

Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

July 2007

July 12, 2007 The TinyTrak APRS Controller

Hugh Bosma, AE6YC, will tell us about the TinyTrak (<http://www.byonics.com/tinytrak/>) APRS controller project that CVARC members built last year. We may want to build a similar project for the Settlers.

Simi Settlers Election Results

We have a new slate of officers for 2006-2007!!

President	Peter Grace KB1CVH
Vice President	Deanna Smitha W6DWS
Secretary	John Percival WI6O
Treasurer	John Mendez AE6YA

We still have a number of unfilled slots, including Newsletter Editor, Public Information Officer and Membership Chairman and Refreshment Coordinator. Please talk with any of the officers if you are interested in being a part of the team.

Simi Settlers at Field Day

We had good participation at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library site for Field Day. VCARS and the Settlers put on quite a show, with Amateur TV, Amateur Satellite, several HF stations and a VHF station. The cooperation between our two clubs was better than ever, especially when it came to devouring the good food from Wood Ranch Barbeque Saturday evening!

We want to thank VCARS for their hard work to make this event a success.

Last Month – Internet Remote Base Stations

Our speaker for the June meeting was Dwight Lindsey, K2YT, with a live demonstration of his remote control via laptop of his station in Van Nuys. Thanks Dwight for your work to prepare a very interesting visual presentation and demonstration.

We also had a planning session for Field Day with guests Kevin Shute, KG6BCL, and Rick Tate, KQ6NO, from VCARS.

Future Meetings

Our new Vice President, Deanna, is working on several programs for the coming months. If you have any requests or suggestions, please let her know.

The (New) Pres Sez

Thank you for electing me your president. I will do my best to serve you in this office. I look forward to your ideas and energy to make this year very exciting and fruitful for the club.

The Repeater site needs some help. A new antenna structure needs to be erected. Please contact our **Repeater Committee** chair – Spencer Smith N6IVY if you can help. He will be organizing a work session in the near future.

Hamcon 2007 is the **ARRL's Southwestern Division** convention this year September 7-9. It'll be in Torrance, which is in Los Angeles County. My family and I will be attending. We hope you will too. It should be a good time!

Simi Valley Days is September 12-16th. The theme this year is "It's Great to be a Kid" . I envision plastic army helmets and radios. Playing Radio ! I also remember being away at camp in Vermont and listening to DX from NY City. Takes me back to my youth. Dale Manquen KO6VO is chair of the Committee for our entry in the parade. He welcomes your help and, he can't do it alone. He needs your ideas, strength and resources to put together a float.

We'd like to consider putting together our own **VE team** to supplement local VE resources and help the club grow. Please contact Dianna W6DWS, if you'd like to help. We need VEs and people who would like to learn about becoming a VE.

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) is the third weekend of October annually (Oct 21-21 2007) would be a great time for the Club's members to work together to put on an operating event with the youth (Boy and Girl Scouts) of our communities. Please let me know if you'd like to be on the committee.

There's a lot to do. Will you rise to the occasion?
73 de Peter KB1CVH

The (old) Prez Sez

I want to thank everyone who has helped me with the tasks of the club over the last 3 years. I believe our club is on the upswing, with some great new members. Let's all be sure to support our new officers as we move to even better times!

Dale Manquen, KO6VO

From Our Secretary

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting, June 14, 2007

Call to Order: President Dale Manquen, KO6VO, called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. Dale 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 16 with four guests.

Introductions: After Dale welcomed members to the meeting, a round of introductions was held with members and visitors speaking briefly about their recent activities and special interests in ham radio. The following guests were welcomed: Brad Rife, Marlin Rife, Kevin Shute, KG6BCL, and Rick Tate, KQ6NO. Spencer Smith mentioned the donated items available for sale to benefit the Club.

