

Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

March 2005

Meeting Program

ATTENTION!!!!!!!

This month's meeting is a visitation to the Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club (CVARC). We will be gathering at our normal location at the church just before 7:00 p.m. so that we can carpool over to Thousand Oaks. Please be on time so that we can arrive before their meeting begins. If you want to drive directly to their site, plan to arrive about 7:20. (Driving directions below.)

OUR THANKS GOES OUT TO "CVARC" www.cvarc.org FOR THEIR INVITE TO THE SIMI SETTLERS TO JOIN IN ONE OF THERE MEETING. PLEASE JOIN US AS THIS WILL BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH OUR FELLOW AMATEURS.

THEIR PROGRAM WILL BE "THE HISTORY AND STATE-OF-THE ART FOR COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES"

After working for over 50 years in the aerospace and automotive industries, Adrian retired from HRL Laboratories LLC (formerly GM Hughes Research Laboratories) in Malibu, CA in August 2000 where he was the Director of Programs in President's Office. Since retiring he has been consulting for Boeing and has been working with 5th grade math students at the Conejo School and also at the Braille Institute in Santa Barbara where he has developed sensors to aid blind science students. Adrian also has answered over 400 physics and engineering related questions submitted by students and teachers to the Washington University Medical School's, award winning MAD SCIENCE website <http://www.madsci.org>

He received his BS in Engineering with honors from UCLA in 1969. In 1991 he graduated from the USC Graduate School of Business Administration. He has been a visiting lecturer at Caltech, UCLA, USC and at the Chalmers Institute for Technology in Gotenberg, Sweden. He has 10 patents and is a co-author of two editions of the CRC/McGraw-Hill Handbook of Laser Science and Technology (1980), (1991). Adrian has published his work in several leading journals and periodicals including the Scientific American Magazine. He was an Army aviator during the Korean War era and is a Life Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE).

"CVARC holds a meeting the second Thursday of each month at the Elks Lodge, 158 Conejo School Road, Thousand Oaks, CA. Meetings start at 7:30 PM with a pre-meeting technical assistance session for those who are interested. Meetings are open to the public and members are encouraged to bring their friends."

Driving directions - Madera Road to the 23 Fwy south. Exit at Hillcrest/Thousand Oaks Boulevard. Continue straight ahead across Hillcrest to Thousand Oaks Boulevard. Turn left onto T.O. Blvd. (under the freeway bridge.) Continue east on T.O. Boulevard about 1 mile to the traffic signal at Conejo School Road, which is at the east boundary of the Thousand Oaks Civic Center. Turn left onto Conejo School Road. The Elks Lodge is on the right in the second block, 158 Conejo School Road.

TACOS IN THE PARK March 19th

Allen Pettebone, KA6WGO, has offered to co-host a Taco Party in the park on Saturday, March 19th.

When: Saturday, March 19th at about 3:30 p.m.

Where: East side of Lemon Park just west of the City offices at Tapo Canyon and Alamo

What to Bring: The Club will furnish the tacos with all the trimmings, sodas and eating implements. Please bring an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert, your own chairs, and any special beverages you desire.

We will try to set up some radio-related activities (coordinated by Larry Pyle AD6ST), for fun and to raise public awareness of other people around the park. We are also inviting the Conejo Club and many non-member hams to join us.

Please mark you calendar for this great activity. Nobody has ever left one of Allen's activities hungry!!!

If we have bad weather, we will move to an alternate site or reschedule. Please call Dale Manquen at 805 529-2496 or Rick Galbraith at 805 520-0127 for alternate plans.

Monthly Raffle

No SSARC RAFFLE this month. We can participate in the CVARC activities.

Equipment Auction for April Meeting

We postponed the auction of the Hustler antenna because the newsletter was late, and we wanted everyone to have a fair chance at purchasing this antenna. Since the March meeting is our joint meeting with CVARC, we have rescheduled the antenna auction for our April meeting.

Quite a while ago, Todd Andrews, KJ6H, our former Newsletter Editor, donated a 5-band **Hustler 5-BVT** with 10, 15, 20 meter traps and RM75 75m resonator at top. See http://www.new-tronics.com/main/html/base_hf_5_band.html for details. Come to the meeting and place your bid on this multi-band antenna.

Last Month's Program

Our thanks to Randy White of the City of Simi Valley for an informative look at the City's preparations for emergencies. We didn't realize how much is going on behind the scenes. **Thanks, Randy.**

The Crystal Ball Sez

Upcoming guest speakers:

Frank Valdez has volunteered to present a program in April covering some of his adventures with The Gas Company.

