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# The Short Circuit

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## President's Corner

**Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC**

Busy, busy, busy! I love the holiday season, but it taxes me poor body! I was thinking of all that I have to be thankful for and it's a lot. I have a great family, a good job that I don't always like but takes good care of us, lots of hobbies and really terrific friends. What more could a person ask for, right? Well, maybe to be 20 again.

The club board is trying to find a different location to have our Christmas potluck and raffle. The room that we have at Jane Reynolds Park is just not suitable. It echoes badly as you all know, and we really need something with some sort of kitchen facilities. For our regular meeting, it's acceptable, and best of all it's free. We need to be mindful of that. Lots of clubs have to pay to have a meeting place. But for our Christmas party, we need something else. If you know of a place that will hold 50 – 60 people, has a small kitchen and is free or reasonably priced, please contact me. My e-mail is [KD6SMC@yahoo.com](mailto:KD6SMC@yahoo.com) and my phone number is 661-305-1838. Please don't call and say; 'hey try this place'. I work nights and don't have the time to chase too many leads, but if you know of a place that we can use, please call and leave me a message.

Our entertainment this year will be Brian Hoffman. Brian does a magic act and those of you who have seen him know how entertaining he is. Also, our own Adrienne Sherwood will entertain us with her beautiful harp playing.

Our guest speaker this month will be our upcoming President, Margie Hoffman, KG6TBR, who will give us a talk on the Baker to Vegas Relay. The race has been moved up to March and because of other commitments, this is the only opportunity that Margie will have to talk about B2V. This is a really fun event if you are looking for something to do in ham radio. Plus, it's close to Las Vegas so you could combine some work and play. Something to think about.

A couple more items and I'll be done. One, if you plan on attending the club potluck and raffle at the December meeting, (and remember that the meeting is a week early, on December, 19), please pay your 2014 dues early. All members who attend will get a raffle ticket but those that have their 2014 dues paid will get 2 tickets. We have some great prizes lined up for this year so you wouldn't want to lessen your

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## Meeting Notice

**Thursday, November 21**, is the next meeting of the AVARC at Jane Reynolds Park, 716 West Oldfield Street, in Lancaster. Talk-in is available on the Hauser Repeater (146.73 MHz. PL 100) if you need directions. Note that this month's meeting is a week earlier than usual, due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

The phone number for the club is **(661) 265-6131**.

This month's meeting will feature our own **Margie Hoffman KG6TBR**. Margie, who is our 2014 club president, will be talking about the Baker to Vegas event, which will take place in March. Many of our club members participate in B2V, so this will be of interest to all. Be sure to plan on being there, to learn about this popular event and how you can become involved in it.



**Margie Hoffman KG6TBR**



## From the Secretary's Desk

### AVARC Club Meeting Minutes October 24, 2013

**Opening:** Paul L'Heureux – KD6SMC-Flag Salute 7:31p.m.

\*\*Roll call was followed by a motion to accept the minutes as written in the last edition of the Short Circuit. Secretary Barbara was not present. A correction was advised by Margie Hoffman KG6TBR and referred to the nominations for Officers & Board members: in the wording "Margie Hoffman KG6TBR and she was nominated." was corrected to "Margie Hoffman KG6TBR was nominated for President". After the correction, motion was made by Carol Humpherys AF6OV and seconded by Eugene Humpherys KG6SLC. After a vote, the minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report was read Gary Barr WA6TWT. Treasury amount: \$4,309.94 in checking with \$76.00 in petty cash. Gary said we now have a total of 112 members of which 71% are ARRL members.

There were 29 members present tonight at this meeting.

#### Items of Business:

##### \*\* Old Business:

Carol and Eugene Humpherys remind all that they are holding an Antenna building workshop at their home in Quartz Hill on Saturday, October 26 from 9am-1pm. They will be assisting in making J-Pole antennas from scratch and this involves some soldering, so it will be an educational experience for those who attend. Approximate costs of materials will be \$18-\$21.

Margie Hoffman KG6TBR is still asking for volunteers to be net control operators on Wednesday evenings at 8pm, as we are now down to only two operators. Anyone interested should contact Margie directly.

##### \*\*New Business:

Paul L'Heureux reminds all that our November and December meetings are being held one week early due to the Holidays. At our Christmas meeting, we will hold our annual potluck and prize drawings. Paul went over the participant rules. There will be one ticket given to each active club member present and an additional ticket given for each renewal, for the maximum of

two tickets per member. Active Life members would automatically be given two tickets. There was a discussion that followed regarding changing the venue due to the lack of kitchen space in our present meeting site. He and the Board members will research this with follow up discussion to be held at the November meeting.

Paul also said that the Board would like to recommend the entertainment for the evening again be Brian Hoffman, of the Santa Clarita Magic Company as Brian has new material and would be ready to perform at the potluck. Also, the music of Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO would be available to play her harp music. All club members agreed this would be a welcome event.

Gary Barr WA6TWT said that renewals are due for club membership for 2014. He would like members to pay at the November meeting in order for him to be able to update his records prior to the Christmas drawing and asked to please not wait until December.

