

Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

June 2008

Field Day 2008 Discussion

Ride the Waves

June 12, 2008 7:30pm

Field Day 2008 is the topic of tonight's meeting. We'll be discussing our preparations, expectations, experiences and hopes in advance of this year's ARRL Field Day – June 28-29, 2008.

The Simi Settlers will be collaborating with the Ventura County Amateur Radio Society and the Ventura County Amateur Radio Club for a combined field day operation at the Ronald Reagan Museum and Library. Our event call shall be N6R.

Last Month

Rusty Hemenway, K1GGS presented on the Ventura County ACS. ACS is the combination of ARES and RACES. More operators are always welcome. Please contact Frank Valdez, K1OCQ about joining ACS. Many thanks to Rusty for his presentation.

Please check in weekly to the ACS Net on area repeaters. The Area 1 Simi Valley net is at 1905 local on 147.930- 127.3.

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 June 22nd**

We enjoyed this restaurant last month and will enjoy it again this month.. Please note this month's location:

Old Susana Cafe
1555 Kuehner Dr.
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 first 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

Static and Sparks

Greetings Simi Settlers and other friends.

The June meeting is when we vote on club officers. We most especially need nominations for Vice President. If you feel you can do the job or feel qualified for another position, please feel free to step up. It is your club.

According to Merriam-Webster, a 'club' is an association of persons for some common object usually jointly supported and meeting periodically. The Simi Settlers Amateur Radio club is an association of persons primarily residing in Simi Valley and Moorpark with a strong interest in Amateur Radio. We have our general meeting once a month on a Thursday and our monthly breakfast on a Sunday morning. I know that the membership has many interests with in the service that is Amateur Radio. We are fortunate to have such a fine hobby with many facets.

A healthy amateur radio club has many service positions filled. The club officers are essential. Additional positions may include a Volunteer Examiner committee, a newsletter editor, a Public Information Officer and numerous others as the club sees fit to fill.

If the club no longer has the resources of people able to fill essential positions, we may do well to dissolve the club or merge with another local club. Most of us have friends in other local clubs. If our Vice president position cannot be filled at the June meeting, we may need to do down this road.

The Vice president of the Simi Valley Settlers ARC is responsible for lining up program for our monthly meeting. We have members that have done a fine job in past years. We now need someone to step up up for the year of 2008-9. There are plenty of resources both within and without the club to help the Vice president with their job.

This is a pivotal month. June's meeting is likely to be very exciting. What will happen ? Come by and find out.

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 May General Meeting

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club **General Membership Meeting, May 8, 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. Four Board Members were present. The total attendance was 15.

Program: Vice President Deanna Smitha, W6DWS, introduced our speaker Ralph "Rusty" Hemenway, K1GGS, who was filling in for Frank Valdez, KI6OQ. Rusty is the Assistant E.C. (Emergency Coordinator) for Simi Valley, Area 1 in Ventura County ACS. "ACS" is the Auxiliary Communications Service, a new name, formerly RACES. Rusty's presentation described the objectives and organization of ARES/ACS in Ventura County. For each of the eight districts, there are weekly nets on Tuesday evening starting between 7:00-7:15pm in each area, followed by a county wide net at 7:30pm. The net frequencies as well as an up-to-date calendar of activities are given at the www.vcacs.org web site. Rusty said that more operators are needed, and for information about joining ACS, interested persons should contact our E.C. Frank Valdez, KI6OQ.

Member Drawing: The progressive membership prize drawing was held this month. The winning name was Derek Galbraith, who was not present to win the \$10 prize. The prize fund will increase to \$15 for our next meeting.

Introductions: A round of introductions was made with members relating their recent activities on the air or with other interests. Doug Dubral, WA6RJN, told of his recent transmitter hunting adventures. He said there is a T-Hunt on the 4th Saturday of each month, and information is available at www.thunter.org.

Announcements: Al Febraro, W6AXX, said there is a repeater now on the air near Chatsworth on 147.180, with a PL of 162 Hz. Al also said he has a list of equipment for sale from the estate of a silent key ham. Peter mentioned our Yahoo group for the Simi Settlers ARC, and the VCARS events Yahoo group for Field Day information.

Nominations: Peter reminded members that our Club Election is in June. We have candidates for President, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian. As of this time we still have no Vice President candidate and Peter asked people to consider helping our Club by volunteering to serve as VP.

Club Breakfast: President Peter invited our members and guests to attend our next Simi Settlers ARC Breakfast that will be on Sunday, May 25th, 8:00am, at the Old Susana Café, 1555 Kuehner Drive in Simi Valley.

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

Minutes 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.

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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.

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**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 June 4th 2008 7:30pm VCARS General Meeting
The Cameron Center 288 Greenmeadow Dr. Newbury Park, CA 91320
<http://www.vcars.org>

Saturday June 8th, 8:30am Ham Radio License exam session at
East County Sheriff's Station (ECSS) 2101 East Olsen Road Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Thursday June 12th 2008 7:30pm Simi Settlers General Meeting
Simi Valley Senior Center

Friday June 13th 2008 7:30pm VCARC / K6MEP club meeting
The American Red Cross of Ventura County Chapter House
2355 Portola Road , Ventura CA.

Thursday June 19, 2008 7:30pm CVARC General Meeting
East County Sheriff's Station (ECSS) 2101 East Olsen Road Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
<http://www.cvarc.org/>

Wednesday June 18st 2008 7pm Santa Clarita Club General Meeting
Santa Clarita City Hall <http://www.w6jw.org/>

Thursday June 26th 2008 7:30pm SVARC Board Meeting
Simi Valley Senior Center

Sunday June 22, 2008 8:00am Simi Settlers Breakfast, Old Susana Cafe
1555 Kuehner Dr. Simi Valley , CA 93063

Saturday June 28th 2008 7am W6TRW Swapmeet and VE Session
Redondo Beach, CA http://w6trw.com/swapmeet/w6trw_arc_swapmeet.htm

Field Day 2008 June 28-29, 2008 as N6R with VCARS and VCARC @ The Ronald Reagan Library.

Jamboree on the Air 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>

Field Day

We are partnering with our friends in the Ventura County Amateur Radio Society and the Ventura County Amateur Radio Club.

Field Day starts on June 27, 2008 with setup. Operations start at 11am on Saturday June 28 and complete at 11am on Sunday June 29. Help is needed for setup, operations and tear down.

Please register at this site to express your willingness to help and what you would like to do.

http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/VCARS_events/

Please especially visit the polls.

CW and digital mode station captains and operators are especially needed for each band.

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

Next General Meeting

Field Day Planning

– Simi Valley Senior Center

Thursday June 12, 2008

7:30 p.m.

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