

## Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

# Short Circuit

**February 2005**

**Meeting Program**

Our guest speaker this month is **Randy White of the City of Simi Valley** describing **Emergency Operations Planning**. Randy will present an overview of city emergency programs, including discussion of the **Simi Disaster Service Worker Platoon (DSWP)** program

### This month's RAFFLE DOOR PRIZES

Community discount Card Great savings at local restaurant  
Telescoping magnet  
Leather working gloves

and more ??????

## Equipment Auction for February Meeting

This month's equipment auction will feature an antenna. Quite a while ago, Todd Andrews, KJ6H, our former Newsletter Editor, donated a 5-band **Hustler 5-BVT** with 10, 15, 20 meter traps and RM75 75m resonator at top. See [http://www.newtronics.com/main/html/base\\_hf\\_5\\_band.html](http://www.newtronics.com/main/html/base_hf_5_band.html) for details. Come to the meeting and place your bid on this multi-band antenna.

## Last Month's Program

Our thanks to Ed Richards K6UUZ for Part II of his Electronics Lecture – “DC Ohm's Law”. The refresher jogged a few brain cells that were getting a bit dusty. Thanks, Ed!

## The Crystal Ball Sez

### Upcoming guest speakers:

We are coordinating a joint March meeting with the Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club.

Frank Valdez has volunteered to present a program covering some of his adventures with The Gas Company.

We have also had a discussion with a Bob Paull, KK6UE, outgoing president of the Ventura County Amateur Radio Society regarding the possibility of establishing a permanent radio station at the Reagan Presidential Library. The first step will probably be to form a committee with representatives from VCARS, CVARC and our Settlers to draft a proposal.

## **Crisis Developing – We Need a NEW Refreshment Coordinator!!!!**

Patrick Nelson has been providing our refreshments for quite a while, and he has politely asked for someone to step forward to take over this responsibility. Now Pat is experiencing some knee problems that will force him to the sidelines. **We need a volunteer to take over the refreshments, if not permanently, at least until we can find a permanent replacement.** Someone PLEASE step forward and volunteer!

Pat, we thank you for your efforts, and we hope that everything heals up quickly. (Pat will continue as Historian.)

## **Equipment donation for ARES/RACES u**

of the equipment, to use as appropriate for our emergency and other activities.

Last month we mentioned a donation of ham radio gear for the use of our local ARES/RACES activities. Harry Hall KJ6AG, a blind ham who lives in Tarzana, wanted to donate his radio gear to an organization that will put the equipment to good use. Since the Simi Settlers isn't the correct form of non-profit organization for a direct tax-deductible donation, we arranged for Harry to donate the equipment to the City of Simi Valley. In return, the City has made us 'custodians'

The equipment consists of a variety of UHF and VHF equipment, power supplies, antennas, antenna tuners, TNCs and a variety of odd-and-ends such as connectors, coaxial switches, microphones, headphones and audio filters. Many of these items will be useful for activities such as Field Day.

Contact Dale Manquen for more details on the donated items.

## ***Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club*** **General Membership Meeting, January 13, 2005**

Call to Order      President Dale Manquen, KO6VO, called the meeting to order at 7:38pm. Frank Valdez, KI6OQ, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Five Board Members were present. The total attendance was 13.

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.

Program:      Vice President, Rick Galbraith, W6DQE, introduced our speaker, Ed Richards, K6UUZ, who gave a presentation on the subject of Ohm's Law in DC Circuits. Ed explained the relationships among four electrical measurements: Power, Voltage, Resistance and Current. He showed how each of these parameters can be calculated if two others are known. Ed demonstrated the use of Ohm's law to determine circuit resistance values using known voltage values. Ed worked out additional examples to show how analog meters can use resistance in series to measure voltage, or resistance in parallel (shunt) to measure electric currents. At the end of his excellent talk, Ed answered questions and discussed comments from the audience.

Announcements:      Dale mentioned the equipment donated by Harry Hall, KJ6AG, will be made to the City of Simi Valley, with SSARC as custodian of the items.

The intended purpose is for the equipment to be used in support of local RACES emergency service operations.

Rick said there is interest in holding a joint meeting of the Conejo Valley ARC and Simi Settlers ARC. The CVARC Club holds its meetings on the same day of the month as our SSARC meetings, the second Thursday. Dale asked members present to indicate they have an interest in this, and a positive response was shown. Such a joint meeting might be possible in March or April of this year.

Rick asked if there is interest in a different site for Field Day this year. Dale suggested we might consider alternating between an in-town location and one out of town. Steve Abarta, K6TLM, mentioned the Sky Ranch and Rocketdyne sites as possibilities. Deanna Smitha mentioned the Field Day activity at the Ronald Reagan Library and the interest of area clubs in setting up a Ham station at the Library, like the W6RO station at the Queen Mary. Dale said he would talk to the leaders of the Ventura County ARS.

Frank Valdez, KI6OQ, presented certificates of appreciation from the U.S. Secret Service to those who helped during last year's funeral activity for Ronald Reagan.

Break: A twenty-minute refreshment break was taken at 9:05 pm.

Member Drawing: The name drawn in the Membership Drawing was Mike Tweedy, KV6I, who was not present to win the \$5 prize. The prize fund will therefore increase by \$5 for our next regular meeting, which will be on Thursday, February 10, 2005.

