



Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

December 2015

December 12, 2015

Static & Sparks

By President Frank Valdez KI6OQ

I want to thank Ken E. Rottenberg of Survivor Industries, for his presentation on emergency gear and food kits. The food kits were assembled and made in one location, along with water packets. He brought some of the food kits for sale as well as space blankets and extended an invitation for a tour at the plant facility in Oxnard. I will plan a tour next year as a club outing.

I want to encourage all members to attend our annual Christmas Party and the Club White Elephant Sale. All information will be in our December newsletter.

2016 will see a change in the club dues. Beginning in January the dues will go to \$18 for an individual and \$20 for families. Current members will see the increase when they renew their membership.

On Nov, 18, 2015 the Senate Committee Endorsed the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 along with the House Bill HR 1301 which covers antenna installation rules under CC&Rs currently under the rules on PRB-1. This is a another step forward for the bill thanks to the help of all who contacted their congressional representatives.

I want take this time to remind members to be safe when participating in upcoming events for the remainder of the month as well as the upcoming New Year. And don't forget to check the newsletter for club and ham radio related events.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

73, Frank Valdez KI6OQ

December Program

It's Holiday Party Time!

Join us at the home of Jim (WA6NXK) & Lea Veronica for friends, food and frivolity. Bring your favorite dish to share, try your luck with the holiday raffle or just sit and chat.

Before coming to the party you should check out those dark corners of the shack for any dusty items that might be in need of a new home through the ever popular White Elephant Auction!

Full details on the party can be found on page 4. See you there!



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

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 ATN-CA Net 7:30pm http://atn-tv.org/netnight.htm 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.**

ACS Corner

- We are looking for one or two ACS members that would like to become Net Controllers. You will receive hands on training at the Simi Valley PD (where we normally conduct the Weekly Net). It is both fun and at times challenging. You will gain valuable experience in running a controlled Net as well as becoming more than just familiar with the equipment in the Radio Room at the PD. If you would like to volunteer for this, let me know - ke6wez@gmail.com
- If anyone is interested in how to setup your own packet station, RMS Winlink station, or a Mesh Node, let me know and we can get you started in the proper direction. ke6wez@gmail.com
- Tuesday, December 1, 2015. ORT night, Contact Steve if you would like to help man up one of the stations.
- Saturday 5 December 2015 - SkyWarn Day. Contact Marc at km6b@arrl.net for info and/or to help.
- Saturday 12 Dec. 2015 - Camarillo Christmas Parade - Contact Ted at ki6ptx@arrl.net
- Sunday 13 December 2015 - Santa to the Sea Half Marathon - Contact Stewart at kg6bov@arrl.net to help.
- Saturday 30 January 2016 - Bandit Ultra Trail Run, Volunteers needed, especially those with Packet capability. Contact Steve.



- Steve King KE6WEZ (ke6wez@gmail.com)

ARRL Santa Barbara Section Manager Election

ARRL members in the Santa Barbara Section have elected a new Section Manager in the only contested election in the fall election cycle. Jim Fortney, K6IYK, of Camarillo, California, received 218 votes, and incumbent Section Manager Robert Griffin, K6YR, received 175 votes. The ballots were counted on November 23 at ARRL Headquarters. Fortney's 2 year term of office begins on January 1, 2016.

Read the entire report at: <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-members-in-santa-barbara-elect-new-section-manager>

Events

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

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

Saturday, December 12, 2015, 6:00pm SSARC Holiday Party

See details below.

Sunday, December 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, December 26, 2015, 7:00am W6TRW Swap meet

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

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

Mystery Antenna

Anybody know anything about a flytecraft CFN antenna? If you do Tom Mueller would like to know. You can contact him through Frank KI6OQ at ffvaldez@dslextreme.com.

Equipment For Sale

Roger Beard AF6CE has the following equipment for sale:

Kenwood TS480 SAT 100 Watt with internal tuner plus mic

Yaseu FT 1900R 75 Watt with mic

Kenwood MC 60 desk mic

Astron SS30M power supply

MFJ 259B with manual

Comet CF360 duplexer

Bencher lowpass filter YA-1 1.8 to 30MHz

Cushcraft R8 vertical antenna

Misc cables and guy ropes.

Roger can be reached at rbsgt@pacbell.net or cell phone 805.444.9827

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 12th at 6pm (0200Z), at the home of our hosts Jim (WA6NXX) & 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.

