



Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

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Static & Sparks

By President Frank Valdez KI6OQ

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March Program

VHF and Beyond!

Every Amateur from technician on up has full privileges on our VHF, UHF and microwave bands. Practically all of us have radios for some of these bands, but do you know how much you can actually do with them? VHF-and-up contesting is a way to learn more about the capabilities of our higher bands, how to improve your signal, and how to extend the distances you can reach. Marty Woll N6VI will share some of the fun and excitement that goes with participating in these contests and how it can benefit the other aspects of Amateur Radio that you may be involved with.

73, Frank Valdez KI6OQ

Marty will also bring us up to date on recent activities and initiatives of ARRL, our national association for Amateur Radio. Marty is serving his ninth year as Vice-Director for the Southwestern Division, which covers Southern California and Arizona.

Dinner with the Speaker

Where? TGIFriday's

When? 5:15pm

Join your club board members and Marty Woll N6VI, for dinner before the meeting.

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>

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

ACS Corner

1. Sunday, 6 March 2016: Crop Walk in Thousand Oaks. Contact Zac N6PK if want to help.
2. Monday, 7 March 2016: District Meeting at Leisure Village. Must RSVP ahead of time to come thru the gate/security
3. Tuesday, 5 April 2016: ORT. Please contact Steve King to help with this important drill!
4. Sunday, 17 April 2016: Aut2Run Event at CSUCI. More information will be coming.
5. Sunday, 29 May 2016: Mountains to the Beach Marathon and Half. Contact Rob H. to help.



We are always looking for 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

- Steve King KE6WEZ (ke6wez@gmail.com)

General Meeting Refreshments

Bill Everett KI6KSV has been doing a great job with the refreshments, but it has been suggested that we reach out to the membership and see if anyone would like to bring something different for our regular meeting refreshments. So if you have some specialty you'd like to share or just want to contribute something different, please get in touch with Bill at ki6ksv@gmail.com.

Events

Thursday, March 3, 2016, 6:00pm SSARC Pizza Night

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

Thursday, March 11, 2016, 7:00pm SSARC General Meeting

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

Saturday, March 27, 2016, 7:00am W6TRW Swap Meet

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

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

Sunday, April 10, 2016, 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

May 2016, SSARC Spring Picnic & Swap Meet

Our first picnic of the year is now in the planning stages and will include a Ham Radio Swap Meet so start looking around your shack for things that need a new home.

Popular Science Magazine

Popular Science magazine has partnered with Google to offer their entire 140-year archive for free browsing.

Popular Science Magazine Archive

<http://www.popsci.com/archives>

It includes some amateur radio related articles

March 1932, p78 Learn Morse Code

<http://www.popsci.com/archive-viewer?id=4icDAAAAMBAJ&pg=72&query=ham%20radio>

November 1941 p78 The Hams Join Up features Kay Kibling W2HXQ

<http://www.popsci.com/archive-viewer?id=nCcDAAAAMBAJ&pg=78&query=ham%20radio>

May 1961 p112 How Earth Radio Would Launch ICBM's

<http://www.popsci.com/archive-viewer?id=ViYDAAAAMBAJ&pg=112&query=ham%20radio>

(Posted to the CVARCDiscussion Yahoo Group by Robert Hanson W6RH)

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ARLB008 FCC Seeks Comments on Petition to Grant Lifetime Amateur Radio Licenses

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ARRL Bulletin 8 ARLB008
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT February 24, 2016
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB008
ARLB008 FCC Seeks Comments on Petition to Grant Lifetime Amateur Radio Licenses

The FCC is seeking comments on a Petition for Rule Making (RM 11760 - available on the web at, <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=60001333714>) that asks the FCC to grant lifetime Amateur Radio licenses. Mark F. Krotz, N7MK, of Mesa, Arizona, filed his request with the FCC last November. He wants the FCC to revise Part 97.25 of its rules to indicate that Amateur Radio licenses are granted for the holder's lifetime, instead of for the current 10 year term. Krotz noted that the General Radiotelephone Operator License (GROL) already is issued on a lifetime basis, and he maintained that not having to renew licenses would lighten the FCC's workload.

"It would be mutually beneficial for the FCC and Amateur Radio operators to update Part 97 to grant operator licenses for lifetime, Krotz said in his filing. "The FCC would benefit by reducing administrative costs."

In 2014 the FCC granted lifetime credit for examination elements 3 and 4, but applicants seeking relicensing under that provision still must pass examination element 2.

