

Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

November 2008

Bob Fricke
Flying and Building Model Airplanes
November 13, 2008 7:00pm

Bob Fricke, K6OUA is a member of the Simi Valley Flyers Radio Control Model Airplane Club. He has many years experience flying and building RC model airplanes and is a flight instructor and board member of the club. He will be giving a presentation on the subject and will have model airplanes and other related hardware to show. He also will offer members of the Simi Settlers introductory flight lessons at the clubs field.

Local Repeaters

Orv Beach gave a very interesting presentation at the October General meeting.

As a follow up to his meeting, here is source about local repeaters and repeater groups. A good source of information is: <http://rprrlist.w6jpl.ampr.org/mylist.htm>
 Selected Repeaters of interest:

Ventura County

2m

146.640 -WA6FGK	Simi Valley	O	127.3	
146.655 -W6JTB	Ventura	O	131.8	
146.670 -N6JMI	Newbury Park	O	127.3	
146.850 -K6AER	Thousand Oaks	O	94.8	
146.880 -K6ERN	Red Mtn.	O	127.3	SMRA Repeater Network
146.985 -WB6ZTX	South Mtn.	O	127.3	SMRA Repeater Network
147.150 -K0AKS	Thousand Oaks	O	127.3	CARS
147.765 -WB6ZTW	Grant Park	O	127.3	Sulphur Mtn. Rptr. Assn.
147.885 -N6JMI	Rasnow Peak	O	127.3	
147.930 -AD6SV	Simi Valley	O	127.3	
147.975 -N6VUY	Ventura	O	127.3	

70cm

447.260 -WA6UZS	Simi Valley	F	100	
448.340 W6MWA	Ventura	O	141.3	
449.440 -WA6AMG	Rasnow Peak	O	131.3	

2m Los Angeles County

	Verdugo Hills			
146.025 -WB6ZTY	Hospital	O	136.5	
146.265 -WA6AQQ	Woodland Hills	O	103.5	
146.730 -KE6KIS	Hauser Peak	O	100	
146.760 -KC6ZQR	Palmdale	O	186.2	
146.790 -W6JW	Santa Clarita	O	123	
147.735 -KB6C	Oat Mtn.	O		

70cm

446.580 -WD6FZA	Oat Mtn.	P	127.3	Pocket Autopatch Assn
447.820 -KJ6TQ	Oat Mtn.	PF	67	Metro Amateur Repeater System

Membership

REMINDER: 2008-2009 membership dues were due in July. The existing application form can be used for renewals, just by filling in the name/call sign and noting any changes. Or see our treasurer and give him a check or cash.

We need 51% of the voting (paid) members as ARRL members to maintain our association with the ARRL. ARRL members should make certain that their membership is correctly noted on the membership listing.

We receive many benefits as Amateur Radio Operators by being affiliated. See <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/benefits.html>

Static and Sparks

Greetings Simi Settlers and other friends.

The Simi Settlers Holiday party is coming up. The party is being hosted by Mike Tweedy K6VI and his XYL. All adult amateur radio operators are invited. This is a great opportunity to set out with your significant other for a fine evening of commardarie and conversation. The evening culminates with the club raffle. Please get your raffle tickets at the November club general meeting or look in the mail.

You are invited to join us on Saturday, December 6, at 6pm (0200 Z), at the home of our hosts Mike Tweedy, KV6I, and his XYL. The address is 630 Stonebrook, Simi Valley. For the Pot-Luck dinner, please bring a main course and a side dish or dessert to share. The Club will provide soft drinks.

We have a great selection of prizes to be raffled at the party. They include:

- Yaesu VX-6 a 2m/1.25m/70cm handheld transceiver
- A Wood Ranch Barbecue \$50 Gift Certificate
- A 2009 ARRL Handbook with CD ROM
- ARRL 2009 Repeater Directory

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

(But, you don't want to miss the fun, camaraderie, and great food)

The raffle tickets for this year are available for you to purchase or sell to friends, Hams or not. Please keep one of each numbered pair and return the other half with your Name, Callsign and Telephone number written on the back. Enclose cash or a check for the number of tickets purchased according to the following:

- 1 - 4 Tickets for a \$2 Donation each
- 6 Tickets for \$10 Donation
- 9 Tickets for \$15 Donation
- 12 Tickets for \$20 Donation

If you prefer, you may bring the ticket stubs and your payment to the party.

The December General meeting is the holiday party.

Please join our new internet groups – a Yahoo group and Meetup group.

73 de Peter Grace AI6PG pcg@acm.org
President, Simi Valley Settlers ARC

Picnic in the Park

The Simi Settlers had a fine picnic at Lemon Park on Sunday November 2nd. The weather turned out fine. Thanks to those who came and helped make it a fine day.

From the Secretary

Our Club Secretary kindly submitted these Minutes from our October General Meeting

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club **General Membership Meeting, October 9, 2008**

Call to Order: President Peter Grace, AI6PG, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting held at the Simi Valley Senior Center, and then led our recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance. Two Board Members were present. The total attendance was 18, with 3 guests.

