

Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

June 2007

Internet Remote Base Stations

June 14, 2007

Dwight Lindsey, K2YT was first licensed at age 13 in 1968 as N2QIH and then upgraded to General a year later as WA2QIH. The K2YT call came with the move to Extra Class 2002. In 2004 he moved to Wood Ranch - Simi Valley and decided to keep the 2 land call sign. Since wood ranch is antenna restricted, he began construction of an internet remote station at his office in Van Nuys. Dwight is C.E.O. of Schneider Optics, a manufacturer of camera lenses.

Dwight will speak on Internet Remote Base stations in general. He will explore the various options for hardware, software and architecture of the system. A live demonstration of his remote station will be made using the Wi-Fi system at the Senior Center.

Kevin Shute, KG6BCL, and Rick Tate, KQ6NO, from VCARS will join us to discuss Field Day final preparations.

We will have a special raffle prize from John Beckers – a Kenwood mobile rig – that we didn't get around to last month.

We will also have parts and equipment for sale, including BNC and UHF connectors, some high-power varistors, radios, tape recorders and an isolation transformer.

Simi Settlers at the Strathern Museum

The Simi Settlers ARC displayed the Grab and Go emergency communications kit at the Simi Street Fair May 12 and at the Strathern Museum Open House June 10. Frank Valdez, KI6OQ, John Percival, WI6O, John Mendes, AE6YA, and Dale Manquen, KO6VO, manned the displays.

For those of you who haven't visited the Strathern Museum, this is a real gem in our own back yard. They have several restored buildings, complete with timely furnishings, an extensive display of tools, drill presses and other fabrication/repair equipment, and old farm implements. Plan to spend at least

2 hours touring the grounds. The museum is located at the south end of town, just south of the Kmart shopping center.

Last Month – ARRL Update

Our speaker for the May meeting was Richard "Dick" Norton, N6AA who is the Southwest Division Director of the ARRL. He spoke on recent happenings within the ARRL.

Future Meetings

We are working on a program that will perhaps dovetail with building some TinyTracker APRS controller kits.

From VP Spencer Smith

As you know, club elections will be coming up at our June meeting. I ran across the following and present it here as some "food for thought".

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Are You An Active Member?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?
Or do you meet in private and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part and help the work along?
Or are you satisfied to be the kind to just belong?
Do you work on committees? To this there is no trick.
Or leave the work to just a few, then talk about the clique?

Please go to meetings often, and help with hand and heart.
Don't be just a member, but take an active part.
Think it over, you know what's right from wrong.
Are you an active member or do you just belong?

(From the Liskeard Royal Naval Assn. magazine)

The Pres Sez

I should be writing about Field Day here, but a much more critical topic is our officer elections this month! Nobody has volunteered to run for the several open offices – President, Vice President, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. To make matters even worse, our Public Information Officer, Al Febraro, W6AAX, must step down due to his intense travel schedule at work. When the smoke

clears, all we have left is John Percival as Secretary, Pat Nelson as Historian and John Mendes as Membership Chairman.

I have been at the helm for four years, and I feel that this is more than my fair share of service. This has been a very enjoyable time, and I really appreciate the support of all of our members to help with the work, but I also look forward to freeing up my schedule to permit more travel and other activities.

The President's job isn't all that demanding. We have an Officers' Meeting once a month, and there are scattered phone calls and other small tasks that probably amount to less than an extra 2 hours a month. Even with my extra hats as Newsletter Editor and acting Treasurer, I probably haven't spent more than 6 hours in any month with all three tasks, and that includes the Officer's Meeting.

The Vice President arranges the program topics for the meetings.

Treasurer is also straightforward – sell raffle tickets, collect dues and keep the bank record straight. We don't write very many checks.

Newsletter Editor doesn't require fancy publishing skills. I have composed all of my Newsletters over the last 3+ years with just MS Word. I admit that they aren't going to win any awards, but I think the content is the highest priority, not the style.

The PIO submits the monthly meeting announcements to the local papers.

By the way, all of the Officers look forward to the Officer's Meeting. We have a good time mixing club business and a bit of social chatter. We now meet in the conference room next to our meeting room at the Senior center – a very comfortable venue.

