

Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

JUNE 2006

**Meeting Program
June 8, 2006**

June Topics – ARRL Updates & Field Day Plans

Our speaker for the June meeting will be Richard "Dick" Norton, N6AA who is the Southwest Division Director of the ARRL. He will speak on recent Board Policies and happenings within the ARRL.

Also, he will enlighten us on current Field Day rules and operating procedures. Dick has a wealth of knowledge regarding the ARRL and will entertain questions relating to ham radio.

Elections Coming Up in June

This year we would like to extend a voting opportunity to all our paid members who are unable to attend the June election by offering an opportunity to vote via the Internet. We will have a final slate of nominees after the May meeting, and this slate will be distributed via e-mail in mid-May. You can vote via e-mail any time up to 12:00 on June 8th, our next meeting date. The Internet votes will be added to the in-person vote count at the meeting. Write-ins will also be accepted. Rick Galbraith has agreed to serve as Election Steward. Please send you votes to him at rick@keymaterial.com.

We are still looking for candidates to serve as next year's officers. Just in case you haven't checked lately, you will note that there are a number of unfilled positions listed at the end of this newsletter, and any of the elected officers would be very happy to step aside to allow others to participate.

ATV Open House this Saturday, June 10

For anyone who wants to operate an Amateur Television Station, you are invited to attend an open house on Sat. June 10th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. It will be held at N6IFU's station located at 2461 Elizondo Ave. in Simi Valley. (See

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?formtype=address&addtohistory=&address=2461%20Elizondo%20Ave&city=Simi%20Valley&state=CA&zipcode=93065%2d4708&country=US&geodiff=1>) The location is 4 houses west off of Sycamore. And Elizondo is one block north of Royal. Talk in Freq. will be the 2-meter Simi repeater.

This is a club-sponsored event and soft drinks as well as snacks will be served as long as they last.

Come and learn all about ATV.

This is *NOT* slowscan TV; it is LIVE TV.

The Search for a New Meeting Place

The Seventh Day Adventist Church has advised us that our benefactor who has been paying for us to meet at the church is no longer sponsoring us. They haven't yet provided any details on what that means regarding the future, but we are probably going to be asked for some form of monthly rental fee. This isn't unusual, but it may greatly impact our treasury and threaten the Club's very existence.

If you have any suggestions regarding free meeting space, please contact a Club officer immediately.

Field Day is June 24 & 25

From Rick Galbraith, W6DQE, our Field Day Chairman:

Well here we go! Field Day 2006 is almost upon us. This year's dates are June 24 & 25, 2006. We again will be teaming up with VCARS at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

I will be discussing complete details at this month's meeting. Please join in as band plans, BBQ dinner, camping, and location layout will be discussed. One of the members of VCARS is going to fly a blimp high above the Library with a long wire attached for 160 meters. WOW !

Our thanks to VCARS for their invitation to us again this year. It is great to see our two clubs working together.

The Pres Sez

I missed the last meeting and the Street Fair because I was in Arizona attending a memorial service for a friend I had known for 40 years.

We got a chance to show off our Grab 'N Go Station at the Street Fair. The reports I heard indicated that there was enough public interest to make the effort worthwhile.

Field Day is rapidly approaching - June 24 & 25 Field Day at the Reagan Library.

Are you interested in carpooling to the June 18 (Fathers' Day) Santa Maria Hamfest?

Simi Valley Street Fair and Emergency Expo

Thank you to those who helped out at the Street Fair – John Percival, Spencer Smith, Rick Galbraith, Ed Richards and Frank Valdez.

CVARC June Program

Now that CVARC has changed its meeting to the third Thursday of the month at the West Valley Sheriff's Station on Madera/Olsen road, our members can attend their meetings without any conflict.

Visit the CVARC website to find the topic for June. (The topic was still in transition at press time.)

June Raffle Prizes

YAESU 50TH ANNIVERSARY HAT

TEKONSHA 12 VOLT 5AH BATTERY

3M VINYL ELECTRICAL TAPE

AMATEUR RADIO LOG BOOK

AND the perpetual membership drawing prize of \$15!

Last Month – Military Radios

Our guest speaker for May was Dennis Du Vall, W7QHO who spoke on the evolution of military radios during the past five decades.

From Our Treasurer

Treasurer Ed Richards, K6UUZ, is eager to collect dues for the '06-'07 fiscal year that starts July 1. Please forward your dues to Ed, and please include an

updated membership form from our website if any of your information has changed.

Simi Valley Repeater Update

Art Vorpahl, WB6CWJ, in Bismarck, ND, has checked out the backup receiver and returned it to Orv Beach, W6BI, for installation in place of the present receiver. Thanks, Art, for your help.

An inspection of the wooden pole supporting our repeater antennas has confirmed that the base is rotting out. We need a new pole and the resources to install it. If you have any ideas or contacts that might be able to assist us, please speak up! We do have permission from the property owner to enter the site to make the exchange.

ARES/RACES News

The latest edition of the Ventura County ARES/RACES Newsletter is available at <http://home1.gte.net/res19999/> . The June newsletter includes a summary of the Sea to Summit event, with photographs. You will also find an interesting article on the re-incorporation of the SMRA-ERN.

The county-wide Operational Readiness Test is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6 – RIGHT NOW!

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

By Ed Richards, K6UUZ (805) 577-5958:

High Sierra model HS-1500 screwdriver antenna. Recently lubed. Works good. \$200.00
R/S 21-1118 spring, R/S 21-1115 ball mount, instructions, control kit included.

