



## **Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club**

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The next Simi Settlers club meeting is

**Thursday October 13** at 7:00 PM

Simi Senior Center (Enter by the Southwest door).

3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley.

The next Simi Settlers Pizza Night is at

**Toppers**, 2408 Erringer Road, Simi Valley.

**Thursday October 6** at 6:00 PM.

**Alas, Jay Harland, AG6JF has left us.**

Please forward me photos or memories for next month's newsletter.

### **Assorted Tidbits:**

Don't forget, the **picnic** is at the usual Wood Ranch park **October 9th Sunday** from **9:00 AM to 1 PM(ish)**. The Settlers will be providing hotdogs and hamburgers, we would like a rough head count. Send a **Yea!** to Jim and Linda at [kj6lxj@gmail.com](mailto:kj6lxj@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. Jim can fill us in as to what side dish or whatever everybody else is bringing.

The picnic will be at Rancho Madera Community Park, 556 Lake Park Dr, Simi Valley, at **GAZEBO C**. Maybe bring your portable radio or some show and tell?

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The RF bar graph **PCB project** will continue where it left off this month, October. The intent is still to complete the schematic, complete the printed circuit board, program the Arduino, and buy parts so that we can all make one. At LEAST two more sessions.

The ARRL **Jamboree on the Air** (JOTA) is October 14-16. **Scouts** will be on the air attempting to make contacts and learning about radio. The editor, ke6mlf, is going up to Sage Ranch above Santa Susana Pass to help with T-hunting activities. If you can, **turn on your radio** for the above dates and **give a call back** to the Scouts. For frequencies and more information, visit <https://www.arrl.org/jamboree-on-the-air-jota>.

The **805 repeater** seems to be working just fine. The 440 cross-band functions are not yet available.

Have you done a **presentation** in the past? We are going to post old presentations for you to browse through. Find that old power point slide show, convert it to PDF, and forward it to our web page via Matt, webmaster at mgriffi79@yahoo.com.

**Linda**, our PIO has club flyers posted in the lobby of the Senior Center. Care to get some and post them in your favorite haunt? Just ask at the next meeting or send an email to Jim and Linda at kj6lxj@gmail.com.

We have an idea to make an “**Eyeball QSO**” card. Meet somebody interested in the club or Amateur radio, we could slip them a card with details like:

- Club web site
- Meeting times and locations
- Selected contacts
- Links to ARRL, or other amateur radio information web sites.

**Come up with your best ideas**, we will vote on the design and get them printed up.

**Glen WA6GNB** has a limited number of parts “kits” available for the RF detector PCB project. This is not (yet) the PCB, but MOST of the parts you may need to stuff the circuit board. The cost is \$17 and includes the Arduino Nano. Send an email to Glenn WA6GNB at gnb.2112@yahoo.com.

The new membership form is attached as the last page. Note the (tiny) dues increase.

## Nets of Interest

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>LSB Net</b> 8pm 3.908 MHz  <b>SSARC 2 Meter Net*</b> 8:30 pm SMRA-ERN Repeater 146.805 -0.6MHz PL100.0 or 445.580 -5.0MHz PL100.0  The Newbie net 7 pm, Bozo Repeater 147.885 ( – 127.3)	<b>Condor Connection</b> 7pm (Plays Newslane) Frazier Mountain 224.720-1.6 MHz PL156.7	<b>LSB Net</b> 8pm 3.908 MHz  <b>ACS Area 1</b> Simi Valley SMRA-ERN 7:05pm Repeater 146.805 -0.6MHz PL100.0 or 445.580 -5.0MHz PL100.0  <b>ATN-CA Net</b> 7:30pm <a href="http://atn-tv.org/net/night.htm">http://atn-tv.org/net/night.htm</a>  <b>ACS Area 1</b> Simplex net, 6:45 PM on 145.510MHz	<b>Channel Islands chapter 10-10 International</b> 28.34 MHz at 10AM and 6PM  <b>Mesh VOIP Net*</b> 8pm 2.4/5.8 GHz Mesh	<b>LSB Net</b> 8pm 3.908 MHz		<b>SSARC SSB HF Net</b> 8:30am <b>7.240</b> (+ or - QRM/N) 40 meter  <b>CW-QRP</b> 9am 7.032 MHz  <b>Quad Squad net</b> 1PM on 21.365 MHz's

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

\* For more information, see <http://www.pvarc.club/mesh/mesh-applications/>

Our repeaters are too quiet!

If you are sitting around evenings or on the weekend, turn on your radio and listen in.

Sometimes there is local activity on 146.520, the simplex channel. Here are our 8:30 PM Sunday night net controllers:

Oct	2	Rick W6DQE
	9	Kevin KD6UTC
	16	Barry K6ZA
	23	Ron K6RIN
	30	Matt KN6SEC
Nov	6	Brian KM6MIN
	13	Rick W6DQE
	20	Kevin KD6UTC
	27	Barry K6ZA

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## ACS/ARES Corner

Frank Valdez KI6OQ is the Area 1 Emergency Coordinator

**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, just message Frank Valdez at [frankki6oq@gmail.com](mailto:frankki6oq@gmail.com).



Be sure to check [www.vccomm.org](http://www.vccomm.org) for the latest !

If anyone is interested in how to set up your own packet station, RMS Winlink station, or a Mesh Node, contact Frank, he will point you in the right direction.

