

Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

January 2005

Meeting Program

Our guest speaker this month is Ed Richards K6UUZ with Part II of his Electronics Lecture – “DC Ohm’s Law”. Everyone attending Part I will be eager to continue into new topics.

This month’s RAFFLE DOOR PRIZES

RADIO SHACK SIMPLEX REPEATER
AUTO ZONE GIFT CERTIFICATE
REDS B.B.Q. GIFT CERTIFICATE

Holiday Party Summary

On December 4th we held our Simi Settler’s Holiday Party. Mike Tweedy was once again our party host. There was lots of good food and fellowship.

Our Holiday Raffle featured a number of great prizes that all received new “good homes”. (Unfortunately, not mine! DM)

Mike, thanks once again for your kind hospitality, and thanks to all who helped out.

Touring the USA

Your club President was out cruising the highways of America during the Thanksgiving season, not returning until after the above-mentioned Holiday Party. This trip was 6160 miles to Leesburg, VA. Much of the time was spent trying to stay ahead of bad weather that brought snow to Arizona and the Midwest, and heavy rains to Texas. It was almost like surfing a wave, just barely in front of the snow. I left Denver just a few hours before it was hit by snow, and the next morning I left St. Louis with even less margin. I had my mobile VHF radio tuned to the various NOAA weather stations to keep me updated.

My first activity after I arrived in VA was a visit to the new Annex to the Air and Space Museum near Dulles Airport. The building is still new and not fully developed yet, but it is amazing – the Enola Gay (the ‘first atomic bomb’ B-29), a Concorde SST, the Enterprise space shuttle glider and much, much more.

My second side trip was to Maryland to visit one of the major manufacturers of the toy trains that I run – Lionel’s big competition. I say lots of things that I want, but unfortunately, they weren’t giving out samples to visitors.

We did manage to get into new areas of the South on the return trip – new for me anyway. We stopped at Dale Earnhardt Inc. in Mooresville, NC to see their museum, and we visited Dale Earnhardt senior’s statue in nearby Kannapolis, NC.

A Peek at the New Year

Upcoming guest speakers:

Randy White of the City of Simi Valley describing Emergency Operations Planning

Equipment donation for ARES/RACES use

We have arranged 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' of the equipment, to use as appropriate for our emergency and other activities.

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.

We appreciate Harry's kind generosity, and we look forward to putting his gear to good use. We also thank Anne Smith, CPA, who was thoughtful enough to contact us and arrange the donation.

Contact Dale Manquen for more details on the donated items.

WE HAVE A NEW WEBPAGE!!!!

The webpage address 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!

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

Equipment Auction for January 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.

At the November meeting, Rick Galbraith was high bidder for the **Realistic PRO-43 200 channel scanner**.

The January auction is:

Astron RS 20 amp power supply with meters

Information from Our Treasurer

Larry Pyle AD6ST

The current club roster has been distributed by e-mail to the

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

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>.

Silent Key

From Larry Pyle: I was notified in late November that George Gallagher is now a SK. A member of his family called me as a result of the mailing of the raffle tickets for

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.

the Holiday Party.

George was listed in the SSARC membership list as:

George R. Gallagher, W6MEC, 3346 E. Copley St., Simi Valley CA 93063
805-527-4354 SK 10/31/04
unclgeoantgeo@netscape.net

George was 74.

73,

Larry, AD6ST

We all extend our sympathy to the family.

**Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club
General Membership Meeting, November 11, 2004**

Call to Order President Dale Manquen, KO6VO, called the meeting to order at 7:36pm. John Beckers, W6JON, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Five Board Members were present. The total attendance was 10.

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. Dave Timoshik mentioned the fun he had at Field Day and thanked the people whose efforts helped make the event a success.

Program: Dale mentioned the program change for tonight. Randy White had to cancel his program so it will be rescheduled for early next year. Rick introduced our speaker for tonight, Ed Richards, K6UUZ, who gave a presentation on Vacuum Tubes. Ed covered the development, operation and circuit applications of tubes of increasing complexity from Diodes to Pentagrid Converter tubes. For those who have used tubes the talk was an excellent review of their operation. As a visual aid to understanding, Ed had made a large model to show the internal construction of tubes from cathode to plate with grids in between.

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

Announcements: The Club's annual Holiday Party and potluck dinner has been set for Saturday, December 04, 2004, starting at 6pm. It will be held at the home of Mike Tweedy, KV6I. Treasurer Larry Pyle, AD6ST, had raffle tickets to sell to members present. Party announcement-invitations with raffle tickets will be mailed out to members soon. The available prizes are printed on the back of the tickets. The tickets are \$2 each, 6 for \$10, or 12 for \$20.

Member Drawing: The name drawn in the Membership Drawing was Spencer Smith, N6IWY, who was present to win the \$5 prize. The prize fund will therefore start again at \$5 for our next regular meeting, which will be January 13, 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 a Radio Shack model PRO-43 200-channel handheld scanner that had been donated to the Club. John Percival, WI6O, received the radio with a winning bid of \$36. There are additional donated items that will be auctioned at future meetings.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

ICOM Radio Days at HRO

ICOM RADIO DAY AT HRO BURBANK, CA

2416 west Victory Blvd, Burbank, Ca 91506
Date: Jan 22nd, 2005....time: 10:00am-5:30 pm

Special one day savings

1-IC-2100H 25n Grand prize drawing
1-IC-T2H Sport Grand prize drawing
1-IC-T7H Grand prize drawing

Grand Prize Drawings are at 5:00 pm
Plus an hourly drawing for an Icom Baseball cap

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!!!)

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
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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