Program: Vice President Spencer Smith, N6IWY, introduced our program speaker for this meeting, member Dwight Lindsey, K2YT. Dwight gave a presentation about his use of Amateur Radio operation via Internet Remote Base operation. Due to home antenna restrictions and other factors he set up an HF station with antennas at his workplace in Van Nuys. Using a computer video slide show, Dwight described the hardware and software that allows him to operate his transceiver, amplifier, and antenna controls over the Internet from any location with Internet access. With projection of his computer display and speaker output of audio, he demonstrated the operation of his remote base station, making contact with a station, A10Q, in Georgetown, MN. At the end of the program, Vice President, Spencer Smith, N6IWY, presented Dwight with a certificate of appreciation from the Club.

Election: Dale reported that there were still no candidates found to take the offices of President, Vice President and Treasurer. Peter Grace, KB1CVH, volunteered to be a candidate for President. The nomination was accepted, and with no further nominations from the floor, Peter was elected by a unanimous show of hands. Next, Deanna Smitha, W6DWS, offered to serve as Vice President and John Mendez, AE6YA, offered to serve as Treasurer. For Secretary, John Percival, WI6O, agreed to serve another term. Patrick Nelson, KF6RMI, will serve again as Historian. Each officer nomination was closed and elected with no further candidates nominated. Thus the full slate of officers elected are:

President:	Peter Grace, KB1CVH
Vice President:	Deanna Smitha, W6DWS
Treasurer:	John Mendez, AE6YA
Secretary:	John Percival, WI6O
Historian:	Patrick Nelson, KF6RMI

Club Call Trustee: To replace silent key Dave Timoshik, WA6AYI, Mike Tweedy, KV6I, offered to serve as trustee for our Club call sign, W6SVS.

Field Day: VCARS member Rick Tate, KQ6NO, gave an update about Field Day. He will direct the operational side of the event. Rick said that Peter

Heins, N6ZE, is doing a great job with public information, arranging for a press release and City Proclamations. He described the plan for station locations, which will be similar to last year. We will have a GOTA Station near the information table along with ATV and a Satellite station. Woodranch Barbeque will cater the dinner on Saturday. The setup work will start at noon on Friday at the Reagan Presidential Library. The address FieldDay@vcars.org is being used to distribute information about planning for Field Day.

Member Drawing: The progressive membership prize drawing was not held. The prize fund will remain at \$30 for our next meeting on July 12th.

Prize Drawings: The regular prize drawing was not held this month.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:42pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, W16O

From Our Treasurer

The new membership year for the club starts July 1, and that is when our dues for '07-'08 begin. Dues are still only \$15 for individuals and \$20 for families. If you have any changes to your membership information, please complete a membership form from our website at <http://www.simisettlers.org/>.

ATV NEWS by Bryon Foster

Oat Mountain is back to full power.

More info ?

If you are interested in ATV or would like to know more about the "Amateur Television Network" (ATN) contact me or check out this web site. <http://atn-tv.org>
n6ifu@arrl.net

Want a field test?

I now have a mobile ATV station. If you are interested in ATV, I would be happy to come to your QTH and see what kind of signal I can receive. And maybe even shoot a picture from your front yard. Don't be put off by old stories about trees and building blocking you from the repeater. The only way to know for sure is see what is there.

N6IFU

Bryon Foster

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AD6SV Repeater News

Nothing to report. If you would like to assist Roger Armstrong with this project, please contact him directly at 584-6052 or armsrus@earthlink.net .

For Sale

From Spencer Smith:

Diamond NR770HB Black Dualband (2M & 440) mobile antenna with foldover and PL239 connector. Asking \$40. 805 583-1127

Yaesu YO-100 Monitor scope & Instruction Manual \$100.00 or best offer



Ebay just sold one for \$185.00

John Beckers w6jon
805)527-3989

CVARC July 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 July Program

Our club meets at: Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA.

*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

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.

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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Vice President	Deanna Smitha W6DWS	
Secretary	John Percival WI6O	percivaljohns@cs.com
Treasurer	John Mendez AE6YA	
Historian	Patrick Nelson KF6RMI	Committee Chairpersons
Webmaster	Doug Dubrall WA6RJN	wa6rjn@arrl.net
Membership		
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Newsletter	Vacant	

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

Thursday July 14, 2007
7:30 p.m.
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- Offset PL 127.3Hz