Introductions: A brief round of introductions was held. The club welcomed visitor Chris Stinnett who said he has passed his license exam and has received Callsign KI6TKU. Bob Fricke, K6OUA, a guest at this meeting, is Treasurer of the Simi Valley Flyers. He will be our speaker at the November meeting on the subject of radio control model airplanes.

Announcements: A Club Breakfast has not been scheduled for this month. Spencer Smith, N6IWY, said he brought some items to sell and will donate half the proceeds to the Club. Dale Manquen, KO6VO, reminded members about the "stockroom" that he maintains with donated electronic parts available for those who need them. Details about what is available are on our web page; simisetters.org.

Program: Our program speaker for this meeting was Orv Beach, W6BI, who is the license trustee for the AD6SV repeater. Orv gave a talk about amateur radio repeater basics and our Simi Valley repeater association repeater in particular. The Simi repeater went into its current location in 1988 and it has had only about 20 hours of down time during the 20 years since then. Orv used the whiteboard to draw block diagrams to explain how repeaters are made and how they operate. He went into some detail about how the repeater controller works. Orv gave credit to Art Vorpahl, W6CWJ, who built the current system that has served so well.

Member Drawing: The progressive membership prize drawing was held this month. The winning name was Chetly Skinner, KI6OMO, who was present to win the \$35 prize. The prize fund will start over at \$5 for our November meeting. This prize increases by \$5 for each month in which the member whose name is drawn is not present to win.

Holiday Party: Mike Tweedy, KV6I, said that he and his XYL will host our party again this year. The date has been set for Saturday, December 6th, starting at 6pm.

Prize Drawing: There was no prize drawing this month.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

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.

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If you are currently receiving the newsletter and would like it stopped, please send me an e-mail as well.

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**See you on ATV, N6IFU Bryon Foster
Editor and Publisher of the "ATV Newsletter"**

ACS ARES/RACES News

Information about Ventura County ACS ARES/RACES is available at <http://www.vcacs.org>

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 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.

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.

Wednesday November 5th 2008 7:30pm VCARS General Meeting
The Cameron Center 288 Greenmeadow Dr. Newbury Park, CA 91320
<http://www.vcars.org>

Earthquake Drill, November 13th, 2008 <http://www.shakeout.org>

Thursday November 13th 2008 7:00pm Simi Settlers General Meeting
Simi Valley Senior Center

- note start time – we must be out by 2055 local

Friday November 14th 2008 7:30pm VCARC / K6MEP club meeting
The American Red Cross of Ventura County Chapter House
2355 Portola Road , Ventura CA.

Wednesday November 19th 2008 7pm Santa Clarita Club General Meeting
Santa Clarita City Hall <http://www.w6jw.org/>

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

Saturday November 29th 2008 7am W6TRW Swapmeet and Exam Session (10am)
Redondo Beach, CA http://w6trw.com/swapmeet/w6trw_arc_swapmeet.htm

Wednesday December 3rd 2008 7:30pm VCARS General Meeting
The Cameron Center 288 Greenmeadow Dr. Newbury Park, CA 91320
<http://www.vcars.org>

Thursday December 4th 2008 7:30pm SVARC Board Meeting
W9YPM's residence

Saturday December 6th, 8:00am Ham Radio License **exam** session at
ORTHRIDGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER 18300 ROSCOE BLVD EDUCATION AUDITORIUM
FAR WEST SIDE OF BASEMENT NORTHRIDGE, CA 91325
Walk-ins Allowed: WILLIAM E MILLER (818)368-4438 BILL@LTGA.COM

Saturday December 6th, 6:00pm SVARC Holiday Potluck Party and Raffle
KV6I's 630 Stonebrook, Simi Valley – RSVP via
<http://www.meetup.com/SimiSettlersARC/calendar/9004457/>

Saturday December 14th, 8:30am Ham Radio License **exam** session at
VENTURA CTY SHERIFF'S E COUNTY STATION
2101 E OLSEN RD BETW 23 HWY & REAGAN LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM THOUSAND OAKS, CA
91360 Walk-ins-Allowed. **Contact:** JEFFREY M REINHARDT (818)706-3853

ARRL Field Day 2009, June 27-28, 2009

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) October 17-18, 2009
Contact Peter Grace pcg@acm.org for more info.

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

NTS Net

147.000 Mhz + 131.8 FM Daily 9 pm **(temporarily on 145.180 Mhz - 131.8)**

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 AI6PG	(805) 223-0729 cell	pcg@acm.org
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Membership	open		
PIO	open		
Newsletter	open	It's not hard. I use Open Office which is free.	
Field Day	open	It was great. How about 2009?	
Youth Coordinator	open		
Logistics	open		

Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SimiSettlersARC/>

Meetup Group: <http://hamradio.meetup.com/110/>

Monthly Meetings

Our normal meetings begin at **19:00 (7:00 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

The November 2008 meeting will be at the Simi Valley Senior Center 3900 Avenida Simi. Note meeting start time is now 7pm

Next General Meeting

Flying Model Airplanes

– Simi Valley Senior Center

Thursday November 13th, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Talk-in Frequency: 147.93 MHz

- Offset PL 127.3Hz

3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley

Simi Settlers ARC Yahoo Group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SimiSettlersARC/>

Simi Settlers ARC Meetup Group <http://www.meetup.com/SimiSettlersARC>

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.