pm Repeater 146.805 - 0.6MHz PL100.0 or 445.580 - 5.0MHz PL100.0 LSB Net 8pm 3.908 MHz		LSB Net 8pm 3.908 MHz		SSARC SSB HF Net 8:30am 7.245 (+ or - QRM/N) 40 meter CW-QRP 9am 7.032 MHz

Additional information on local nets can be found on the CVARC web site at:

http://www.cvarc.org/new-wp/?page_id=470

ACS Corner

1. Feb. 16, 2014 Bandit Run. This is an annual local event. Randy (the Race Director) supports our local repeaters each year, so it would be nice to support the event. We need about 5-6 more volunteers. Non-Hams are welcome. Contact me (Steve King) to volunteer.
2. March 3 2014 - Monday - Distric Meeting - Location TBA
3. March 15/16 2014 Coyote Backbone 68 - - Saturday & Sunday. This is a great event along the "Backbone" trail in the Santa Monica Mountains. It is a rewarding event, as the runners truly appreciate our help, and it is a challenging event as we are up in the mountains (most stations are drive up locations) and it can be challenging to get through to the various repeaters and digital communications. To help out with this event, contact me (Steve King).

- Steve King KE6WEZ (ke6wez@gmail.com)

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Events

Thursday, February 6, 2014, 6:00pm SSARC Pizza Night

Round Table Pizza, 2345 Erringer Road, Ste. 100, Simi Valley

Sunday, February 9, 2014, 8:30am Ham Radio License Exam Session

Ventura County Sheriff's E County Station

2101 E Olsen Rd (Between 23 Hwy & Reagan Library);

Community Room, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 Walk-ins-Allowed.

Contact: Jeffrey M Reinhardt (818) 706-3853

See: <http://www.cvarc.org/> for more information

Thursday, February 13, 2014, 7:00pm SSARC General Meeting

Simi Valley Senior Center, 3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley, CA 93063

Saturday, February 22, 2014, 7 am W6TRW Swapmeet

(7am) and Exam Session (10am) Redondo Beach, CA

<http://w6trw.com/swapmeet/swapmeet.htm>

Antenna For Sale

CUSHCRAFT AR-6 6M Ringo Ranger Antenna.

3dB gain Vertical antenna

Price \$20.00

Call Spencer, N6IWY at [805 583-1127](tel:8055831127)



Special Event Raffle!

April 10th General Meeting

Tickets \$5.00 each at the February, March and April General meetings. Licensed amateurs only.



**Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club
General Membership Meeting, January 9, 2014**

- Call to Order: President Rick Galbraith, W6DQE, called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. Rick welcomed everyone to this first meeting of the New Year, held at the Simi Valley Senior Center. There was a recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance led by Steve Noll, WA6EJO. 12 Officers and Board Advisors were present. The total attendance was 35, with 5 visitors.
- Announcements: Frank Valdez, KI6OQ, said our field trip to the USS Iowa is set for Sunday, February 23 from 10am to 1:30pm. Frank has a flyer and a sign-up sheet for members who wish to go. Arrangements for carpooling will be made later. The Iowa is at the L.A. waterfront in San Pedro. (Secretary's note: see www.pacificbattleship.com). Rick announced that Secretary John, WI6O, donated two Wood Ranch \$10 gift cards as drawing prizes.
- Introductions: A brief round of introductions was held. The Club welcomed guests Bill Costello, AG6XK, William Hopper, AB6CF, Irene Quick, N6PMC, Pat Reyes, and Diane Wainwood, KJ6JEJ, who joined the club at this meeting.
- Club Activities: Rick spoke about activities for our Club this year. Richard Johnson, N6HJD, has invited us again to participate at History Day at Strathearn Park in June. Field Day will be June 28 and 29 this year. It was agreed we should try to plan a picnic in April. Rick expressed the thanks of our Club to Lea and Jim Veronica, WA6NXX, for the wonderful time we had at their home for the Christmas Holiday party.
- Program: Vice President Frank Valdez, KI6OQ, introduced our program speaker, Club member, Jussi Eloranta, AA6KJ, who spoke and presented slides about "HF DXing and Contesting". He began with his early Ham radio experiences in his native Finland and then his "new" Ham life here in Simi Valley. Jussi got into Amateur radio in Finland in 1979 as OH6KJ at the age of 12. He described the equipment he started with as a novice and then with an upgrade to general class. Between his early ham operation and the present he was "QRT" for about 30 years. Jussi showed pictures and explained his challenges to set up a serious DX station at his location in Simi Valley where he is now Extra class licensed as AA6KJ. He described the "Spiderbeam" antenna and mast he has used to work 255 of 340 DXCC entities, with 95% using CW. Jussi gave lots of useful information about logging, propagation, and software aides to propagation prediction. He also covered the subjects of contesting, DX operating tips and DXpeditions. Jussi showed some pictures of huge contest station antennas of OH8X in Finland. At the conclusion of the very interesting program, Frank presented Jussi with a certificate of appreciation from the Simi Settlers. A pdf copy of Jussi's slide presentation is available online at <http://www.csun.edu/~jeloranta/present.pdf>
- Break: A 15 minute break was taken at 8:30pm with members enjoying refreshments provided by Bill Everett, KI6KSV.
- Member Drawing: The progressive membership drawing was held and the name drawn was Bill Unger, W6VDK, who was not present to win the \$10 prize. For our next regular meeting on February 13, 2014, the prize will therefore be increased to \$20. Members must be present to win!
- Prize Raffle: The raffle drawing this month featured the "Grand Prize", a gift card to Yolanda's Mexican Cafe. It was won by Roger Beard, AF6CE.
- Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

USS IOWA TOUR UPDATE:



The USS IOWA tour is scheduled for February 23, 2014. Payment for the tour and Lunch Menu is due by February 13, 2014 or sooner. You can pay at Pizza night or the general meeting or send a check to me at my home address:

Franklin F. Valdez
5717 Bloomfield Street
Simi Valley, CA. 93063.

Price for a Group of 20(+) as follows;

Adults (18-61) \$16.00

Military/Senior (62+) \$13.00

Youth (6-17) \$8.00

The Box Lunch Menu has changed. You now get your choice of the following:

1. Turkey Sandwich
2. Ham Sandwich
3. Submarine Sandwich

For Special or Vegetarian Meals, please let know. All lunches include cookie, bag of chips and 16 oz. bottle water. The price, with tax is: **\$13.08.**

Please include the tour ticket and lunch cost with the number of persons on the tour.
Thank you.

Simi Settlers' Leadership

President	Rick Galbraith	W6DQE	(805) 433-4513 cell	Rick@keymaterial.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>

Mail: P.O. Box 2125 Simi Valley, CA 93063-2125

Letter From The Editor

I'm running late so this is going to be very short this month. Elections for club officers is coming up in just a few months. Please consider running for a place on our board. A fresh infusion is needed once in a while to keep things interesting.

73's to all,

Joe W6JWP

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club

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Membership Application

(Membership Year is counted from July 1st of the current year to June 30th of the following year. Membership fees will be prorated accordingly.)



Type of Application:

New Member ☐
Renewal ☐

Type of Membership:

Individual (\$12/yr) ☐
Family (\$18/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 \$15.00 = \$ _____

Name (s) Call(s): _____

Shirts requested: Yes ☐ No ☐ How many? _____ X \$35.00 = \$ _____

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

Date Received: _____ Amount Received: _____ Database completed: _____

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