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## Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

# Short Circuit

### September 2011 Program

## Field Day Redux

We will be reviewing the events of this year's Field Day at the Reagan Library and be showing Chris Elliott's (AF6MI) video shot at this year's N6R event.



**Location:**  
Simi Senior Center  
3900 Avenida Simi  
Simi Valley CA

## Time to Build!

Our first club build party for the club Field Strength Meter project will be this Tuesday at Rick's house. See the president's message for more details!

## Static & Sparks

By President, Rick Galbraith  
W6DQE



Hello Fellow Simi Settlers,

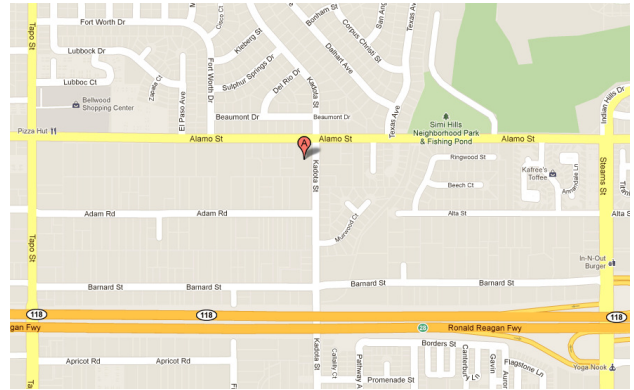
Wow how this summer has just flown by. Although I must say I am really looking forward to the days getting shorter and the beginning of the NFL football season. I also find myself spending more time on the HF bands during fall and winter seasons.

Thanks to all of those folks that ordered the new SSARC jackets. BVI Apparel has begun working on the order for the jackets. And with the nights getting cooler, they will most certainly be needed. For those who did not get in on the order this go around don't worry, you can still get a jacket by simply going down to BVI Apparel and placing an order directly with them.

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Now onto our Field Strength Meter update. Jim KI6MZ and myself have ordered and received most of the components for the FSM. We going to have our first building session over at my house/shop this Tuesday September 6th from 5-8pm (4790 Alamo St. Simi Valley). You can be present for all or part of the time. With so many different schedules we all have it is difficult to find the perfect day and time. But rest assured that no one will miss out on anything. As we will be having quite a few building sessions so all will have a opportunity to complete their own FSM. In addition, there are only so many tools and soldering irons to go around. Please let me know if you are planning on attending, that way we have some idea of how many people will be here. Also I will have the BBQ going so we can eat and stay focused !



Please keep your eyes open for future email announcements on the exact times of the next FSM building session.

73, Rick  
 W6DQE  
 SSARC President

### Nets of Interest

Simi Settlers Sunday Evening Net 147.180 +600 pl186.2 Sundays at 8:30 pm

- 7.030 MHz CW-QRP Saturday mornings at 9am
- 3.908 MHz LSB Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday nights at 8pm
- Condor Connection Monday nights at 7pm (Plays Newslines)
  - 223.940 -1.6 MHz 156.7 Thousand Oaks
  - 224.720 -1.6 MHz 156.7 Frazier Mountain

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## ACS Corner

ACS members, please complete the 3 forms I emailed out a couple of weeks and email them back to me. The information helps us determine who to use and how best to use you in an emergency.

- Steve King KE6WEZ (ke6wez@gmail.com)

## Wanted

WANTED. Air variable capacitors, 0 to 400 Pf for my crystal sets. Check your junk boxes or maybe you have an old junker tube Radio that you want to get rid of. Call me and we can make a Deal.

Spencer, N6IWY. [805-583-1127](tel:805-583-1127) or email, [n6iwy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:n6iwy@sbcglobal.net)

**Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club  
General Membership Meeting, June 9, 2011**

Call to Order: President Rick Galbraith, W6DQE, called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Rick welcomed everyone to the meeting held at the Simi Valley Senior Center. Following the recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance, Rick asked the members to observe a minute of silence for Silent Key Ed Richards, K6UUZ. Ed was instrumental in arranging for our meetings to be held at the Senior Center. Seven Officers and Board Advisors were present. The total attendance was 22 with 5 visitors.

Introductions: A brief round of introductions was held. Those who remember Ed Richards related recollections they have of him. The club welcomed guests Richard Carter, W6HYI, Richard Carter KJ6NXC, Tim Aronson, KJ6HBU, Richard Deutz and Sally Deutz.

Announcements: The Santa Barbara Hamfest is this weekend, Sunday, August 14. Volunteers are needed to assist with parking during the Senior Center Wellness Fair on Wed. Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:45am to 9:45am. The ARRL Southwest Division convention "Hamcon 2011" will be September 9, 10 and 11 at the Marriot Hotel in Torrance.  
Rick mentioned that VCARS will hold a QSL Card Party on September 1, to prepare cards for those who worked the N6R Special Event Station commemorating President Ronald Reagan's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. (Secretary's note: this date was later changed to the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 30.)

