

Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

August 2008

Jim Hutchinson KI6MZ

TBD

August 14, 2008 7:00pm

Jim Hutchinson KI6MZ has graciously agreed to present on a topic to be determined.

Note the change in time. The building management has asked us to be out of the building by 9pm on 2ndThursdays. See the club Meetup group for a poll about meeting times.

We surely need a new Vice President who can arrange a series of programs for us. Our last VP did a fine job. This is an opportunity for someone who is outgoing to network and succeed.

History Day

Simi Valley History Day is August 23rd at the Strathearn Historical Park and Museum. If you have not been to the Park and Museum, you should take this opportunity to visit.

The club has been invited by Richard Johnson N6HJD and will be participating by setting up and operating an HF station. Will you help ?

Please RSVP at <http://hamradio.meetup.com/110/calendar/7355367/>

More information about History Day is available from the [Ventura County Star](#).

Simi Settlers Breakfast

Simi Settlers and their family and friends are invited to the eight **Simi Settlers Breakfast of 2008** to be held at **8am August 17th**

We have enjoyed this restaurant in the past and will enjoy it again this month.. Please note this month's location:

Carriage Cafe
2295 Tapo St
Simi Valley CA 93063

We just get together, socialize and eat, without any formal club events or business. Family and friends are welcome. This will be our second time at this venue for breakfast.

Please RSVP at the Simi Settlers Meetup.com site

<http://hamradio.meetup.com/110/calendar/8422802/>

We hope to see all of you there ! **Talk-In: 147.930MHz** - Offset PL 127.3Hz

REMINDER: 2008-2009 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. Or see our treasurer and give him a check or cash.

We need 51% of the voting (paid) members as ARRL members to maintain our association with the ARRL. ARRL members should make certain that their membership is correctly noted on the membership listing.

We receive many benefits as Amateur Radio Operators by being affiliated. See <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/benefits.html>

Static and Sparks

Greetings Simi Settlers and other friends.

Have you become an ARRL VE? Please let me know. VE certification is free. More information is available here: <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/>

People frequently travel for vacation during the summer months. Some or all of that travel may be by auto. What frequency do you monitor when traveling? I've tried loading my mobile radio with many repeaters, but I find that either no one is on them or when I do make a contact, I'm quickly out of range.

I now monitor the 2m FM National Calling frequency when traveling. 146.520 FM Simplex. Quick contacts are possible or you may find a fellow traveler traveling in the same direction. Long QSO's don't belong on the Calling frequency, but if it's going to be long, it's easy to move off to another nearby frequency. I met another ham on .52 as I was leaving Yosemite last month. I've had contacts with others on.52 in New Hampshire and in Simi Valley. When you are not on HF SSB or CW mobile, why not monitor 52 and put your call out once in a while. You may also be able to help someone – see this writeup on the [Wilderness Protocol](#)

Please join our new internet groups – a Yahoo group and Meetup group.

73 de Peter Grace AI6PG pcg@acm.org
President, Simi Valley Settlers ARC

Ham Radio Prices – from 1976 and adjusted for inflation (excerpted from AIRWAVES, The newsletter of the Sierra ARC, May 2008.) by Mike Herr, WA6ARA source Jan 1976 QST

VHF Gear	1976	% mean income	2007
Tempo VHF/ONE 2m synth xcvr-2 chan-10 watts	\$495.00	3.31%	\$1,887.98
Yaesu FT-620B 6m AM/CW/SSB	\$449.00	3.00%	\$1,712.53
Yaesu FT-221 2m AM/FM/CW/SSB	\$679.00	4.54%	\$2,589.77
Midland 13-505 2m FM (plus crystals @ \$6.95ea)	\$309.95	2.07%	\$1,182.18
Heath HW-2026 (kit) 2m synthesized	\$289.95	1.94%	\$1,105.90

Handheld VHF/UHF

Wilson 1405 SM 5 watts 6 chan (plus crystals @ \$6.95 ea)	\$279.95	1.87%	\$1,067.76
Heath HW-2021 (kit) (plus crystals @ \$6.95 ea)	\$169.95	1.14%	\$648.21
	\$449.00	3.00%	\$1,712.53

HF Gear	\$449.00	3.00%	\$1,712.53
Yaesu FT-101E HF xcvr	\$749.00	5.01%	\$2,856.76
FV 101B ext VFO	\$99.00	0.66%	\$377.60
XCVR + VFO	\$848.00	5.67%	\$3,234.36

Ham radios cost 75% less than in the past and have at least 5 times the features. So get out and enjoy ham radio and stop feeling guilty!

From the Secretary

Our Club Secretary kindly submitted these Minutes from our June General Meeting

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club **General Membership Meeting, July 10, 2008**

Call to Order: President Peter Grace, KB1CVH, called the meeting to order at 7:32pm. Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting held at the Simi Valley Senior Center, and then led our recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. Three Board Members were present. The total attendance was 17, with 2 guests.

Introductions: A brief round of introductions was held. Gary Hubler has upgraded to Extra, with a new callsign, AF6KB, formerly KE6FSQ. The club welcomed visitors John Stephenson, KI6PQG, and Bob Boles, KI6RKQ, both of whom joined SSARC at this meeting.

Member Drawing: The progressive membership prize drawing was held this month. The winning name was Rick Galbraith, W6DQE, who was not present to win the \$20 prize. The prize fund will increase to \$25 for our August meeting.

