The Short Circuit

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President's Corner

Margie Hoffman KG6TBR

I just realized that I did not officially write my news article for this month's Short Circuit.
Oops ! I just completed a week cruising the Caribbean onboard the Nieuw Amsterdam with Holland America. We visited Grand Caicos, San Juan Puerto Rico, Saint Maarten and Half Moon Cay. Beautiful experience. Got somewhat of a tan and ate not too much.
Now is it time to prepare for the next adventure which beginning tomorrow morning, for me, is a trip to the beautiful island of Curacao. I am participating in a YLDXpedition with five other YL's. We begin the actual on air operation on March 18 going 24 hours straight until March 21. This is the plan:
Operating Frequencies:
For SSB:
80M = 3775/up five
40M = 7085/listen 7145
20M = 14195/ up 5
17M = 18135/up 5
15M = 21295/up 5
12M = 24945/up 5
10M = 28450/up 5

Note: Conditions may dictate that we may have to try other splits to get away from other DX stations. And if one of the YL's does do CW, the traditional 5 up from the bottom with a listening freq. about 1-2 up should work in most cases.

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Meeting Notice

Thursday, March 24, 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 the Hauser Repeater (146.73 MHz. PL 100) if you need directions. The eyeball QSO starts at 7:00 pm, and the meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

This month's meeting will feature **Joy Matlack KD6FJV**, with a presentation on the upcoming Baker to Vegas race. Many of our club members participate in this event, so it will be of great interest to all. Mark your calendar, and be sure to join us for a very interesting and informative meeting!

Joy Matlack KD6FJV

From The Veep

Larry Bianchi KG1B

There MUST be an easier way!!!

Yes! There must be an easier way to get to Vegas than running through the mountains holding a baton!

And there is! But not for the law enforcement agencies that take part in the annual Baker to Vegas run. This event is growing in popularity to include teams from all over the world.

To those not familiar with the Baker to Vegas (B2V) run, I will give a quick synopsis. Simply .. it is a foot race that consists of 20 stages from Baker to Vegas and goes through Pahrump, Nevada. Each team consists of 20 or so runners, each slated to run a particular stage. The course covers about 120 miles through some very mountainous terrain.

Our featured speaker this month will be Joy Matlack KD6FJV. She is the coordinator of communications for the entire race and works the entire year in preparation for B2V.

Speaking of communications, hams are very much involved with this effort as it is the best way to communicate given the varied terrain. Our club, through A.R.E.S. Has participated in B2V manning stage 15 which is the 4th toughest stage in the entire race.

Stage 15 starts receiving runners about 9:30 or 10pm and the last runner goes

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From the Secretary's Desk

AVARC GENERAL MEETING 2/242011

Meeting opened at 7:32 PM by president, Margie Hoffman KG6TBR.
Flag salute.
Member Introductions. Members present: 39 at 0734
Minutes of last meeting, (Taken by Larry Bianchi – Dan Sherwood absent), as printed in the Short Circuit. Moved Pat N6RMJ , Seconded, Len, WB6FWH. Approved.
Treasurer's report, (Dan Rowlan): Balance 3773.99. No problems indicated.
Membership Report, (Gary Barr): New members 2. One renewal. Total members – 136 now. 30 members from 2010 not renewed. Expect the number to drop.

Old Business:
Margie reported the audit of Club financial records was completed in January at the home of Carol, AF6OV. Carol and Adrienne, WA6YEO. Also present the outgoing Treasurer, Don Jackson K6GET, and incoming Treasurer, Dan KG6PQA. Audit report was approved at the Board meeting. Dues will remain the same this year.

New Business:

Kate Hutton K6HTN, will be wanting to present an NTS traffic school here in the AV. The Board suggested she comes to the Club, but may be a problem. Adrienne and Marcus to coordinate a Saturday, (3 hrs), to have this class. Input and interest should be communicated to Margie.

