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President's Corner

Margie Hoffman KG6TBR

Once again the year has come to an end. I would like to thank all the club members for supporting my position as your President and re-electing me for the year 2011. I hope you will be as excited as I am as we look forward to another outstanding year. This past year, we have seen some interesting speakers brought to us by our Vice President, Larry Bianchi KG1B. I think he has made some fresh plans for next year's speakers and I want to thank him for doing a great job. I think he is open to anyone who has a topic to suggest for a future speaker and he will do what he can to see if your wish will come true.

Once again, we have enjoyed many good events throughout this past year in the various club activities and again, it has been my good experience to be involved with this group. We have been fortunate again to see the club membership grow which is always a good thing. The VE sessions headed by Adrienne WA6YEO and Dan Sherwood WA6PZK have produced many new hams this year and the numbers have been quite astonishing. We are hoping to see many of them join our club and participate in next year's Field Day. Carol AF6OV and Eugene Humpherys KG6SLC

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Meeting Notice

Thursday, December 16, 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.

Note that this month's meeting is on the third Thursday of the month because of the Christmas holiday. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm. The room will be open at 6:00 for early set-up. Be sure to mark this on your calendars!

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.

AVARC members will also be entertained by the magic of **Brian Hoffman KI6LUE**. Brian is the president of the Santa Clarita chapter of International Brotherhood of magicians, and has performed all over southern California. This will be a fun and entertaining event for all club members and their families.



Brian Hoffman KI6LUE

From The Veep

Larry Bianchi KG1B

All I want for Christmas is a new handheld, a new HF rig and an antenna farm that can reach to mars..

Not much to ask eh? Well, here we are at the end of another year. A year full of accomplishments. We had some fun speakers for our club meetings, rather interesting tirades on the frequencies and a successful Field Day.

The one accomplishment that I am quite happy with is the number of new Hams that we created during the year. Dan and Adrienne Sherwood (WA6PZK and WA6YEO) did a fabulous job in teaching the Tech classes and our VE (Volunteer Examiner) team did a great job in administering the tests. I think we had a couple of VE Sessions in the neighborhood of 70+ each SESSION. Not bad, not bad at all.

We had an nice increase in the membership of our club and the average attendance seemed to have increased according to my recollection. Along with the increase, we also had some very good participation by some of the newer hams during Field Day and etc. It is always nice to have fresh blood helping out.

During our October meeting, we elected our new Officers and Board Members for the upcoming year. The one notable change is that our

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From the Secretary's Desk



AVARC GENERAL MEETING 11/18/2010

Meeting called to order at 07:33 by Margie Hoffman, President

Flag Salute

Member introductions. Members and visitors present: 43

Motion to approved last month's meeting: Moved N6RMJ Pat Seconded David Hosman, Approved.

Treasurer's report, (Don Jackson K6GET). Balance: \$2983.79

Membership Report, Gary Barr WA6TWT. 1 New member, 127 Total members. Updated to 3 new members, (129 members total).

Old Business, (Margie KG6TBR). Results of last month's elections:

President: Margie Hoffman KG6TBR

Vice President: Larry Bianchi KG1B

Secretary: Dan Sherwood WA6PZK

Treasurer: Dan Rowlan KG6PQA
Master At Arms: Gary Mork WA6WFC

Board Members: Gary Barr WA6TWT and Larry Mock KI6BKP

Trustee: Keith Hoyt K6GXO
Ex Officio: Jon Clark N6NQ

Anchors Away: Held last month. Turnout low for items brought. Margie suggested we try to do better next year. Everyone try to bring something.

New Business:

Renewal of membership, (Margie): Gary Barr has emailed renewal forms to the membership receiving email distribution. It is hoped that most members can renew tonight to free up more time for Gary Barr during the December potluck. If mailing, try to mail by Dec. 8 to get them in a timely manner to get the two raffle tickets. Otherwise one ticket will be issued.

Margie: Potluck. Please bring food for 10 people. Club has some plates and disposable utensils. No program – just fun and raffle. Event is the third Thursday in December, (December 16). Margie noted that participation in the monthly 50/50 drawings support the raffle at the end of the year. Good participation buys more prizes then.

