



Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

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Static & Sparks

By President Frank Valdez KI6OQ

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June Program

Down in the Sea

Alvin is the lead boat of the Alvin-class of Deep-Submergence Vehicles (Alvin DSV-2, Sea Cliff DSV-3, Turtle DSV-4, and Nemo DSV-5) of which all boats, other than Alvin, have been retired. Alvin was commissioned on 05 June 1964 and is owned by the Office of Naval Research, U.S. Navy. Alvin has made several thousand dives and was completely rebuilt in 2013. She is currently certified for dives to 4500 meters (14,760 feet) and is capable of much greater depth.

David Ziskin first entered Military Service, Regular Army, January, 1961. He's been an amateur license holder, current call sign is AG6E, for 50+ years. He is a member of QCWA. He also holds commercial tickets as a GMDSS Operator-Maintainer, Radio-Telegraph Operator, and is one of the last holding a USCG license as a Radio Officer. He's also a sub-contractor to the U.S. Navy and sails as an Electronics Officer and/or Ship's Communications Officer.

Dinner with the Speaker
Where? TGIFriday's
When? 5:15pm

Join your club board members and David Ziskin, AG6E, for dinner before the meeting.

The May 14, 2015 Magnetic Loop Antenna was an outstanding presentation by Gwen Hayden K6RGH. In the presentation, she made a simple low cost antenna to work HF from 30 through 12 meters in CC&R restricted apartments or homes. Thank you Gwen and Deanna for the outstanding presentation. For more information on the Loop Antenna, look in the May 1994 QST at www.arrl.org.

The May 24, 2015 Mountain to the Sea Marathon event from Ojai to Ventura was an outstanding ham event with members from SSARC. Steve KE6WEZ and Avi K6AVI were Net Control Operators on the 2Meter and 440 nets. If I missed any other operators, who participated this event, thank you. As an added note it's always a good idea to have spare batteries for your HT, as noted by Rob Hanson W6RH, for a good radio practice before doing any ham events.

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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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For all members who attended the SSARC picnic May 16, 2015, thank you for bringing the good food, cold drinks, charcoal and good company. I hope more members attend our October 2015 picnic.

On July 1, 2015 a new Element 3 General class questions pool will take effect for examinations. VEC's and VE's will have a new test designs available for use at exam sessions effective that date.

FCC is eliminating the regulatory fee to apply for an Amateur Radio vanity call sign. The change will not go into effect, however, until required congressional notice has been given. This will take at least 90 days. As the Commission explained in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, and (MD Docket 14-92 and others) release May 21, it's a matter of simple economics. More on the two articles are in the www.arrl.org/news.

See all at the Simi History days and Field Day.

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 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

*Thanks to our fine Net Control Operators: Steve, KE6WEZ; Rick, W6DQE; Ray, KI6LKD; Jay, AG6JF and Dante, KK6JCQ.

Membership Renewal and Election Time Is Coming!

Remember your dues for 2015-2016 are due by June 30th! Please fill out the membership form at the end of the newsletter and turn it in with your fee. And June is also election month so now is the time to start thinking about taking a role and helping to plot a course for the club in the new year. The current board are happy to continue serving but this does not preclude anyone pursuing a position and the Vice President's post is still in need of filling.

ACS Corner

1. Saturday 6 Jun. 2015 Westlake Love Run. Contact Zak at n6pk@arrl.net.
2. Saturday 20 Jun. 2015 Strathern Historical Park Day from 0800 to 1600 hours. Set up your station and show it to the public.
3. Saturday-Sunday 27-28 Jun. 2015 Field Day
4. Friday 3 Jul. 2015 Moorpark Fireworks Show. Contact Marc km6b@arrl.net
5. Monday 6 Jul. 2015 Bi Monthly District Meeting Area 5 Ojai.
6. Saturday 7 Nov. 2015 Red Cross Multi Distance Bike Ride. More information to follow. Contact Stewart kg6bov@arrl.net for information

- Steve King KE6WEZ (ke6wez@gmail.com)

Events

Thursday, June 4, 2014, 6:00pm SSARC Pizza Night
Round Table Pizza, 2345 Erringer Road, Ste. 100, Simi Valley

Sunday, June 8, 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

Thursday, June 11, 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.

Thursday, June 25, 2015, 7:00pm SSARC Board Meeting

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

Saturday-Sunday, 27-28 Jun. 2015 Field Day at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library

The Simi Settlers will, once again, be teaming up with VCARS to operate several stations and show the public just what Ham Radio is all about.

