



Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

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Static & Sparks

By President Frank Valdez KI6OQ

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December Program

Holiday Party Time!

Once again it's time for all the Simi Settlers to gather around the tree to celebrate another year of Ham Radio.

I think it's safe to say that at some time during the holidays we will find ourselves looking back at all we've accomplished or at least tried to accomplish in the past year. As with all aspects of life things change. Whether it's changes in technology, politics, health or the weather they all have their effect on us.

This year Ham Radio celebrated 100 years of the ARRL. And although the general population still thinks of us as the weird guy who plays with "CB" radios in his basement, we know that what we do is on the forefront of communication. And when you get right down to it communication is all about talking to people.

So I hope to see you all at the holiday party where we can continue to promote the art of communication.

Happy Holidays to all.

- 73 Joe W6JWP

This is the time of the year we reflect our thanks for our families and good health. I want to express to all the Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club members and family a Happy Thanksgiving.

It seems the 2014 year is rapidly coming to close, with just one more month before the 2015 New Year.

I'm looking forward to our annual SSARC Christmas Party December 13 at Jim & Lea Veronica with all of the information in the newsletter.

I encourage the membership, to join the SSARC Sunday night net at 8:30 pm to 9:00 pm. All radio amateurs with valid license are welcome. This a good practice to use HT or Mobile Radio before an emergency occurs. We also have the VCACS net on Tuesday at 7:00 pm. All members or nonmembers are welcome.

As we approach the New Year, I encourage the membership to let the Board Members listed in the News Letter, on Projects, Guest Speakers, Radio Operation setup or Amateur Radio events.

I want to wish all the membership a Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year.

- 73 Frank KI6OQ

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Nets of Interest

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Channel Islands chapter 10-10 International 28.34 MHz at 10AM and 6PM	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 Quad Squad net 1PM on 21.365 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

- 2 December 2014 - Tuesday - ORT, contact Steve if you would like to man up the Simi Hospital, PD or the remote station.
- 6 December 2014 - Saturday - National Weather Service Skywatch
- 13 December 2014 - Saturday - Camarillo Christmas Parade, contact Rob at w6rh@verizon.net
- 14 December 2014 - Sunday - Santa to Sea Half-Marathon, contact Stewart at kg6bov@arrl.net

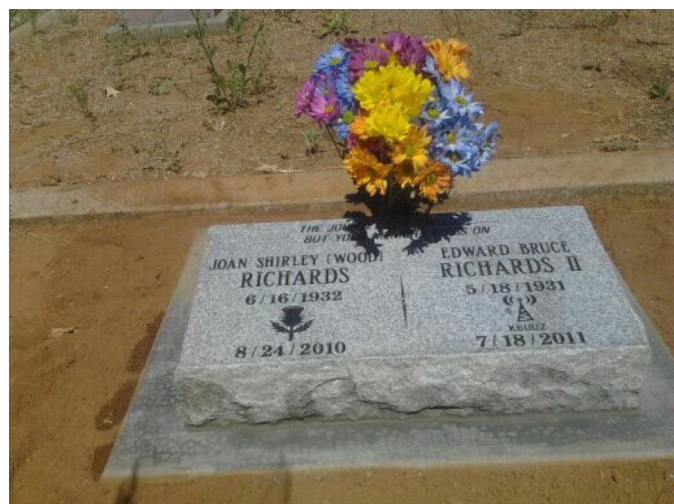
- Steve King KE6WEZ (ke6wez@gmail.com)

In Memorial

Many of us SSARC club members remember Ed Richards, K6UUZ. Looking at his headstone it's clear he took his hobby to the grave. He was interred in Yuba City, CA

.. .. , Ed.

Spencer, N6IWW



Events

Thursday, December 4, 2014, 6:00pm SSARC Pizza Night

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

Thursday, December 13, 2014, 6:00pm SSARC Holiday Party

442 Peter Place, Simi Valley

Sunday, December 14, 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

Saturday, December 29, 2014, 7:00am W6TRW Swap meet (7am) and Exam Session (10am) Redondo Beach, CA

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

VHF and Above local net activities...

Sunday 7:30 PM 144.24 MHz SSB (Upper Sideband) is the Bozo Net. There are almost 400 members of this very active two year old net whose purpose is to promote 2 meter SSB activity. More info at

<http://www.2meterbozo.net/>

Tuesday 7:30 PM Amateur Television net. Oat Mountain ATV repeater 2441.5 MHz FM and 434 MHz AM inputs, 3380 MHz FM and 919.25 MHz VSB outputs. Linked to other Southern California ATV repeaters. See <http://atn-tv.org/>. Watch online at http://www.batc.tv/ch_live.php?ch=2&id=139.

Thursday 6:30 PM 432.12 MHz SSB. Southern California 70 cm weak signal net.

Friday 8:00 PM Southern California 1296.1 MHz SSB net. Check in with FM on 1294.5 MHz at 8:35 PM.

For info on the VHF and above weak signal nets see <http://www.weaksig.net/>. They also have a HF net about weak signal VHF/UHF operation on 80 meters, Sunday 4:30 PM at 3920 MHz LSB (Lower Sideband.)

For newbies to weak signal work... Turn off your squelch! Horizontal polarization is preferred, but if all you have is vertical give it a try.

