



Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

July 2014

July 10, 2014

Static & Sparks

By President, Rick Galbraith W6DQE



Hello Simi Settlers,

I want to thank all of you for your support over the last 4 years during my presidency of this fine radio club. There is no way that we could have done all of this without the amazing work from my fellow board members and input from all the members of the Simi Settlers. All I ask is that many of you - the members - is to consider being a part of the board, as the club depends on fresh new ideas from the member base to continue growing. Diane KJ6JEJ Wainwood was kind enough to take over the PIO position.

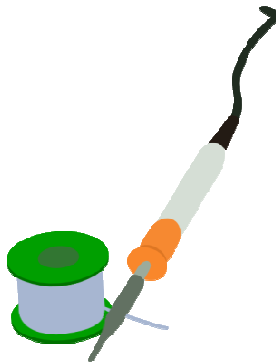
Chetly KI6OMO Skinner wanted to take over the treasurer position but will be unable to due to other matters that will need his full time attention. So at the next meeting we will need a couple people to take over the offices of president and treasurer. These are not full time jobs, and will be rewarding for those who just make a little effort to better our radio club.

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July Program

What is Your Radio Activity Level?

This month come prepared to share what you've been doing in regards to Ham Radio. Whether it's participating in an on air event, community activity, working on a new project or learning a new skill. Show and tell time!



What would you like to do as a club? Bring your ideas and suggestions.

And we're always looking for ideas for interesting programs.

There will also be an after action report on Field Day.

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

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Behind the scenes that many of you may not have noticed was the help of Diane and Norbet W9YPM Rehaut hosting all the board meetings at their house for the past many years. They were so kind to open their home up to the SSARC board every month, and all of us always enjoyed the cake and ice cream dessert with a hot cup of coffee. Thank you Rehaut's for a job well done.

In case many of you missed the Sunday evening net last week, we have a new net control operator, Dante KK6JCQ Smith. Welcome aboard Dante, you did a fantastic job as net control. You have great radio voice and are very professional.

So with this being my last president column, I say "thank you very much for the last four years, and hope to hear you on the radio".

73, Rick
W6DQE
SSARC President

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HT Programming

If you have a BAOFENG UV-5/UV-B5/UV-82, ICOM IC-T81, YAESU VX-5 or KENWOOD TH-F6 Ray KI6LKD will have a computer, cable and software at the next general meeting to help you program it with some of our local repeater frequencies.



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 Newslines) 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 7.262 (+ 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. Thursday - 3 July 2014 - Moorpark Fireworks! Will need volunteers to help support this event. This is a fun event, and you get to see a darn good fireworks!
2. Sunday - 10 August 2014 - Simi Valley Half Marathon. We need volunteers to support this annual Sim Valley event. If you can help out that day, contact me.

- Steve King KE6WEZ (ke6wez@gmail.com)

Raffle Prize

The grand prize at the next general meeting will be a Baofeng UV-B5 Dual Band VHF and UHF HT!



Events

Thursday, July 3, 2014, 6:00pm SSARC Pizza Night

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

Thursday, July 10, 2014, 7:00pm SSARC General Meeting

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

Saturday, July 26, 2014, 7:00am W6TRW Swapmeet

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

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

Sunday, August 10, 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

Other Events

The Channel Islands chapter 10-10 International has nets at 28.34 MHz every Wednesday at 10AM and 6PM local. The net is run from Ventura County and often gets check-ins from across the US. Also local is the Quad Squad net every Saturday at 1PM on 21.365 MHz.

- Steve J. Noll WA6EJO

House Bill Would Require FCC to Extend PRB-1 Coverage to Restrictive Covenants

A bill with bipartisan support has been introduced in the US House of Representatives that calls on the FCC to apply the "reasonable accommodation" three-part test of the [PRB-1](#) federal pre-emption policy to private land-use restrictions. HR.4969, the "Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014" was introduced on June 25 at the request of the ARRL, which worked with House staffers to draft the proposed legislation. The bill's sponsor is Rep [Adam Kinzinger](#) (R-IL). It has initial co-sponsorship from Rep [Joe Courtney](#) (D-CT). If the measure passes the 113th Congress, it would require the FCC, within 120 days of the Bill's passage, to amend the Part 97 Amateur Service rules to apply PRB-1 coverage to include homeowners' association regulations and deed restrictions, often referred to as "covenants, conditions, and restrictions" (CC&Rs). Presently, PRB-1 only applies to state and local zoning laws and ordinances.

"There is a strong federal interest in the effective performance of Amateur Radio stations established at the residences of licensees," the bill states. "Such stations have been shown to be frequently and increasingly precluded by unreasonable private land-use restrictions, including restrictive covenants."

The 11-page PRB-1 FCC *Memorandum Opinion and Order* is codified at § [97.15\(b\)](#) in the FCC Amateur Service rules, giving the regulation the same effect as a federal statute. In short, PRB-1 states that local governments cannot preclude Amateur Radio communications; they must "reasonably accommodate" amateur operations, and the state and local regulations must be the minimum practicable regulation to accomplish a legitimate governmental interest. Subject to those guidelines, municipalities may still establish regulations with respect to height, safety, and aesthetic concerns.

For 28 years, FCC regulations have "prohibited the application to Amateur Radio stations of state and local regulations that preclude or fail to reasonably accommodate Amateur Service communications," the bill points out, "or that do not constitute the minimum practicable regulation to accomplish a legitimate state or local purpose." Since PRB-1 was enacted, the FCC has said several times that it would prefer to have some guidance from Congress before extending the policy to private land-use regulations.

