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President's Corner

Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC

Hello, again. Stand by while I drag my soapbox out and climb aboard. Odd, isn't it, that the same guy that has an anxiety attack speaking in public can prattle on endlessly in print mode.

This will be my last Short Circuit article and I want to thank EVERYONE for all the help, guidance, and most importantly, friendship which I have received in the last two years. Looking back over past articles, I've pushed two main themes; having FUN in this amateur radio hobby of ours and PARTICIPATION in this great club to which we belong. Having fun simply means enjoying what you are doing, and there are lots of ways in ham radio to do that, from public service to designing and building your own gear. Just find your niche and go for it. Belonging to a club gives each of us the opportunity to "pick each other's brains", so to speak, and learn from one another. And let me tell you, there is a LOT of amateur radio experience in this club to draw on. You've paid your dues, the "Elmering" is free, so use it. That is "taking" from the club and as a member you are entitled to any help that the club can reasonably offer. In return, members need to participate. Yes, attending the monthly meeting is considered participation. But the participation that I am referring to is giving back to the members of the club in a tangible way. Volunteering to work an event or give a presentation or join a committee are a few ways that you can participate. These are things that even the newest Technician class license holder can do. You may lack experience but your insight is valuable. It's probably been a long time since some of the Extra class folks have been new hams, and it's easy with time and experience to forget what the needs of a new ham are. Trust me, if you give a little of yourself, you will reap benefits many times greater than what you put in. Of course, I'm not speaking only to Techs but to everyone, no matter what class of license you hold.

I'm excited! We have a new board of officers for 2014 and it's a good one. I think that they have all held offices before and there are lots of good ideas being tossed around. I desperately want you to participate with this board (see paragraph above). Tell them what you want to do and let's see if we can't make it happen. Almost two years ago, someone brought up the subject of T-hunting. I still have a roster of members who are interested. We got a gentleman from the Santa Clarita ARC to give us a presentation on it and an invitation to join them in one of their monthly (or was it weekly?) T-hunts. Because of the hours I work, I couldn't really take the SCARC up on the offer of a

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Meeting Notice

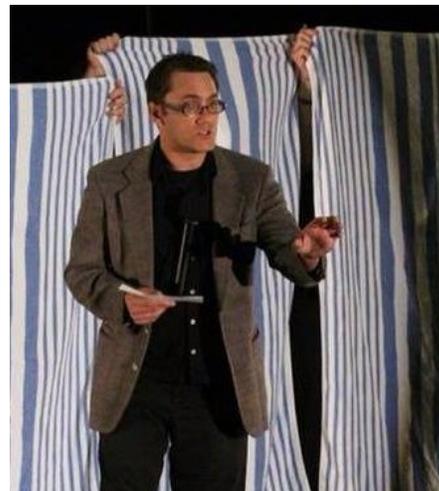
Thursday, December 19, is the next meeting of the AVARC. This month's meeting will be at Antelope Valley First Christian Church, 1702 East Avenue J in Lancaster. Talk-in is available on the Hauser Repeater (146.73 MHz. PL 100) if you need directions.

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

Note that this month's meeting is on the third Thursday of the month because of the Christmas holiday. The meeting will start at 6:30 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.

Brian Hoffman KI6LUE, a member of the Magic Castle, will be back by popular demand, to share his wonderful magic with us. This will be a fun and entertaining event for all club members and their families.



Brian Hoffman KI6LUE



From the Secretary's Desk

AVARC Club Meeting Minutes November 21, 2013

Meeting called to order by Paul L'Heureux at 7:30 pm. Flag salute and member introductions. Members in attendance, 34

Membership Report: Given by Gary Barr, WA6TWT. We have 114 members.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Gary Barr, WA6TWT. We have 4,170.94 in the club account.

Old Business: Minutes as written in November Short Circuit were approved as written.

New Business: Dan Sherwood was going to see about getting the First Christian Church in Lancaster to hold our Christmas potluck and raffle since it has a kitchen and does not have the echo that is present at the Jane Reynolds Park location. Brian Hoffman will present his magic show again this year with new material. Next year's dues need to be paid before the potluck if you wish to get a second ticket for the raffle. This makes it easier on Gary, WA6TWT, so that he has time to eat and not spend all of his time taking dues.

A board meeting will be held at the Texas Cattle Co. restaurant on Thursday, December, 5, 2013, at 7 pm.

Adrienne Sherwood announced an ARRL test session on Saturday, December 7, at 9 am. The fee for this session will be \$15.00.

Margie Hoffman gave a talk on the Baker to Vegas Relay to be held on the weekend of March 22 and 23, 2014. Margie also donated items to the club raffle from past B2V relays.

Raffle was held and meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul L'Heureux, KD6SMC

AVARC board meeting Dec. 5, 2013

Meeting was held at Texas Cattle Company Restaurant

Call to Order by: Paul L'Heureux - President 6:30 p.m.