- de Steve Noll WA6EJO

The SSARC Holiday Party is Coming!



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Hello Settlers,

It is time for our annual Holiday Party! You are invited to join us on Saturday, December 13 at 6pm (0200 Z), at the home of our hosts Jim (WA6NXK) & Lea Veronica. The address is 442 Peter Place, Simi Valley.

For the Pot-Luck dinner, please bring a main course, a side dish or dessert to share. The Club will provide soft drinks.

Prizes for the main raffle include:*

- Wood Ranch and Islands Restaurants' Gift Cards!
- Baofeng HT's!
- Personal Emergency Kits!
- Diamond X50A 144/440 Base Antenna!
- JetStream JTPS30MB 30 AMP Power Supply!
- 2nd Place Prize: JetStream JT270M 2m/70cm Mobile 10 Watt Radio!
- Grand Prize: Comet CAA-500 Antenna Analyzer!



Raffle Tickets Are:

- 1-4 tickets for a \$2 donation each
- 6 tickets for a \$10 donation
- 9 tickets for a \$15 donation
- 12 tickets for a \$20 donation

In addition to the main raffle, we have additional door prizes for members and spouses.

Licensed club members in attendance will be given a free ticket to be put in a drawing for Baofeng Hand-held Radio.

Spouses will be given a free ticket to be put in a drawing for Gift Cards and Gift Baskets.

Announcing the return of the White Elephant Auction!
Bring up to 3 items for the auction and either split the selling price with the club or donate the entire amount!
And the items should fit on a table so no HF beams or towers!

You can purchase tickets at the December Pizza Night or at the party.

And remember to make your check out to Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club (SSARC).

***The raffle is open to all paid club members. You need not be present to win the Grand Prize.**

**Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club
General Membership Meeting, November 13, 2014**

Call to Order: Frank Valdez, KI6OQ, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Frank welcomed everyone to the meeting, held at the Simi Valley Senior Center. There was a recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. Frank announced that he has decided to step up and fill the vacancy for the office of President. 11 Officers and Board Members/Advisors were present. The total attendance was 41, with 10 visitors.

Introductions: A brief round of introductions was held. The Club welcomed guests

President: Frank Valdez, who has been serving as acting president, announced that he will step up and take the office of President. This now leaves a vacancy for the office of Vice President. Until a new Vice President is found, Frank will continue as acting Vice President. Frank said that anyone interested in the office of Vice President should contact a Board member or to come to a Board meeting. The Board meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7pm at the Senior Center in room 122. (Note that due to Thanksgiving, the Board Meeting for November has been moved to Monday, December 1, at the same place and time.)

Youth Coordinator: Frank announced that Dante Smith, KK6JCQ, has offered to serve as the Club's Youth Coordinator. Frank moved that the Club accept Dante's offer. This motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous show of hands vote.

Announcements: Frank expressed thanks to those who attended and helped put on the Club's Picnic in October. The Club's annual Holiday Party is set for Saturday, December 13, at 6pm at the home of Jim and Lea Veronica. More information is in the November newsletter. Jim Hutchinson, KI6MZ, reported that 27 of the SST Antennas were built. He said many builders did not pick up the length of PVC pipe for mounting and the wooden coax stand-off.

Program: President Frank Valdez, KI6OQ introduced our program speakers, Avi Carmi, K6AVI, and Rick Slater, AG6AY, who spoke on the topics of SWR and Antenna Analyzers. Avi began with several audio/video presentations; "SWR Exposed", and a good animation showing how forward and reflected waves combine to produce standing waves. Also he had an ARRL video showing a number of different SWR analyzers that are available. He then gave a demo of his RigExpert graphic Antenna Analyzer. Then Rick Slater talked about the theory of 2-Port analyzers and showed his "Mini VNA" analyzer. He demonstrated how it gave a graphical plot for transmission through a 20 Meter Band Pass filter. Avi and Rick ended their program by showing a fascinating vintage Bell Labs video of a mechanical "wave machine" that demonstrates waves and wave reflections. At the end of the program Frank presented Avi and Rick with certificates of appreciation from the Simi Settlers.

Break: A 20-minute break was taken at 8:32pm, with members enjoying refreshments.

Member Drawing: The winning name in the progressive Membership drawing was Kim Galbraith, W6KJG. She was not present to win the \$10 prize, so for our next regular meeting on Jan. 8, 2015, the prize will increase to \$20. Members must be present to win, and the prize grows by \$10 each month it is unclaimed.

Prize Raffle: The featured "Grand Prize" at this month's raffle, a Baofeng UV-5R Handheld, was won by Ray Campbell, KI6LKD.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

Simi Settlers' Leadership

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Simi Settlers' ARC Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SimiSettlersARC>

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Letter From The Editor

I just want to take the time to say "Thank You" to all the members that have helped to make the Simi Settlers' Short Circuit newsletter all that it is. I have received several compliments since I took over as newsletter editor on the quality and content of our newsletter. All of which would not have been possible without the numerous contributions from our members. Be it a photo, comment, article or the occasional item for sale.

You have all left your mark on this newsletter and it is my hope that you will continue to do so and I will continue follow your lead in assembling your monthly musings.

Happy Holidays and 73's to all,

- Joe W6JWP

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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 \$16.00 = \$ _____

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: _____