

# **Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club**

## **Short Circuit**

***August 2007***

**Norm Goodkin – Recruiting New Hams**  
**August 9, 2007**

Norm Goodkin will be our guest speaker at the August 9<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. Norm has been Amateur Radio Operator since 1957, is an Extra Class Licensee, Accredited Volunteer Examiner, and Experienced Teacher – college, community and high school, as well as having numerous additional accomplishments.

Norm's has 35 licensed hams in his Family and, working with students at AC Stelle Middle School, Norm and his friend & teacher, Karl Beutel, managed to motivate 47 students to take and pass the Tech exam, nearly triple what they did last year. The students used the same study materials, a combination of the Questions and Only Right Answers and on-line practice tests.

Norm is active in the LA County Disaster Communications Service as well as the PAPA System repeater group – he invites new hams to learn about both organizations at <http://lacdcs.com> and <http://papasys.net>

We may also have parts and equipment for sale.

## **Simi Settlers at the Strathern Museum**

The Simi Settlers ARC is planning to be present at the Strathern Museum for a Day of History and Fun Sunday September 16 from 10am til 4pm. Entry fee \$5. More info here - <http://www.simihistory.com/History%20Days.htm>

For those of you who haven't visited the Strathern Museum, this is a real gem in our own back yard. They have several restored buildings, complete with timely furnishings, an extensive display of tools, drill presses and other fabrication/repair equipment, and old farm implements. Plan to spend at least 2 hours touring the grounds. The museum is located at the south end of town, just south of the Kmart shopping center.

## Last Month – APRS Tracker Project

Our speaker for the a July meeting was Hugh Bosma, AE6YC, who gave a very interesting presentation about the APRS Tracker kit project built by members of CVARC last year.

## The Pres Sez

All members are invited to join the Club officers and our monthly speaker for dinner at Hometown Buffet before the monthly meeting. We gather at 6:10 p.m. to eat and share fellowship.

Our club is growing and more members are getting active. A great way to have fun and do great things it to participate in either leading or sharing in an activity. We had a fantastic Field Day. What will you do next ? How about becoming a Volunteer Examiner ? This month and during future months we'll talk more about becoming a VE and helping to get new amateur radio operators licensed and involved.

Are you interested in ARES/RACES ? Our community has a great need for operators who can both share their knowledge and get trained for more responsibility. If you are interested, please talk to Frank Valdez KI6OQ 805-527-0486 [fvaldez@dslextreme.com](mailto:fvaldez@dslextreme.com)

We have committees that are getting together to work on a float for the Simi Valley Day Parade and on the AD6SV 2m repeater. Your help is needed. Please volunteer to help.

Finally, the 2007 Southwestern Division ARRL convention, HAMCON, is in Torrence, CA September 7-9, 2007. More info is at <http://hamcon.org/> I hope to see you there on Saturday.

73 de Peter Grace KB1CVH

## From the Secretary

*Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club*  
**General Membership Meeting, July 12, 2007**

Call to Order: Our new President Peter Grace, KB1CVH, called the meeting to order at 7:41pm. Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting held at the Simi Valley Senior Center and then led our recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. Five Board Members were present. The total attendance was 15 with 3 guests.

New Officers: President Peter introduced the other new officers elected for the Club year (July 2007- June 2008): Vice President: Deanna Smitha, W6DWS; Treasurer: John Mendez, AE6YA; Secretary: John Percival, WI6O and Historian, Patrick Nelson, KF6RMI. Peter reminded members that our

Board Meeting would be held on July 26<sup>th</sup> (normally two weeks after the General meeting), also at the Senior Center. Interested members are welcome to attend the Board meetings. Also, Peter mentioned that with the beginning of the new Club Year, the annual membership dues are now due.

Introductions: A round of introductions was held with members and visitors speaking briefly about their recent activities and special interests in ham radio. The following were welcomed as new members joining at this meeting: Brad Rife, KI6KSY and Howard Globber, KG6OFS.

Program: Vice President Deanna Smitha, W6DWS, introduced our guest speaker, Hugh Bosma, AE6YC, who is a CVARC member. Hugh gave a presentation about the APRS Tracker kit project built by members of CVARC last year. The project was based on the Byonics "Tiny-Trak III" and a small, low cost GPS receiver module. He described the project and passed around examples of the assembled tracker kit built into enclosures. If people are interested in building the kit, they can request the parts list from Hugh. In addition, there is information on the CVARC.ORG website.  
At the end of the program, Deanna presented Hugh with a certificate of appreciation from our Club.

Announcements: Vice President Deanna Smitha, W6DWS, announced that our speaker for the August meeting will be Norm Goodkin, K6YXH, who will talk about programs for recruiting new hams and ham radio club members. In addition, Deanna said she hopes to start a local Volunteer Exam program to supplement the others in our area. She also listed some program subjects she is lining up for future meetings: PSK31, antenna analysis software, and weather APRS.

