



Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

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December 6, 2017

December Program It's Holiday Party Time!

Join us at the home of Jim (WA6NXX) & 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.

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



Join us at our January meeting where our speaker will be Marty Woll, N6VI, Vice-Director for the ARRL's Southwestern Division.

Static & Sparks

Mike Hasenfratz - WA6FXT



Mike's W6S remote setup at Rocket Day

73's Mike - WA6FXT

General Meeting
January 12 Time: 7:00pm
Location: Simi Valley Senior Center
3900 Avenida Simi
Simi Valley, CA 93063

Dinner with the Speaker

Where? TGIFriday's
When? **5:30 pm Thursday Jan. 12**
Join your club board members
and speaker for dinner before the
club meeting.

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 Mesh Net 8pm 2.4/5.8 GHz Mesh	Condor Connection 7pm (Plays Newsline) Frazier Mountain 224.720-1.6 MHz PL156.7	LSB Net 8pm 3.908 MHz 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	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 7.240 (+ or - QRM/N) 40 meter CW-QRP 9am 7.032 MHz Quad Squad net 1PM on 21.365 MHz's

New NET: 2.4 GHz / 5.8 GHz Mesh On the Teamtalk server at w6bi-vc-mesh-info. Sunday night at 8 p.m. Contact W6BI for an account.

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/ARES Corner

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.

NOTE: Please be advised that we hold the Tue. countywide net at 19:30 (7:30PM) on the Sulphur Mountain WD6EBY repeater 145.200, minus 600 KHz offset, CTCSS of 127.3. Until further notice, this will be our standard frequency for countywide communications.



- Steve King KE6WEZ (ke6wez@gmail.com)

Upcoming ACS/ARES Events:

1. Saturday - 2 December 2017 - Sky Warn Day, contact Rick Tate for info at kg6no@arrl.net
2. Tuesday - 5 December 2017 - ORT - We need volunteers to help man the Simi PD, Hospital, remote site.
3. Saturday - 9 December 2017 - Camarillo Christmas Parade - Contact Ted Lansing at w6tel@arrl.net to help.
4. Sunday - 10 December 2017 - Santa to the Sea Half Marathon. Contact Stewart Stone at kg6bov@arrl.net to help.
5. For all of you (ACS or ARES) that need to complete the required FEMA IS Courses, here is the link: <https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx> Required Courses are IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800. Once you complete them, they will email you a link to to download your completion certificate. Download it and SAVE it, then email a copy to Steve.

The SSARC Holiday Party is Coming!



Hello Settlers,

It is time for our annual Holiday Party! You are invited to join us on Saturday, December 16th at 6pm (0200 Z), at the home of our hosts Jim (WA6NXK) & 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.

This year's raffle prizes include a Bench Mount Radio Holder, a Weller Soldering Station, 2 Baofeng Dual Band HTs and two Grand Prizes: a Mesh Node Ubiquity

NanoStation Loco M5 and a BTECH MINI UV-25x4 Dual Band including a magnetic mount antenna. *! And we will be giving away another Baofeng 144/440 HT and other prizes just for attending.

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, the general meeting, 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.



NanoStation Loco M5



Events

Thursday, December 2, 2017, 6:00pm SSARC Pizza Night

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

Thursday, November 9, 2017, 7:00pm SSARC General Meeting

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

Thursday, December 28, 2017, 7:00pm SSARC Board

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

Saturday, November 18, 2017, Rocket Day & Special Event Station

Strathearn Historical Park, Simi Valley

See the article in this newsletter for details.



Sunday, December 10, 2017, Evening, Cruising Ventura Harbor Christmas Lights - *See the event flyer on page 4.*

Hosted by Jim and Lea Veronica

HOLD THE DATE !!! SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH FOR THE VENTURA HARBOR BOAT CRUISE TO SEE THE HOLIDAY LIGHTS.

BOAT WILL DEPART THE ISLAND PACKERS DOCK AT 6:00. \$15.00 PER PERSON.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW !!

