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President's Corner

Margie Hoffman KG6TBR

From the President's Shack
November 2014

Election results are in! Final elections were held at our last meeting and here is your new slate of Officers and Board members for 2015. Congratulations to the following as we thank them also for their willingness to serve:

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:
Eugene Humpherys KG6SLC &
John Isles K6RJC

Non Elected Officers: Trustee:
Keith Hoyt K6GXO, Ex Officio:
Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC

More news. As the delegate representing the AVARC, I was re-elected to be the 2015 Treasurer for the Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs. I am again looking forward to serving in this position both on the Council and for the HAMCON especially while we are in the planning process for the 2015 Southwestern Division ARRL Convention to be held in Torrance

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Meeting Notice

Thursday, November 20, 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 and 2015 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 Veep

Carol Humpherys AF6OV

November is upon us—falling leaves, pumpkin pie, and an opportunity for expressing thanks. Like you, I am thankful for amateur radio.

I am grateful for the advances of recent years. While fun to think back to the “good old days” of crystal sets and Heathkits, I appreciate affordable, highly functional handhelds and mobile units. I'm indebted to the Antelope Valley repeaters that make communication across our desert simple and far reaching.

I appreciate those that have mentored and encouraged me through the years. Dan (W6DAS) and Adrienne (WA6YEO) Sherwood taught the Technician class that made it easy to obtain my first license. At a HAMCON test session led by Adrienne, my husband Eugene (KG6SLC) passed his Technician and General tests. Together the Sherwoods have ushered many into the upper echelons of the radio world.

I'm thankful for the interesting individuals I've spoken with on the air. I'm grateful for your patience when I first timidly ventured out, and appreciative of your graciousness today if I speak first and listen later when jumping on the air. (Oops!)

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From the Secretary's Desk



AVARC Club Meeting Minutes October 23, 2014

Opening: Margie Hoffman KG6TBR - President

7:32pm – **Call to order** followed by Flag salute and introductions.

**** Minutes from last meeting: Taken by Dan Sherwood W6DAS.

Any corrections:

Motion to approve as printed in Short Circuit

Made by: George KC6UVM Sec-
onded by: Frank N6FOD Approved?
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Treasurer's report: Gary Barr
WA6TWT: Balance: \$ 4,239.76
(inc. cash \$95)

Membership Report: Gary Barr
WA6TWT - Members: # 106
ARRL members = 78.30% Members
present tonight: 33

• Old Business:

1) Board Meeting was held on Oct 9.
Board Meeting Items

Discussion: The Board reviewed the event held last Saturday at Marie Kerr Park, which was a radio operating activity and we set up antennas in the park near the basketball courts. There were a total of 12 participants, some at the park and some settled at the opposite end of the park due to a very large Breast Cancer walk-A-Thon which was also held at the park the same morning. We stayed around longer than they did, and we were able to make some contacts. There was also the JOTA, Jamboree on the Air contest taking place during our on air contacts. That was the Scouts across the country also trying to make contacts. There seemed to be a lot of radio activity, and so the event seemed to go pretty well. We brought some portable stations and some generators and other equipment and all in attendance had a fun time.

2) Margie: Net Control Ops and NL Ops are still needed. Call Margie if interested.

• New Business:

1) The Board talked about the Holiday party and suggestions were made for the "entertainer". The board would like to ask Brian Hoffman once again to be our guest as he performs his newest magic show.

2) The Board also would like to hold the event at the First Christian Church building, the same venue as last year as it seemed to be a good location and there were no restrictions placed on the club as far as time constraints for the evening. As long as we leave it in the condition we came into it, Dan W6DAS will discuss with the Church Board and try to secure the event for the evening of Thursday, December 18. The Board also agreed to donate to the church for their letting us hold the event in their building. Motion by Paul KD6SMC to contribute \$450 club funds to the Christmas door prizes. Second by Matt, K6MES. Motion carried. Margie will purchase the prizes. Procedures – All members get one ticket. All membership renewals for 2015, before the drawing, will get a second ticket. Ditto for life members.

3) Margie: Club elections are tonight. Final nominations will be taken tonight followed by the vote for all positions which are available for Officers and 2 Board member for 2015. The new officers and board members will take their positions beginning on January 1, 2015.

