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## President's Corner

Jon Clark N6NQ

**Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and May the Force Be With You!**

The holiday season seems to rush at me faster each year. I expect that my kids see it the other way around. Isn't it funny how a few years can change your perspective. As we come to the end of another year, I would like to wish each of you a happy holiday season and may Santa bring you that special "radioactive" present you've been thinking about. We have a new year just around the corner. "Twenty-Ten". Doesn't that seem easier to say than "Two Thousand and Nine"? I think so. Speaking of next year, some changes are afoot.

### Welcome to the New Club Leadership!

Just in case you haven't been paying attention, the club has elected new leadership, as it does every year or so. So welcome to Margie and Larry, as they assume the new top roles for the club. Welcome also to Dan Sherwood as he steps up to the role of Secretary. Thanks to Dan Rowlan for coming back into the club leadership and to Carol for hanging in there as a new Board Member. And thanks to Gary Mork and Don Jackson for their continued support. Everyone please do everything you can to

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## UNITED WE STAND

### Meeting Notice

**Thursday, December 17**, is the next meeting of the AVARC at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Lancaster City Hall, 44933 N. Fern Ave. in Lancaster. Talk-in is available on 146.73 MHz. if you need directions.

This month's meeting will feature our traditional December potluck dinner. We have collected some mighty fine prizes for this year's Christmas Party Membership Raffle. So be sure to come to the Club Christmas Party, bring a dish to share, and get in on the fun.



The traditional AVARC Christmas potluck is a great family activity!

## From The Veep

Margie Hoffman KG6TBR

Hello all! This will be my last article for 2009 as your Club Vice President. I want to say I have enjoyed working with all and handling the monthly presentations. Larry Bianchi KG1B will be taking this position for the year 2010, and I am positive he will do a great job.

In July, my father-in-law passed away and as a result, my sister-in-law, Bonnie Hoffman who now resides near Guthrie, Oklahoma, came out for the services. I have known her since 1966 and would think I knew a lot about her likes and dislikes. When I was on the way to the airport, I was talking on the Magic Mountain repeater to my friend Rosalyn KG6TRT, who grew up in Oklahoma, so I told her that when I picked up Bonnie, that it might be fun for Bonnie to talk to Roz on the radio as third party traffic while I drove her to my house. They talked for a while and Bonnie seemed to take to the radio and after they were through, Bonnie told me that it had always been a desire of hers to get her amateur radio license one day. Now, she had known for years, that my sister Adrienne WA6YEO and brother-in-law Dan WA6PZK had been hams for years, since the 70's, but this was the first time we had dis-

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cussed this. I was surprised at the thought. Well, taking her seriously, my son Brian KI6LUE, who became a ham in November 2007, gave his Aunt Bonnie his technician books to take home to study. Lo and behold, she did just that, and took and passed her exam on November 10, and is now KF5DVC! It makes me think that it is truly amazing what we can accomplish if we set out minds to it. You just don't know who you may be talking to and thus influence their decision to finally act upon a dream that they may have been carrying with them inside for years.

Congratulations Bonnie!! I am so proud of you!! After studying for the last few years and very intensely for the last few months, I finally took and passed my extra exam down at the San Fernando Valley on December 5, three years from the same date that I got my General License. I am happy that I achieved that goal. This month's meeting is the Christmas pot luck and gift raffle. It is a week early due Christmas being on Thursday, so be sure and come join us on Thursday December 17 for an enjoyable evening.

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help these volunteers. They will be doing a lot for your club.

## Swan Song

I wished I had a Swan amplifier. Maybe I could tune it until it could sing. Then maybe I could bust some of those tougher pileups. Hi Hi!

Seriously, speaking of "Swan Songs", this is my last month as your President. That makes me sad and happy at the same time. It will be sad because this has been fun. I have enjoyed trying new ideas out. Some have worked, some have not. I hope I did something that helped you to enjoy the club.

I'll be happy because it was a bit of work and responsibility. It will be nice to have a little break. But don't worry, I'm not going to fade off into the sunset, never to be heard from again.

## What will I be doing?

Well, I will have a continuing role in the club. The former president

has a responsibility to stay active in the club after he steps from office. This is mainly to serve as an information source for the new officers.

I'll also be trying to get more active in my two favorite parts of the hobby. I've got a couple more radios that I want to build, and the DX is still out there waiting for me to call. (I wished.) But I will be chasing it.

I have also heard some rumblings around that some other hams have some ideas about something else I might be able to help out with. I'll leave you in suspense about that, until it looks more certain. Sorry to tease, but I think it best to be certain of the situation. It will become obvious soon enough.

It's been fun, but it's time to move on. So I'll see you around the bands!

73,

Jon N6NQ

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Margie KG6TBR



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