Individuals may submit comments (<http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/proceeding/view?name=RM-11760>) via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

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National Parks on the Air Update

Since the creation of the Manhattan Project National Historic Site by the National Park Service (NPS) in mid-November 2015, activating one of the three sites comprising this unit has been impossible, in large part because gaining access to active Department of Energy sites is exceptionally difficult. The only site of the three with any hope of regular public access is Oak Ridge, Tennessee. On February 24, NPOTA administrators decided that any location within the boundaries of the Oak Ridge Reservation, as outlined on the [NPS Manhattan Project](#) website, will count for NPOTA credit. Activators must be sure not to transmit from private property without prior approval.



There are 35 activations on the NPOTA Activations Calendar between February 25 and March 2, including Petroglyph National Monument in New Mexico, and Moore's Creek National Battlefield in North Carolina -- as part of the 240th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge during the Revolutionary War.

[Details](#) about these and other upcoming activations can be found on the NPOTA Activations calendar.

Keep up with the latest NPOTA news on [Facebook](#). Follow NPOTA on [Twitter](#) (@ARRL_NPOTA).

**Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club
General Membership Meeting, January 14, 2016**

Call to Order: President, Frank Valdez, KI6OQ, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Frank welcomed everyone to the meeting, held at the Simi Valley Senior Center. There was a recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. 12 Officers and Board Members/Advisors were present. The total attendance was 35, with 3 visitors. Frank expressed the thanks from the Club to Jim and Lea Veronica for hosting our Holiday Party at their home.

Introductions: A brief round of introductions was made. Guests included Dave Carstensen, KM6FQ, Kyle Evans, KK6IES, and Kate Sedlmayr, KK6VKX who joined the Club at this meeting.

Announcements: Frank said he is making arrangements to have a weather expert as our guest speaker at the March meeting. The LA Marathon will be Sunday, Feb. 14th, and they need volunteers to help with communications. Steve King, KE6WEZ, said the Bandit Run is going to be Saturday, Jan. 30. They plan to use mesh networking to provide video and will use packet radio to help keep track of the runners. Frank said the Board has recommended increasing the Club dues to \$18 per year for an individual and \$20 for a Family membership. The renewal cycle will continue to be based on the date when a member joins. Frank made a motion that we approve this plan. The motion was seconded and passed.

Program: For this meeting our President Frank Valdez, KI6OQ, gave a presentation about the Gas Storage Facility in the Aliso Canyon, near Porter Ranch. It was built up between 1972 and 1984 and Frank said it is one of the largest in the country, with over 150 gas wells and about 50 oil wells. The site covers about 2 miles from east to west and 1½ miles from north to south. Frank, who has worked for the Gas Company for many years, gave a history of the facility with many pictures he has taken over the years. He described how the facility is used to store gas when excess supply is available and then gas is extracted to meet customer demand when needed. With pictures, Frank told the story of a gas fire in 1975 and how it was extinguished with the help of “Red” Adair. Frank described the current situation with the Porter Ranch gas leak from the storage zone about 11,000 feet down. He described the plans to seal off this well by drilling down to it from the side. At the end of his talk, Frank answered questions from members.

Break: Following the program a 10-minute break was taken with 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 \$30 prize. Therefore, the amount will increase to \$40 for our next regular meeting on March 11, 2016. Members must be present to win, and the prize grows by \$10 each month it is unclaimed.

Prize Raffle: Bill Unger, W6VDK, won the “Grand Prize” at this month’s raffle.

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

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

Simi Settlers' Leadership

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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.simissettlers.org/index.htm>

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

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Letter From The Editor

Well, here it is March and we're already planning for this year's ARRL Field Day. Once again our plan is to join VCARS at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. However, there has been a development.

As most of you know for the past few years we have been invited to participate in Simi Valley History Days at Strathearn Historical Park. This year is no different but there's a hitch. The event is scheduled for June 25th. Field Day is June 25th and 26th.

We kicked it around at the last board meeting and came up with the idea to present the situation to the membership. If anyone is interested in operating a Field Day station at the event they should contact the board or Richard Johnson N6HJD snurpus@adelphia.net. It is possible that we could arrange for the station to operate under the club call sign W6SVS.

We would like to support both events but there is a limit to our resources.

- 73

- Joe W6JWP

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club

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Membership Application



Type of Application:

New Member
Renewal

Type of Membership:

Individual (\$18/yr)
Family (\$20/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: _____