We will have a great selection of prizes for the main raffle including:



TYT-TH-9000D

**65 Watt Heavy Duty
Two Way VHF
Mobile Transceiver**



**BaoFeng BF-F8HP 8-Watt Dual Band Two-Way
Radio (136-174Mhz VHF & 400-520Mhz UHF)
Includes Full Kit with Large Battery**



**BLACKHAWK! Patrol Radio Chest Harness
BaoFeng UV-5R Dual Band Two Way Radio**

And gift certificates and prizes for spouses!

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



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.**

And don't forget about the White Elephant Auction! Bring your old equipment to the party and we'll see if we can find a new home for it. Limit 3 pieces per person and no antenna towers! You have the choice of splitting the proceeds with the club or donating the entire amount.

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

Call to Order: President, 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. 11 Officers and Board Members/Advisors were present. The total attendance was 24, with 1 guest.

Announcements: Frank said our Simi Settlers' Holiday Party will be held at Jim and Lea Veronica's home on Saturday, December 12, starting at 6pm. The Board Meeting this month will be held on Thursday Nov. 19 this month since the fourth Thursday will be Thanksgiving. There will be no regular meeting in December, but it was noted there will be our regular "Pizza Night" on December 3rd.

Program: Frank introduced our speaker Ken Rottenberg, who is Vice President of Survivor Industries, Inc. Ken has been with the company over 25 years. He gave a presentation about the products they make for emergency preparedness and survival after a disaster. Their company is located in Oxnard where they package emergency food rations and drinking water into kits with five-year shelf life. The kits provide the simple essentials to support one person for several days. Ken had some of the kits available for sale at this meeting. The kits can be stored at home, in the car or anywhere they might be needed in time of an emergency. The larger of the two kits, at 5lbs weight, provides a first aid kit and other items in addition to the food and water rations. Their business has grown to sales worldwide with a large portion of that to Japan. They can supply the individual items in any desired quantity, or in custom made kits. Ken said that a plant tour of their facility could be arranged for our Club as a possible field trip. At the end of this interesting program, Frank thanked Ken and presented him with a certificate of appreciation from the Simi Settlers ARC.

Break: A 30-minute break was taken at 7:52 pm with refreshments provided by Bill Everett, KI6KSV.

Member Drawing: The winning name in the progressive Membership drawing was Steve Abarta, K6TLM, who was not present to win the \$20 prize. Therefore, at our next regular meeting on January 14, 2016, the prize will be increased to \$30.00. Members must be present to win, and the prize grows by \$10 each month it is unclaimed.

Prize Raffle: Joe Partlow, W6JWP, won the featured "Grand Prize" at this month's raffle, a Multi-function tool set.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

Simi Settlers' Leadership

President	Frank Valdez	KI6OQ	(805) 404-0394	fvaldez@dslextreme.com
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Secretary	John Percival	WI6O		percivaljohns@cs.com
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Webmaster	Jim Parker	KJ6LXJ	(805) 368-6745 cell	kj6lxj@gmail.com
Newsletter	Joe Partlow	W6JWP	(805) 428-7907 cell	joe.w6jwp@gmail.com
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PIO	VACANT			
Field Day	<i>What will <u>you</u> do?</i>			
Youth Coordinator	Dante Smith	KK6JCQ		danterusso1999@gmail.com
Historian	Mike Tweedy	KV6I		mtweedy@roadrunner.com
Net Coordinator	Ray Campbell	KI6LKD	(805) 404-3246	ki6lkd@yahoo.com
Net Coordinator	Steve King	KE6WEZ		ke6wez@gmail.com
Food Services	Bill Everett	KI6KSV		wildpoky45@earthlink.net
Elmers and Members at Large				
Ex-President	Rick Galbraith	W6DQE	(805) 433-4513 cell	Rick@keymaterial.com
Treasurer Emeritus	Norbert Rehaut	W9YPM(SK)		
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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>
 Mail: P.O. Box 2125 Simi Valley, CA 93062-2125

Letter From The Editor

Another year come and gone. As with most years there have been high points and low points. Low points being the loss of long time members and friends and the high points being the continued growth of the club our participation in various events. So as we close out the year let us rejoice in our accomplishments and the friends we've made and strive for more and better things for the coming new year.

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: _____