Saturday, December 16, 2017, 5:30 PM. Holiday Pot Luck Dinner

Raffle Prizes for the Holiday Pot Luck Dinner:

Door Prize

1 ea. Baofeng 144/440 HT

Drawing

- 1 ea. Mesh Node Ubiquity NanoStation Loco M5
- 1 ea. BTECH MINI UV-25x4 Dual Band to include Magnetic Mount Antenna
- 2 ea. Baofeng Dual Band HT
- 1 ea. Weller Soldering Station
- 2 ea. Earpiece Headset Mic
- 2 ea. HT Case Holder
- 1 ea. Bench Mount Radio Holder

XYL's

- 3 ea. Fruit Baskets
- 2 ea. Dinner Gift Cards

Hosted by Jim and Lea Veronica

442 Peter Pl, Simi Valley

6 PM (0200Z)

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- 6 tickets for a \$10 donation
- 9 tickets for a \$15 donation
- 12 tickets for a \$20 donation

Raffle Prize!

Check out the great raffle prizes to be had at the Holiday Potluck

**HOP ABOARD SANTA'S BOAT
AT ISLAND PACKERS DOCK LOCATED AT
Ventura Harbor- 1691 Spinnaker Drive - Ventura**

To tour the Ventura Harbor and view the "In The Holiday Spirit" decorated boats and the festive waterfront homes of the Ventura Keys.



**"CHRISTMAS PARTY HARBOR CRUISE"
SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 2017**

Hosted by **THE OPEN SQUARES, Lea & Jim Veronica**
Arrival time to check in and receive boarding pass 5:30 pm.
(Boarding pass is required by Island Packers. You will receive it when you check in)

Cruise Fare - \$15.00 per person.

Space is limited, reserve now. **PRE-SALE ONLY**

Includes deserts, coffee & water.

Tea, soda & hot chocolate are provided by no host bar on board - \$1.00 each.

Beat the holiday "frenzy" by making your reservation now.

For further info call Lea & Jim Veronica, 818-326-0177 or 805-583-8843

BOOK YOUR "HARBOR CRUISE" RESERVATION NOW

Cut here and enclose with check payable to Lea Veronica & mail to: Lea Veronica, 442 Peter Place, Simi Valley, CA 93065

HOLIDAY HARBOR CRUISE _____ Number of persons. Enclosed \$15.00 per person _____

Name(s) _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone Number _____

A NAME AND EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER FOR EVERY PASSENGER IS REQUIRED BY ISLAND PACKERS AND THE COAST GUARD.

Contact name & number in case of emergency

YOUR RESERVATION TICKET WILL BE
CONFIRMED BY MAIL OR PHONE CALL
IF MAILING TIME IS TOO SHORT FOR
YOU TO RECEIVE TICKETS IN TIME.



**Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club
General Membership Meeting, November 9, 2017**

Call to Order: Vice President, Jim Veronica, WA6NXX, called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. Jim welcomed everyone to the meeting, held at the Simi Valley Senior Center. There was a recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. 7 Officers and Board Members/Advisors were present. The total attendance was 31, with 4 visitors. Our guests were: Garret Miller, Randy Strader, KE6JQT, Steve Soyka, KM6NMN, and Brian Hernandez, KM6MIN, who joined at this meeting.

Introductions: There was a round of introductions for members and guests.

Announcements: Bill Woods, AB6BW, spoke about "Rocket Day", November 18, at Strathearn Park. SSARC will participate and provide stations operating under a Special Event callsign W6S. Bill is coordinating our plan to set up four stations and operate on 20 and 40 Meter SSB, and 40M CW. There will also be a station setup for satellite communication. In addition, Mike Hasenfratz, WA6FXT, will operate with a remote link to his home HF station.

Rick Galbraith, W6DQE, said that Linda Smith, XYL of Silent Key, Spencer Smith, N6IWY, wants to sell Spencer's radio equipment. Contact Linda for information. It was also mentioned that SK Terry Graves' equipment is for sale. Information about the equipment items can be seen at the website: www.terrygraves.org

Program: Jim Veronica introduced our speaker for tonight, John Kitchens, NS6X, who is running for ARRL Section Manager of the Santa Barbara Section. The election will be held in February 2018. John was first licensed as WN6UYJ while in high school in 1965. John gave a slide presentation about the history and activities of the ARRL. He described the many services that ARRL provides, such as: Publications (QST, books, etc.), Representation for the interests of Amateur Radio in the U.S. and internationally, Educational programs and Support for emergency communications. The ARRL also promotes operating events such as contesting, Field Day, the recent NPOTA (National Parks on the Air) and in 2018, there will be a Grid Square Collecting activity using LOTW. John made a connection the "ARRL.org" web site and gave suggestions for making navigation of the site easier, and said there are plans to improve the website. The ARRL also puts out a weekly "ARRL Letter" and DX news and information by email. Regarding licensing, John mentioned that the ARRL is considering changes that would enhance privileges of the entry-level ham license.

