

Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

Short Circuit

September 2007

Glen Kinney KD6HJR

**Coast Guard Auxiliary Communications and Opportunities for
Amateur Radio Operators in the USCG Auxiliary**

September 13, 2007

Glen has become a well-known operator in our area, having been connected with the Ventura County Amateur Radio Society, Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club, and with ARES/RACES activities. In recent years, his interest in boating has spawned his involvement in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, where he has risen to assist the mission of this fine organization using his established communications skills. He has become proficient in the skills necessary to facilitate the Coast Guard Auxiliary mission, and has led the charge to upgrade and enhance the communications capabilities of the Coast Guard Auxiliary assets in our area. We are pleased to have him be our presenter for the SSARC general meeting for September.

Simi Settlers at the Strathern Museum

The Simi Settlers ARC will be presenting at the Strathern Museum for a Day of History and Fun Sunday September 16 from 10am til 4pm. Entry fee \$5. More info here - <http://www.simihistory.com/History%20Days.htm>

We are scheduled to present at 1400. If you would like to help with the presentation, please contact Peter kb1cvh@arri.net.

For those of you who haven't visited the Strathern Museum, this is a real gem in our own back yard. They have several restored buildings, complete with timely furnishings, an extensive display of tools, drill presses and other fabrication/repair equipment, and old farm implements. Plan to spend at least 2 hours touring the grounds. The museum is located at the south end of town, just south of the Kmart shopping center.

Last Month – Licensing New Hams

Our speaker for the August meeting was Norm Goodkin K6YXH and Naomi Goodkin K6YXH , provided a fascinating discussion of how to go about licensing new hams before introducing them to the depth of our hobby.

The Pres Sez

Finally, the 2007 Southwestern Division ARRL convention, HAMCON, is in Torrance, CA September 7-9, 2007. More info is at <http://hamcon.org/>
I hope to see you there on Saturday.

I hope members can help at the Strathern Museum on September 16th.

I have a young family. My oldest is 11 years old and just passed the technician exam. I'm involved in Scouting also. I just received the appointment of Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner for the Ronald Reagan District (Simi Valley / Moorpark). Roundtable is the night before our club General meeting. It sure keeps me busy.

The club needs your help to keep active and grow. Members who have a General license or above can apply to the ARRL to become a Volunteer Examiner. Please visit the ARRL VEC page at <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/>

We can also become VE's through GLAARG <http://www.glaarg.org/>

With enough VE's we can have a VE team and seek to hold regular exam opportunities which would be a great way to spread the word about our club and amateur radio.

The club also needs a newsletter editor, a logistics czar, and a person who will gather prizes for raffles. There are many jobs to keep the club running. I'd also like us to also work to develop a youth program to help encourage schools to use amateur radio in curriculum e.g. The Big Project
<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/tbp/index.html>

I'd like to plan soon for Jamoree on the Air - JOTA 2008 in October 2008. To pull it off, we need to have the plan and pieces in place at least 3 months in advance. If you want to help lead this, please let me know.

The next Simi Valley Settlers Picnic is planned for Saturday, October 13, 2007 in Lemon Park from 11am – 3pm. It's pot luck. Hope to see you there.

73 de Peter Grace KB1CVH

From the Secretary

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club
General Membership Meeting, August 9, 2007

Call to Order: President Peter Grace, KB1CVH, called the meeting to order at 7:40pm. Peter 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 17 with 4 guests.

Introductions: A round of introductions was held with members and visitors speaking briefly about their recent activities and special interests in ham radio. Al Febraro, W6AAX upgraded to Extra about three months ago. Two of our guests are former members from the past. They are Paul Morrill, AE6WM, and Bob Raynor, W6LUY, who is visiting from Texas.

Program: Vice President Deanna Smitha, W6DWS, introduced our guest speaker, Norm Goodkin, K6YXH, and his wife, Naomi Goodkin, WB6OHW. Together, they gave a presentation about Ham Radio Licensing education and testing, and the recruiting of new Hams. Among their family and relatives they have 35 licensed Hams. Norm, who has been licensed since 1957, described the motivations for people to become licensed. He described his approach to streamlined licensing classes without going into deep technical details, focusing instead on the exam questions and their correct answers. In the traditional class with 8 or more sessions, there is usually a gradual dropout of students and thus a loss of potential hams. Norm gave a PowerPoint presentation showing how his one-day Technician study and exam sessions work. One of his success stories is a class he gave for 8th grade science students, where 47 out of 67 passed the Technician exam. He said that they give follow up sessions after the test is passed, to guide new hams with technical and practical operating information. Norm suggested "hamelmer.com" as a website with lots of good information on license study guides, and sample tests. At the end of the program, Deanna presented Norm and Naomi with a certificate of appreciation from our Club.

Break: Following the program, a 20 minute refreshment break was taken at 9:05pm.

