

# Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

## Short Circuit

*February 2008*

**Dale Carnathan KB6DHF**

**Amateur Radio and Emergency Services**

**February 14, 2007 7:30pm**

Dale has been with the Ventura County Sheriff's Department Office of Emergency Services since 1992. Dale has also served in both volunteer and paid positions with the American Red Cross for more than twenty-five years, including ten years as Director of Health Services for the Ventura County Chapter. Dale has earned a Master of Science degree in Public Administration from the California State University, Northridge.

Dale has participated in the response to disasters throughout the United States, including Hurricanes Iwa, Gloria and Hugo, the 1986 Missouri/Illinois Fall Floods, the Northridge and Whittier Narrows Earthquakes, as well as floods, fires, landslides and transportation accidents in Ventura County since 1980. Dale is also part of the faculty of the International Mass Fatalities Center.

Dale has been married to Anne for 18 years, and they have an adult daughter. Dale has also served in the U.S. Coast Guard and the "Ready Reserve" for more than thirty years, is a member of the Ventura County Sheriff's Posse, and is currently the President of the Santa Barbara Bird Sanctuary.

Presently, Dale is working on several projects including the remodeling and upgrading of the Ventura County Emergency Operations Center. Dale also coordinates the Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) volunteers, since he is a "ham" radio operator himself.

### Last Month

Greg Riegert, W6GRG of the Simi Valley Police Department was our host and speaker. We viewed a wonderful presentation on the Emergency Services organization of Simi Valley and how it interfaces with other agencies.

Kevin Shute, KG6BCL and Terry Graves, K7FE of VCARS invited the Simi Settlers to participate with them at Field Day 2008 at the Ronald Regan Presidential Library and Museum.

### Simi Settlers Breakfast

Simi Settlers and their family and friends are invited to the second **Simi Settlers Breakfast of 2008** to be held at **8am Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Hometown Buffet  
1855 COCHRAN STREET  
SIMI VALLEY, CA 93065**

We just get together, socialize and eat, without any formal club events or business. Family and friends are welcome. The extensive buffet breakfast is very good. The cost is reasonable (seniors get a discount).

We hope to see all of you there – and bring your appetite!

**Talk-In: 147.93MHz** - Offset PL 127.3Hz

## The State of the Club

Happy New Year to the Simi Valley Settlers and their Families.  
Change is in the Air. Cycle 24 has started.

We had a fun social breakfast this month. We are doing it again next month. I plan that we'll do it monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month. Carpe Diem and join us.

This month at the general meeting, I will need everyone to fill out a Rancho Simi Parks and Recreation form. We need to do that so that we can continue to meet at the Senior Center.

Your club needs you and, we need to know what interests you have and what you do/have done. I'll be handing out a form for you to fill out and give back to us at the meeting.

Field Day is coming in June. Other events are upcoming also. Perhaps a picnic. Please look over the event calender and join our new internet groups – a Yahoo group and Meetup group.

### **New Internet Services    Please sign up**

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

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

73 de Peter Grace KB1CVH [kb1cvh@arrl.net](mailto:kb1cvh@arrl.net)  
President, Simi Valley Settlers ARC

## December Holiday Party

### **Results of the Simi Settlers 2007 Holiday Party Prize Drawings**

And the winners are...

- Wood Ranch \$50 Gift Card -- Spencer Smith, N6IWY
- ARRL 2008 Handbook -- Ed Richards, K6UUZ
- Kill-A-Watt Power meter -- Larry Pyle, AD6ST
- MFJ Antenna Analyzer -- Edwin Grace, KI6LSH

And, for everyone else, they were the winners of great food, great fun and conversation, and the warm hospitality of our hosts Mike Tweedy, KV6I, and his XYL.

