

## Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

# Short Circuit

*March 2008*

**John Haslett KC5KHA**

**A Modern-Day Expeditioner**

**March 13, 2008 7:30pm**

Join us and explorer/author John Haslett for an evening filled with images and adventure tales highlighting two expeditions he led in the late 1990s. In his new book, *Voyage of the Manteño: The Education of a Modern-Day Expeditioner* (St. Martin's Press), Haslett recounts how he built a series of giant rafts, similar in design to Thor Heyerdahl's famed Kon-Tiki, and then sailed them on the open sea. Haslett's expeditions were sponsored by ARRL, Yaesu Radios, Hustler Antennas, and many others, and were filled with classic ham radio adventures. An excerpt of *Voyage of the Manteño* is featured in the January [2007] issue of *National Geographic Adventure*.

John Haslett has spent the last fifteen years leading expeditions and researching the ancient cultures of Pre-Columbian Ecuador. In 1995, with the help of an isolated community of Ecuadorian mariners, he built a 30,000-pound, full-scale replica of an ocean-going raft used by the ancient Manteño people, and then voyaged on the open sea for thirty-eight days. Haslett was elected to The Explorer's Club in 1998, and later that year he flew the Club's flag on his second raft, voyaging for a total of eight-five days on the Pacific. His expeditions have yielded large amounts of technical data and practical knowledge about the Manteño people and their coastal trading network, and in 2000 Haslett teamed up with noted archaeologist Dr. Cameron McPherson Smith to publish "Construction and Sailing Characteristics of a Pre-Columbian Raft Replica" in the *Bulletin of Primitive Technology*. In November of 2006, he published his memoir of his first decade of exploring, *Voyage of the Manteño: The Education of a Modern-Day Expeditioner* (St. Martin's Press, Nov. 2006).

Haslett's call sign during his expeditions was KC5KHA/MM. [See <http://balsaraft.com>]

## Last Month

Dale Carnathan KB6DHF. of the Ventura County OES gave a very interesting presentation on Emergency preparedness in Ventura County and how ACS (ARES/RACES) fits in, as well as how the city, county, region, state, and federal resources work together.

Links to training resources have been posted to the club Yahoo Group.

## Simi Settlers Breakfast

Simi Settlers and their family and friends are invited to the third **Simi Settlers Breakfast of 2008** to be held at **8am Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Hometown Buffet**  
**1855 COCHRAN STREET**  
**SIMI VALLEY, CA 93065**

We just get together, socialize and eat, without any formal club events or business. Family

and friends are welcome. The extensive buffet breakfast is very good. The cost is reasonable (seniors get a discount).

We hope to see all of you there – and bring your appetite!

Talk-In: 147.93MHz - Offset PL 127.3Hz

## Static and Sparks

We have been having some very interesting speakers recently. I really wish to thank our Vice-President Deanna Smitha W6DWS for putting the program together. She's been doing a bang up job.

There are opportunities for you to help with club operations presently available and upcoming. An amateur radio club should have many facets if it wants both the club and amateur radio to continue. For starters, a club should have a full slate of officers that do the mandatory work that a club must do. There should be a newsletter editor who assembles the club's monthly publication. There should be a Volunteer examiner team that brings new licensed hams into the hobby. An there should be Elmers that share their experience with new or prospective hams. There are many other opportunities for service.

I believe that my mission on earth is to be of service and to make a difference. I hope you share my belief. When the time arrives for nominations for club officers, please raise your hand. If you feel you can learn about another job, the best way to learn is by going. Please volunteer.

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/SimiSettersARC/>

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](mailto:kb1cvh@arrl.net)  
President, Simi Valley Settlers ARC

## From Our Treasurer

*We need a member to volunteer to be our new treasurer. Please contact me if you can volunteer.*