Announcements: Spencer Smith, N6IWY, announced there will be an ATV group meeting and Potluck Lunch on Saturday, August 25, from 11am to 3pm, at the Simi Valley Senior Center, where our Club meetings are held. President Peter said we need a volunteer to obtain prizes for our meeting prize drawings.

Our guest Norm Goodkin offered his help to our Club to get V.E.'s signed up here in the Simi Valley – Moorpark area.

Member Drawing: In the progressive membership prize drawing, the winning name was Angela De Gregorio, N6XCV, who was not present to win. The prize fund will therefore be increased to \$40 for our next meeting on September 13th.

Prize Drawings: The regular prize drawing was not held this month.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

From Our Treasurer

I am John Mendez AE6YA, thank you for letting me be your Treasurer. I'll be available at the August 9 Meeting, to take your Membership application for 2007/2008-year period. Please pay your dues. If you have any changes

to your membership information, please complete a membership form from our website at <http://www.simisettlers.org/>.

Present Paid Memberships at 24 members, 5 are family, 19 are individuals.

Bank account's \$2311.49 as of 13 July 2007.

Thank you, John AE6YA

ATV NEWS

Oat Mtn. has a brand new 2.4 GHz FM ATV receiver as of August 31st. Chuck WA6FGK scaled the tower and installed our 2.4 antenna at the very top as well as the transmission line, LNA, filter and connected it to the receiver already in place. Spencer and myself were on Chuck's crew as well as W6IST Allan from the San Fernando Valley.

This gives Oat Mtn. two ATV inputs, 434 MHz (VSB) as well as the 2441.5 MHz (FM).

The over all health of Oat is excellent and all systems are operating fine with the exception of the two meter audio link which is intermittent but not a problem.

Just so you all know who is involved in ATV here in the Simi area here is a list:
WA6FGK Chuck.... N6IWY Spencer.....W6KGE Bob.....W6DQE Rick
K6UUZ Ed.....N6IFU Bryon.....K6HXX John.....KF6GJH Bill.....
I hope I didn't miss anyone.

Many other hams have been waiting for the 2.4 GHz receiver to be installed before building their station.

Old timer ATV operators missing in action for over three years are KA6WGO Allan and N6ZT Rick. Where did they go?

If you are interested in watching ATV you can by using your computer. Goto www.ac6rb.com <<http://www.ac6rb.com/>> and when that window opens click on ATV. You will see a Camstream begin to load and after a short time you will see a feed from Santiago Peak. There is even a chat room below the Camstream that you can log on to. We have hams from all over the world watching our net held every Tue. at 8:00 PM. We take check-ins from the Camstream during the net. Mark it on your calendar and check it out and check-in. /(I should note that the picture on the web site is not representative of what we see on the air. We see studio quality video)/

If you have interest in ATV you can contact me at bryonfoster@hotmail.com <<mailto:bryonfoster@hotmail.com>> or get in touch with anyone on the list above of working ATV stations.

If you are interested in receiving the "ATV Newsletter", which comes out weekly send me an e-mail and I will put you on the e-mail list.

N6IFU Bryon Foster

AD6SV Repeater News

There's a new gate at the driveway to the repeater site. Orv Beach, W6BI is working on getting the gate code. We hope to have access to the site sometime soon.

Chuck Benson, WA6FGK has offered to donate 2 sections of Rhon tower for the antenna structure. Roger, WD6EVT has some Uni-strut which will be used for horizontal bracing for both the repeater cabinet and the antenna cross arms. We will have to make some climbing guards for the lower part of the tower.

Orv, W6BI also has some hard-line that he will donate for the antenna feedlines.

When we receive the gate code, and after the initial visit, we will be asking for volunteers to help install the tower, feed lines and antennas.

73 on 08-04-2007
Spencer N7IWY

For Sale

- Yaesu YO-100 Monitor scope & Instruction Manual \$100.00 or best offer



John Beckers w6jon
805-527-3989

Alinco DJ-S11 2m VHF FM handheld transceiver / Anita 805-987-6078

CVARC June Program -

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 June Program

Our club meets at: Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

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 June 2006 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. If you have updates to this information, please inform Peter KB1CVH, kb1cvh@arrl.net

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 (try to contact WK7ED Ed Meyer in New Mexico)

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

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.

Oct 13, 2007 11am – 3pm Simi Settlers Picnic / Lemon Park

Simi Settlers' Officers

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Membership	open		
PIO	open		
Newsletter	we need you !		

Monthly Meetings

Our normal meetings begin at 19:30 (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

We meet at the Hometown Buffet at 1815 (6:15pm) before the meeting for dinner.

Next General Meeting

Glen Kinney KD6HJR – Coast Guard
Auxiliary

Thursday September 13 2007

7:30 p.m.

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