\*\*\*\*\* Break \*\*\*\*\* 7:50-8:05pm for refreshments

#### \*\*Elections of Officers and Board Members for 2014

Open nominations continued followed by elections.

Nominations: President, Margie Hoffman KG6TBR, Vice President, Carol Humpherys AF6OV, Secretary, Dan Sherwood W6DAS, Treasurer, Gary Barr WA6TWT, Master at Arms, Gary Mork WA6WFC, Board Members, Larry Mock KI6BKP, Eugene Humpherys KG6SLC, Don Hosman N6NAI

Final Results and newly elected Officers: President, Margie Hoffman KG6TBR, Vice President, Carol Humpherys AF6OV, Secretary, Dan Sherwood W6DAS, Treasurer, Gary Barr WA6TWT, Master at Arms, Gary Mork WA6WFC, Board Members, Larry Mock KI6BKP, Eugene Humpherys KG6SLC.

#### \*\* Announcements:

President Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC - The next General meeting will be held on November 21, 2013. The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2013, with the likely location of the Texas Cattle Company and would begin at 7pm.

Adrienne Sherwood – WA6YEO – The next test session will be on Monday, November 4

at 7pm. That session will be a GLAARG and the fee is \$5. The location for the testing is First Christian Church 1702 E. Ave J. (Across from Wal-Mart). If anyone has questions or needs info or special accommodations, please contact Adrienne at 661-264-1863.

Paul Boyd KK6DLK – made a 2m 440 antenna from plans given to him by Arrow Antennas who sells manufactured ones for \$39. Paul said you could make one for around \$22 and suggested that the club hold a workshop in the spring. Paul then donated a factory made one to the club for the Christmas Drawing.

Carol Humpherys AF6OV said that recently the Quartz Hill Repeater was struck by lightening and answered questions regarding this event. She also said to make a note that on November 26, at sunset in the East would be a comet named "Ison" so to be sure and watch for it.

Eugene Humpherys KG6SLC brought a mint copy of a 1942 QST for Show and Tell.

#### Speaker for evening presentation:

Tonight in lieu of a speaker, we held our annual Anchors Away Swap in which members could bring ham related items of interest for sale.

Raffle: 50/50 Winner - Gerry Anderson W6GWA \$17

Meeting adjourned: 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Margie Hoffman KG6TBR, X-Officio AVARC

#### AVARC board meeting Nov., 7, 2013

Members present: Paul L'Heureux, KD6SMC, Keith Hoyt, K6GXO, Gary Barr, WA6TWT, Gary Mork, WA6WFC, Margie Hoffman, KG6TBR, and Donald Hosman, N6NAI.

Financial Report: Given by Gary Barr, we have \$4,055.94 in the Treasury and a total of 112 members.

Old business: There was no old business.

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**President's Corner... Secretary's Desk...**

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chances would you? As of this newsletter, we have 74 members not paid for next year. The next item is the club's Wednesday evening net. We need net control operators. Brian, KG6CVO, took the mike this week and did a great job. It's not hard, you get a script to read and as hams call in you just fill in the blanks. And if you make a mistake, just go back and ask for the information that you need. You are in control, net control that is. When I did it for the first time a couple of weeks ago, I knocked an empty coffee can off of my workbench. Boy, did that make a racket in the background! Had a good laugh about it later. Ok, that's it for this month. I hope to see you at the meeting. Till then....

73's  
Paul KD6SMC

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New business: Club badges were discussed. The new fee for club badges will be \$6.00 per badge with a pin clasp and \$8.00 if you would like a magnetic clasp. Dues; 74 people have not paid their 2014 dues. Club phone number; an e-mail will go to all club officers now. Previously, an e-mail went to Gary Barr, WA6TWT only. K6OXD e-mail messages will go to Keith Hoyt, K6GXO. Bank Account; right now we have only names on the account, Paul, KD6SMC, and Gary, WA6TWT. A time will be set up to add the necessary officers for next year. Christmas dinner location; Paul, KD6SMC, will check with the City of Lancaster to see if they have another place available for our party. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC  
Acting Secretary



**Swap Shop**

**Collector Pins from HAM-CON 2010/2011 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention**



Did you attend the 2011 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention (HAMCON 2011) at the Torrance Marriott and not purchase an official pin? A limited number of cloisonné pins from this convention will be available for \$3 each at AVARC's November 21 meeting. All proceeds go toward staging HAMCON 2015, which will also be held at the Torrance Marriott Hotel.



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**Eric J. Christensen**  
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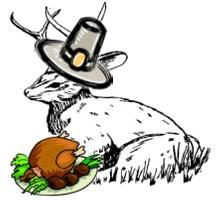
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<b>Board Member</b>	Larry Mock	KI6BKP	943-6736
<b>Trustee</b>	Keith Hoyt	K6GXO	533-4025
<b>Ex Officio</b>	Margie Hoffman	KG6TBR	297-6567



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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