



Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

June 2019

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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

June Program

Thursday, June 13 7:00 PM

Lea Veronica - XYL Sailing With a HAM!

We all know that Jimmy (WA6NXX) is a HAM - in every sense of the word. We found Lea's talk "WHAT ARE THE WIVES DOING WHILE THEIR HUSBANDS ARE ON THE RADIO?" back in October '17 quite fascinating.

Come hear Lea's version of sailing the high seas with her very own ham.

Dinner with the Speaker

Where? Macaroni Grill

NE corner of Alamo & Tapo Cyn

When? 5:15 pm

Join Lea and other club members for dinner before the club meeting.

Bill Woods - AB6BW

Well, it's that month of the year folks. It's time to renew our membership in the best darned amateur radio club in Simi Valley. It's time to elect our board members for the coming year. It's the month of FIELD DAY.

Last month we solicited nominations to submitted by email to any current board member. The response was an overwhelming zero (0,000). Therefore your current board put together the slate of board members to be found on Page 3 of this edition of the Short Circuit.

You may notice that there is one significant unfilled spot - Newsletter Editor. This is my last edition as Editor of the Short Circuit. I will help whoever steps up and is elected to get started. As you may have noticed, there is a fair bit of boiler plate to the paper so the main tasks are in updating the calendars and formatting the wonderful articles that are provided by your fellow members. I use Microsoft Word 2007.

PIZZA NITE at MOD PIZZA.

We've had no problems with Topper's but several members wanted to try Mod and it was approved at the My meeting. See you there. 73 BW

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 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 Mesh IRC Net. 6-10 PM Mesh VOIP Net 8pm 2.4/5.8 GHz Mesh	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

Additional information on local nets can be found on the CVARC web site at: <http://www.cvarc.org>

Sunday Night Net Control Operators

Thanks to our fine Net Control Operator: Brian KM6MIN.

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. Sunday - 2 June 2019 - Love Run. Contact Zak - N6PK at n6pk@arrl.net to volunteer.
2. Tuesday - 4 June 2019 - ORT
3. Saturday & Sunday - 22 & 23 June 2019 - Field Day. Many locations to help at.
4. Monday - 1 July 2019 - District Meeting in Ojai.
5. Wednesday - 3 July 2019 - Moorpark Fireworks. Contact Marc - KM6B at km6b@arrl.net to volunteer.

Events

JUNE - Dues are Due. Just Do it.

Thursday, June 6, 2019, 6:00pm SSARC Pizza Night

MOD Pizza, 2408 Erringer Rd , Simi Valley

Thursday, June 13, 2019, 7:00pm SSARC General Meeting

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

Thursday, June 27, 2019, 7:00pm SSARC Board Meeting

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Thursday, July 11, 2019, 7:00pm SSARC General Meeting - Board Member Elections

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



Raffle Prize!

Jim Hutchinson KI6MZ, our new raffle coordinator, has several great prizes lined up. Bring \$\$\$!!

Future Programs

- June 13; Lea Veronica - "Living aboard a Sail boat with a Ham (operator). (I wonder who.???... Ed
- July 11; Stewart Sheldon - "New Antenna Design"
- August 8, Orv Beach - Mesh Network Update
- September 12, John Kitchens - NS6X - ARRL Santa Barbara Section Mgr.

Suggested Slate of SSARC Board Members for 2019-2020 year

The following slate was assembled and approved by the current board. We will take nominations from the floor at the June 13 Meeting but nominated individuals must be present and willing to serve.

• President	Bill Woods	AB6BW
• Vice President	Brian Hernandez	KM6MIN
• Secretary	John Percival	WI6O
• Treasurer	Glenn Daly	WA6GNB
• Webmaster	Jim Parker	KJ6LXI
• Newsletter Editor	VACANT	
• Membership	Jim Parker	KJ6LXI
• Public Info. Officer	Linda Parker	
• Door Prizes	Jim Hutchinson	KI6MZ
• Historian	Mike Tweedy	KV6I

Settlers' Apparel

Glen - WA6GNB - has been researching a new apparel supplier. We can get yellow T-shirts with our club logo on the back and also on a front pocket for \$15. We will be taking orders at our June meeting. We need to make a quantity purchase to get the price so we need commitments and sizes, We will also take a poll on whether there is interest in polo shirts and hats.



Mesh News - Orv Beach - W6BI

Paul WD6EBY, Bill AB6BW, Doug WB2YXY and myself spent the better part of today recabling the ham network SimiEast. We:

- Stripped the old network box off the tower (the box had contained an 8-port switch)
- Installed a new larger box on the tower. This one contains only a patch panel.
- Dragged a dozen new shielded outdoor Ethernet cables from tower to container (disturbing two field mice that had taken residence in the underground conduit!)
- Punched a new feed through for the cables on the side of the container
- Fed cables into the container and routed them to where the new patch panel will be mounted.