Announcement: Dec 6 – VE session AV First Christian. 7:00 PM ARRL \$15.00 fee. (Adrienne) Hamcon 2011, (Margie). Torrance on 9/10/2011. Advised people calling Marriott to book reservations and be clear to identify the event as HAMCON. She announced 61 vendors signed up. Many items to be had in one place. Talks, Banquets, and other programs available. VE Testing to be done by our club, (Adrienne's VE team).

Paul, KB6SMC: Had a NORCAL QRP transceiver. Needs help testing the unit as he has no antenna to

test it on.

Adrienne: Test session Dec. 6. ARRL VEC. Also HAMCON will use the ARRL VEC. Adrienne will post 2011 exam schedule. VE's encouraged to participate for practice for HAMCON VE session. January 8 is the first session in 2011. (GLAARG).

Break at 8:10.

Presentation by Pat Coker on EME/UHF and microwave station upgrades.

Board Meeting. December 2, General meeting Dec. 16.

Raffle won by Bill Welsh, W6DDDB. \$32.00

Meeting adjourned at 08:59.

AVARC Board Meeting 12/2/2010

Members Present: Gary WA6TWT, Dan KG6PQA, Carol AF6OV, Larry KG1B, Dan WA6PZK, Adrienne WA6YEO, Margie KG6TBR, Keith K6GXO, Gary WA6WFC, Don K6GET

Called to order by Margie at 7:09 PM.

Treasurer's report, (Don): Current balance is \$3273.21. Income from dues was \$318.



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have also contributed in holding some hands-on building sessions to enable our new hams to gain some experience in learning the life of a HAM.

This year, we have to say goodbye to Don Jackson K6GET, our club Treasurer for the past 6 years. Don is being replaced by Dan Rowlan KG6PQA. We will miss Don as a contributing officer of this club but wish him well in his new life of retirement. Thank you Don, for a job well done!

This month, on December 16, we will all be celebrating our December Christmas Party together with new and wonderful prizes as well as our annual Pot Luck Dinner. We will also have a special treat in store: Brian Hoffman KI6LUE (www.santaclaritamagic.com) will dazzle us with some fun and entertaining magic. Brian is our newest club member and also happens to be my son. Be sure and mark your calendar to attend this festive event. We have picked out a variety of prizes to

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From the VEEP...

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treasurer (Don Jackson K6GET) has stepped down and we elected Dan Rowlan KG6PQA as our new treasurer. I would like to be among the first to thank Don for the excellent job he has done during the many years that he has served. He gives so much to the club and his accomplishments go very much unnoticed, but without what he does, our club would not function smoothly at all. We will miss you and all that you do for the club Don!

I mentioned in my last article that I love the Holiday season. The air seems to be alive with love and good will. I look forward to family, friends and the sharing that goes with this. May we all share the Holidays in our own way and enjoy the traditions that we have carved out!

I would also like to acknowledge all the things that people do within the club and for the club and its members without any thought for recognition. To those, and you know who you are, goes our deepest thanks and appreciation for what you do.

Last month, we were honored to have Pat Coker N6RMJ as our featured speaker.

He spoke on the evolution of his hamshack as he desired to create more of an opportunity for EME (Earth-Moon-Earth) communications. He offered some very excellent advice on how to evolve your shack into what you want to

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Secretary's Desk...

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Membership, (Gary Barr): Total current members 129. ARRL percentage 69.77%. One new membership application was submitted tonight, (130 members).

Margie suggests keeping ARRL membership forms at meetings. She also ordered brochures for ARRL. Margie also contacted ARRL regarding updating Club information on their web site. Margie wants to remind members to order free literature when ordering regular publications in order to minimize shipping charges. They seem to charge \$7.50 for membership applications and brochures, which should be covered by the ARRL. Adrienne also described difficulties updating VE test information in a timely manner.