Saturday, June 27, 2015, 7:00am W6TRW Swap meet (7am) and Exam Session (10am) Redondo Beach, CA

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

**Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club
General Membership Meeting, May 14, 2015**

Call to Order: Frank Valdez, KI6OQ, called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Frank welcomed everyone to the meeting, held at the Simi Valley Senior Center. There was a recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. 9 Officers and Board Members/Advisors were present. The total attendance was 34, with 6 guests.

Introductions: A round of introductions was made. The list of guests included: Gwendolyn Hayden, K6GRH, Vern Potter, W6NCT, Ian Mann, KI6YVO, Stuart Sheldon, KK6SUV, Pat Marlett, and Ray Smith, WB6TMF.

Announcements: Deanna Smitha, W6DWS, informed the group that our former Treasurer Norbert Rehaut, W9YPM, has passed away and a funeral was held Monday May 11th. Frank mentioned we have our Club Picnic this Saturday, May 16 at the Rancho Madera park location from 11am to 3pm. Steve King, KE6WEZ mentioned upcoming events; The Mountains2Beach race on Sunday May 24, Strathearn Park History Day, Saturday June 20, and the 3rd of July Fireworks. There is a signup sheet for Field Day, which is June 27 and 28 this year. Frank asked members to let our Congressman, Steve Knight, know that we support the Amateur Radio Parity Act bill, HR1301 and ask his support for it.

Program: Our Club Elmer, Deanna Smitha, introduced our program speaker, Gwen Hayden, K6GRH, with the subject of Magnetic Loop Antennas. She has been a ham since 1987 but has been challenged trying to get on HF from her difficult apartment living situation. She showed us a portable loaded whip antenna and "Ham stick" type antennas that she tried will no real success. Then she learned about magnetic loop antennas and a QST article from May 1994 inspired her to build her own. She showed two octagonal loops that she has built and used mounted on support stands. They have a small driven loop that couples to a larger loop that is resonated by a variable capacitor. With a small motor the variable capacitor can be remotely tuned. Deanna assisted during Gwen's presentation, describing the important factors to consider such as the construction materials and making low resistance connections. The loop antennas are good small space antennas, are easy to use for portable operation, and they have a very directional pattern. Gwen has also been looking into Fractal antennas for HF use, and showed some pictures of what they could look like. After this very interesting program, Frank presented Gwen with a certificate of appreciation from the Simi Settlers ARC.

Break: A 20-minute break was taken at 8:20pm with refreshments provided by Bill Everett, KI6KSV.

Field Day: VCARS Field Day chairman, Vern Potter, W6NCT, spoke about plans for Field Day, June 27, 28 at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. He expects we will have 10 to 12 stations, including a GOTA station. This year we will use a new logging program "N1MM" to get better results with networking of the logging computers for each band station. Tables and chairs will be available from the Library. Vern said that Rick Tate, KQ6NO, will be organizing the Saturday dinner with the cost expected to be in the range of \$10 to \$15. Information can be found at the VCARS Yahoo group ("VCARS_Events").

Member Drawing: The winning name in the progressive Membership drawing was Steve Abarta, K6TLM, who was not present to win the \$10 prize. Therefore, at our next regular meeting on June 11, 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: At this month's raffle, Ray Campbell, KI6LKD, was the winner of the Grand Prize, an infrared digital thermometer.

Special Prize Raffle: The special raffle drawing for the Comet CAA 500 Antenna Analyzer was made and the winner was Secretary, John Percival, WI6O.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

Simi Settlers' Leadership

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Field Day	<i>What will <u>you</u> do?</i>			
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Net Coordinator	Steve King	KE6WEZ		ke6wez@gmail.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 93062-2125

Letter From The Editor

In may we lost long time member and club Treasurer Emeritus Norbert Rehaut W9YPM. I was privileged to attend his funeral and to hear stories of his life, a life well lived from all accounts, from his family and friends. The Settlers were well represented and much was made of his involvement in ham radio, but much was also made of his commitment to his family and community. In Yiddish there is word for someone like Norbert, that word is mench, it means "a good person". I can think of no higher praise.

Diane Rehaut asked me relay her thanks for all the love and support she and Norbert have received in recent months and is looking forward to continuing her involvement in club activities.

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: _____