John Percival, WI6O  
Secretary

## From Our Treasurer

*We need a member to volunteer to be our new treasurer. Please contact me if you can volunteer.*

Thank you, Peter Grace [kb1cvh@arrl.net](mailto:kb1cvh@arrl.net) 805-223-0729 cell

## From the Secretary

*Our Secretary kindly submitted these Minutes from our January General Meeting*

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

- Call to Order: President Peter Grace, KB1CVH, called the meeting to order at 7:42pm. Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting held at the Simi Valley Police Department Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and then led our recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. Three Board Members were present. The total attendance was 15, with three guests.
- Introductions: A round of introductions was held with members and visitors speaking briefly about their recent activities and special interests in ham radio. .
- Program: Vice President Deanna Smitha, W6DWS, introduced our speaker Greg Riegert, W6GRG. The purpose of this meeting and our speaker's presentation is to reacquaint and familiarize our members with the EOC. Greg gave a slide presentation describing the organization of the Emergency Services department and how it operates in emergencies. The program included a tour of the EOC facility including the room with Ham Radio operating positions. We were also shown the storage room (Room 209) where our Club's Grab-and-Go kit is stored. A list is posted in that room identifying those who are authorized to check-out the Grab-and Go Kit.  
At the end of the program, Deanna presented Greg with a certificate of appreciation from the Club.
- Announcements: Guests Kevin Shute, KG6CBL, and Terry Graves, K7FE, representing VCARS, invited the members of SSARC to join VCARS in Field Day again this year at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. The dates for Field Day this year are June 28, 29. Terry also spoke about the new California law that will permit only hands-free cell phones to be used while driving. The law is to go into effect July 2008. The concern is if and how that law may affect Amateur Radio operators with corded microphone or handheld radios. Terry said he has made some inquiries about this but has no clear answer so far. It was advised that we "wait and see".
- Club Breakfast: President Peter announced that our first Simi Settlers ARC Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am, at the Home Town Buffet. The location is in the shopping center at the corner of Erringer and Cochran.
- Member Drawing: The progressive membership prize drawing was not held this month. The prize fund will remain at \$45.
- Prize Drawings: The regular prize drawing was not held this month.
- Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm for Refreshments and socializing.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, W16O

## ATV NEWS

If you would like to subscribe to the ATV Newsletter send me an e-mail and I will add you to my mailing list.

bryonfoster@hotmail.com

If you are currently receiving the newsletter and would like it stopped, please send me an e-mail as well.

My Mailing List is not shared or sold.

The "ATV Newsletter" is not part of the ATN network.

**See you on ATV,**

**N6IFU Bryon Foster**  
**Editor and Publisher of the "ATV Newsletter"**

## 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.

Thursday February 14<sup>th</sup> 2008 7:30pm Simi Settlers General Meeting at the Senior Center

Sunday February 17, 2008 8:00am Simi Settlers Breakfast, Hometown Buffet  
1855 Cochran St, Simi Valley

Saturday February 23, 2008 7am W6TRW Swap Meet, **Redondo Beach, CA.**

Thursday February 28, 2008 7:30pm Simi Settlers Business Meeting at the Senior Center

Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup> 2008 7:30pm Simi Settlers General Meeting at the Senior Center

Sunday March 16, 2008 8:00am Simi Settlers Breakfast, Hometown Buffet  
1855 Cochran St, Simi Valley

Field Day 2008 June 28-29, 2008 with VCARS @ The Ronald Reagan Library.

Jamboree on the Air 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.

## For Sale

If these items have already sold, please inform the newsletter editor or a club officer

- **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 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](http://www.w6jw.org)***

## ACS ARES/RACES News

Information about Ventura County ACS ARES/RACES 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 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](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

### **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

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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Secretary	John Percival WI6O		<a href="mailto:percivaljohns@cs.com">percivaljohns@cs.com</a>
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	<a href="mailto:dmanquen@email.msn.com">dmanquen@email.msn.com</a>	Thank you Dale !	
Membership	open		
PIO	open		
Newsletter	we need you ! It's not hard. I use Open Office which is free.		
Field Day	It's coming. Please volunteer to coordinate.		
Youth Coordinator	Youth are our future		
Logistics	Are you good at packing ? It's a special skill.		

## Monthly Meetings

Our normal meetings begin at 19:30 (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.

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We meet at the Hometown Buffet at 18:15 (6:15pm) before the meeting for dinner.

**The February 2008 meeting will be at the Simi Valley Senior Center  
3900 Avenida Simi.**

**Next General Meeting**  
**Dale Carnathan KB6DHF**  
 – Simi Valley Senior Center  
**Thursday February 14 2008**  
**7:30 p.m.**

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