Old and New Business:

(Margie): Described her work to purchase items for the Christmas potluck. Large items include HT, a mobile, mag mount antenna, power pole crimper. Many small items from non-ham sources are included. The shopping has now been complete. Larry has contacted Lancaster Parks and Rec. to get the EOC at 6:00 for the evening of the potluck. Gary will bring the paper utensils and coffee. Margie suggested table cloths. She'll pick some up.

Gift raffle: One for each member, second ticket for member who has renewed for next year. Margie

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be given away at the raffle drawing. There is no money involved to get your ticket. If you have been a member this year, you will be given 1 ticket and if you renew for 2011 at the beginning of the meeting, then you will be given an extra chance to win!

In the coming year, I hope everyone will find a way to become involved, either through the community activities that you may find throughout the coming months or by working with fellow

hams on the club activities such as Baker 2 Vegas, The MS Walk and especially Field Day 2011. Start thinking now how you can stay active and participate in all these exciting events.

Don't forget, this is your hobby and we all can find some way to contribute our skills in this great world of Amateur Radio.

73,

Margie KG6TBR

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accomplish.

Ham radio offers so much to those who embrace the hobby. As we learn more of what is out there, we can decide what we want to accomplish. May we embrace well!

Our last meeting of the year will be on December 16th. This will be our annual pot luck dinner along with a special program. And let us not forget our annual raffle.

We have some exciting stuff to give away. We will be starting our meeting a half hour earlier (7:00 pm) instead of 7:30 pm. So come early and come hungry!

73 to all and to all a Good Night!!!

Happy Hamming!

73,

Larry KG1B



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has purchased 24 gifts. The small items winners will pick at will. The rigs will be raffled last. The consensus is to pull the two rig tickets first, and put them away. Winners must be present to win. Adrienne will publish a 7:00 start time for the meeting in the short circuit. Room open for early setup at 6:00. Adrienne will entertain on the Harp. Brian, (Margie's son), will entertain with some magic acts.

Carol: Newline request for getting data on their broadcasts. WA6PZK will respond to it.

Gary Barr: Donation from Bill Welsh W6DDB for proceeds from Anchors Aweigh sale. (\$15). Place in general fund.

Margie: Officer transition meeting at Jan 8 after VE session. We'll go to the bank after the session. A letter needs to be drafted stating Club officers, (not Board members), who have signing authority. Address letter to US Bank, (Lancaster). Margie

suggests having the Board meeting at the time. We need to do the Audit of the books, (Last three years worth). This will be done on the 8th as well.

Margie: Mailed the dues to LA Council of Amateur Radio Clubs. HAMCON meeting Dec. 11 at the Maritime Museum.

Dec. 6: Test Session Monday 7:00 PM. Margie and Larry participating. EIC – WA6PZK.

Short Circuit deadline is Sunday 12/5. (Adrienne)

Adrienne: Suggests more people participate in sending Newline.

Keith: Thoughts about next year's FD chairman.

Margie: No entry for K6OX in the Field Day results. Larry said the submission was completed. Don suggests contacting Dick Norton regarding this and other issues with dealing with the ARRL. According to Larry, the correction in the original call sign submission was made, but perhaps not carried out by ARRL.

Gary Mork: PO Box bill coming up. Gary Barr – retiring from NASA. FD tower and truck will no longer be available.

Larry: Reminding folks that new visitors be approached when they visit the Club meetings. Discussion followed.

Keith moved meeting be adjourned, Don seconded. Meeting closed at 8:33.

Respectfully Submitted:
Dan Sherwood WA6PZK
AVARC Secretary 2010

Swap Shop

For Sale: Rider Sound-N-Sight code course on records. Complete in original box at \$5.00.

Palomar PK-50 message memory keyer with instruction manual at \$10.00.

Palomar PK-100 dual paddle key instruction sheet free to person who bought it at Anchors Away event.

Littlite gooseneck lamp with instruction booklet. New cost \$57 and present price \$10.00. Powered at 12-VDC.

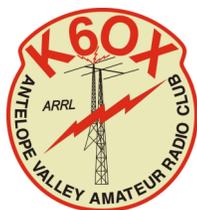
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