Minutes from last meeting were not read due to Secretary Barbara Harnos KC2RUJ

was not present.

Margie and Paul agreed to take minutes in her absence tonight.

Treasurer's report: Gary Barr WA6TWT – Checking Balance: \$ 4104.94, Petty Cash: \$66, Total: \$ 4,170.94

Total Members: 114 Total ARRL Members: 81 (%ARRL: 71.05%)

2013 Officers present tonight: Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC,

Gary Barr WA6TWT, Gary Mork WA6WFC, Gerry Anderson W6GWA, Larry Mock KI6BKP, Keith Hoyt K6GXO, Margie Hoffman KG6TBR.

2014 Officers present: Carol Humpherys AF6OV, Eugene Humpherys KG6SLC, Dan Sherwood W6DAS

Other Members present tonight: Donald Hosman N6NAI

Old Business:

1) Elections for 2013: We have already changed the signature cards at the bank. We will make the transition at the January Board Meeting to exchange any paperwork from the outgoing officers to the incoming ones. AVARC has a total of 9 Officers and Board members per the By-Laws. The new Officers and Board Members for 2014 are as follows:

President: Margie Hoffman KG6TBR

Vice President: Carol Humpherys AF6OV

Secretary: Dan Sherwood W6DAS

Treasurer: Gary Barr WA6TWT

Master at Arms: Gary Mork WA6WFC

Two Board Members at Large: (1) Eugene Humpherys KG6SLC, (2) Larry Mock KI6BKP

Other Officers are: Ex Officio: Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC, Trustee: Keith Hoyt K6GXO

2) Paul announced that he is in progress of confirmation with the Boy Scouts of America to begin their approval process in order to become a merit badge counselor. He will keep us advised.

New Business:

1) Holiday Party – Dec 19, 2013

Discussion: Prizes, Entertainment confirmations, timeline agenda and we now have confirmation from Dan Sherwood W6DAS that we will hold the party at the First Christian Church.

Address: 1702 E. Ave J - Across from WalMart.

2) Membership renewals were due prior to Dec 19 and this was discussed at the last General Meeting. No renewals will be processed on Dec 19 to allow the Treasurer to also enjoy the party activities.

3) LAACARC: Margie asked for confirmation from the Board that she will retain her position as Delegate for the Council as she has also been re-elected to be the 2014 Treasurer for the Council. The Board approved.

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 and Margie requested a check for their annual dues in the amount of \$20. The dues went up from \$10 to \$20 as voted by the Council recently for all 2014 renewals. The AVARC Board agreed to write the check and it was given to Margie to handle for the LAACARC. (Dale Snider K0BGL, is the club's alternate, but we will need to confirm that he still agrees to take this position.)

Announcements:

1) Margie announced that per Adrienne WA6YEO, the next VE session is to be held on Saturday December 7, 2013 at 9am at First Christian Church.

Address: 1702 E. Ave J - Across from WalMart. ARRL session and fee is \$15. See Adrienne and give her a definite confirmation that you will be there to help her out as a VE.

2) Next board meeting: Thursday, Jan 9, 2014 (Location TBA/announced on net)

3) Next General meeting: Thursday, Dec 19, 2013 -7pm. Setup to begin at 6-6:30 pm. with the dinner beginning at 6:45, meeting at 7pm.

This is our annual Membership Holiday Party & Raffle.

Entertainment: Brian Hoffman of the Santa Clarita Magic Company,

Pre meeting/dinner music: Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO, playing Holiday music on her harp.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm

Respectively submitted,
Margie Hoffman KG6TBR
Ex Officio

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ride along. And we need equipment. We need attenuators for everyone and tape measure antennas or equivalent and a 2 meter transmitter to hunt. The board is still interested in the idea, so if you want it, voice it. That goes for anything else related to ham radio. If you want a demonstration or presentation on something, say so. I have always put my e-mail in my articles and my phone number is at the back of the newsletter. My e-mail is; kd6smc@yahoo.com. Finally, our Christmas potluck is on December 19, at the First Christian Church which is on the corner of Avenue J and 17th Street East. This is across from WalMart, and there is a stop light at 17th St. E. There is ample parking in the rear. We need members there at 6 pm to set up and we will begin eating at about 6:30 pm. Our own Adrienne Sherwood will play the harp for us as we eat and then Brian Hoffman will perform his magic

act. After Brian's performance, we will have our big raffle. There will be lots of great prizes as usual, so please come. If a few members could remain afterwards and help with the clean up, that would be appreciated. If I don't see you at the meeting, have a safe and happy Holiday and

73's
Paul KD6SMC



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 Devenber 19 meeting. All proceeds go toward staging HAMCON 2015, which will also be held at the Torrance Marriott Hotel.



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