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 an Astron DC power supply, model RS-20M that had been donated to the Club. John Percival, WI6O, was the winning bidder at \$33.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

## A Special Thank You

Our Secretary, John Percival, deserves a pat on the back for his unfailing efforts in keeping the records of our meetings. Not only does he publish the minutes of our general meeting, but he also provides a full page of minutes each month for our Executive Committee meetings. These notes are extremely helpful in maintaining continuity in our planning from month to month. These efforts are much more important than just leaving a written legacy for our historical file. They are the thread that weaves through all of our activities, binding the many facets of our club and our hobby together.

John, we salute you!!

## Silent Key

**It is with great regret that our club has lost one of its members this week. Jay Baker WA6BEB died this week of a heart attack.**

Jay was one of the original members of the Simi Settlers back in the 1970's. He just started coming back to the meetings about a year ago and was a great help during last year's Field Day at the YMCA.

Jay Baker Silent key at the age of 88.

## ANYONE NEED COAX CABLE?

*BULK BUY ON COAX ANYONE ?*

*Spencer Smith N6IWY is try to put together a bulk buy on coaxial cable, which is a very good idea since there is a significant savings when purchased in bulk. Any interested people please let us know at the next meeting as we would like to get it on order.*

*Here are some of the prices we have been quoted so far: RG-213 .36 ft , 1318-fx (9913) .54 ft and LMR-400-ufx .98 ft*

### Information from Our Treasurer

Larry Pyle AD6ST

### Student Memberships

In response to Allen Pettebone's, KA6WGO, suggestion that we offer a discounted membership to students to attract younger members to our club, the Executive Committee has approved a

The current club roster has been distributed by e-mail to the members. Members should make certain that their information is correct

trial program to test the concept. The current proposal is to offer full-time students with appropriate school ID cards a \$5 membership while they remain enrolled full time.

## RACES NET ON TUESDAY NIGHTS

Everyone is invited to check in to the RACES NET every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. on the Simi Valley Repeater (147.93 – PL 127.3). The local 7:00 net is followed by the county-wide RACES NET at 7:30 on the SMRA Repeater (146.880 – PL 127.3)

The January newsletter for Ventura County RACES is available at <http://home1.gte.net/res19999/index.htm> .

## WE HAVE A NEW WEBPAGE!!!!

The webpage addresss may be the same, but everything else is NEW! Our new webmaster, Doug Dubrall WA6RJN, has done a wonderful job of creating a very useful new webpage. We welcome your suggestions on how to improve what you see. Great job, Doug!

## SSARC Stockroom – More goodies

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.

In addition, Ed Richards, K6UUZ, has offered to share some of his stash of parts with us:

#### PARTS LIST

My parts are segregated according to category as listed below. Most have quantities from 10 to 50 items. I can do a search from a phone call for anything but tubes. My tubes are separated according to base type. i.e.

7-pin peanut, 9-pin peanut, Octal, Locktal, Compactron, transmitting and misc. The requester will need to come to my place and search the appropriate box(s) himself. They are mostly unboxed and in bulk. My tube-testers are available for anyone who needs one. My phone number is (805) 577-5958. My address is Friendly Village Mobile Home Park, 195 Tierra Rejada Rd space 80, Simi Valley.

1. 200 assorted tubes. mostly receiving types. Nothing bigger than 1625 (12 volt 807).
2. Assorted tube shields.
3. Misc. insulators.
4. Misc switches.
5. 200 push-on knobs from BC home and car receivers.
6. Some set-screw knobs for communications equipment.
7. Assorted electrolytic capacitors, mostly 150 volt, some higher, some lower.
8. Misc connectors. Anything that connects electrical circuits together.
9. Misc dial lamps and sockets.
10. Misc solid state devices.
11. Misc relays.
12. Misc potentiometers
13. Misc crystals, mostly CB.
14. Misc power resistors
15. Misc vibrators.
16. Misc hardware including 4-40 and 5-40 SS threaded rods and 5-40 nuts.

Thank you, Ed, for your willingness to help! (By the way, those Vibrators in Item 15 are for power supplies!!!)

provided on a first come first served basis so plan to arrive early.

- **500 inside exhibit spaces** where the exhibitors are showing their latest equipment and are available to answer questions about their products
- our **HUGE 2500+ space Flea Market** area! The largest of its kind!
- Help **DARA** celebrate our 75th year! See many old members as well as our newest members.

Come meet your friends, make new ones and remember: "If you can't find it at Dayton, you'll never find it!"

Experience amateur radio tradition

**Dayton Hamvention®!**  
**at the [Hara Arena](#)**  
**1001 Shiloh Springs Road**  
**Trotwood, Ohio**

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

## Tidbits

### Announcing! the dates for the 2005 Dayton Hamvention®

<http://www.hamvention.org/>

Celebrating our 54th show, **May 20,21, & 22, 2005**, Dayton Hamvention® is the world's largest amateur radio gathering and trade show.

You are invited to attend:

- our **Forums** where you can meet and hear authorities on all facets of amateur radio - Note: All Forums time slots are BOOKED in advance. We still have a few additional space or times available. Plenty of space for guests to attend. Seating is

### 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

1296.100 MHz USB Friday night 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

## 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

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## 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.**

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**Next General Meeting**  
**Thursday February 10, 2005**  
7:30 p.m.  
Talk-in Frequency: 147.93MHz  
- Offset PL 127.3Hz  
Seventh Day Adventist Church