**Thank you, Peter Grace [kb1cvh@arrl.net](mailto:kb1cvh@arrl.net) 805-223-0729 cell**

# From the Secretary

*Our Secretary kindly submitted these Minutes from our February General Meeting*

## **Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting, February 14, 2008**

- Call to Order: President Peter Grace, KB1CVH, called the meeting to order at 7:33pm. Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting held at the Simi Valley Senior Center, our regular location, and then led our recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. Three Board Members were present. The total attendance was 15, with two guests. Vice President Deanna Smitha, W6DWS, reported that our eligibility to meet at the Senior Center has changed. We need to have our members fill out a registration form with the Simi Valley Parks and Recreation District. Deanna had the forms available for members to fill out. Peter handed out a survey form for our members to provide information about their experience and skills.
- Yahoo Group: Peter has set up a new group on Yahoo.com called: "SimiSettlersARC". He has also set us up with a SimiSettlersARC section on "Meetup.com". He asked members to sign up with these groups to help distribute information about our Club Activities to our members and to publicize our Club to others.
- Program: Vice President Deanna Smitha, W6DWS, introduced our speaker Dale Carnathan, KB6DHF. He has been with the Ventura County Sheriff's Department Office of Emergency Services (OES) since 1992, and is also coordinator for the Ham Radio "ACS" volunteer group (Auxiliary Communications Service). Dale described how the OES works with other Counties, State and Federal agencies for emergency preparedness. He said he spends most of his time working to keep the Ventura E.O.C. ready for activation. Dale recommended training courses IS-100, -200, and -700 that are available online at "[www.fema.gov/training](http://www.fema.gov/training)". At the conclusion of his talk, Dale answered questions about recent OES operations in recent fire incidents in our area, and passed out some emergency preparedness pamphlets from California O.E.S.  
At the end of the program, Deanna presented Dale with a certificate of appreciation from the Simi Settlers ARC.
- Introductions: After the program and a short break, a round of introductions was held. The Club welcomed Bill Everett, KI6KSV, as a new member who joined at this meeting.
- Announcements: Frank Valdez, KI6OQ, said he will be participating again this year with the LA Marathon, to be held Sunday March 2nd. He said members should contact him if they would be available to help with radio operations. The Baker to Vegas event is on April 19-20, and information is available at "[B2V.org](http://B2V.org)".  
Kevin Shute, KG6BCL, announced that he is stepping down as President of VCARS. His replacement will be Rick Tate, KQ6NO.  
Peter asked if someone would be willing and able to serve as a Field Day coordinator for our joint effort with VCARS this year.
- Club Breakfast: President Peter announced that our first Simi Settlers ARC Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am, at the Home Town Buffet.

Member Drawing: The progressive membership prize drawing was not held this month.

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

## 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.

bryonfoster@hotmail.com

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"**

## 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.

Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup> 2008 7:30pm Simi Settlers General Meeting at the Senior Center

Sunday March 16, 2008 8:00am Simi Settlers Breakfast, Hometown Buffet  
1855 Cochran St, Simi Valley

Wednesday March 19, 2008 7pm Santa Clarita Club General Meeting  
Santa Clarita Aquatic Center, 20850 Center Point Pky., Santa Clarita, CA. 91350  
<http://www.w6jw.org/>

Thursday March 20, 2008 7:30pm CVARC General Meeting  
[East County Sheriff's Station \(ECSS\)](http://www.ecss.org/) 2101 East Olsen Road Thousand Oaks, CA 91360  
<http://www.cvarc.org/>

Friday March 21-Sunday March 23, 2008 Coyote Two Moons 100 Mile Ultra Food Race  
If interested in helping – contact Dan Dicke KE6NYT (805)983-1401

Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup> 2008 7:30pm SVARC Board Meeting

Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> 2008 7am W6TRW Swapmeet and VE Session  
Redondo Beach, CA

Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008 7:30pm VCARS General Meeting  
The Cameron Center 288 Greenmeadow Dr. Newbury Park, CA 91320  
<http://www.vcars.org>

Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> 2008 7:30pm Simi Settlers General Meeting at the Senior Center  
Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA

Saturday April 12, 2008 M2 Antennas, Fresno CA Annual Event  
4402 N. Selland Ave Fresno, CA 93722

Field Day 2008 June 28-29, 2008 with VCARS @ 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.

## ACS ARES/RACES News

Information about Ventura County ACS ARES/RACES 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 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](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.

### **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

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

President	Peter Grace KB1CVH	(805) 223-0729 cell	KB1CVH@ARRL.NET
Vice President	Deanna Smitha W6DWS		W6DWS@ARRL.NET
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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 volunteer to coordinate.		
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.

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We meet for dinner at the Hometown Buffet at 18:15 (6:15pm) before the meeting.

**The March 2008 meeting will be at the Simi Valley Senior Center 3900 Avenida Simi.**

### **Next General Meeting**

**John Haslett KC5KHA**

– Simi Valley Senior Center

**Thursday March 13 2008**

**7:30 p.m.**

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