

# The Short Circuit

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## President's Corner

Larry Bianchi KG1B

One good Turkey deserves another ..

Interesting fact (from what I understand) that Benjamin Franklin wanted to make the Turkey the National Bird .. Thank Heavens the Eagle idea won out!

So we are officially into the Holiday Season. I was in Walmart the other day, and before I could even find where they put the leftover Halloween candy, they were putting up the Christmas candy! But then again, that was on November 1<sup>st</sup>. At least last year, they waited a bit longer before bringing out the Xmas stuff.

I love the Holidays with the goodwill and the excitement. One of the biggest thrills is to see my grandkids' eyes open wide as they open their presents on Christmas morning. This year, my grandkids are a year older so it will be intriguing to see what Santa brings them and how they will enjoy what they get! You know, when you see our kids, their innocence and excitement, it makes you realize that maybe the world isn't as bad as you thought and maybe the future does look bright after all.

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## Meeting Notice

Thursday, November 15, 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.

Note that the November meeting is a week earlier than usual. This is so that AVARC members can enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with their families.

This month's meeting will feature our own **Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO**. She is the chairman of the GLAARG VEC, and will be talking about GLAARG, and answering your questions about testing and licensing. Hope to see you there!



## From The Veep

Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC

Well, another October has come and gone, and with it Halloween and the election of next year's officers. That was fairly painless and 'Anchors Aweigh' was huge this year. I hope everyone who was looking for something found what they needed. Not a whole lot to report on this month. We have our November meeting which will be on the 15th this month because of the Thanksgiving holiday and our speaker will be our own Adrienne Sherwood who will talk to us about the Greater Los Angeles Amateur Radio Group or GLAARG as we all know them. It should be an interesting talk. I know nothing about GLAARG so I'm looking forward to hearing what Adrienne has to say. Also, our December pot luck will be one week early as usual, due to Christmas. That will be held on December 20th for those who like me need to mark a calendar. For 2013, I'm hoping to do Baker to Vegas this year. And I'm also looking forward to another great Field Day like this last one. I heard no complaints and everyone I talked to had a lot of fun. I'm also looking forward to doing some more contesting next year. My California QSO Party log was not accepted because it was in the wrong file format (rtf) that their software couldn't read and I spent HOURS typing it in the Cabrillo format and I'm not enthusiastic enough to do all that over again. Aarrgg!, as Charlie Brown would say. Oh well, the first thing I do is get a friend of mine to fix my old laptop and then download some logging software.

Last Saturday was the Emergency Preparedness Fair that our President Larry Bianchi posted in the October Short Circuit. If you didn't make it, you missed a good event. It was much bigger than I thought it would be, with booths on food and water storage, first aid and cooking and gardening and much more. The Red

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## From the Secretary's Desk

### AVARC Meeting October 25, 2012

Called to order at 7:30pm by Larry Bianchi KG1B. Members in attendance 30.

Financial report \$4,390.05 is our current balance.

Membership report. We have 108 members. The membership report is now going to be included in the Short Circuit.

Old business: Adrienne WA6YEO November test session is going to be on Nov 12th. at the First Christian Church, 1702E Ave J across from Walmart. It is \$4.00 for exam. Dec ARRL Test Session, first weekend of month.

Minutes for Sept one correction was made. Margie KG6TBR corrected to QSO party.

Also, for nominations Gerry Anderson W6GWA was nomi-

nated for Board Member. Minutes there was a motion to accept the Sept Minutes. Gerry W6GWA accepted.

Our Membership Badge is now going to be \$5.00 by the 1st of year, so if you need one get now.

Margie KG6TBR Baker to Vegas is April 13,14 and 15th. Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC had a list for T Hunting, at Apollo Park. Anyone interested sign up. Donald Hosman N6NAI was starting a chairing committee and Larry Volmer was going to be for the Boy Scouts.

Officers and Board Members nominated.

Raffle \$22.00 won by Lou Figueroa KA6VVD.

Adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Harnos KC2RUJ  
AVARC Secretary 2012

## Dots and Dashes

If the US Postal Service (USPS) gets its way, it will no longer sell International Reply Coupons (IRCs) after January 27, 2013. According to the October 23 edition of the Federal Register, there is not sufficient demand for the USPS to continue offering IRCs to customers; however, per the Universal Postal Union (UPU) regulations, the USPS must continue to exchange and redeem IRCs that have been purchased in foreign countries and presented at USPS facilities. Comments on this proposed change will be accepted through November 23, 2012. IRCs provide foreign addressees with a prepaid means of responding to inquiries, solicitations or other types of communications -- such as QSL cards -- that are initiated by US senders. IRCs are exchangeable for postage stamps by postal administrations in member countries of the UPU. *Thanks to The Daily DX for some information.*



The FCC is proposing to modify the Amateur Radio Service rules to grant examination credit for expired and beyond-the-grace-period-for-renewal Amateur Radio operator licenses; to shorten the grace period during which an expired amateur license may be renewed; to revise the time a call sign is not available to the vanity call sign system correspondingly, and to reduce the number of volunteer examiners needed to administer an amateur license examination. The *NPRM* also asks for comment on amending the rules to permit remote test administration, and proposes to amend the Amateur Radio Service rules to allow amateur stations to transmit certain additional emission types.

Comments must be filed on or before December 24, 2012 (60 days after publication in the *Federal Register*); reply comments must be filed on or before January 22, 2013 (90 days after publication in the *Federal Register*). Instructions on how to file comments are listed beginning on page 12 of the *NPRM*.



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# President's Corner...



# From the VEEP...

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So what are your plans for Thanksgiving? Ours are to stay at home and enjoy the family .. grandkids and all. So it should be a rather quiet time with lots of eating and watching a football game or two.

Thanksgiving is also a good time to ponder what we are grateful for. As for me, I am grateful to live in a land that is free. And with the election we just experienced, I am reminded how great we do have it here. Very few places on Earth can a change in National leadership occur without major incident or even bloodshed!

We can basically do what we want to do, pursue happiness where we want and enjoy the freedoms that our great Constitution allows. And that includes the right for us to be Hams! So at the start of our next club meeting let us think about what we enjoy when we pledge an allegiance and if you enjoy the freedoms we have .. Thank a Vet! Go up to a stranger that you suspect is a Vet and thank him/her for their time and sacrifice!

Well .. it is about time to wrap this article up. Our year is quickly coming to a close. Our November meeting will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> and our December .. on the 20<sup>th</sup>. And as our last speaker of the year .. we will have the pleasure of hearing from our own

Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO. She has graciously accepted the invitation to speak to us and share her thoughts regarding the GLAARG (Greater Los Angeles Amateur Radio Group). We look forward to hearing from her and learning a bit more about the running of a VEC (Volunteer Examiners Coordinator) and I am sure she will be willing to answer any questions you may have about a VEC.

Well .. that's about it for now .. get out and enjoy the Holidays and love what we have!

Till next time .. Happy Hamming!

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Cross, L.A. County Fire and other groups were there. Larry had a ham radio booth set up with some literature that he made up. Maybe we'll get some new members out of this. I got lots of fliers and information and my girlfriend Terry and I are going to get our emergency supplies in order. Hurricane Sandy brought that message home for us. Most all of my relatives live in New England and fortunately they missed the brunt of the storm. Well that is all for now. I hope to see you all at the next meeting. Till then....

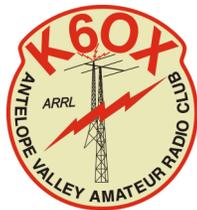
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AVARC board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. All members are welcome to attend, although they should let the president or another officer know that they are planning to attend, as the meetings usually include a pot-luck dinner at the home of one of the officers.

The club net is on Wednesdays at 8:00, on the Hauser repeater (146.73 MHz PL 100). The net includes Amateur Radio Newslines, and all members and guests are invited to check in.

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