

Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

January 2007

Ham Shacks of the 1930's January 11, 2007

Steve Abarta, K6TLM, has been licensed since 1957 and is the son of W6BIF (Les Abarta - Silent Key in 1982) who was originally licensed with that call in 1929.

Steve's topic will be "Ham Shacks of the 1930's". Steve has several photo albums of pictures sent to W6BIF in the 1930s. In those days, pictures of the stations' ham shacks nearly always accompanied QSL cards. Steve has scanned many of these pictures onto his computer and he will be projecting them onto a screen with the capability of zooming in very closely to see equipment and other interesting detail from those stations.

You will be amazed at how different things were "way back then!"

Steve has been a member of Simi Settlers for twenty years and has held numerous positions of leadership, including President from 2001 to 2003.

February Meeting

Sorry, this is still Top Secret information, available only to the CIA and your average terrorist.

Moorpark Fire

Simi RACES folks manned the Red Cross Shelter at Royal High School during the fire. Although there weren't many 'customers', this did offer an opportunity to refresh our techniques.

For some of us, the fire was a bit more personal. As an addendum to an email, our Secretary John Percival wrote:

PS: Once again the fires this last weekend were a problem for us here where I live up in the canyons north of Moorpark. My location here is perhaps a mile East of the "Egg City" area where the fire started last weekend. We (me and my on property landlord family) had to fight off fires that were starting from windblown embers... More to tell later.

Last Month – Holiday Party

Recipe for a successful party: great food in large quantities, plenty of conversation and some terrific raffle prizes. We had them all at our Holiday Party.

Prize winners:

Kenwood 2 Meter HT: Ed Richards, K6UUZ
LaCrosse Weather Station: Bill Unger, W6VDK
\$50 HRO Certificate: Dominick Nelson, KA6UJF
\$50 Wood Ranch Certificate: John Mendez, AE6YA
ARRL Handbook, 2007: John Mendez
Kill-A-Watt Power Meter: Steve Abarta, K6TLM

Door Prize, Wood Ranch \$25: Cindy Beckers, KE6JQR

Progressive/Perpetual Membership drawing (\$20) Spencer Smith N6IWY

We didn't quite break even on the raffle prizes this year, but we came very close.

We owe a special thanks to the Tweedy's for inviting us into their house once again.

The Pres Sez

The New Year is a time to set our goals. Last month's Newsletter had a list of our goals, but we still need your input on what YOU would like to do.

From Our Treasurer

Gee, we don't have a Treasurer!! We need a volunteer to assume this position until the next election.

CVARC December Program

The Conejo Club is having their party and auction this Saturday. Details were sent out earlier this week. All Simi Settlers are invited to attend.

Visit the CVARC website <http://www.cvarc.org/> for details.

ATV NEWS by Bryon Foster

ATV Open House/Swap Meet
Sat. January 13, 2007
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
At N6IFU's QTH:
2461 Elizondo Ave.

Simi Valley 93065

Come to the open house to see an Amateur Television Station in operation and have all your questions answered about fast scan TV.

With the ATV repeaters available in our area you can work Southern California from Santa Barbara to San Diego and out east to Las Vegas. If you have had any interest in ATV, you shouldn't miss this event.

Hams from all over the area will be bringing used and home brew transmitters, downconverters, antennas, filters and other ATV related equipment for sale. And if you are a builder there will be sources for plans and kits.

If you would like to know more about the ATN (Amateur Television Network) and its repeater network visit its web site at <http://atn-tv.org>

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ARES/RACES News

The latest edition of the Ventura County ARES/RACES Newsletter 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, 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.

For Sale

Spencer, N6IWY, has the following items for sale. They are in excellent condition.

1. Comet SB-14 mobile antenna. PL259 mount (2M, 70Cm and 6M).
2. Comet Model CMX-2, "All Time Media Monitor" (1.8 MHz to 200 MHz. This is a remote SWR / Power meter.
3. Alinco DX-70 HF Transceiver. 100W 160m to 10M. 10W on 6M.
4. Alinco EDS-6. This is an extension cable to remote the control head of the DX-70 to the transceiver body.
5. Yaesu FT-8100R VHF / UHF Transceiver (2M / 70Cm).
6. Comet CF-530 Duplexer (1.3 MHz to 90 MHz / 125MHz to 470 MHz). Input power = 600 Watts PEP.

Call Spencer, N6IWY at 805 583-1127 or email n6iwy@sbcglobal.net

From Ed Richards, K6UUZ:

After winning the Kenwood portable, I want to sell my old 2 meter portable; a Radio Shack HTX-202. It has aux battery box, charger, speaker-mic and headset. \$50 577-5958

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.

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

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.

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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 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

Next General Meeting
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Thursday January 11, 2007
7:30 p.m.
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