Sadly, we ran out of time to finish the cable punch-downs. There's probably 3-5 more hours of work left (cabling, reconfigured and troubleshooting). Until the work is completed the backbone from SimiEast to Verdugo Peak, from SimiEast to South Mountain, and network access for the eastern half of Simi Valley will remain down. We have some time constraints but we hope to get it completed later this week.



Compounding the problem was the fact that the vent fan in the tower box had apparently been sucking moisture from fog or some such into the box during the 3-4 years it's been in there as several jacks on the switch are badly corroded, as are most of the RJ45 plugs on the Ethernet cables coming down the tower from the nodes. This was probably the root cause of the network failures we saw starting about two weeks ago. These corroded connectors will also have to be replaced. (The switch was destined to be retired anyway, with a nice new 12 port switch replacing it in the container.)

There are some photos attached. Please bear with us while we finish these repairs.

73

Orv W6BI



Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club
General Membership Meeting, May 9, 2019

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President, Bill Woods, AB6BW. Bill 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 20.
- Introductions: There was a round of introductions for those in attendance.
- Meeting minutes: The minutes of the April 11, 2019 meeting were approved as published in the May Newsletter.
- Treasurers Report: Glenn Daly, WA6GNB, reported our account balance as \$694.02. The report as given was approved by a motion, MSP.
- Announcements: Pizza Night, May 2, was well attended again at Toppers Pizza. Steve King, KE6WEZ, suggested that we try Pizza Night at MOD Pizza, in the Target shopping center east of Sycamore, on Cochran St. Those present agreed to hold the June 6th Pizza Night at MOD Pizza, The Club Picnic will be Saturday, May 25, at the home of Jim and Lea Veronica. The Club provides Burgers, Hot Dogs, soft drinks and condiments. Attendees may bring the potluck side dish or dessert of their choice. A sign-up list was circulated. There will be a White Elephant table where items can be sold. The picnic will run from 11:00am to 2:00pm. President Bill Woods mentioned that Membership Renewal period starts in June for the next Club year starting in July. He said the Board of Directors is considering the future need to increase Dues by \$2. However, this will not be applied for the coming renewal period, dues remain \$18 for individual, and \$20 for Family membership.
- Field Day: We have Simi Settlers band captains for the 40M phone station, Jim Parker, KJ6LXJ, and 20M CW station, John Percival, WI6O. This year we will not have a formal catered dinner on Saturday night.
- Program: President Bill Woods, AB6BW, introduced Eric Oberg, KE6MLF, who gave a presentation about the Bit-X SSB QRP radio. This is a 5Watt, SSB transceiver operating LSB on 40 meters. The radio comes from a design by Ashhar Farhan, a Ham in India with callsign VU2ESE. Information can be found at www.phonestack.com/Farhan. Eric said an assembled PC board for the BitX was \$60. He made modifications with temperature stable capacitors, ten-turn tuning potentiometer, and a different final transistor. Eric showed the schematic of the rig and explained the circuit stages for receive and transmit. He said the kit now includes an Arduino, frequency synthesizer IC and LCD Display. Eric said there is now a multi-band, multi-mode version called the "Micro-BitX".
- Break: A break was taken, with refreshments provided by Bill Everett, KI6KSV.
- Member Drawing: The progressive Membership drawing was held. The winning name was Stuart Sheldon, AG6AG, who was not present to win the \$20 prize. The prize amount will therefore increase to \$30.00 for our June 13, 2019 meeting. Members must be present to win, and the prize grows by \$10 each month it is unclaimed.
- June Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 13, 2019, with a scheduled presentation by Lea Veronica, about living on a sailboat with a Ham Operator. NOTE: Annual election of Officers will be held at the June Club meeting. Nominations will need to be made and voted on.
- Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

Letter From The Editor

I have enjoyed editing the Short Circuit over the last two years. It has been Getting to better know more of our members has been the most rewarding part. Since it has been proposed that I continue as president, it is time for another to step up as Newsletter Editor. I will certainly help whoever steps into this roll. You all have been very kind in your tollorance for my occasional mishtakes and ommissions. I hartily thank you. Linda and Brian have been my most frequent and acurate proof readers. hi hi

The Short Circuit's format was handed down to me and I have seen no reason to change it in any substantial way. Our new editor can keep what he/she likes and make whatever improvements that she/he imagines.

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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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: _____