Peter Grace passed around the room two very impressive certificates our club received for participation in Field Day. The first is a Certificate of Recognition from the California State Senate and signed by Tom McClintock. The other is a Proclamation certificate from Simi Valley Mayor Paul Miller.

Dale Manquen, KO6VO, showed a coax crimper tool set an example of the items we have in our Club "stockroom" and available for members to borrow.

Allen Pettebone, KA6WGO, said he had visited with Ed Meyer, WK7ED, who is now living in New Mexico. Ed said hello to our members. Allen said Ed is usually on 40M SSB (7.2685 MHz) at around 12:00 noon.

Member Drawing: In the progressive membership prize drawing, the winning name was Richard Johnson, N6HJD, who was not present to win. The prize fund will therefore be increased to \$35 for our next meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Prize Drawings: The regular prize drawing was not held this month.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:28pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

## From Our Treasurer

*I am John Mendez AE6YA, thank you for letting me be your Treasurer. I'll be available at the August 9 Meeting, to take your Membership application for 2007/2008-year period. Please pay your dues. If you have any changes to your membership information, please complete a membership form from our website at <http://www.simisetters.org/>.*

Present Paid Memberships at 24 members, 5 are family, 19 are individuals.

Bank account's \$2311.49 as of 13 July 2007.

Thank you, John AE6YA

## ATV NEWS

### **Amateur Television Network (ATN) Potluck & Meeting**

ATN has invited the Simi Settlers ARC to their Summer Potluck and meeting, to be held August 25, 2007, at the Simi Valley Senior Citizens Center. The time is 11 AM. Meeting to be held in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Bring a main dish, salad or desert for 6.

If you would like to learn more about amateur television, come and join in.

Call or email Spencer, N6IWY if there any questions.  
(805) 583-1127 or [n6iwy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:n6iwy@sbcglobal.net)

## AD6SV Repeater News

There's a new gate at the driveway to the repeater site. Orv Beach, W6BI is working on getting the gate code. We hope to have access to the site sometime soon.

Chuck Benson, WA6FGK has offered to donate 2 sections of Rhon tower for the antenna structure. Roger, WD6EVT has some Uni-strut which will be used for horizontal bracing for both the repeater cabinet and the antenna cross arms. We will have to make some climbing guards for the lower part of the tower.

Orv, W6BI also has some hard-line that he will donate for the antenna feedlines.

When we receive the gate code, and after the initial visit, we will be asking for volunteers to help install the tower, feed lines and antennas.

73 on 08-04-2007  
Spencer N7IWY

## For Sale

- Yaesu YO-100 Monitor scope & Instruction Manual \$100.00 or best offer



John Beckers w6jon  
805-527-3989

Alinco DJ-S11 2m VHF FM handheld transceiver / Anita 805-987-6078

## CVARC June Program -

CVARC monthly club general meetings start at 7:30 P.M. the third Thursday of each month and are held at:

[East County Sheriff's Station \(ECSS\)](#)  
2101 East Olsen Road  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Visit the CVARC website <http://www.cvarc.org/> for details.

## Santa Clarita Club June Program

Our club meets at: Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

***Take I-5N exit at Valencia Blvd keep right and stay on Valencia Blvd until you hit Citrus Street city hall will be on your right.***

***Club Web site www.w6jw.org***

## ARES/RACES News

The June 2006 edition of the Ventura County ARES/RACES Newsletter is available at <http://home1.gte.net/res19999/> .

Please participate in the ARES/RACES net Tuesday nights beginning at 7:10 on our local repeater, and then continuing at 7:30 on the county repeater at 146.880.

Visit [http://www.emcomm.org/gear\\_list.htm](http://www.emcomm.org/gear_list.htm) for a comprehensive list of supplies for your emergency kit.

## SSARC Stockroom

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.) 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. If you have updates to this information, please inform Peter KB1CVH, [kb1cvh@arrl.net](mailto:kb1cvh@arrl.net)

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 (try to contact WK7ED Ed Meyer in New Mexico)

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

### SkyWarn - Weatherspotters

You can also go to <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/lox/spotter/html/> for online training with 31 slides in a packaged slideshow. The last slide has information on how to file an online application.

## Simi Settlers' Officers

President	Peter Grace KB1CVH	(805) 223-0729 cell	KB1CVH@ARRL.NET
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Float Entry	Dale Manquen KO6VO		dmanquen@email.msn.com
Membership	open		
PIO	open		
Newsletter	we need you !		

## Monthly Meetings

Our normal meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. every second Thursday of the month except December at the Simi Senior Center at 3900 Avenida Simi one block north of Alamo and a half block west of Tapo Canyon (next to the Simi Library). Park and enter from the West parking lot, not the North lot.  
 Talk-in Frequency: 147.93MHz -Offset PL 127.3Hz

### Next General Meeting

The One – Norm Goodkin

**Thursday August 9 2007**

7:30 p.m.

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