



Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

March 2015

March 12, 2015

Static & Sparks

By President Frank Valdez KI6OQ

The Tour of our Solar System presentation was an excellent program in our engineering and science feats. A lot of these programs, expanded ham radio use in digital communication, antenna systems, and power supply usage. Thank you Dale Manquen.

The 50k Bandit Run on Feb. 14, 2014 was an excellent training event to all ham operators who participated. I enjoy the event because all the runners and event coordinator thank the radio operators for being there. As an added bonus, all radio operators had an opportunity to practice radio operations at this event. Thanks to the Event coordinator for contributing to the Sulphur Mountain Repeater Association and Steve King for putting this event together.

The Mesh Network is expanding its node coverage by installing a new grid antenna from Mellow Lane Repeater site to South Mountain. This coverage area is from Simi Valley, Moorpark, Thousand Oaks, Camarillo, Oxnard, Santa Paula, and Ventura. Ojai has a16 nodes network. The Mesh Network is looking for more node stations, so contact Steve King or Orv Beach to join Ham Mesh Yahoo Group.

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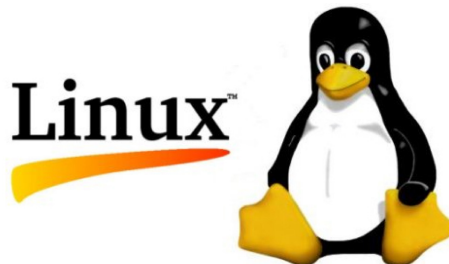
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March Program

Linux in the Ham Shack

Jussi Eloranta AA6KJ will present a program on the open source Linux operating system and the various Ham Radio related programs available to run on Linux.

Jussi has been a Ham 36 years both in his home country of Finland and here in the US. He is a Professor of Chemistry at California State University, Northridge. And has been a Linux user since the early 1990's.



Dinner with the Speaker
Where? TGIFriday's
When? 5:15pm
Join your club board members
and Jussi Eloranta dinner before
the meeting.

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The following **simplex** frequencies for Ventura County Auxiliary communications Service have changed:

- Area 1 (Simi Valley) 145.510
- Area 7 (San Paula) 145.540
- County 145.615
- Packet (Santa Barbara-Ventura) 145.050 * Please suspend using the Packet Freq. until further notice. I will email everyone when the frequency is clear for use.

The Program for our March 12, 2015 meeting is using Linux in the Ham Shack. I encourage the members to attend the meeting to see the application power.

The Chatsworth Peak Repeater site is operational. Here are the frequencies;

- 145.240 (-) 127.3 PL
- 445.900 (-) 141.3 PL
- 2.4 GHz MESH coming soon

Please send Paul Strauss an email on the coverage and performance of the repeaters. His email is: pgstrauss@verizon.net.

Ventura County Supervisor will take the County Antenna Ordinance on 24 March 2015 meeting in Board of Supervisor Room. This ordinance will apply to amateur and commercial antenna installations. I will try to attend this meeting and if others want to go, email me so we can plan to car pool.

73, Frank Valdez KI6OQ

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 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	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

1. Sunday 15 March 2015 - LA Marathon needs volunteers
2. Saturday 28 March 2015 - Honor Ride, Area 2
3. Saturday 18 April 2015 - Boy Scout Camporee
4. Sunday 19 April 2015 - Opt to Ride
5. Saturday 25 April 2015 - CSUCI Safety Day and Expo
6. Sunday 24 May 2015 - Mountain to Beach Marathon. Contact Rob at W6RH@ARRL.NET to help.

- Steve King KE6WEZ (ke6wez@gmail.com)

Events

Thursday, March 5, 2014, 6:00pm SSARC Pizza Night

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

Thursday, March 12, 2015, 7:00pm SSARC General Meeting

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

Note: The Simi Valley Hamnet Users Group will meet at 6pm just prior to the SSARC General Meeting. And Ray KI6LKD will be there early for anyone needing their HT programmed. And of course the Powerpole service will be available.

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 7:00am W6TRW Swap meet (7am) and Exam Session (10am) Redondo Beach, CA

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

Sunday, April 13, 2015, 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



Raffle News!

The March club raffle Grand Prize will be a Pofung UV-82L VHF and UHF 5W output handheld radio with a 128 channel memory and 1800 ma battery



And in May we will have a special raffle for a CA-500 Antenna Analyzer donated by Don Woolever N6XEK. Tickets will be on sale at the general meetings in March, April and May for \$5 each. The drawing will take place at the general meeting in May and is open to all licensed amateur radio operators. You need not be present to win.



**Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club
General Membership Meeting, February 12, 2015**

Call to Order: Frank Valdez, KI6OQ, called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. Frank 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 30, with 3 visitors.

Introductions: A brief round of introductions was held. The Club welcomed guests DeWitt O'Neill, Madine Lacoste and Chris (guest of Lisa Trent, KK6AKR).

Announcements: Former President Rick Galbraith, W6DQE, said that our former Treasurer, Norbert Rehaut, W9YPM, had a mild heart attack this past Monday and will receive a pacemaker. Steve King, KE6WEZ, reported on upcoming events that include the "Bandit 50K" this Sunday, Feb. 15, and on March 1, a "Crop Walk" will be held in Thousand Oaks and also in Oxnard on the same day. In Simi Valley there will be a Health Fair again at the Senior Center, and the Emergency Expo and Street Fair in May. There will also be a Half Marathon. The LA Marathon will be on Sunday, March 15. Steve mentioned the new 440 repeater on Chatsworth Peak and said the 2M repeater may come on line soon, both of these by Paul Strauss, WD6EBY. Frank said that VCARS has invited SSARC to join them again this year for Field Day at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

Program: President Frank Valdez introduced our program speaker, Dale Manquen, KO6VO, whose talk was called "Extreme DX". The subject was our Solar System and the history of exploratory spacecraft we have launched over the years. Dale began by giving us a feel for the size of the solar system by comparing the sizes of familiar objects separated by increasing distances. He took us on a virtual tour of the planets beginning with "Dwarf Planet" Pluto and working his way in toward the Sun. For each planet he gave interesting facts about them and told of the spacecraft we have launched to explore and study them. Dale also mentioned the Asteroid belt and the Comets that orbit the sun. Finally, the Sun itself has been the subject of study by Solar Observatory spacecraft we have placed in solar orbit. Dale concluded his talk by playing a NASA video with images of the solar activity observed by the "SDO", Solar Dynamics Observatory. After Dale's truly fascinating program, Frank presented Dale with a certificate of appreciation from the Simi Settlers ARC.

Break: A 15-minute break was taken at 8:25pm, with members enjoying refreshments provided by Bill Everett, KI6KSV.

Member Drawing: The winning name in the progressive Membership drawing was Charles Engman, WB6MIO, who was present to win the \$10 prize. For our next regular meeting on March 12, 2015, the prize will start over at \$10. 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 digital multimeter, was won by Jim Parker, KJ6LXJ.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm.

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

It's great to see everyone turning out for pizza night and the general meeting. And I looking forward to our first picnic of the year coming in May. I looks like we may be borrowing a page out of CVARC's play book and making it a mini field day event. I'm going to try and have my little 40 meter QRP CW transceiver put together and ready to go and I think Jim KI6MZ is looking to run some experiments with NVIS antennas. Of course the picnic just happens to come up the same month that we are having a raffle for a CA-500 antenna analyzer. Not like we planned it that way or anything. Hi Hi!

73 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 \$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: _____