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President's Corner

Jon Clark N6NQ

The coming year: I have always believed that clubs and other volunteer organizations run on the energy and the naiveté of the newer members and the experience of the older members. I'm an example of the front end of that equation. I've been a ham for five years and a member of this club for three or four years (I can't remember right now). So I hope to bring the varied interest and energy of a newer ham to the club. I hope/ask that you who have been members for much longer than I will lend me your experience.

Ex-officio: Next, I would again like to thank Eugene for his hard work in keeping the club moving forward for the last two years. I hope that he will continue to keep us motivated on the disaster book sales. That little project has put the club's treasury in better shape than it has been for a long time. I'm also hoping that ex-officio stands for "extra active"- officio.

New Officers: Your new officers for the year of 2008 are:

President: Jon Clark N6NQ
Vice Pres: Margie Hoffman
Secretary: Carol Humpherys KI6DWE
Treasurer: Don Jackson WA6KPP
Sgt @ Arms: Gary Mork WA6WFC
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UNITED WE STAND

Meeting Notice

Thursday, January 3, will be the next meeting of AVARC, in the Primrose Room of the Larry Chimbole Center in Palmdale. Talk-in is available on 146.73 MHz. if you need directions.

For this month's meeting, President **Jon Clark N6NQ** and Vice President **Margie Hoffman KG6TBR** will be hosting an Open Forum in which we will encourage all members to participate in sharing their expectations for Club goals for the year 2008. We would like to zero in on what sparks our diverse interests in the pursuit of new opportunities to grow and learn in this exciting world of Amateur Radio. Please join us for a unique evening of an open discussion as we look forward to the new year ahead.

From The Veep

Margie Hoffman KG6TBR

As 2007 has finally come to an end, now we can look forward to 2008.

I would first like to thank all the club members for allowing me to be your secretary this past year. It has been a rewarding experience. It is good to be involved with this group, and we have seen the club membership revived. We had a good turn out for the December Christmas Party, and the prizes were wonderful. We had a new member win the big one: Pat Jasper WR6S, who took home the 2 meter mobile FT 1802. He told me that just prior to the evening he was dreaming of his most wanted Christmas present, and this is what he has wished for. What a surprise to find, later in the same evening, that he had actually won that same radio.

This is what is exciting about the hobby of ham radio. When a commitment is first made to spend the time studying and to achieve your first license, then the next step is to decide what you will do with this in your life. I have been a licensed operator for four years now. After many (over 25) years of prodding from my big sister Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO and my brother-in-law, her husband Dan Sherwood WA6PZK, I just kept putting this off. This, I thought, will take some doing, and I was not sure

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

AVARC General Meeting December 6, 2007

Opening: Eugene Humpherys – KG6SLC called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He then proceeded with the Flag Salute. Next were introductions and roll call. The reading of **last month's minutes** were requested to be waived by Secretary Margie Hoffman-KG6TBR as they were printed in the December edition of the Short Circuit. This was approved. The Treasurers report was also waived.

Items of Business:
None Since this was the annual

pot luck Christmas/Holiday season dinner, the agenda of the meeting was turned over to the dinner in which everyone enjoyed many delightful dishes.

Holiday raffle: One raffle ticket was given to each member present and anyone wishing to pay their dues for 2008 on this night only received one additional ticket. Prizes were donated by **Adrienne Sherwood – WA6YEO, John Mason – K6MLU and HRO and Heil microphones.** The additional prizes were purchased through the club funds in an effort to promote education and continued good amateur operating practices.

The main prize winner: Pat Jasper – WR6S from Rosemond and a new club member won the 2 meter mobile FT 1802.

The Second big prize winner: Paul Preter – KI6DWG won the handheld Vertex VX170.

Congratulations to both of them. Many other club members went home with other prizes as there were over 30 winners for the evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margie Hoffman KG6TBR
Secretary 2007

From the Veep...



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if I had the drive in me to accomplish this, or the time to make an effort to the many hours of studying it would take. I have seen my sister and Dan working at this for many years, and throughout it all, I have seen the friendships that they have both made through their many, many hours of volunteering as VE's and other community events. With their guidance, I made the effort, and have since enjoyed working with many folks in this hobby. I have found that there are many ways to become involved, either through community activities, working with fellow hams on tinkering with their equipment, and

even in my daily (long, long) commute on the frequency with other commuters, there are endless ways to stay active. Each day there will be so much more to explore, and there will be so much more to learn. I don't think any one of us will ever be able to say we have learned it all.

The coming year will bring new opportunities to learn, share and participate. It may be listening to speakers at the club meetings, helping out and working at Field Day 2008, or being or becoming a club officer or board member, somewhere everyone will find something that will interest them and encourage them to continue to

grow in this world of Amateur Radio.

73,

Margie KG6TBR



President's Corner...



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Ex-Officio: Eugene Humpherys
KG6SLC

Board Members:

Dan Sherwood WA6PZK

Chris Aberle KB7IAY

Potluck: We just had our Christmas Potluck meeting on December 6th. I think we totaled about 45-50 members and guest, the best attendance I've seen in a while. If you missed it, you missed out on a very nice time and some very nice prizes/presents. The two big prizes were won by new member Pat, WR6S and Paul, KI6DWG. Pat won the Yaesu FT-1802 mobile and Paul won the Yaesu/Vertex VX-170 handi-talkie. Numerous books, emergency radios, calendars and such were won by many others.

A large part of the funding for the Christmas party prizes comes from the raffle drawings and the contributions to the coffee and snack fund. So if you like the way the Christmas party has turned out the last few years, then continue to participate in the raffle and make those contributions to the coffee/snack fund.

What is the club? I've been asking myself this question for the last few weeks and I will be asking it all year. We are a general interest club. That means that we are not fixed on one subject or interest area but can twist and turn at the will of the members. So I would like to invite every one of you to suggest to me what you would like to see the club doing. I would like to see the club doing what people would like to be doing. I would especially like to

see you new hams and new members come forward with your ideas and desires. It would be a shame for the hobby to lose a new ham or the club to lose a new member because they were bored.

So think about what you would like to participate in. Think about what would be fun to you and pass that along to me or any officer of the club. Here are some ideas to get you thinking: building projects, building antennas, DXing, contesting, club contesting, working satellites, weak signal vhf/uhf and microwave, moon bounce, transmitter hunts, public service, emergency communications, Friday night dinners, Saturday morning coffees/breakfast and Field Day.

If you have already been in the hobby for awhile and have some areas that you are interested in, consider the following: Would you like to share that interest with a few more people? Would you like to do a presentation about the subject? Would like to be a mentor some others in the club? Would you like to support that interest in some other way? Volunteer! Get involved.

While I have been placed in the position of leading the club, I do not want to choose where the club will go on my own. My interests may not include yours. So I want the club to be the club you want. I want to lead the club to continued

success doing the things you would like to do.

If you don't speak up, then we'll be doing whatever I and the other officers like to do. That could be good or that could be bad. Worst of all it could be boring and you don't come to meetings. So let's all step up and make this club a fun place it has been and can continue to be!

73,

Jon N6NQ

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73's

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