

Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

November 2004

Meeting Program

Our guest speaker this month is Randy White of the City of Simi Valley's Multi Hazards Response Team. Join us to learn what goes on behind the scenes in an emergency, and how we might be able to help.

This month's RAFFLE DOOR PRIZES

Daiwa 2 port coax switch HF-600MHz

Autozone Gift Certificate

Red's Gift Certificate

Holiday Party

Mark **December 4th** on your calendar for the Simi Settler's Holiday Party. Mike Tweedy will once again host our party.

Our Holiday Raffle features a number of great prizes:

An Astron SS-30M 12V, 25/30A power supply with meters see
<http://www.astroncorp.com/sps.shtml>

A Maha MH-C77 Plus II versatile battery charger see
http://www.mahaenergy.com/store/products_ham.asp

Two \$50 gift certificates

One \$50 gift certificate to Wood Ranch Barbeque

And more!

Raffle tickets are \$2 each, or 6 for \$10. We hope to have tickets available at this month's meeting.

A Peek at Next Year

Upcoming guest speakers:

January 13th, 2005 Ed Richards K6UUZ Electronic Lecture Part 1 "TUBES"

ARES/RACES HOSPITAL DRILL Nov. 18th

Thursday, November 18, 2004, 8am-12Noon:

Statewide Hospital Drill.

[Drill Scenario Information \(PDF file\)](#)

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!

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

Equipment Auction for November Meeting

The Club has received a donation of radio equipment that will be auctioned to the members of the club at upcoming meetings. The following list of equipment should include something of interest to you.

At the September meeting, Rick Galbraith was high bidder for the **Sony color TV watchman AM/FM-TV** mini 3" screen. Patrick Nelson is now the proud owner of the Kenwood stereo receiver.

The November auction is:

Realistic (Radio Shack) PRO-43 200 channel direct entry AM/FM programmable scanner

Barbeque gas dual cooker *donated by Jay Baker WA6BEB*

At subsequent meetings we will be auctioning the following:

Radio Shack AM/FM handheld radio

Radio Shack 5-watt external speaker

Comet mag mount antenna 144/440 MHz dual band

Astron RS 20 amp power supply with meters

Daiwa 2 Port coax switch HF-600MHz

Information from Our Treasurer

Larry Pyle AD6ST

The current club roster has been distributed by e-mail to the members. Members should make

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

certain that their information is correct.

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)

SPECIAL INTEREST

I've attached a letter from ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP, that explains an ARRL toy campaign to benefit children in Florida this coming holiday season. Allen may be reached at w1agp@arrl.org.

This announcement is also found on the ARRL's main Web page, <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/10/18/2/?nc=1>, and at the ARRL Public Relations Web page, <http://www.arrl.org/pio/>.

Thank you and 73,

Steve, WV1X
ARRL Field Organization/Public Service Team

Hams Remember Children

We need your help.

Over the past weeks, we have all heard of the devastation in central Florida. Many hams actually heard it first hand through volunteer service or on the HF nets. While many areas of the country were affected to differing degrees, Florida was the worst. Thousands of families are without a place to live and will be homeless over the coming Holiday Season. For a child suddenly living out of a tent, or car, or someone else's home, the 2004 holiday season will be anything but jolly. But hams are coming to their rescue in a new way.

Between now and Thanksgiving, hams across the country are being asked to purchase a new child's toy and send it with a QSL card or 3x5 showing their callsign to:

Ham Radio
The United Way White Dove Project

50 Kindred Street - Suite 207
Stuart, FL 34994

"The storms and their aftermath have been especially traumatic for children. In addition to the frightening experience of going through the hurricanes, youngsters are coping with a great deal of stress felt within their families and at school," writes Carol Hodnett, a Director at the United Way site, who will be handling the distribution end of the program.

"Because of the overall strain on our state, we have been looking outside the area for help in supporting the White Doves Holiday Project this year. We are so incredibly thankful to you and the American Radio Relay League for thinking of the children of our area in planning your toy drive."

The Martin County United Way in Stuart still has the facilities to manage a large toy Drive. They have agreed to serve as the collection point and also coordinate distribution to the surrounding counties whose agencies are no longer capable of managing such a project.

"Just let me know what you need," offered Steve Blary, N1XC, the ARES Emergency Coordinator for Stuart County, Florida. "This is a great idea and we're ready to help at this end."