Field Day, Larry Bianchi offered to be FD chairman. Please go to Larry with offers to help and participate in Field Day. FD Packets were issued today, with theme of "Do Something Different". Larry says no NASA tower or generator. We must replace these assets for this year. Try solar or other experimental items.

Eugene Humpherys KG6SLC – Baker to Vegas help needed. This is a foot race for law enforcement agencies. Event is April 16-17. We are stage 15. Planning meeting on or around March 26. Eugene's number is 661-722-4616. Contact him to sign up. Non-hams are welcome as there are plenty of jobs for non-hams. Unfortunately this conflicts with the Visalia DX convention.

Adrienne WA6YEO – Two test sessions coming up. Regular session on March 5, 9:00AM at AV First Christian Church 1702 East Ave. J. This is ARRL with $15.00 test fee. Schedule is on the Club web site. GLAARG sessions are $4.00. The second session is at the LDS Religion center on March 22, (Tuesday) at 7:00PM. Session is GLAARG. Multiple examiners are requested due to the large number of students. Address is 3140 West Ave K, across from AV College.

Margie – M2 doing open house on March 19 in Visalia. Open 7:30 for swappers. See www.m2inc.com for details.

Margie – going on DXpedition in Curacao in the Caribbean. Call is PJ2/NA6YL. Dates are March 18 – March 21. Work 'em!

Hamcon 2011. September 9-11, 2011. Location in Torrance.

Break at 8:13PM.

Speaker – Dan Sherwood, WA6PZK standing in for K6WLC. Ron is recovering from very recent knee surgery and unfortunately could not make it tonight.

50/50 Drawing won by David Hosman KI6ATT. $22.00

Adjourned at 08:49 by Margie Hoffman

AVARC BOARD MEETING 3/3/2011

Members present: Dan Rowlan KG6PQA, Gary Barr WA6TWT, Larry Bianchi KG1B, Margie Hoffman KG6TBR, Keith Hoyt K6GXO, Dan Sherwood WA6PZK, Gary Mork WA6WFC, Larry Mock KI6BKP, Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO.

Meeting called to order at 7:14PM.

Old business
Minutes of last meeting were read

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President's Corner...

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There may be some RTTY and or PSK from the YL's as well.
Go to our web page at YLDXpeditions.com and follow any updates you can. There you will also get the info on where to send QSL cards and any donations to the expeditions as well. There is also a webcam on the PJ2T website where you may be able to catch us in action.
I will be back in time for the next General club meeting of the AVARC in which we are presenting Joy Matlack who will be speaking on B2V or Baker To Vegas.

73,

Margie KG6TBR

Sunset Pointe Station
PJ2T
Curaçao

From the VEEP...

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through around 5:00 or 5:30am. Sometimes the weather cooperates, but then sometimes it is very cold and extremely windy. But it is a fun time and a chance to draw closer to each other. We are always looking for volunteers to help with this effort.

Last month, both Margie KG6TBR and I wrote about this year's Field Day. Our hope is to make this FD a very successful one. Already, I have had a couple of hams come up to me at the last club meeting and volunteer. That is the spirit that both Margie and I like to see. Let's keep the ball rolling!

Turning to the pending Antenna Ordinance that the City of Palmdale is proposing .. there was a meeting of the City Planning Commission on Thursday, March 10th . There were some minor changes made and a vote was taken and passed to send the ordinance to the City Council for a vote to put this ordinance into effect. The next meeting will be April 6th. We will keep you informed as info becomes available.

A current copy of the ordinance can be found on our club website: AVARC.AV.ORG! The revisions .. as they become available .. will also be found on our website.

By now, our President Margie Hoffman KG6TBR is well on her way to participate in the YL Dxpedition to the island of Curacao. We wish her a safe and fun trip. I am sure the ability to talk with here while she is there (March 18-21st) will be a treat.

Well .. that about wraps it up for now .. Just for your info .. our Club speaker in April will be Marty Woll N6VI. The topic(s) he will be speaking on is yet to be determined!