Our club was on the ropes and about to die due to lack of officer candidates when Steve Abarta stepped forward to pull us back from the brink of disaster. Unfortunately, I find us once again at the brink, and I am hoping that we have folks, perhaps in some of the newer members, who will step forward to keep the club running.

The good news is that the club is healthy and we have plenty of money to support our activities. We just need the leadership to keep things running!

Allen Pettebone, KA6WGO, is chairman of the nominating committee. Please contact him at (805) 527-8813 if you would like to discuss an office or recommend someone.

Updating last month's news, Dave Timoshik's (WA6AYI) sister Tamara must delay her trip to the mainland regarding our plans to use some of Dave's radio gear as a loaner "Bootstrap Station" to help newly licensed hams get on the air quickly

Who has our trophy from the '06 Simi Valley Days Parade? We lost track of who was the last one to have the trophy for a month.

All members are invited to join the Club officers and our monthly speaker for dinner at Hometown Buffet before the meeting. We gather at 6:10 p.m. to put on the feedbag.

From the Secretary

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club
General Membership Meeting, May 10, 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 15.

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: Terry Graves, K7FE, Kevin Shute, KG6BCL, and Dick Norton, N6AA.

Program: Vice President Spencer Smith, N6IWY, introduced our program speaker for this meeting Dick Norton, N6AA, who is the ARRL Southwestern Division Director. Dick said that ARRL membership is rising again after a dip from the peak level of 165,000. He described many of the services and features available to members such as technical, regulatory and legal help. The ARRL website "arrl.org" will feature a new powerful search engine. Dick reminded us that drop-in visitors are always welcome at the ARRL headquarters in Newington, CT. He spoke about the FCC petition for regulation by bandwidth that has been withdrawn by the ARRL for reconsideration. Regarding BPL, Dick thinks it is unlikely to be developed in California due to negative factors both technical and economic. He also touched on the Win link controversy. At the end of the program, Vice President, Spencer Smith, N6IWY, presented Dick with a certificate of appreciation from our Club.

Field Day: VCARS member Terry Graves, K7FE, spoke about our Field Day for this year on the weekend of June 23 and 24. We will operate under the call N6R at the Reagan Presidential Library as we did last year. Terry mentioned that the primary interest is in having exposure to the public for Amateur Radio. He mentioned that we have a good relationship with the Library and they allow us to use the facility with no charge to us. This year we can start the setup activities on Friday afternoon, since there is no special event scheduled for that evening. There will be a catered

dinner again this year and it was mentioned that we also provide food for the Library guards on duty as a thank you gesture. Dale said we hope to have for display the Dave Timoshik radio equipment that will be used as a loaner station for new hams who would like to try HF operation. The address FieldDay@vcars.org will be used to coordinate equipment needs and availability as well as other information. Terry said that our bywords for Field Day are "Fun and Flexibility".

Announcements: Our Spring Picnic on Saturday April 21st at Lemon Park was enjoyed by a nice turn out, the potluck food was great, and we were fortunate with very nice weather. Frank Valdez, mentioned that he will be set up at the Simi Valley Street Fair and Emergency Expo this Saturday, May 12, between 8am and 3pm. Dwight Lindsey, K2YT, had a laptop computer with him to demonstrate his Internet link to a Kenwood TS-480 transceiver. He will give a presentation of this at our June meeting. Dale said we still need to find candidates for the offices of President, V.P. and Treasurer for our Elections in June.

Member Drawing: The progressive membership prize drawing was held, and the name drawn was David DeGregorio, WA6UZS, who was not present to win. Therefore, the prize fund will increase to \$30 for our next meeting on June 14th.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

From Our Treasurer

The new membership year for the club starts July 1, and that is when our dues for '07-'08 begin. 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

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 June 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.

***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.

Simi Settlers' Officers			
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PIO	Al Febraro W6AAX		
Newsletter	Vacant (Dale Manquen acting Editor)		

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
 ARRL Topics
Thursday June 14, 2007
 7:30 p.m.
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