Unwrapped toys for boys and girls of ages 1 to 14 will be gathered and shipped by amateur radio operators to the Stuart facility between now and Thanksgiving for distribution over the holidays. Non-hams are also encouraged to join in this effort to provide for the thousands of children suddenly homeless due to the series of hurricanes.

Those wishing to donate money instead of toys can send a check to:

White Dove, c/o United Way of Martin County
50 Kindred Street, Suite 207, Stuart, FL 34994

Recent figures from FEMA and the Red Cross showed over 22,000 homes destroyed and over 40,000 severely damaged. Whole families who once had their own home or apartment are now living wherever they can, in vehicles, or tents, or sharing undamaged homes or shelters. It is not simply a shortage of affordable housing; it is a lack of ANY housing.

We are asking all hams to make the coming Holiday Season a little bit brighter for a child by participating in this toy drive. Purchase a new toy and ship it to the Ham Radio/United Way-White Dove address. Maybe it's not a new home to live in, but knowing that someone "out there" remembers you is a start for these children.

What kind of toy?

The homeless children come in all ages, but we suggest thinking of age 1 to 14, both boys and girls.

Should I wrap it?

No, just put it in the box unwrapped.

Why the QSL card?

The cards will be collected and sent to the ARRL headquarters to track results.

Can my non-ham friends join in?

SURE! And if you give them your QSL cards to put in the boxes, your area will get the credit for their generosity.

Can't I just give to something here locally?

Of course you can. We're not saying "don't give" to any other place or cause. We are simply offering this option for hams to show the world that we remember the victims in disasters after the headlines are gone, and to do something good for children in real need.

I know our club can get more people involved than their club....

Club and area and section challenges are encouraged. We'll use the QSL cards as a way to track results.

Can I just give money?

Money is always good. Checks should be made payable to:

White Doves,
c/o United Way of Martin County
50 Kindred Street, Suite 207
Stuart, FL 34994

Just how bad is it really?

The following numbers are from FEMA and the Red Cross

County	Destroyed homes	Damaged homes	Displaced People
Charlotte	5013	12006	24235
Escambia	5224	9385	23006
Desoto	3644	2671	13445
Brevard	2607	2498	9254
Polk	2064	2520	8310
St. Lucie	840	2538	5273
Palm Beach	366	1451	2510
Indian River	1830	1759	6232
Volusia	332	1124	2056
Orange	82	325	636
Santa Rosa	938	3026	6446
Lee	331	654	1513
Osceola	158	652	1355
Martin	301	1473	2283
Hardee	367	1052	2768

You can help make the coming Holiday Season a little bit brighter for a child. Maybe it's not a new home to live in, but knowing that someone "out there" remembers you is a start for these children. Buy a toy (or three!) and send them with your QSL card today.

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club
General Membership Meeting, October 14, 2004

Our Secretary was not present at the October meeting to take notes. The following is a very short summary.

Program: Jeff Reinhardt AA6JR, and Rob Hanson, W6RH, of the Conejo Valley Club presented an excellent program on APRS. Their live demonstrations and very thorough presentations covered many aspects of APRS.

We also discussed the possibility of a joint program with the Conejo Club early in the new year.

Announcements: The Holiday Party is set for December 4th.

A trial program to attract student members was announced.

Member Drawing: No winner this month.

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

Auction: Following the prize drawings, an auction was held for a Sony color TV watchman AM/FM-TV, with Rick Galbraith winning out. Patrick Nelson, KF6RMI, was top (and only) bidder for the Kenwood KR-50 am/fm stereo receiver. There are additional donated items that will be auctioned at future meetings.

A Special Note to our Ambassadors At Large

Not all of our members live here in Simi Valley. We wish to thank those of you who have moved away for your continue support.

As mentioned last month, Jim Sackey, N9ESM, recently sent in his dues with a nice note. Here is the greeting from that message:

"Simi Settlers ARC

Please pass my greetings to all the "old timers" who might remember "Ye Olde Editor" of the Short Circuit 1990-1994."

Yes, Jim, many of us remember your great newsletters. Settlers, check out

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

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

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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Newsletter

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Monthly Meetings

Our 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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P.O. Box 2125
Simi Valley, CA 93063-2125

Next General Meeting
Thursday September 9, 2004
7:30 p.m.
Talk-in Frequency: 147.93MHz
- Offset PL 127.3Hz
Seventh Day Adventist Church