Program: Frank Valdez, KI6OQ, gave a talk and slide show, about his recent fishing trip from Point Loma San Diego to the waters off San Benito Island off the coast of Mexico. Frank described the fish that he caught as well as the variety of other fish caught by other passengers on the party boat. He also described some of the high tech equipment the boat uses for safety and for finding fish.

Break: A break was taken at 8:04pm with members enjoying refreshments provided by Mike Watts, KJ6HDD.

Member Drawing: The progressive membership prize drawing was held and the name drawn was Dick Hoolihan, W6AAF, who was not present to win the \$10 prize. The prize fund will therefore increase to \$15 for our September 8, 2011 meeting.

Prize raffle: The raffle prize drawing was held using a new "Ticket Stirring Machine" built by Spencer Smith, N6IWY. It uses an electric blower to mix the tickets inside a clear plastic canister. The winners selected the prize of their choice. Frank Valdez, KI6OQ, won The Grand Prize, an LED Flashlight.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm.

Submitted by: Secretary, John Percival, WI6O

## Events

### Thursday September 1, 2011 6:00pm SSARC Pizza Night

Round Table Pizza, 2345 Erringer Road, Ste. 100, Simi Valley

### Thursday September 8, 2011 7:00pm Simi Settlers General Meeting

#### Simi Valley Senior Center

3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley, CA 93063

**note start time** – we must be out by 8:55pm.

<http://www.simisetters.org>

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

### Friday, September 9, 2011 7:30pm VCARC / K6MEP club meeting

#### Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf

4360 E Main St # E San Buenaventura (Ventura), CA 93003

<http://www.gsl.net/k6mep/>

### Friday, September 9 through Sunday September 11, 2011 HAMCON

Marriott Torrance South Bay: 3635 Fashion Way, Torrance, CA 90503

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

### Sunday September 11, 2011 Next Fox-Hunting Event: at Angel's Gate Park in San Pedro.

For e-mail notification of these events, you can [join the southern California ARDF mailing list](#). More info at: <http://homingin.com/joemoell/ardfinla.html>

### Wednesday, September 13, 2011 7:30pm VCARS General Meeting

The Cameron Center 288 Greenmeadow Dr. Newbury Park, CA 91320

<http://www.vcars.org> – and join [http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/VCARS\\_discussion/](http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/VCARS_discussion/) to stay on top of developments.

### Thursday, September 15, 2011 7:30 pm, CVARC General Meeting

East County Sheriff's Station (ECSS) 2101 East Olsen Road Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

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

### Wednesday, September 21, 2011 7 pm W6JW Santa Clarita Club General Meeting

Santa Clarita Senior Center

22900 Market Street Santa Clarita, CA 91321 <http://www.w6jw.org/>

### Saturday, September 24, 2011 7 am W6TRW Swapmeet (7am) and Exam Session (10am)

Redondo Beach, CA <http://w6trw.com/swapmeet/swapmeet.htm>

### Sunday, October 9, 2011, 8:30am Ham Radio License Exam Session

Ventura County Sheriff's E County Station

2101 E Olsen Rd (Between 23 Hwy & Reagan Library);

Community Room, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 Walk-ins-Allowed.

**Contact:** Jeffrey M Reinhardt (818) 706-3853

See: <http://www.cvarc.org/> for more information

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## Letter From The Editor

I'm very excited about our club project kicking off this coming Tuesday. I look forward to working with (and taking pictures of) everyone as we build these digital Field Strength Meters. I have been interested in electronics since I was in junior high school back in the 60's and have always enjoyed building electronic devices from scratch and seeing them work. Not that they all worked right off but sometimes it's almost as much fun figuring out why it didn't work.

- 73 -

Joe W6JWP

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club

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Membership Application

(Membership Year is counted from September 1st of the current year to June 30th of the following year. Membership fees will be prorated accordingly.)

Type of Application:

New Member [ ]
Renewal [ ]

Type of Membership:

Individual (\$15/yr) [ ]
Family (\$20/yr) [ ]

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day & Month of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (Omit year)
Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: N T T+ G A E ARRL: Yes [ ] No [ ]
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Family Members:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day & Month of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (Omit year)
Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: N T T+ G A E ARRL: Yes [ ] No [ ]

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day & Month of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (Omit year)
Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: N T T+ G A E ARRL: Yes [ ] No [ ]

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day & Month of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (Omit year)
Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: N T T+ G A E ARRL: Yes [ ] No [ ]

Badges requested: Yes [ ] No [ ] How many? \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s) Call(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Shirts requested: Yes [ ] No [ ] How many? \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s) Call(s) Size(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Application type: New [ ] Renewal [ ] Membership type: Individual [ ] Family [ ]

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Database completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Badges and Shirts ordered: \_\_\_\_\_