We have also had a discussion with a Bob Paull, KK6UE, outgoing president of the Ventura County Amateur Radio Society regarding the possibility of establishing a permanent radio station at the Reagan Presidential Library. The first step will probably be to form a committee with representatives from VCARS, CVARC and our Settlers to draft a proposal.

Crisis Developing – We Need a NEW Refreshment Coordinator!!!!

Patrick Nelson has been providing our refreshments for quite a while, and he has politely asked for someone to step forward to take over this responsibility. Now Pat is experiencing some knee problems that will force him to the sidelines. Ed Richards, K6UUZ, has volunteered to help out in the short term, but **we need a volunteer to take over the refreshments permanently.** Someone PLEASE step forward and volunteer!

Pat, we thank you for your efforts, and we hope that everything heals up quickly. (Pat will continue as Historian.)

Equipment donation for ARES/RACES use

Ed Richards has donated two 2-meter coaxial antennas to our club. We can combine these antennas with some of the 2-meter gear recently donated by Harry Hall KJ6AG, a blind ham who lives in Tarzana, to make up some portable emergency stations. Anybody interested in lashing the various components together into portable packages?

Contact Dale Manquen for more details on the donated items.

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club **General Membership Meeting, February 10, 2005**

Call to Order President Dale Manquen, KO6VO, called the meeting to order at 7:34pm. Ed Richards, K6UUZ, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Five Board Members were present. The total attendance was 11. Rick Galbraith, Vice President, announced that we have lost club member Jay Baker, W6BEB, who passed away this past Monday, Feb. 7th.

Introductions: After Dale welcomed members to the meeting, a round of introductions was held with each member giving a brief word on their recent activities. The club welcomed visitor Brian Fawcett, KG6WHO, a new ham, licensed since September 2004.

Program: Vice President, Rick Galbraith, W6DQE, introduced our speaker, Randy White, who spoke about the Simi Valley Office of Emergency Services. Randy has been working with the City of Simi Valley for 16 years, and currently as Emergency Services Coordinator. Randy gave a power point presentation describing the mission of the Office of Emergency Services, its organization and the functions within the programs they operate. At the end of his talk, Randy answered questions from the audience. Randy said we could hold a future meeting at the EOC and could contact Greg Riegert, W6GRG, to make arrangements.

Announcements: Rick said for our March 10th meeting, we are set up to hold a joint meeting with the Conejo Valley ARC as guests at their regular meeting location; 158 Conejo School Road in Thousand Oaks. CVARC holds its meetings on the same day of the month as our SSARC meetings, the second Thursday. Rick said that Allen Pettebone, KA6WGO, would be able to do a Taco's in the Park event in March. The date and arrangements have not yet been set.

Dale reported that he had spoken to a representative of VCARS about a possible Ham station at the Ronald Reagan Library. Dale feels that now, during the construction work at the Reagan Library, is a good time to propose the Ham station within the facility. There is interest in this among our three local clubs, SSARC, CVARC and VCARS. Dale said talks would continue.

Regarding Field Day, Dale said VCARS has not yet finalized plans to operate again at the Reagan Library. Perhaps our club could join with VCARS and CVARC for F.D. at the Library to help us get to know them better.

Allen Pettebone suggested that we try to get more people involved for our Taco event. He also mentioned that we need to get the repeater working better.

Dale said that the February newsletter was not posted or emailed in advance of this month's meeting, so the plan to auction a vertical antenna donated by former member Tod Andrews, KJ6H, would be moved to a future meeting.

Break: A fifteen-minute refreshment break was taken at 8:45 pm.

Member Drawing: The name drawn in the Membership Drawing was Greg Owens, WA6HKM, who was not present to win the \$10 prize. The prize fund will therefore increase by \$5 for our next regular meeting, which will be on Thursday, March 10, 2005.

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

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

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

A Special Thank You

Our Secretary, John Percival, deserves a pat on the back for his unfailing efforts in keeping the records of our meetings. Not only does he publish the minutes of our general meeting, but he also provides a full page of minutes each month for our Executive Committee meetings. These notes are extremely helpful in maintaining continuity in our planning from month to month. These efforts are much more important than just leaving a written legacy for our historical file. They are the thread that weaves through all of our activities, binding the many facets of our club and our hobby together.

John, we salute you!!

