

Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

July 2008

The National Traffic System

Long Live the NTS !

July 10, 2008 7:30pm

The National Traffic System (NTS) is the topic of tonight's meeting. Peter Grace, KB1CVH, former net control for the Eastern Massachusetts 2m Sunday night traffic net will present.

In addition to being a net control, Mr. Grace is also former RACES officer for the city of Somerville Massachusetts, the 5th most dense city over 50,000 in the United States.

Having relocated to Simi Valley, Mr. Grace has become President of the Simi Settlers Amateur Radio club and participates regularly in the Santa Barbara Section 2m traffic net.

Field Day

The Simi Settlers participated in the ARRL Annual Field Day with the Ventura County Amateur Radio Society and the Ventura County Amateur Radio Club at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum.

We used call N6R. Requests for QSL cards should be directed to N6ZE PETER S HEINS
1559 NORWICH AVE THOUSAND OAKS CA 91360-3533 USA

The David Timoshik Memorial station was in operation at Field Day on 20m CW. Many people came by the station and were moved by his picture and article next to the station.

Simi Settlers Breakfast

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

We have enjoyed this restaurant in the past and will enjoy it again this month.. Please note this month's location:

Carriage Cafe
2295 Tapo St
Simi Valley CA 93063

We just get together, socialize and eat, without any formal club events or business. Family and friends are welcome. This will be our second time at this venue for breakfast. Please RSVP at the Simi Settlers Meetup.com site.

We hope to see all of you there ! **Talk-In: 147.930MHz** - Offset PL 127.3Hz

REMINDER: 2008-2009 membership dues are due in July. The existing application form can be used for renewals, just by filling in the name/call sign and noting any changes.

We need 51% of the voting (paid) members as ARRL members to maintain our association with the ARRL. ARRL members should make certain that their membership is correctly noted on the membership listing.

We receive many benefits as Amateur Radio Operators by being affiliated. See <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/benefits.html>

Static and Sparks

Greetings Simi Settlers and other friends.

How do you become an amateur radio operator ? When I first became interested, one had to be examined at an FCC office. Now, exams are given by Volunteer Examiners (VEs).

It takes three VEs working together to administer an amateur radio exam. If you are a General Class, Advanced Class, or Amateur Extra amateur radio operator licensed by the FCC, you likely have the qualifications to become a Volunteer Examiner. Becoming a VE is **Free** and it can help our club and Amateur Radio grow. If you would like to learn more, please visit the ARRL site:

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/become-a-ve.html>

If the ARRL had existed in during the American Revolution -

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18 R HXG ARL 27 Philadelphia PA 18 June 1775
Martha Washington
Mount Vernon Virginia
BT
Leaving city shortly X May
not write again till get
to camp in Boston X
ARL FIFTY SEVEN X Best
wishes to Jack and Nelly
X 88
BT
Geo Washington
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God Bless the NTS.

Please join our new internet groups – a Yahoo group and Meetup group.

New Internet Services Please sign up

Simi Settlers ARC Yahoo Group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SimiSettlersARC/>

Simi Settlers ARC Meetup Group <http://hamradio.meetup.com/110/>

The Yahoo group is for discussion and non-calendar specific information discussion. The Meetup group is used to schedule and distribute information about meetings and events. Please join both to help our club be visible to those that might be interested in learning more about our club and amateur radio.

73 de Peter Grace KB1CVH kb1cvh@arrl.net
President, Simi Valley Settlers ARC

From the Secretary

Our Club Secretary kindly submitted these Minutes from our June General Meeting

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting, June 12, 2008

Call to Order: President Peter Grace, KB1CVH, called the meeting to order at 7:32pm. Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting held at the Simi Valley Senior Center, and then led our recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. Five Board Members were present. The total attendance was 17, with 2 guests.

Introductions: A brief round of introductions was held. The Club welcomes new member Ed Lucas, K6EJL, as a new member who joined at this meeting. Gary Hubler, KE6FSQ, (new call pending) is welcomed back, rejoining after a year's absence. Visitors: Rick Tate, KQ6NO, representing VCARS, and Lloyd Oleson, KE6BBP, representing VCARC, were in attendance to discuss Field Day.