At the end of program, Jim thanked John for his presentation about the ARRL.

Break: At 8:18pm, a 15-minute break was taken with refreshments provided by Bill Everett, KI6KSV.

Member Drawing: The winning name in the progressive Membership drawing was Bob Branam, who was not present to win the \$20 prize. The prize amount will therefore increase to \$40 for our next regular meeting on January 11, 2018. Members must be present to win, and the prize grows by \$10 each month it is unclaimed.

Prize Raffle: After the prize raffle drawing, the Grand Prize winner of a Bluetooth Speaker was Steve King, KE6WEZ.

Holiday Party: Jim Veronica reminded members that our pot-luck dinner party will be held at his home on Saturday, December 16th, starting at 6:00pm. Information and a list of the raffle prizes is in the November newsletter.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

Rocket Day Special Event Station – November 18 – Strathearn Park



Rocket Day! At last. My first experience with a Special Event Station. The early set-up crew began arriving in the early dawn light and by the appointed time of 7:00 AM I realized that we had not coordinated our set up time with the park. By 7:30 we finally got the gate open and got busy. Rick Slater got busy setting up his portable rigid 20 meter sloper with help from Tom Travis, Mike Tweedy and Bill Woods. We got a couple of pop-ups popped up and Frank and Tom got to work on hanging Franks famous 40 meter dipole. John Percival arrived and got busy setting up his 40 Meter CW station while Mike Hasenfratz was getting his remote control station together. I had managed to cobble together a simple FM Satellite station based on the Arrow dual band beam antenna and a VX-6 HT mounted on a tripod.

First contact came from my friend Dan Moore – W6DPM – all the way from West Hills on 20 meters at 17:52 UTC. Wow! What a skip! I raced home to try to get W6S in my log but was unsuccessful. Too close or Rick was too busy with the donuts. Throughout the day we had 31 contacts on 20 meter SSB in spite of the Sweepstakes contest raging on the band and 6 CW contacts on 40 Meter CW. I had one (busted) contact via AO-85 satellite. I emailed N6REK for confirmation but he said he couldn't confirm because his audio recorder had failed and he hadn't written down our call sign. An inexpensive digital audio recorder is on my wish list.

Thanks to all who participated and to those who dropped by to say hello.

Rick Slater AG6AY – 20 Meter SSB – K3 System – Homebrew rigid 20 Meter Sloper.

John Percival WI6O – 40 Meter CW – K3 – homebrew long wire.

Frank Valdez KI6OQ – 40 Meter SSB – FT-857 – Homebrew 40 Meter doublet.

Mike Hasenfratz WA6FXT – HF SSB – Remote Flex 6700 system with 2 Element SteppIR.

Bill Woods AB6BW – FM Satellite – VX-6 HT – Arrow dual band 3/7 beam.

Kerwin Schimke N6YHX – QSL Card Design.

Tom Travis AA6XT – Set-up to tear down – supper helper.

Rick Galbraith W6DQE – Set up and tear down.

Mike Tweedy KV6I – Set up and photography.

Jim and Linda Parker KJ6LXJ – Hello – good to have you drop by.

W6S Special Event Station
Simi Settlers
Amateur Radio Club

RST	
Mode	
MHz	
UTC	
Confirming QSO with	

18 Nov 2017

The Fires of Creation
Celebrating the men and women who worked in our local Aerospace Industry creating our finest hours with the American Space Program





We had a very fun time and were able to talk to a number of people about amateur radio.

2 John working the paddle.



3 Bill explaining (?) communication via satellite



7 Log it!



4 Frank and Tom trying to find anything on 40 SSB



5 Rick and his homemade monitor shield



6 Tracking a pass of AO-85

Letter From The Editor

Please submit articles, pictures, etc. on things of interest to our SSARC community for publication to me at ab6bw1@gmail.com. Such items may discuss your recent antenna project, shack modifications, new operating modes, anecdotes from portable field operations, and so forth. A picture with a caption works. A few sentences strung together works. A few paragraphs, a few pages with detailed illustrations.... It's all good. I look forward (with a wee bit of trepidation) to your submissions. **Submission Deadline is Sunday night before 1st Thursday!**

73, Bill (AB6BW)

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

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

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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 \$18.00 = \$ _____

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: _____