ANYONE NEED COAX CABLE?

BULK BUY ON COAX ANYONE ?

Spencer Smith N6IWY is try to put together a bulk buy on coaxial cable, which is a very good idea since there is a significant savings when purchased in bulk.

Any interested people please let us know at the next meeting as we would like to get it on order.

Here are some of the prices we have been quoted so far: RG-213 .36 ft , 1318-fx (9913) .54 ft and LMR-400-ufx .98 ft

Information from Our Treasurer

Larry Pyle AD6ST

The current club roster has been distributed by e-mail to the members. Members should make certain that their information is correct

Student Memberships

In response to Allen Pettebone's, KA6WGO, suggestion that we offer a discounted membership to students to attract younger members to our club, the Executive Committee has approved a trial program to test the concept. The current proposal is to offer full-time students with appropriate school ID cards a \$5 membership while they remain enrolled full time.

RACES NET ON TUESDAY NIGHTS

Everyone is invited to check in to the RACES NET every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. on the Simi Valley Repeater (147.93 – PL 127.3). The local 7:00 net is followed by the county-wide RACES NET at 7:30 on the SMRA Repeater (146.880 – PL 127.3)

The January newsletter for Ventura County RACES is available at <http://home1.gte.net/res19999/index.htm> .

WE HAVE A NEW WEBPAGE!!!!

The webpage addresss may be the same, but everything else is NEW! Our new webmaster, Doug Dubrall WA6RJN, has done a wonderful job of creating a very useful new webpage. We welcome your suggestions on how to improve what you see. Great job, Doug!

SSARC Stockroom – More goodies

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.) So far, Spence and Michael Selden are the only members to take advantage of this resource. 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.

In addition, Ed Richards, K6UUZ, has offered to share some of his stash of parts with us:

PARTS LIST

My parts are segregated according to category as listed below. Most have quantities from 10 to 50 items. I can do a search from a phone call for anything but tubes. My tubes are separated according to base type. i.e. 7-pin peanut, 9-pin peanut, Octal, Locktal, Compactron, transmitting and misc. The requester will need to come to my place and search the appropriate box(s) himself. They are mostly un boxed and in bulk. My tube-testers are available for anyone who needs one. My phone number is (805) 577-5958. My address is Friendly Village Mobile Home Park, 195 Tierra Rejada Rd space 80, Simi Valley.

1. 200 assorted tubes. mostly receiving types. Nothing bigger than 1625 (12 volt 807).

2. Assorted tube shields.
3. Misc. insulators.
4. Misc switches.
5. 200 push-on knobs from BC home and car receivers.
6. Some set-screw knobs for communications equipment.
7. Assorted electrolytic capacitors, mostly 150 volt, some higher, some lower.
8. Misc connectors. Anything that connects electrical circuits together.
9. Misc dial lamps and sockets.
10. Misc solid state devices.
11. Misc relays.
12. Misc potentiometers
13. Misc crystals, mostly CB.
14. Misc power resistors
15. Misc vibrators.
16. Misc hardware including 4-40 and 5-40 SS threaded rods and 5-40 nuts.

Thank you, Ed, for your willingness to help! (By the way, those Vibrators in Item 15 are for power supplies!!!)

Tidbits

Announcing! the dates for the 2005 Dayton Hamvention®

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

Celebrating our 54th show, **May 20,21, & 22, 2005**, Dayton Hamvention® is the world's largest amateur radio gathering and trade show.

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- our **Forums** where you can meet and hear authorities on all facets of amateur radio - Note: All Forums time slots are BOOKED in advance. We still have a few additional space or times available. Plenty of space for guests to attend. Seating is provided on a first come first served basis so plan to arrive early.
- **500 inside exhibit spaces** where the exhibitors are showing their latest equipment and are available to answer questions about their products
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- Help **DARA** celebrate our 75th year! See many old members as well as our newest members.

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1001 Shiloh Springs Road
Trotwood, Ohio

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

Weather Spotter

Anyone with interest in becoming a **Southern California Weather Spotter** please contact Rick Galbraith at 805-520-0127 or see me at the next meeting for an application There are no fees to become a member.

Simi Settlers' Officers

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Monthly Meetings

This month we have a visitation. 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.**

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Next General Meeting

Thursday March 10th, 2005

7:30 p.m. at CVARC

Elks Lodge in Thousand Oaks!!!!

Talk-in Frequency: 147.93MHz

- Offset PL 127.3Hz