Election: Peter asked for nominations for Vice President or a volunteer to serve. There was no candidate offered, so nominations were closed and the following candidates were elected by a motion to elect the slate, seconded and unanimously approved:

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| President: | Peter Grace, KB1CVH |
| Vice President: | Open |
| Treasurer: | Norbert Rehaut, W9YPM. |
| Secretary: | John Percival, WI6O |
| Historian: | Patrick Nelson, KF6RMI |

Program: A discussion of our plans for Field Day preparations was led by Rick Tate, KQ6NO, visiting representative of the VCARS club. The Simi Settlers ARC will participate this year with VCARS and VCARC for Field Day at the Reagan Presidential Library on the weekend of June 28-29. Rick went over the list of the bands and modes that are expected to be operated: Phone on 80, 40, 20, 10, and 6meters; and CW on 20 and 15meters. In addition, ATV, satellite, 20M digital, and 10 and 24GHZ operations are planned. The bands from 2M through 1.2GHz are open at this time. Our operating class will be determined after setup is complete prior to the contest. Rick sketched the layout of the Library site and indicated where the expected stations are likely to be located. Rick said we plan to use computer logging and he has some ACS laptop computers available for use. Lloyd Oleson, KE6BBP, of the VCARC club, suggested that people download the free WR9R logging program and practice with it before Field Day. The plan for power is to use batteries, charged by generators and Solar Power.

For the Saturday dinner, food will be catered, and we have the use of the Reagan Room again this year. Restrooms will be available to us during and after the Library open hours.

Announcements : The Santa Barbara ARC Hamfest will be on Sunday, August 10th, at the same location as recent years.

Club Breakfast : President Peter announced that our next Simi Settlers ARC Breakfast will be held on Sunday, June 22nd, 8:00am, at the Old Susana Cafe on Kuehner Drive.

Member Drawing: The progressive membership prize drawing was held this month. The winning name was Mike Tweedy, KV6I, who was not present to win the \$5 prize. The prize fund will increase to \$15 for our July meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm.

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"**

ACS ARES/RACES News

Information about Ventura County ACS ARES/RACES is available at <http://www.vcacs.org>

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.

Events

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.

Wednesday July 9th 2008 7:30pm VCARS General Meeting
The Cameron Center 288 Greenmeadow Dr. Newbury Park, CA 91320
<http://www.vcars.org>

Thursday July 10th 2008 7:30pm Simi Settlers General Meeting
Simi Valley Senior Center

Friday July 11th 2008 7:30pm VCARC / K6MEP club meeting
The American Red Cross of Ventura County Chapter House
2355 Portola Road , Ventura CA.

Saturday July 12th, 10:00am Ham Radio License exam session at
DENNY'S RESTAURANT 11750 JEFFERSON BLVD CULVER CITY, CA 90230
RSVP Required: NORMAN M GOODKIN (818)222-7893 K6YXH@ARRL.NET

Wednesday July 16st 2008 7pm Santa Clarita Club General Meeting
Santa Clarita City Hall <http://www.w6jw.org/>

Thursday July 17, 2008 7:30pm CVARC General Meeting
East County Sheriff's Station (ECSS) 2101 East Olsen Road Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
<http://www.cvarc.org/>

Sunday July 20, 2008 8:00am Simi Settlers Breakfast, Carriage Cafe
2295 Tapo St Simi Valley, CA 93063

Thursday July 24th 2008 7:30pm SVARC Board Meeting
Simi Valley Senior Center

Saturday July 26th 2008 7am W6TRW Swapmeet and Exam Session (10am)
Redondo Beach, CA http://w6trw.com/swapmeet/w6trw_arc_swapmeet.htm

Saturday August 23, 2008 9am-4pm – History Day, Strathearn Historical Park & Museum
137 Straethern Park, Simi Valley, CA 93063

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) 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.

Earthquake Drill, November 13th, 2008 <http://www.shakeout.org>

ARRL Field Day 2009, June 27-28, 2009

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.

Times are local (Pacific Time) unless otherwise stated.

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

7.040+/- 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

NTS Net

147.000 Mhz + 131.8 FM Daily 9 pm (temporarily on 145.180 Mhz - 131.8)

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

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| 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 participate. | | |
| Youth Coordinator | Youth are our future | | |
| Logistics | Are you good at packing ? It's a special skill. | | |

Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SimiSettlersARC/>

Meetup Group: <http://hamradio.meetup.com/110/>

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.

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

We meet for dinner at the Hometown Buffet at 18:15 (6:15pm) before the meeting.

The July 2008 meeting will be at the Simi Valley Senior Center 3900 Avenida Simi.

Next General Meeting
National Traffic System
 – Simi Valley Senior Center
Thursday July 10, 2008
7:30 p.m.

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