

## Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

# Short Circuit

## August 2004

### Meeting Program

One of ARRL's historical videotapes and planning for the picnic

Note Picnic notice below!!! That is THIS WEEKEND!

## 'Taco Night' Picnic Saturday August 14

### TACOS IN THE PARK

Hosted by Allen Pettebone KA6WGO

- When: Saturday, August 14th, 2004 3:00 p.m. until the last taco is gone!
- Where: Simi Valley - Lemon Park, east side of park next to War Memorial Fountain (Alamo St./Tapo Canyon Rd. behind City Hall complex)

- Activities: T-hunting presented by Doug Dubrall WA6RJN
- What to bring: Your choice of beverage and a small side dish or dessert.

Talk-in 147.930- pl 127.3

If you have never been to one of Allen's Taco Parties then you have really missed out on a very special event. Great tacos, great time, great friends. Please come and join us and bring a friend!

Please contact Rick Galbraith W6DQE at 805-520-0127 so we can have some idea of how many people will be attending.

## Equipment Auction for August Meeting

The Club has received a donation of radio equipment that will be auctioned to the members of the club at upcoming meetings. The following list of equipment should include something of interest to you. For items that have not been tested, the Club will accept a return of the entire lot for a refund if the items do not work properly. The first item below will be auctioned at the upcoming August meeting:

### Kenwood TH 79A 144/440MHz FM Handheld

Accessories: Drop-in rapid charger  
1 each spare battery pack  
VOX headset  
13.8 volt power cord

Last month's auction ended with a \$50 bid by Dale Manquen for the Standard C1208DA 144MHz FM mobile Transceiver

At subsequent meetings we will be auctioning the following:

### Icom IC-2GXAT 144MHz FM Handheld

Accessories: Desk top charger  
DTMF speaker/microphone  
3 each spare battery packs  
Headset unit  
Mobile mounting bracket  
13.8 volt power cord  
Cigarette Lighter power cord

Sony color TV watchman AM/FM-TV mini 3" screen  
Accessories: Amplified portable antenna

Realistic (Radio Shack) PRO-43 200 channel direct entry AM/FM programmable scanner

Radio Shack AM/FM handheld radio

Radio Shack 5 watt external speaker

Comet mag mount antenna 144/440 MHz dual band

Astron RS 20 amp power supply with meters

Daiwa 2 Port coax switch HF-600MHz

## Information from Our Treasurer

Larry Pyle AD6ST

July was the start of the SSARC 2004/2005 year and membership dues became due for this new year. Any changes in your membership listing on the General Membership should be noted along with the appropriate membership fee of \$15 for single and \$20 for family. ARRL members should make

certain that their membership is correctly noted on the membership listing. We need 51% of the voting (paid) members as ARRL members to maintain our association with the ARRL. The ARRL also provides \$15 to the club for each NEW ARRL member signed up by the club.

## WEBMASTER FOUND!

EXTRA!! EXTRA!! Doug Dubrall volunteers as Webmaster!! Yes, Doug has agreed to give our website a face-lift to make the information more interesting and useful. If you have any suggestions or specific requests, please contact Doug at [WA6RJN@arrl.net](mailto:WA6RJN@arrl.net).

Our thanks go out to Steve Abarta, K6TLM for the following tidbit of club history. How many of these remember?

## *Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club Past Presidents*

75-76	<i>Stan Kain</i>	<i>WB6VVP</i>
76-77	<i>Bill Wyatt</i>	<i>WA6UUT</i>
77-78	<i>Dick Brinkman</i>	<i>N6AYV</i>

78-79	<i>Bill Wyatt</i>	<i>WA6UUT</i>
79-80	<i>Gene Callahan</i>	<i>WB6QNX</i>
80-81	<i>Gene Callahan</i>	<i>WB6QNX</i>
81-82	<i>Dick Hoolihan</i>	<i>W6AFF</i>
82-83	<i>Ray Smith</i>	<i>WB6TMF</i>
83-84	<i>Ray Smith</i>	<i>WB6TMF</i>
84-85	<i>Jan Moller</i>	<i>K6FM</i>
85-86	<i>Orv Beach</i>	<i>WB6WEY (Now W6BI)</i>
86-87	<i>Dick Hoolihan</i>	<i>W6AFF</i>
87-88	<i>Jennifer Roe</i>	<i>AA6MX</i>
88-89	<i>Dick Hoolihan</i>	<i>W6AFF</i>
89-90	<i>Dick Hoolihan</i>	<i>W6AFF</i>
90-91	<i>Ed Meyer</i>	<i>KA6OMG</i>
91-92	<i>Ed Meyer</i>	<i>KA6OMG</i>
92-93	<i>Dan Irvin</i>	<i>KK6MU</i>
93-94	<i>Ed Padgett</i>	<i>KC6HVI</i>
94-95	<i>Ron McClure</i>	<i>KD6VLM</i>
95-96	<i>Ron McClure</i>	<i>KD6VLM</i>
96-97	<i>Ron McClure</i>	<i>KD6VLM</i>
97-98	<i>John Beckers</i>	<i>W6JON</i>
98-99	<i>John Beckers</i>	<i>W6JON</i>
99-00	<i>Ed Meyer</i>	<i>KA6OMG</i>
00-01	<i>Ed Meyer</i>	<i>KA6OMG</i>
01-02	<i>Steve Abarta</i>	<i>K6TLM</i>
02-03	<<OPEN>>	----
03-04	<i>Dale Manquen</i>	<i>KO6VO</i>
04-05	<i>Dale Manquen</i>	<i>KO6VO</i>

# **Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club**

## **General Membership Meeting, July 8, 2004**

Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

Call to Order President Dale Manquen, KO6VO, called the meeting to order at 7:44pm. Bill Starkgraf, KD6UQB, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Five Board Members were present and the total attendance was 15, including one guest.