**Barry K6ZA** wants to remind everybody that they have options to check in with something other than a 2 meter handheld. The **80 meter net is Tuesday nights at 18:30 (6:30 PM) on 3.987 MHz.**

The **Area 1** (Simi Valley) net occurs Tuesdays. Generally it is just a brief check in, but usually some news about upcoming events is passed on.

The simplex net is on 145.510 at **6:45 PM**. The regular net is on the 146.805 (-, PL100) repeater at **7:00 PM. Stop by and say Hi.** You do not have to do anything other than check in to test out your simplex or repeater connection.

**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.

**Ride for the Red** is November 12. Rick Tate, KQ6NO is leading this effort. Can you help?

Visit [vccomm.org](http://vccomm.org) for more updates!



## Member Updates

### From Orv, W6BI

Orv had the mesh video camera updated at the Mellow Lane site. Here are some images. This is really good, I can check how big the drive through line is for Del Taco at 1st and the 118.



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## From Eric, KE6MLF

Ya know, Amateur Radio is not all antennas and microphones. Sometimes, you have to dig in the dirt. At the Mellow Lane site, we had to add a second cable to a new dish antenna mounted on the back side of the water tank.

Here is the new antenna, pointed at SimiEast, near Santa Susana Pass.



Here is the bit of dirt that was removed to make room for the 2nd cable. The original cable was buried just a few inches down, has survived for a few years just fine. Not to worry, it is direct burial network cable.

Lots of little rocks.

Plans in the future to run conduit and then re-route the cables inside.



My nemesis.

And as with most everything, there are hazards. No matter how I tried, I got in touch with this cactus **TWICE** while putting up the antenna and running the cable.



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## From Eric, KE6MLF

On October 1st, a few of us helped support the **Share The Road** bicycle ride. Frank, KI6OQ lead the effort for communications. Around 200 cyclists meandered through Simi, Moorpark, over Grimes and Balcom Canyons (Yikes!) and as far out as the Camarillo Airport. No issues, problems, or tears were shed, a really good day!

I was cruising around in a SAG wagon, did not have to do anything more than push a microphone button once in a while. Here are a few Simi regulars I spotted at the aid stations: Matt K6SEC, Brian KM6MIN, Armen WD6ADL, Ron K6RIN, Bill AB6BW, Barry K6ZA, Ken KS3I, Greg W6GRG, and Dante W6JCQ. Lots of the usual ACS/ARES and motley crew members helped pass traffic about during the day.

Here are a few pictures I snagged while zipping past in my comfy SAG wagon seat. Did not visit all the stops, I was at the mercy of my driver and his copilot. Notice how relaxed everybody seems to be? Easy stuff!



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Huh. Look at Frank KI6OQ. How come he is hoarding the pink box of donuts right in front of him?

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From Mike, K6VI (How much stuff does this guy have? I think the list is getting smaller?)

## SSARC Marketplace

This section of the newsletter is for Simi Settler club members to post various used or previously owned items for sale that they may no longer have a need or use of. Please submit a brief description of the sale items (along with a photo if possible) and suggested price to Eric Oberg KE6MLF, the newsletter editor, at least two days before newsletter publication. It is suggested that a portion of each sale be donated to the SSARC treasury to help support the club's several activities. The term "OBO" means "Or Best Offer" and serves only as a starting point in negotiating a fair price.

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### KLM 2-METER YAGI / LOG PERIODIC ANTENNA



This antenna is an unusual 2-meter antenna in that it has both a Yagi high-gain portion of the antenna combined with a Log Periodic portion of the antenna for wide bandwidth. The antenna is perfect for Field Day operations with an antenna rotator.

Condition: Fair/Good Price: \$10 OBO. Please contact Mike Tweedy KV6I (805-231-9683)

## MOBILE HAMSTICK ANTENNAS



I have five MFJ 1/4 wave hamstick-type antennas for sale, ranging from 75m, 40m, 20m, 15m and 10m plus a 5/8 wave Hustler CG-144 for operation on 2m. All of them feature a standard 3/8-24 threaded mount with a Hustler QD-2 quick disconnect adapter installed for quick R&R when operating on different bands. Typically the MFJ hamsticks sell for around \$30 new, the Hustler 2m antenna currently lists for \$73 while the Hustler QD-2 quick disconnect adapters sell for \$35 per set.

Condition: Excellent Price: \$100 for all or OBO. Contact Mike Tweedy KV6I (805-231-9683)

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## **PORTABLE TRIPOD ANTENNA TEST STAND**



This tripod test stand features a 3/8-24 female threaded mount to allow installation of such antennas as a hamstick or any other antennas for testing or operational purposes. The bottom of the tripod has a SO-239-type female UHF connector to allow connecting a standard RG-8U or similar coax feedline. The three tripod legs can act as a small counterpoise for antennas under test and the entire unit can be installed on top of a motorhome or other vehicle for temporary use or actual operational use. Note: the sale is for the tripod stand only and does not include the hamstick and coax cable that are shown for demonstration purposes only.

Condition: Very Good Price: \$10 OBO. Please contact Mike Tweedy KV6I (805-231-9683)

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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>  
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**Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club**

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**Membership Application**



**Type of Application:**

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New Member

Individual (\$25/yr)

Renewal

Family (\$30/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): \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Printing: Yes No How many? \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s) Call(s): \_\_\_\_\_ (Self Supplied Polo Shirt, no emblem or pocket)

Hats Requested: Yes No How many? \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s) Call(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Application type: New Renewal Membership type: Individual Family

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Database completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Badges and Shirts ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

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