



July 2009

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Short Circuit

*Special: 2009
Field Day Edition*

**Speakers for July:
Sharlene Katz WB6FFE
and Jay Flynn WB9AWX
July 9, 2009 7:00pm**

Sharlene Katz, WB6FFE, and Jay Flynn, WB9AWX, love only one thing more than radio communications: teaching about it. Sharlene and Jay are both professors at California State University Northridge, CSUN, and they want to share a powerful tool they use in their work: PSPICE. PSPICE is a widely available computer program that allows you to have a test bench in your PC. With it, you can draw up your circuit idea and try it out – complete with oscilloscopes and signal generators – before you order any parts or even warm up your soldering iron. You can simulate filters, amplifiers and even logic circuits. They will talk you through how to get the software for free and getting started using it.

Sharlene and Jay are also recruiting people with engineering and technical backgrounds to teach young people math and science. In the second part

of a double header, they will give a short presentation on how you can have a second career as a teacher.

Location

Simi Senior Center
3900 Avenida Simi, Simi
Valley

Static & Sparks

*By ex-President, Peter Grace
AI6PG*

Field Day 2009 is now over. I still have gear to put away and/or return.

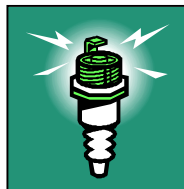
The Independence Day holiday just occurred. I had energy to work on my antenna system and now can hear on 20m again. Hopefully I'll have more wire up soon on the natural antenna supports I have available.

I like to share my photos from Amateur Radio events. Here's my photo site:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/gracefamily/collections/72157600410919762/>

The club is fortunate to have Keith Metz, KI6YVH who took many photos at our 2009 N6R ARRL Field Day event. Thanks to Keith for the great photos.

Many hams purchase gear and, don't give sufficient thought at first



to their antenna system. The antenna system is the most important investment a ham can make. A radio is only as good as its antenna. That said, radios can be purchased at the 'candy store' or built with a modicum of effort (e.g. <http://www.elecraft.com/>). A person can spend an almost unlimited amount of time and/or money on their antenna system. That being said, most of us make do with some compromise within our means. The ARRL publishes a number of different books which can be of use whether you are in a 20 acre lot or a townhouse with many restrictions. See <http://www.arrl.org/catalog/>

The club seems to have a small number of folks that have the time/energy to do club activities. I belong to Amateur radio clubs in addition to the Simi Settlers. One club has a breakfast every Friday morning before work that is well attended. Another club has a breakfast once a month early Sunday morning. That is also well attended. Another club I belong to will be having a Saturday night drive to an ice cream shop that is outfitted with antennas for HF-UHF (<http://www.garysicecream.com/hamnite.htm>)

I challenge the club members to come up with ideas for us to have fun. I had great fun at Field Day on 40m SSB. Every day has opportunities for fun with Amateur Radio. Please share the opportunities.

It has been fine to serve you these last two years as your President. My thanks to **Steve K6TLM** for the fine new newsletter layout. I would like to most especially thank the service of John WI60 and Norbert N9YPM as the remaining club officers. They are fine people and great to work with.

73 (and 88 to the Ladies) from Peter AI6PG (ex KB1CVH)

Thanks to Peter Heins N6ZE and Terry Graves K7FE for leading the discussion on ARRL

Field Day 2009 to be held in conjunction with the Ventura County Amateur Radio Society (VCARS) and the Ventura County Amateur Radio Club (VCARC).

Also – great thanks to Steve Abarta K6TLM for sharing a video of the 2002 field day. It was both enlightening and emotional.

Membership

REMINDER: 2009-2010 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. Or see our treasurer and give him a check or cash.

ATV NEWS

If you would like to subscribe to the ATV Newsletter send an e-mail and I will add you to my mailing list.

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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.

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club

General Membership Meeting Minutes, June 11, 2009

Call to Order: *President Peter Grace, AI6PG*, called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Visitor *Peter Heins, N6ZE*, led the recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. Three Board Members were present. The total attendance was 13, with 5 guests.

Introductions: A brief round of introductions was held. Members spoke about their recent Ham Radio activities. The club welcomed guests: *Lou Benvenuto, W6OTB, Steve Hall, WM6P, Keith Metz, KI6YVH, Terry Graves, K7FE and Peter Heins, N6ZE*. Lou related some of his experiences from when he worked as a TV cameraman for NBC.

Election: The annual election of officers was to be held for the start of the new Club Year, which runs from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. There have been no candidates to step forward to fill the offices of President and Vice President. The current Treasurer, *Norbert Rehaut, W9YPM* and Secretary, *John Percival, WI6O* have agreed to serve in their respective offices for the new year.

Program: The subject for this meeting was Field Day. *Steve Abarta, K6TLM*, showed a video that he made at the Simi Settlers Field Day in 2002. It was nice to see a number of our former members and friends, some who have moved away from the area. Also seen in the video was our great CW operator, *Dave Timoshik, WA6AYI*, who became a Silent Key in 2006.

