

Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

January 2006

**Meeting Program
January 12, 2005**

New Police Radio Improvements

Our speaker for our January meeting will be our own Greg Riegert of the Simi Police Department. He will tell us all about the new radio system as well as demo our car computers' capabilities.

We will meet at the Police Department at 7:30. From Alamo just west of Tapo Canyon, turn north into the Police Department parking lot. Enter the building on the west side.

Holiday Raffle at the Party

A big "Thank You!" to all who made the '05 Holiday Raffle a big success. This year we sold enough tickets that we had some money left over after buying the prizes. Since the raffle isn't really intended as a money raising project, we decided to add a cash prize to give back half of the excess as a new "50-50" prize. The other half went to pay for the party supplies, allowing us to break even overall.

The lucky "50-50" winner was Jim Schmidt, who pocketed the \$70 prize.

We also had a door prize from Wood Ranch that went to Spencer Smith.

Other winners:

MFJ 259 Antenna Analyzer-- Patrick Nelson, KF6RMI

ARRL Handbook -- Tim Humphrey

HRO Certificate \$50 -- John Percival, WI6O

WoodRanch Certificate \$50 -- John Percival

Kill-A-Watt Power Meter-- Rick Galbraith, W6DQE

World Map -- Ed Richards, K6UUZ, who donated it back to the Club, and then won by Patrick Nelson

CQ Subscription -- Mike Tweedy, KV6I

We appreciate the gracious hospitality of the Tweedys, who once again provided a comfortable setting for our party.

Weather Spotter Training

The Ventura County ARES/RACES organization is planning a training session for Weather Spotters. There is a plan afoot to enhance the local Weather Spotter program to include some of the features of the Sky Warn activities used in tornado areas. This would involve mobilizing and posting Weather Spotters to monitor potential trouble areas in a preemptive fashion.

Details of the training were not available when this newsletter was written, but tune in the Tuesday night ARES/RACES net on our local repeater (7:10 pm) and the county repeater at 7:30 for more details. (The training was originally scheduled for our normal meeting night of 1/12, but they are looking at a change in schedule to avoid stepping on our meeting and the CVARC meeting that night.)

Our New Treasurer

Ed Richards, K6UUZ, has stepped forward to assume the post of Treasurer. We welcome his efforts to keep our funds in order. This will also help with membership renewals. Ed's wife is an accountant who has already contributed suggestions regarding our financial operations.

The Pres Sez

We had a great party – good food, good friends and good conversation. Patrick and John were luck in the drawing, but Patrick bought quite a bundle of tickets to earn his prizes.

Looking forward to the New Year, our club is in good shape. We have an excellent slate of officers to share the tasks involved in operating the club. Our treasury is healthy, although we need to remember that we won't have as much income from auctions as last year. Those of you who sent in your dues with your raffle ticket payments gave us a financial boost that will allow us to fund any projects we choose for 2006.

Speaking of projects, we have two important tasks ahead. First, we want to build our 'Grab and Go' emergency station for use with ARES/RACES activities. We already have most of the equipment for this, and now we have a general plan of how to put the station together. Ed Richards is managing this project.

Our second task is to work with Orv Beach, W6BI, to enhance the reliability of the repeater. Ed Richards has spent many years in the VHF/UHF field, and he has offered to help with this. Rick has been helping with the batteries and such, too. We need to have a crew of a few people who can help out and keep the repeater operating up to snuff.

We welcome your suggestions for activities and projects. Spencer, N6IWY, our Vice President, has been doing a good job of tracking down programs and speakers, but he is always ready to listen to your suggestions.

SSARC Stockroom – More goodies

Our latest addition is a spool of RG-8U 75-ohm coax cable.

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.

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 NEW INFO

If you would like to attend a Weather Spotter training session, please note:

October 18 6-8 p.m. Maibu Public Library

October 24 7-9 p.m. Santa Clarita City Hall

October 25 7-9 p.m. Oxnard National Weather Service Oxnard

Please RSVP to 805 988-6615 x466 to reserve a space.

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.

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Monthly Meetings

Our normal 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.

Talk-in Frequency: 147.93MHz -Offset PL 127.3Hz

Our January '06 meeting will be at the Simi Police Department on Alamo at Tapo Canyon.

Next General Meeting

Thursday January 12, 2006

7:30 p.m.

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