

**Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club**

# **Short Circuit**

***NOVEMBER 2006***

**Meeting Program  
November 9, 2006**

## **November – A Housewarming, Reunion and Historical Review**

November will be our “official” housewarming for our new meeting place. If you haven’t seen this wonderful facility, this is a great chance to come in and kick the tires.

Our Membership Chairman, John Mendez, AE6YA (new call!), has sent out 100 postcards inviting former club members to our November gathering. We hope to see some of the friends who have been unable to attend a meeting recently.

Our Historian, Patrick Nelson, KF6RMI, will have photographs and other historical documents to jog our memories. We will also have a session of “I remember when....”, sharing anecdotes of our Club experiences.

We will have some special (free) door prizes and a cake for refreshments.

Please make a special effort to join us for this informal get together.

## **December – Holiday Party**

Mike Tweedy will once again be our host for the SSARC Holiday Party. Mark December 9<sup>th</sup> on you calendar for this gala event.

## **Last Month – Monitoring the Sun**

Dale Manquen, KO6VO, presented information on STEREO, a newly launched pair of space probes that will monitor the Sun. The two probes will orbit the Sun slightly ahead of and trailing the Earth, providing two additional vantage points for “3D viewing” of solar disturbances. This 3D perspective will give us a side view of coronal mass ejections that head directly for Earth.

We also had available for sale the remaining items from Silent Key Lewis Curry's, WD6CAM, workshop.

## The Settlers at TRW

Dale Manquen and Al Febraro hauled the remaining parts from Lewis Curry's shop to the TRW swap meet on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Sales topped \$150, making the effort worthwhile.

## The Pres Sez

Do you have any suggestions for activities in 2007?

One of our 'Auxiliary Members', Sean Sheedy in Leesburg, VA is Beta testing the Tiny Tracker 4 controller for APRS stations. Maybe we could have a club project to build up some units for APRS. CVARC had a successful Tiny Tracker project a few months ago.

Please try to attend our Holiday Party. We have good food, good fellowship, and good raffle prizes. What more could you want?

## From Our Treasurer

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

## CVARC November Program

Now that the Conejo Valley club has changed its meeting to the third Thursday of the month at the West Valley Sheriff's Station on Madera/Olsen road, our members can attend their meetings without any conflict. Ms Christi MacLaren from Red Cross Chapter House in Ventura will present the program for their CVARC meeting on November 16th.

Visit the CVARC website <http://www.cvarc.org/> for details.

## ATV NEWS by Bryon Foster

First a comment on the MFJ ATV transmitter:  
Two local Hams purchased the transmitter and were unable to make them work well.

The 900 MHz output from Oat Mt. is now at 140 watts and delivering 1 kilowatt of ERP.

Plan on attending the "**ATV Open House/Swap Meet**" in Jan 2007. It's planned for the 13th (Sat.). There will be more info in the next two newsletters. If you have any interest in ATV you should plan on coming.

See you on ATV,  
N6IFU

## 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](http://www.emcomm.org/gear_list.htm) for a comprehensive list of supplies for your emergency kit.

## For Sale

By John Beckers [w6jon@adelphia.net]

I have a All mode 2meter 220 and 440 band radio for sale Yaesu FT736r

Great for Satellite, ATV, Repeaters CW Digi modes SSB DXing too. Asking \$400.00

Reason for selling - just got an all mode HF 6 meters VHF UHF radio

## Minutes for the October 12th Meeting

Our Secretary was AWOL on a trip last month. The Program is described above.

## 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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## 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**

**Thursday November 9, 2006**

7:30 p.m.

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