Our guests from VCARS, *Terry Graves, K7FE*, and *Peter Heins, N6ZE*, led a discussion of general planning for this year's Field Day was led by. Terry said this is the ninth year VCARS has done Field Day at

the Reagan Library. Again this year, the Simi Settlers (SSARC) and the Ventura Amateur Radio Club (VCARC) will join with VCARS under the special event call sign "N6R". The Library sponsors us so there is no charge for use of the facility. However, there are expenses to prepare and put on the event. President Peter asked if SSARC could contribute toward the cost. Terry said about \$200 would be spent. It was MSP for SSARC to contribute \$70 to help pay the costs.

Setup will begin at noon on Friday, June 26. Terry showed on a diagram of the Library where our FD stations have been set up in the past. A list was passed around for signups to express interest in operating on the various bands and modes.



Terry Graves, K7FE Peter Heins, N6ZE

Peter Heins, N6ZE, is the PIO for Field Day. He said that a group of Boy Scouts would visit Field Day to earn radio merit badges. Dinner on Saturday will be barbecue delivered to the site and served in the Reagan Room off the back patio of the Library. Cost will be \$15 per adult, and free for children.

Announcements: On Monday, June 15, 6:30pm, a proclamation will be made in recognition of Field Day, the Simi Valley City Council meeting. Peter Heins asked us to RSVP to him and to wear our Club shirts if we can attend.

Member Drawing: The progressive membership prize drawing was not held this month. Therefore, the prize fund will remain at \$15 for our July 9, 2009 meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

Upcoming 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 3, 2009 7:30pm VCARS General Meeting

The Cameron Center 288 Greenmeadow Dr. Newbury Park, CA 91320

<http://www.vcars.org> – and join <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/VCARS/discussion/> to stay on top of developments.

**Thursday July 9, 2009 7:00 pm Simi Settlers General Meeting
Simi Valley Senior Center**

- Note start time – we must be out by 2055 local

Friday July 10th 2009 7:30pm VCARC / K6MEP club meeting

The American Red Cross of Ventura County Chapter House 2355 Portola Road , Ventura

Wednesday July 15th 2009 7pm Santa Clarita Club General Meeting

Santa Clarita City Hall <http://www.w6jw.org/>

Thursday July 16th, 2009 7:30pm CVARC General Meeting

East County Sheriff's Station (ECSS) 2101 East Olsen Road Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

<http://www.cvarc.org/>

Thursday July 23rd 2009 7:30pm SVARC Board Meeting (tentative)

W9YPM's residence

Saturday July 25th 2009 7am W6TRW Swapmeet (7am) and Exam Session (10am) Redondo Beach, CA

http://w6trw.com/swapmeet/w6trw_arc_swap_meet.htm

Sunday August 8th, 7:00AM Ham Radio

License **exam** session at THE PAPA SYSTEM

Time: 7:00AM (No walk-ins) PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

VEC: Greater Los Angeles ARG

Exam Location: CARROW'S RESTAURANT

18355 VENTURA BLVD

HTTP://PAPASYS.ORG

TARZANA, CA 91356

No Walk-ins **Allowed:Contact - NORMAN**

[M GOODKIN](mailto:M_GOODKIN@ARRL.NET) (818)222-7893 Email:

[K6YXH@ARRL.NET](mailto:M_GOODKIN@ARRL.NET)

Sunday August 9th, 8:30am Ham Radio

License **exam** session at

VENTURA CTY SHERIFF'S E COUNTY STATION

2101 E OLSEN RD BETW 23 HWY &

REAGAN LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91360 Walk-ins-

Allowed. **Contact:** JEFFREY M REINHARDT

(818)706-3853

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) October 17-18, 2009

Contact Peter Grace pcg@acm.org for more info.

Yahoo Group:

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

Meetup Group:

<http://www.meetup.com/SimiSettlersARC/>

Monthly Meetings

Our normal meetings begin at **19:00 (7:00 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

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

Simi Settlers ARC Meetup Group
<http://www.meetup.com/SimiSettlersARC>

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.

Simi Settlers' Leadership				
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PIO	VACANT			
Field Day	2009 was great.			How about 2010?
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2009 Field Day Pics



Prez Peter Grace receives award to Simi Settlers from Assistant to Cameron M. Smyth State Assembly member for the 38th district



John Percival, WI6O, working 20 Meter CW

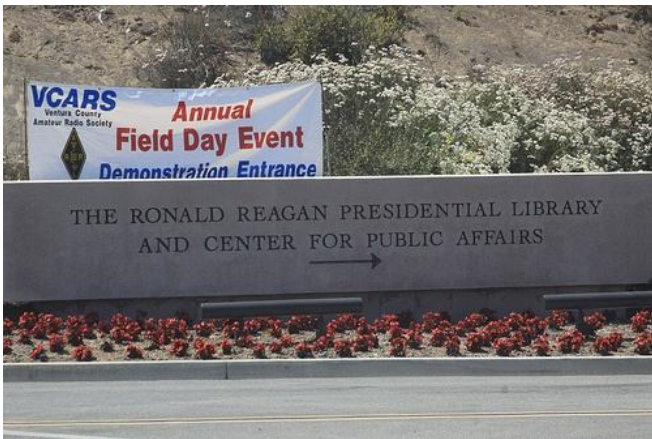
More 2009 Field Day Pics



Ed Richards, K6UUZ, Working ATV Station



Spencer Smith, N6IWY, Projects



Sign to Reagan Library on Madera Rd.



Press Interview



Hillside View of Reagan Library and Field Day Activities



Rob Paull (KK6UE) working 20 Meter Phone Station