Happy Hamming

73,

Larry KG1B

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Secretary's Desk...

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and approved.
Margie – suggests we follow bylaws in meetings in a more consistent manner.
Margie – bylaws state duties of treasurer. The treasurer should be responsible for the financial statements. Address of destination of bank statements was discussed. Dan Rowlan suggested going to US Bank to revisit the idea of online banking for the purpose of looking at statements even with the payment option disabled.

POB key, (Gary Mork), Bill Feldman, (SK). Post office gave Gary a key, but paperwork needs to be done. Keith Hoyt, as trustee, should hold this key. Gary Mork suggests we keep records of who has the key, and who it is loaned to. Keith will store the key on the AVARC ring along with the Club generator key.

Margie – Kate Hutton wanted to hold the NTS message traffic class. Location either here or Santa Clarita. Possibly in conjunction with ARES meeting, but not conflicting with VE session. Possibly after field day in July, as schedules are busy earlier. July 16 was the recommended date. Location TBD. Possibly AVHMC.

FD Update, (Margie) – Larry Bianchi has the permits already. Need the insurance paperwork. Larry Mock wanted to know if we have liaison with Scouting groups or schools.

Dan Sherwood WA6PZK – Donation of TenTec 555 Scout band module change rig by Lee Hutchinson. Keith suggested we accept the rig and determine fair value. Secretary to write letter to Lee stating acceptance and use as a learning tool during our General classes. The letter will serve as a receipt.

Larry Bianchi – we have until 9:15 to vacate the EOC.

At the March 24 meeting, we will hold FD discussion 6:45 – 7:15 before the Club meeting. Larry has established time with City for the meeting.

Gary Barr – Membership we have 106 members left after the purge of non-renewals. Gary sent out letters to 4 people who have not renewed. We have one new member.

Larry Mock – Gils bike shop is closed. Need new contact for bicycle events. Thunder of the Lot used to use REACT. We may be able to help in REACT's absense.

Adrienne – MS Walk on April 30. (verify). Participation uncertain this year.

HAMCON – Flyer and ad to be published in Short Circuit. Guest speakers have been determined. Next VE session is March 5. ARRL 9:00 AM. Next board meeting April 7. General meeting is March 24. Joy Matlack to be the speaker. Short circuit March 13.

Motion to Adjourn Larry Bianchi, Second Keith. Carried – meeting Adjourned 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Sherwood WA6PZK
AVARC Secretary 2011

AVARC Members,
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Antelope Valley Volunteer Examiner Team
2011 Amateur Radio Exam Schedule

Session	Date	Day	Time
GLAARG	1/8/2011	Saturday	9 A.M.
GLAARG	2/7/2011	Monday	7 P.M.
ARRL	3/5/2011	Saturday	9 A.M.
GLAARG	4/4/2011	Monday	7 P.M.
GLAARG	5/7/2011	Saturday	9 A.M.
ARRL	6/6/2011	Monday	7 P.M.
GLAARG	7/9/2011	Saturday	9 A.M.
GLAARG	8/1/2011	Monday	7 P.M.
ARRL	9/3/2011	Saturday	9 A.M.
GLAARG	10/3/2011	Monday	7 P.M.
GLAARG	11/5/2011	Saturday	9 A.M.
ARRL	12/5/2011	Monday	7 P.M.

Exam location:
Antelope Valley First Christian Church
1702 East Ave. J, Lancaster, CA (Across the street from the Eastside Wall Mart).

Please enter parking lot off the end of the cul-de-sac 17th Street East, enter the classroom annex, and look for the "FCC Exams" sign outside the correct classroom.

Monday Nights: Please do not disturb the A.A. group or other groups that may be using the facilities.

Dates/times may be subject to change.

GLAARG testing fee is $4.00.
ARRL testing fee is $15.00

Santa Maria Ham Radio Swapfest & BBQ

June 18, 2011

Saturday of Father's Day Weekend

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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.

Bill Welsh W6DDB 948-8493

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