

Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

November 2005

**Meeting Program
November 10, 2005**

Solar Power for Your House?

Our speaker for our November meeting will be Mr. Bob Bower from Solar Perfect, Inc. He will tell us all about the advantages of using solar energy to power our homes.

Solar Perfect, Inc. is a company located in Moorpark and deals specifically with residential and company solar electrical systems.

Raffle and Auction for October

Last month, due to lack of interested buyers at the meeting, we decided to auction the KLM TriBand antenna on Ebay. Ed Richards listed the antenna, but we had no bidders that met our reserve. Thanks, Ed, for trying. Unless someone in the club steps forward with a decent bid, our next step is to see if the other clubs in the area will list the antenna in their newsletters.

RAFFLE DOOR PRIZES for October:

ARRL Repeater Directory 2005/2006

MINI VOLT/OHM TEST METER

\$5.00 RADIO SHACK CERTIFICATE

Leather work gloves

Holiday Raffle Time!!!

Our list of prizes for the Holiday Raffle includes:

MFJ-369B 1.8-170 MHz Antenna and Impedance Analyzer

<http://www.mfjenterprises.com/products.php?prodid=MFJ-259B>

Kill-A-Watt AC power meter/recorder <http://www.smarthome.com/9034.html>

ARRL 2006 80th Anniversary Handbook including CD-ROM and 224-page reproduction of the 1926 Handbook <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2005/09/28/4/?nc=1>

Ultimate DX World Map 24" x 36"
HRO \$50 gift certificate
Wood Ranch \$50 gift certificate

Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. (We do not have custom printed tickets this year due to a change at our former printing shop.) Fill in your name, call sign and phone number on the back of the ticket that you return. You need not be present to win.

We Need a New Treasurer

We need a new Treasurer ASAP. The Treasurer's responsibilities include:
Collect dues
Keep the membership roster up to date
Sell raffle tickets and administer the perpetual membership raffle
Maintain the financial records of the club.

We MUST fill this position. Please step forward and lend a hand!

The Pres Sez

We all need to support our Holiday Raffle. As our active membership shrinks and raffle ticket sales decline, we are now 'losing money' on the holiday raffle. This year we are again investing in \$450 worth of prizes. You can help the club break even on this investment by buying your fair share of tickets, and selling tickets to friends and fellow hams that may not be members of our club.

I have two neighbors who are hams, but neither one ever has time to come to our meetings. They receive and enjoy our monthly newsletter AND they each buy \$10 worth of raffle tickets each year.

Do you have a friend, co-worker or family member who might be interested in raffle tickets? Remember, we need to sell 45 6-ticket sets to break even. Please do your part in reaching this goal.

Our Holiday Party will be December 10 at Mike Tweedy's house. More details to follow.

Last Month's Program

Our October program was about digital radio transmission standards. Lyle Henry, a very experienced radio engineering consultant, discussed the various methods of adding digital information to the normal FM broadcast signal. He brought along a spectrum analyzer that permitted observation of several of the L.A. area station spectra.

Lyle has recently been involved with the installation of many FM station upgrades to support MSN Direct, an FM digital subcarrier that sends digital data for sports, stocks, etc. to wristwatches. Lyle passed around one of the watches for us to examine.

Thanks, Lyle, for a great program!

Club Project for this year

We would like to use the VHF/UHF equipment donated by Harry Hall (see story near top) to build one or two Grab and Go portable emergency stations that would be available for ARES/RACES activities. The club will contribute enough money to fill in any supplies that need to be purchased.

Ed Richards is Project Manager for this project.

The Crystal Ball

Upcoming guest speakers:

December is the annual Holiday Party at Mike Tweedy's house.

In January we will start the year with a visit to the Simi Valley Police Department to learn about their new radio system. We will meet at the EOC.

Contact Spencer Smith, Club VP, if you have suggestions for speakers or meeting topics.

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club **General Membership Meeting October 13, 2005**

Our Secretary was absent last month, and nobody took any minutes for the meeting.

Information from Our Phantom Treasurer

It is now time to pay dues for 2005-2006. Unfortunately, the turmoil of losing our elected Treasurer has created a problem with the continuity of our membership records. We are going to be forced to use the 'honor system' to determine who has paid dues for 2005-2006. Please notify one of the officers if you have paid your dues. If you haven't paid yet, please do so as soon as possible.

ARRL's Role in Rescue Offers Lessons for Future

Electronic Design magazine had an interesting Editorial with the above title.

<http://www.elecdesign.com/Articles/ArticleID/11164/11164.html>

RACES NET ON TUESDAY NIGHTS

Everyone is invited to check in to the RACES NET every Tuesday night at 7:10 p.m. on the Simi Valley Repeater (147.93 – PL 127.3). The local 7:10 net is followed by the county-wide RACES NET at 7:30 on the SMRA Repeater (146.880 – PL 127.3)

The latest issue of the Ventura County RACES newsletter is available at

http://www.cvarc.org/ares/ares_district-03-11.htm

Weather Spotter Classes Online

Weather Spotter training is available online.

You can 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.

RACES Renewals

For those of you that need to renew your **ARES/RACES** White Badge in the near future, Jackie is back on the job. Please call **805-654-5084** to renew your White Badge.

All you should have to do is give her a call, tell her that you want to renew your **RACES Disaster Service Workers White Badge**, and it should be done. You will receive your new badge in the mail, along with a return envelope to send back your old badge.

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.

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 NEW INFO

If you would like to attend a Weather Spotter training session, please note:

October 18 6-8 p.m. Maibu Public Library

October 24 7-9 p.m. Santa Clarita City Hall

October 25 7-9 p.m. Oxnard National Weather Service Oxnard

Please RSVP to 805 988-6615 x466 to reserve a space.

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Monthly Meetings

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 November 10, 2005

7:30 p.m.

Talk-in Frequency: 147.93MHz

- Offset PL 127.3Hz

Seventh Day Adventist Church