

Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

May 2007

**ARRL Topics
May 10, 2007**

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

Terry Graves, K7FE, from VCARS will join us to discuss Field Day preparations.

We will have a special raffle prize from John Beckers – a Kenwood mobile rig.

Mother Nature Smiled on our Picnic in the Park

The Simi Settlers ARC gathered in Lemon Park on April 21st under beautiful skies for our spring picnic. We had lots of good food and plenty of tales to swap. John Percival, WI6O, set up his QRP station, but he didn't have very good conditions.

Last Month – An Energy Management System

Our own John Beckers, W6JON, discussed the Energy Management System he has helped to implement at Valley College. Sounds like it is a bad idea to upset John since he can easily make life miserable for anyone on campus!

June Meeting

June is the time for election of officers. We will also be preparing for Field Day.

Don't miss the For Sale listing of a Yaesu FT1000MKV below.

The Pres Sez

I received an email from the late Dave Timoshik's (WA6AYI) sister Tamara 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. She plans to be in our area in June, and we will try to work up a presentation of the equipment at Field Day.

Our other activities at Field Day will be coordinated with VCARS at the Reagan Presidential Library. Our thanks to Kevin Shute, KG6BCL, and Rick Tate, KQ6NO, for attending our April meeting to help with the planning.

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.

***** I want to remind everyone that I am stepping down as President in June, along with my responsibilities as acting Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. We need folks to step up and volunteer to take on these responsibilities.

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. *****

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, April 12, 2007

Call to Order: President Dale Manquen, KO6VO, called the meeting to order at 7:33pm. Dale welcomed everyone to the meeting held at the Simi Valley Senior Center and then led our recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. Five Board Members were present. The total attendance was 14.

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: Tom Stough, W0UFC, Rick Tate, KQ6NO, Kevin Shute, KG6BCL, and Roger Beard, KI6IAL.

Program: Vice President Spencer Smith, N6IWY, introduced our program speaker for this meeting John Beckers, W6JON, who works for the Los Angeles Valley College. John maintains a large networked system to control the Energy Management System for all the buildings on the campus. The TCP/IP network uses graphical computer displays to monitor operating conditions and allow control of all the pumps, valves, motors and

dampers in the heating, ventilation and cooling systems. The system also control lighting in buildings based on scheduled needs. John does the logic and control programming for the system as well as the graphical displays. The efficiency of this automatic control system resulted in a very large energy and cost savings, enough to pay back the cost of the system in the first year of operation. With the system, John can control all equipment on the campus from his office. The present system is a wired network with some fiber optic links. John described a wireless system (Mesh network) that may replace the wired system. At the end of the program, Vice President, Spencer Smith, N6IWY, presented John with a certificate of appreciation from the Club.

Break: A fifteen-minute refreshment break was held at 8:30pm.

Announcements: Our guest Kevin Shute, KG6BCL, President of VCARS, spoke about Field Day for this year. We will participate again this year with VCARS at the Reagan Presidential Library on Field Day weekend, June 23 and 24. Kevin said we want to have a more fully combined effort this year with the two clubs more integrated in the planning and operations, he would like to have a common webpage for Field Day planning. We should have teams of VCARS and SSARC members at each station. Kevin mentioned that there has been discussion about whether to use the "N6R" call sign again this year, saying that in difficult band conditions, that short one-by-one call sign can be confusing for other stations on the air. Kevin also said that at the Reagan Library, there is always the possibility that a priority event could come up on the Field Day weekend and affect our use of the facility.

The Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club (CVARC) will have a program at their next meeting, April 19th, about "LowFer" operation on frequencies below 200 kHz.

We will have our first spring picnic on Saturday April 21st at Lemon Park. It will be a pot luck event so members should bring a salad, main course and/or dessert. We will try to get the tables under the shelter again.

Dale reminded members that we need to find candidates for the offices of President, V.P. and Treasurer for our Elections in June, just two months away.

Member Drawing: The progressive membership prize drawing was held, and the name drawn was Rick Galbraith, W6DQE, who was not present to win. Therefore, the prize fund will increase to \$25 for our next meeting on May 10th.

Prize Drawings: The regular prize drawing was held with winners selecting the prize of their choice. There was a special raffle prize, a dual band HT donated by John Beckers. In addition, there was an auction of items from the Lewis Curry estate, including a PanaVise PC Board holder and soldering stand, chassis punches, connectors and other items.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:22pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

From Our Treasurer

Gee, we don't have a Treasurer!! We need a volunteer to assume this position until the next election.

ATV NEWS by Bryon Foster

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

For sale

I am selling my Yaesu FT1000MKV and would like to offer it to club members first. I purchased the radio new in July 2001 and have added the Inrad roofing filter with amplifier, 1.8 kHz and 2.4 kHz if filters for ssb and a 500 kHz if filter for cw. The transceiver has 200w output and 75w output in class A. The radio operates on bands from 160 meters to 10 meters. Operation on 60 meters can be achieved with a simple modification and a high stability oscillator available from Yaesu. Included are the FP-29 power supply and the Yaesu MH-31 microphone. This radio has worked very reliably for me during the time that I have had it. This is a great receiver and includes DSP for fine tuning. ARRL has reviewed this radio and reviews are available on line at www.arrl.org/ under product reviews.

Call Larry Pyle, AD6ST, at 805 526-9556 for information.

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 May Program -

"VHF/UHF IS LINE OF SIGHT???"

The CVARC Speaker for May is Peter Heins, N6ZE. He will share a Collection of Ad Hoc Empirical Comments including:

- Types of Propagation (with emphasis on modes possible from Thousand Oaks)
- Actual Recordings of 6 & 2 Meter DX
- N6ZE's VHF/UHF experiences (and accomplishments) from Thousand Oaks
- Transceivers, Antennae, & Feedlines
- On-Line & Printed Aids

Please join us for an interesting and informative presentation!

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 April 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.

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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
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