Hustler 75 meter mobile antenna. Works good.

\$25.00

RM-75 resonator, MO-3 mast, R/S 21-961 mount, instructions included.

No tax, no shipping cost.

by Spencer, N6IWY (805) 583-1127 or email n6iwy@sbcglobal.net

SWAN Triband Beam Antenna, TB-4HA. This is a 4-element beam antenna for 10, 15 and 20 Meters. It is brand new (never been installed) and is complete with all hardware and mounting plates.

Specs.

Boom Length 24' 1 1/2"

Longest Element 28' 10"

Turning Radius 18' 6"

Max. wind rating 100 MPH

Wind Surface area 6 sq. ft.

Power rating 2000 Watts P.E.P.

Price: \$125

A pair of Model 150, INFINITY Studio Monitor, speaker cabinets. These are in excellent condition, for sale or trade.

Size: 19 1/2" W x 13" D x 39" H.

Speaker complement: 15" woofer, two (2) 5 1/4" midrange and 3 1/2" tweeter.

Power handling: 150 Watts.

Variable crossover controls for both high frequency and midrange speakers.

Minutes for the May 11th Meeting

Call to Order Vice President Spencer Smith, N6IWY, called the meeting to order at 7:34pm. This meeting was held in our regular meeting location at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Frank Valdez, K16OQ, led our recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. Four Board Members were present. The total attendance was 14, including our guest speaker and three visitors.

Introductions: After Spencer welcomed members to the meeting, a round of introductions was held with members giving a brief word on their recent activities, trips, and radio operations. New member Bruce Lent, K6HRU, was welcomed to the meeting. The Club also welcomed visitors Kevin Shute, KG6BCL, Steve Hall, WM6P, and Mike Wronski, AE6WG.

Program: Vice President Spencer introduced our guest speaker for this meeting, Dennis Du Vall, W7QHO. He was first licensed as a ham in 1951 and is currently the President of the Military Radio Collectors Group. Dennis recounted the founding of the MRCG in 1996 and the museum at Fort

McArthur in San Pedro, CA. Dennis gave a slide show of equipment photos showing the evolution of military radio equipment over the years, with examples of Aircraft, Field, and Maritime and Navy radio gear. The presentation also showed scenes from MCRG flea markets and a "field day" event held in the fall.

At the conclusion of the program, Spencer presented Dennis with a certificate of appreciation from the Club.

Break: A fifteen-minute refreshment break was taken at 9:06pm.

Announcements: Frank Valdez mentioned the Simi Valley Street Fair and Emergency Expo will be this Saturday, May 13th, between 8am and 4pm. Frank will be at a booth for RACES and asked for volunteers to help. Members Spencer, Ed Richards and John Percival volunteered to help. Rick Galbraith said he would take the Club's recently completed Grab-and-Go Kit to the booth to be set up for display.

Field Day: Rick Galbraith, W6DQE, reported on the planning for our Field Day that will again be a joint effort with VCARS at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. Visitor Kevin Shute, KG6BCL, representing VCARS also spoke about the conditions we can expect this year at the Library. He said that since the opening of the Air Force-One exhibit the number of weekend visitors has greatly increased, placing greater demands on parking. Some details remain to be worked out.

Meeting Location: Spencer mentioned that this might be our last meeting at the church, pending the outcome of arrangements with the Church. As alternative location possibilities, Ed Richards reported that the clubhouse at his mobile home park could be available, but with a time restriction that the room would only be open until 9pm. He also said that the Simi Valley Senior Center could be available between 7pm and 10pm. The meeting location issue will continue to be pursued.

Repeater: Ed Richards, K6UUZ, reported on his investigation of possible repeater location at the Lowe's store in the new Simi Town Center Mall. He said he was referred to the corporate headquarters. Ed read a letter that he drafted to make a presentation to Lowe's promoting Amateur Radio and requesting that they consider allowing our use of the Simi Valley store to locate our local repeater. Reaction to the letter was favorable and Ed said he would revise the letter with comments and suggestions that were made.

Member Drawing: The winner in the monthly membership drawing was our President, Dale Manquen, KO6VO, who was not present to win. The prize for the drawing in June will therefore increase to \$15.00.

Prize Drawings: The monthly prize drawing was held with the lucky winners selecting their prizes.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

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

Next FCC License Examinations On June 11th, 2006

By Jeff Reinhardt, AA6JR

CVARC hosts FCC License Examinations at 8:30 AM on the second Sunday of even numbered months at the Ventura East County Sheriff Station on Olsen Rd. (near the Reagan Library). CVARC conducts exams for all license classes. Exam candidates must bring a form of government issued photo I.D., the original AND a photocopy of any existing license or Certificate of Exam Element Completion, a Social Security (or government issued Taxpayer I.D.) number, and \$14 ARRL VE Exam fee (cash is preferred). No advance reservation is necessary, walk-ins are welcome. Advance notice is needed for special circumstances, such as reading the exam to sight-impaired candidates. If you have any questions, contact CVARC VE Coordinator Jeff Reinhardt at 818-706-3853.

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 Seventh Day Adventist Church at 1636 Sinaloa Road between L.A. Avenue and Royal.
Talk-in Frequency: 147.93MHz -Offset PL 127.3Hz

<p>Next General Meeting Thursday June 8, 2006 7:30 p.m. Talk-in Frequency: 147.93MHz - Offset PL 127.3Hz</p>
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