

Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club Short Circuit

January 2008

Greg Reigert, W6GRG
Simi Valley EOC
January 10, 2008 7:30pm

Greg Reigert W6GRG will be hosting our January General Meeting at the Simi Valley Police Department. Note the change in venue for January. **We will meet at the Simi Valley Police Department, 3901 Alamo St, Simi Valley.**

The meeting topic will be a tour of the Simi Valley EOC.

It's a very good idea for Simi Valley Amateur Radio operators to become and maintain familiarity with the Simi Valley EOC. Thank you to Greg for giving us this opportunity.

Simi Valley Repeater

Thank you to the team of people lead by Spencer Smith N6IWY who repaired the repeater site and erected the new antenna.



More photos are available in the Presidents photo collection on Amateur Radio at <http://flickr.com/photos/gracefamily/collections/>

Last Month

Mike Tweedy K6VI and his XYL hosted the Simi Settlers Holiday party at their fine home. Special thanks to Mike Tweedy K6VI and his family for the wonderful raffle.

The Holiday raffle was held.

A fine time was had by all.

Simi Settlers Breakfast

Simi Settlers and their family and friends are invited to the **first Simi Settlers Breakfast of 2008** to be held at **8am Sunday January 20th**

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 Pres Sez

Happy New Year to the Simi Valley Settlers and their Families.

We need you. Our club needs you to volunteer. We need a Treasurer. This is a required position. We cannot be a club without a Treasurer. I'll be asking for nominees at the next general meeting.

We also need a **newsletter editor, a public information officer, a Volunteer examiner coordinator, a logistics officer, a field day coordinator, and a youth coordinator.** Please volunteer and help amateur radio in Simi Valley and Moorpark.

We have wonderful volunteers serving as vice-president and secretary, but that's just a beginning. If you don't step up to the plate, amateur radio will be worse off and our club may need to merge with our friends in a nearby club.

I am establishing a newer more self service email reflector for the Settlers. More information will be coming in the near future.

Solar Cycle 24 may be starting shortly. I'm excited. Are you?

73 de Peter Grace KB1CVH kb1cvh@arrl.net

From Our Treasurer

We need a member to volunteer to be our new treasurer. John resigned due to work conflicts. Please contact me if you can volunteer.

Thank you, Peter Grace kb1cvh@arrl.net 805-223-0729 cell

From the Secretary

Our Secretary kindly submitted these Minutes from our November General Meeting

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club **General Membership Meeting, November 8, 2007**

- Call to Order: President Peter Grace, KB1CVH, called the meeting to order at 7:36pm. Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting held at the Simi Valley Senior Center and then led our recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. Four Board Members were present. The total attendance was 23 with four guests.
- Introductions: A round of introductions was held with members and visitors speaking briefly about their recent activities and special interests in ham radio. The club welcomed former members Ed Meyer, WK7ED who is visiting from New Mexico, and Al Richmond, KB6IXA, who is a former secretary of the Club. Visitor Brian Fawcett, KG6WHO, said he has just passed his General exam. Frank Valdez, KI6OQ, who is E.C. for Area 1, reported on ACS participation during the Ranch Fire. He asked ACS members to check the expiration date on their White Cards.
- Program: Vice President Deanna Smitha, W6DWS, introduced our guest speaker Mike Hasenfratz, WA6FXT, who gave a presentation about PSK-31. He gave a Power Point presentation describing the technical aspects of the modulation and demodulation processes. He included an audio/video clip that demonstrated a digital modem kit that is in development by the American QRP Club. This kit to be called the "NUE-PSK31" will provide PSK-31 operation without a computer. It is not available yet, but information (including the demo video clip) is available at the American QRP website: amgrp.org. Mike also gave a live demo of his PSK-31 setup using "MixW" a program that does PSK-31 and other digital modes.
At the end of the interesting talk, Deanna presented Mike with a certificate of appreciation from our Club.
- Announcements: Spencer Smith, N6IWY, said that there would be a small work party on Saturday morning the 10th, at the repeater site.
- Holiday Party: Peter reminded members about our Holiday potluck dinner party scheduled for Saturday December 8th, 6:00pm, at the home of Mike Tweedy, KV6I. The list of prizes was reviewed. Tickets for the raffle are available at this meeting: \$2 per ticket, or \$10 for 6 tickets. A party invitation mailing with 12 tickets available for purchase, will be sent to members. In addition, extra tickets will be available at the party, prior to the drawing.
- Member Drawing: The progressive membership prize drawing was not held this month. The prize fund will therefore remain at \$45 for our next meeting on January 10th.
- Prize Drawings: The regular prize drawing was not held this month.
- Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm for Refreshments and socializing.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

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

Sunday, January 6, 2008, 1800z – 2400z Kids Day

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 January 10, 2008 7:30pm General Meeting **at the Simi Valley EOC, Simi Valley Police Station.**

Sunday January 20, 2008 8:00am Simi Settlers Breakfast, Hometown Buffet
1855 Cochran St, Simi Valley

Thursday January 24, 2008 7:30pm Simi Settlers Business Meeting at the Senior Center

Saturday January 26, 2008 7am W6TRW Swap Meet, **Redondo Beach, CA.**

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

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 3rd 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

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 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

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

7.039 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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Treasurer	TBD		

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Float Entry	Dale Manquen KO6VO		
	dmanquen@email.msn.com	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 a 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 1815 (6:15pm) before the meeting for dinner.

The January 2008 meeting will be at the Simi Valley EOC 3901 Alamo Street.

Next General Meeting

Greg Reigert W6GRG ,

– Simi Valley EOC

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