



# Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

# Short Circuit

April 2015

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## Static & Sparks

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

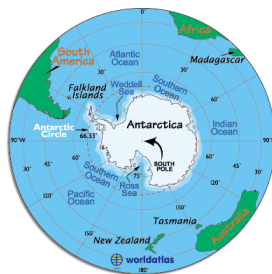
### April Program

#### An Antarctic Adventure

Come hear scientist/explorer/businessman Sam Feola talk about his years in the Antarctic; be amazed at the pictures that illustrate his story and hear about the mountain that is named for him.

He spent eleven years on active duty with the Navy, including a one year deployment as a combat helicopter pilot in Vietnam.

While with the Navy, Sam flew scientists to Antarctica, then continued that work with Raytheon Polar Service and the National Science Foundation. Spent a total of 20 years on the Antarctica program and flew there more than 50 times.



#### Dinner with the Speaker

Where? TGIFriday's

When? 5:15pm

Join your club board members  
 and Sam Feola for dinner before  
 the meeting.

By President Frank Valdez KI6OQ

Our March presentation on Linux for the Ham Shack was an excellent application for ham programs and it's free. The software covers antennas building, rig control, and many uses in ham radio. I want to thank Jussi Eloranta AA6KJ and Orv Beach W6BI for the excellent program. If you want to know more about Linux, contact Orv Beach about the Simi Valley Linux Group.

The 2015 LA Marathon challenged the physical stamina for Steve KE6WEZ and I, due to an early morning start and a late afternoon ending. The event was predicted to be a really hot day, but the overcast sky for most of the day, kept the runners from suffering heat exhaustion. The equipment performed flawlessly with excellent radio coverage throughout the race course. Thanks to Steve KE6WEZ and Diane AD6DF for Net Control duties for a job well done. Also thanks to Steve for the use of the Go-Boxes and Antenna's.

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The Ventura Planning Division recently drafted a Wireless Communications Facilities (WCF) Ordinance for review and consideration. On March 24, 2015, the Ventura Board of Supervisors passed WCF Ordinance by a 3 to 1 voted. The lone dissenter was Linda Parks who wanted the antennas lower than ordinance allowed. The Board wasn't open to addressing fees for Hams in the future. To view the WCF Ordinance Draft Reports, and exhibits go to:

<http://bosagenda.countyofventura.org/agdocs.aspx?doctype=agenda&itemid=69208>

RFinder and RT Systems have partnered together to kick radio programming to a new level. The latest update of RF Systems, includes integrating a routing feature using RFinder and the World Wide Repeater Directory. No more uploading files, no exporting, massaging data or importing. Just define your route and press a button and instantly the repeaters along your route are ready to write to your radio. For more information go too;

[www.rtsystemsinc.com](http://www.rtsystemsinc.com)  
[www.rfinder.net](http://www.rfinder.net)

If you have an Android or iOS device get your first year with purchase of the RFinder app of Android and iPhone for only \$9.99 USD.

Participate in the Sunday night net, Tuesday ACS net and local events to sharpen skills on your HT of Mobile rigs. Check the newsletter for events.

73, Frank Valdez KI6OQ

## Nets of Interest

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>LSB Net</b> 8pm 3.908 MHz  <b>SSARC 2 Meter Net</b> 8:30 pm SMRA-ERN Repeater 146.805 - 0.6MHz PL100.0 or 445.580 - 5.0MHz PL100.0	<b>Condor Connection</b> 7pm (Plays Newslines) Thousand Oaks 223.940-1.6 MHz PL156.7 Frazier Mountain 224.720-1.6 MHz PL156.7	<b>ACS Area 1</b> Simi Valley SMRA-ERN 7:05pm Repeater 146.805 - 0.6MHz PL100.0 or 445.580 - 5.0MHz PL100.0  <b>LSB Net</b> 8pm 3.908 MHz	<b>Channel Islands chapter 10-10 International</b> 28.34 MHz at 10AM and 6PM	<b>LSB Net</b> 8pm 3.908 MHz		<b>SSARC SSB HF Net</b> 8:30am 7.262 (+ or - QRM/N) 40 meter  <b>CW-QRP</b> 9am 7.032 MHz  <b>Quad Squad net</b> 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](http://www.cvarc.org/new-wp/?page_id=470)

## ACS Corner

1. Tuesday 7 April 2015 - ORT night. Contact Steve to help out.
2. Sunday 12 April 2015 - Westlake Street Fair - Contact Zak N6PK
3. Saturday 18 April 2015 - Boy Scout Camporee. Contact Rob at w6rh@verizon.net
4. Saturday & Sunday April 18 & 19 - AUXCOM classes. For more Information contact Rob, w6rh@verizon.net
5. Sunday 19 April 2015 - Autism Run at CLSU. Contact Wayne W6OEU@arrl.net for Information.
6. Saturday 25 April 2015 - CSUCI Safety Day and Expo. Check the VCACS Yahoo Group web site for more information.
7. Saturday 9 May 2015 - Cruise the Conejo Bike Ride. Contact Zak N6PK.
8. Sunday 24 May 2015 - Mountain to Beach Marathon. Contact Rob at W6RH@ARRL.NET to help.