Program: For our program, President Peter Grace gave a presentation about the National Traffic System (NTS). The primary purpose for the NTS is to train operators to pass messages in health and welfare situations. It is the handling of routine messages on a regular basis that provides this training. Peter explained how the NTS is a nationwide network of operators in regional nets using phone, CW and digital modes to pass messages following a standard structured format. Using printed handouts, Peter explained how the message content is placed into the ARRL Radiogram form by using some simple message examples. Peter said the handout material and more information may be found at <http://nts.ema.arrl.org>. There is a nightly 2M traffic net at 9pm local time in the Santa Barbara Section. It is held on the WB6OBB repeater on 147.00(+) (PL131.8), with backup on 145.18(-) (PL131.8), the W6YJO repeater. The net is presently on the W6YJO repeater. Peter invited our members to join the NTS and said that to have this nationwide service in place and ready when it is needed, it needs to be used. At the end of the program, Peter answered questions about NTS and how it differs from emergency traffic handling used by local ACS groups.

Club Breakfast: President Peter announced that our next Simi Settlers ARC Breakfast will be held on Sunday, July 20th, 8:00am, at the Carriage Cafe on Tapo Street.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

ATV NEWS

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**See you on ATV, N6IFU Bryon Foster
Editor and Publisher of the "ATV Newsletter"**

ACS ARES/RACES News

Information about Ventura County ACS ARES/RACES is available at <http://www.vcacs.org>

Please participate in the ARES/RACES net Tuesday nights beginning at 7:10 on our local repeater 147.930 – pl 127.3, and then continuing at 7:30 on the county repeater at 146.880.

Visit 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.

Events

Tuesday 7:10pm , Every Tuesday ACS Net (ARES/RACES) beginning at 7:10pm on our local repeater 147.930 – pl 127.3, and then continuing at 7:30pm on the county repeater at 146.880. Every Tuesday.

Wednesday August 6th 2008 7:30pm VCARS General Meeting
The Cameron Center 288 Greenmeadow Dr. Newbury Park, CA 91320
<http://www.vcars.org>

Friday August 8th 2008 7:30pm VCARC / K6MEP club meeting
The American Red Cross of Ventura County Chapter House
2355 Portola Road , Ventura CA.

Saturday August 9th, 7:00am Ham Radio License exam session at
CARROW'S RESTAURANT 18355 VENTURA BLVD TARZANA, CA 91356
RSVP Required: NORMAN M GOODKIN (818)222-7893 K6YXH@ARRL.NET

Wednesday August 13th 2008 7pm Santa Clarita Club General Meeting
Santa Clarita City Hall <http://www.w6jw.org/>

Thursday August 14th 2008 7:00pm Simi Settlers General Meeting
Simi Valley Senior Center

* note new start time – must be out by 2055 local

Sunday August 17th, 2008 8:00am Simi Settlers Breakfast, Carriage Cafe
2295 Tapo St Simi Valley, CA 93063

Thursday August 21st, 2008 7:30pm CVARC General Meeting
East County Sheriff's Station (ECSS) 2101 East Olsen Road Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
<http://www.cvarc.org/>

Saturday August 23, 2008 9am-4pm – History Day, Strathearn Historical Park & Museum
137 Straethern Park, Simi Valley, CA 93063

Thursday August 28th 2008 7:30pm SVARC Board Meeting
AI6PG's residence

Saturday August 30th 2008 7am W6TRW Swapmeet and Exam Session (10am)
Redondo Beach, CA http://w6trw.com/swapmeet/w6trw_arc_swapmeet.htm

September 12-14, 2008 ARRL SW Division Convention, Meza AZ
<http://www.azhamcom.org/>

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) October 18-19, 2008
We MAY be able to operate at the Ventura County Council Camp Three Falls in Frazier Park during Merit Badge University.

Earthquake Drill, November 13th, 2008 <http://www.shakeout.org>

ARRL Field Day 2009, June 27-28, 2009

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.

Times are local (Pacific Time) unless otherwise stated.

147.930 – pl127.3 Tuesday ACS Net (ARES/RACES) beginning at 7:10pm and then 7:30pm on the county repeater at 146.880. Every Tuesday.

1.925 MHz AM Tuesday, Thursday nights at 8 pm

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

7.040+/- 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

NTS Net

147.000 Mhz + 131.8 FM Daily 9 pm **(temporarily on 145.180 Mhz - 131.8)**

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

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Membership	open		
PIO	open		
Newsletter	open	It's not hard. I use Open Office which is free.	
Field Day	open	It was great. How about 2009?	
Youth Coordinator	open		
Logistics	open		

Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SimiSettlersARC/>

Meetup Group: <http://hamradio.meetup.com/110/>

Monthly Meetings

Our normal meetings begin at **19:00 (7:00 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

The August 2008 meeting will be at the Simi Valley Senior Center 3900 Avenida Simi. Note meeting start time is now 7pm

Next General Meeting

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– Simi Valley Senior Center

Thursday August 14, 2008

7:00 p.m.

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- Offset PL 127.3Hz

3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley

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

Simi Settlers ARC Meetup Group <http://hamradio.meetup.com/110/>

The Yahoo group is for discussion and non-calendar specific information discussion. The Meetup group is used to schedule and distribute information about meetings and events. Please join both to help our club be visible to those that might be interested in learning more about our club and amateur radio.