HR.4969 has been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. [Rep Greg Walden](#), W7EQI (R-OR), chairs that panel's Communications and Technology Subcommittee, which will consider the measure.

ARRL Hudson Division Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, is a principal advocate for the current legislative initiative to gain PRB-1 recognition for CC&Rs. Lisenco said the most urgent task now is to get additional co-sponsors to sign onto HR.4969.

I would urge everyone to contact Rep. Greg Walden and voice your strong support for this bill.

I would also urge you to contact your own representative (for me here in Simi Valley, it is Buck McKeon) and urge them to support this bill and to get it passed as soon as possible.

This is vitally important for our hobby and for us to support emergencies.

Thanks much.

Steve, KE6WEZ

**Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club
General Membership Meeting, June 12, 2014**

- Call to Order: President Rick Galbraith, W6DQE, called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. Rick welcomed everyone to the meeting, held at the Simi Valley Senior Center. There was a recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. 10 Officers and Board Members/Advisors were present. The total attendance was 35, with 4 visitors.
- Introductions: A brief round of introductions was held. The Club welcomed guests Cody Evans, KK6IEX, Vern Potter, W6NCT, Rick Slater, AG6AY, and Marty Woll, N6VI.
- Announcements: Rick mentioned that we have our election of officers tonight. He recognized Linda Parker who will be stepping down as P.I.O. Rick presented her with a plaque in thanks for her service to the Club. Treasurer Norbert Rehaut, W9YPM, then presented a plaque to Rick Galbraith, W6DQE, recognizing Rick's 4-1/2 years of service as our President since January 2010. Rick reminded members that dues are now due for the new Club year, July 2014 through June 2015. The Simi Settlers will participate by operating under our Club Call, W6SVS, on "History Day" at the Strathearn Museum Park this weekend, June 14. Rick thanked Don Woolever, N6XEK, for tuning up the Club's TS-520 HF radio.
- Field Day: Visitors Vern Potter and Rick Slater spoke about Field Day (June 28, 29 at the Reagan Presidential Library) and the list of band captains and the stations we plan to operate. Setup activity will start at noon on Friday, June 27. The newest version of the N3FJP Field Day Log program will be used for networked computer logging.
- Tri-Band Antenna: Jim Hutchinson, KI6MZ gave an update on the Tri-Band 2M-220-440 antenna project that he has designed and built. This is planned to be a club kit building project this summer or in the fall. He showed the first "production" version of the antenna the way it will be built. He is inviting more people to sign up to join the building project saying that the cost will come down as more sign up.
- Program: Frank introduced our guest speaker, Marty Woll, N6VI, ARRL Southwestern Division Vice-Director, who gave a talk on the use of SSB for EMCOMM operations on the VHF and UHF bands. Marty gave a great explanation of the bandwidth differences between FM and SSB and the big difference it makes in operating, with many more signals able to use the band. At the end of the talk, Frank presented Marty with a certificate of appreciation from the SSARC.
- Go-Boxes: After the program a variety of "Go Boxes" were shown. Chetly unveiled four boxes that were the same design except painted different colors. One in bright pink was presented as a surprise to Lisa Trent, KK6AKR.
- Break: A 17-minute break was taken at 8:32pm, with members enjoying refreshments.
- Club Election: After the break, Rick led our election process, beginning with a request for anyone interested in taking the P.I.O. position. Diane Wainwood, KJ6JEJ, offered to serve in this role. Next Rick asked for a willing candidate for the office of Treasurer, and Chetly Skinner, KI6OMO, offered to serve. Next Rick asked for a candidate for the Presidency. Rick has served for 4½ years, and is stepping down. There were no volunteers at this time. For the remaining positions the current office holders are willing to continue in office: Secretary is John Percival, WI6O; Vice President: Frank Valdez, KI6OQ; Membership Chairperson and Webmaster is Jim Parker, KJ6LXJ, Joe Partlow, W6JWP continues as Newsletter Editor, Mike Tweedy, KV6I, is Historian; Club Elmer is Deanna Smitha, W6DWS; and Bill Everett, KI6KSV, will continue on the Board and serve as Refreshment Chairperson. This slate of candidates was elected to Office by an acclamation vote. The Club will now need to work on filling the vacancy for President.
- Member Drawing: The progressive membership drawing winner, Ray Campbell, KI6LKD, was present to win the \$20 prize. For our next regular meeting on July 10, 2014, the prize will therefore start over at \$10. Members must be present to win!
- Prize Raffle: The featured "Grand Prize" at this month's raffle, a Baofeng HT model UV-B5, was won by Bill Costello, AG6XK.
- Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:14pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

Simi Settlers' Leadership

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Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club Web Page: <http://www.simisettlers.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

Another Field Day come and gone. Due to work requirements I was only to participate for few hours up at the Reagan Library on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, after catching a late afternoon nap, dinner and a twilight dog walk, I decided to fire up my home rig and see if I could make a few contacts. What I thought would be just few minutes quickly turned into a couple of hours. I made a few more contacts Sunday morning, including Frank KI6OQ operating the N6R 40 meter phone station, before heading up to the library to give Frank some relief and to help with the tear down.

It was quite impressive to see Rick AG6AY and Jay AG6JF coordinate the lowering of the 47 foot mast erected for the 40 meter station. A fine example of Ham cooperation.

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. New Member 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 = \$ _____

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: _____