Introductions: After Dale welcomed members to the meeting, a round of introductions was held with each member giving a brief word on their recent activities. There were many comments about Field Day experiences.

Program: Our President, Dale Manquen, introduced himself as our speaker for tonight's program. The topic of Dale's presentation was "Solar Weather". Dale has been a "Solar System Ambassador" with the Jet Propulsion Lab, (JPL) for one year. He began the talk by giving examples of the scale of the sizes of planets in our solar system and their distances from the sun. Dale went on to describe the physical makeup of the sun and its emissions of matter and energy that affect the Earth. The solar weather has many more impacts on our daily lives than just the effects on radio propagation. Dale explained that the solar cycles are actually 22 years long with eleven years for each of the sun's two alternating magnetic field polarities. Variations in the solar activity affect the Earth's weather, with periods of maximum or minimum activity leading to warmer or colder periods of climate on Earth. Our knowledge of the sun gained from Earth and solar orbiting satellites has increased in recent years and will continue to grow with more launches planned in the future.

Break: A twenty-minute refreshment break was taken at 9:00 pm following the end of our program.

Announcements: Dale thanked Roger Armstrong, WD6EVT, for the use of his generator at our Field Day event again this year. There were suggestions for possible Club Activities, including: a Field Trip to the Goldstone Tracking station, a trip to one of the Channel Islands, or a trip to a mountain top in our area for radio operation.

Member Drawing: The name drawn in the Membership Drawing was Luke Manquen, KE6QIB, who was not present to win the \$20 prize. The prize fund will therefore increase to \$25 for the August meeting.

Prize Drawings: The monthly prize drawing was held with the lucky winners selecting their prizes.

Auction: Following the prize drawings, an auction was held for the 2-meter mobile radio that had been donated to the Club. Dale Manquen received the radio with a winning bid of \$50. There are additional donated items that will be auctioned at future meetings.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

**REMINDER:** 2004-2005 membership dues were due in July. The existing application form can be used for renewals, just by filling in the name/call sign and noting any changes.

## Miscellaneous News

Don't forget that the Club has a supply of components in our SSARC 'Stockroom'. Most of these items were acquired through Orv Beach (W6BI) when MICOM shut down their engineering lab. All items are free to club members (in reasonable quantities.) So far, Spence and Michael Selden are the only

members to take advantage of this resource. Parts categories include cables; fans; EMC filters, cores, inductors and shielding; solid and stranded wire and some semiconductors. A complete inventory list is posted on our Club Website. Call Dale Manquen at 529-2496 for access to these parts.

## Tidbits

### Nets of Interest

Here's a list of a few nets that might be of interest to my fellow Simi Settlers. Please let me know if any of you have other nets that you would like me to list. Hope to hear a few of you on the bands.

1.925 MHz AM Tuesday, Thursday nights at 8 pm

3.908 MHz LSB Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday nights at 8 pm

7.039 MHz CW-QRP Saturday mornings at 9 am

14.265 MHz USB every night 9 pm (trying to contact WK7ED Ed Meyer on his cross country road trip)

144.240 MHz USB Sunday, Wednesday nights at 8 pm

222.100 MHz USB Monday night at 8 pm

449.360 (-) pl 167.9 every night at 8 pm

1296.100 MHz USB Friday night at 8 pm

### Weather Spotter

Anyone with interest in becoming a **Southern California Weather Spotter** please contact Rick Galbraith at 805-520-0127 or see me at the next meeting for an application. There are no fees to become a member.

## Simi Settlers' Officers

President	Dale Manquen KO6VO	dmanquen@msn.com
Vice President	Rick Galbraith, W6DQE	rick@keymaterial.com
Secretary	John Percival WI6O	percivaljohns@cs.com
Treasurer	Larry Pyle, AD6ST	lpyle@pacbell.net
Historian	Patrick Nelson KF6RMI	
<b>Committee Chairpersons</b>		
Membership	Richard Johnson	snurpus@aol.com
P.I.O	Vacant	
Webmaster	Doug Dubrall WA6RJN	wa6rjn@arrl.net
Newsletter	Vacant	

## Monthly Meetings

Our meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. every second Thursday of the month except December at the Seventh Day Adventist Church at 1636 Sinaloa Road between L.A. Avenue and Royal.

**Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club**  
P.O. Box 2125  
Simi Valley, CA 93063-2125

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**Next General Meeting**

**Thursday September 9, 2004**

7:30 p.m.

Talk-in Frequency: 147.93MHz

- Offset PL 127.3Hz

Seventh Day Adventist Church