- Steve King KE6WEZ ([ke6wez@gmail.com](mailto:ke6wez@gmail.com))

## Events

### Thursday, April 2, 2014, 6:00pm SSARC Pizza Night

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

### Thursday, April 9, 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.

### 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

### Saturday, April 25, 2015, 7:00am W6TRW Swap meet (7am) and Exam Session (10am) Redondo Beach, CA

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

# Raffle News!

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 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, March 12, 2015**

Call to Order: Frank Valdez, KI6OQ, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Frank welcomed everyone to the meeting, held at the Simi Valley Senior Center. There was a recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. 11 Officers and Board Members/Advisors were present. The total attendance was 32, with 6 guests.

Introductions: A brief round of introductions was held. The Club welcomed guests Linda Cobb, Pat Marlett, Frank Lopez, KK6AKR, Rob Martin, James Gregg, and Lea Veronica).

Announcements: Former President Rick Galbraith, W6DQE, said that our former Treasurer, Norbert Rehaut, W9YPM, was not doing well, having gone back into the hospital and then into an assisted living facility. Steve King, KE6WEZ, said there will be an ACS Operational Readiness Test (ORT) held on the first Tuesday in April, the 7<sup>th</sup>. Frank described the Amateur Radio assistance for LA Marathon that will be on this Sunday, March 15, saying that security will be much tighter this year. Frank also mentioned we will want to have a Club Picnic in either April or May. Another possible activity will be participation at the Strathearn Park History Day, which in recent years has been in June one week before Field Day.

Special Prize Raffle: Frank said there will be a special prize raffle for the Comet CAA 500 Antenna Analyzer at the May 14 Club Meeting. Tickets will be \$5 each.

Program: President Frank Valdez introduced our program speaker, Jussi Eloranta, AA6KJ, whose talk was called "Linux in Ham Radio". Jussi gave a video slide presentation that covered the history of Linux from its' origins in Finland as a free and open source computer operating system. He described the wide range of hardware that can run Linux and discussed the process of setting up and running the various "distribution" versions of Linux. He also mentioned the choices of user interfaces available. The focus of Jussi's talk was the selection of application programs for Linux that are related to Ham Radio. From logging and contesting programs to computer control of radios and digital operating modes or satellite tracking, Linux is a great choice for running Ham applications. Jussi showed an example of the free logging program "cqrllog", from cqrllog.com. He concluded with a demonstration of Linux running on a tiny Raspberry Pi 2 single board computer. A PDF copy of Jussi's presentation is available at: <http://www.csun.edu/~jeloranta/present-linux.pdf> . After Jussi's interesting program and some question and answer time, Frank presented Jussi with a certificate of appreciation from the Simi Settlers ARC.

Break: A 20-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 Richard Carter, KJ6NXC, who was not present to win the \$10 prize. Therefore, at our next regular meeting on April 9, 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-82L dual band handheld, was won by Bill Unger, W6VDK.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

## Simi Settlers' Leadership

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Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club Web Page: <http://www.simissettlers.org/index.htm>

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

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### Letter From The Editor

So I was thinking the other day about some of the basic skills we as Hams might need to use in the course of pursuing our hobby. Soldering, crimping, stripping wire, using a multimeter to measure voltage (AC or DC), current (amps) or resistance (ohms). I take these skills for granted since I've been interested in electronics since I was a teenager and have worked with electronics my entire adult life. I know that's not the case for all of my fellow Settlers. What do you all think about having a few workshops where we address some of these skills? I'm pretty sure we can rope some of our "Elmers" into the idea. Let us know, either in person or by phone or email.

I'll give you one important tip to start off with: Don't try to catch a soldering iron if it rolls off the work bench!

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): \_\_\_\_\_

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Application type: New  Renewal  Membership type: Individual  Family

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Database completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Badges and Shirts ordered: \_\_\_\_\_