ELECTION RESULTS – NOMINEES,
(Elected - *):

President: Margie Hoffman

VP: Carol Humphreys *

Secretary: Dan Sherwood *

Treasurer: Gary Barr *

Master at Arms: Gary Mork *

Board Members:

Eugene Humpherys *

Larry Mock (not present tonight).

John Isles K6RJC *

4) Margie: Status update: ARRL Southwestern Division Convention for 2015 to be held on September 11-13 in the city of Torrance. Applications are now listed on the website but it is not interactive, so print the form, attach a check and mail it to the address on the form. The PayPal option will be available by the end of October. Hotel reservations are now available to secure your room by using a code from the Marriott Hotel. The links are on the website. Keep checking the website for any updates on information such as speakers and seminars. Please go to the website at www.hamconinc.org.

For those of you who don't know this, the conventions are rotated around the division and every fourth year, it comes back around to us. So far we have all 63 spaces signed up, so we are making good progress and have a waiting list for vendors and hopefully will be able to add an additional 2 booth spaces. Margie will attend the next HAMCON 2105 planning meeting on Saturday November 1 in the city of San Marino to be held at the Colonial Kitchen. Adrienne is running the VE testing at this convention. We will need ARRL accredited VE's to help work this event. Margie has registration forms for those who want to sign up for the convention.

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 chors away.

● **Announcements:**

● Adrienne WA6YEO: Next VE session to be held on Saturday, November 1, 9am at

First Christian Church. Address: 1702 E. Ave J - Across from Wal-Mart.

This is a GLAARG session and the fee is \$5. All VE's, please advise Adrienne and let her know if you will be available.

● Next board meeting: Thursday, November 6 at Carol & Eugene's QTH and will be a potluck. We can arrive at 6pm. The meeting is open to all AVARC members and should end by 8:30pm.

● Next General meeting: Thursday, November 20, 2014 7:30 pm. Note, this is one week early due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Guest Speaker: Margie Hoffman KG6TBR – speaking on Baker2Vegas 2015.

● Reminder: Adrienne needs the next Short Circuit articles by Sunday night November 9, at the latest due to the early November meeting deadline.

50/50: \$13.00 Len WB6FWH

*****Meeting Adjourned: 9:00pm
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Board Meeting - MINUTES November 06, 2014

Opening: Margie Hoffman KG6TBR - President

7:03 p.m. @ Carol & Eugene's QTH

Minutes from last meeting: Secretary Dan Sherwood W6DAS.

Any corrections?

Motion to approve as printed in Short Circuit: Made by: Paul Seconded

Secretary's Desk...



by: Eugene Approved? Yes
 Treasurer's report: Gary Barr
 WA6TWT - Balance: \$ 3,850.76 (inc. cash \$156.00)

Membership Report: Gary Barr
 WA6TWT - Members: # 107

Members present tonight:

Margie Hoffman KG6TBR, Carol Humpherys AF6OV, Dan Sherwood W6DAS, Gary Barr WA6TWT, Gary Mork WA6WFC

Eugene Humpherys KG6SLC, Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC, Larry Mock KI6BKP.

Old Business:

1) Margie: 2015 elections were held at the October meeting and the results are:

**** President: Margie Hoffman KG6TBR

Vice President: Carol Humpherys AF6OV

Secretary: Dan Sherwood WA6PZK

Treasurer: Gary Barr WA6TWT

Master at Arms: Gary Mork WA6WFC

Two Board Members at Large: (1) Eugene Humpherys KG6SLC (2) John Isles K6RJC

Non Elected Officers are: Ex Officio: Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC Trustee: Keith Hoyt K6GXO. Gary Barr added John Isles to the officers email list.

**** The new officers and Board members will take their offices as of January 1, 2015. Margie thanked all for serving in their positions.

1) Margie would like the board's approval to renew our membership in the LAACARC for the year 2015. This is a given as we need to do this in order to maintain our relationship with HAMCON 2015 as our club already has the duties of hosting the VE Testing session on Saturday at the convention in Torrance. The yearly dues are \$20. Margie requests Gary cut a check to hand to Margie to present to the

Treasurer of the Council. Check cut by Gary Barr.

3) Anchors Away: The event at the October meeting was a little light but many us did buy items, and Dan was able to sell a donated item. The donor wished the proceeds (which were \$45) be given to the club holiday fund. Margie accepted the donation.

4) Margie: ARRL Southwestern Division Convention September 11-13, 2015 status update for the Torrance convention. For more information, please go to the website at www.hamconinc.org, which is being continually updated with new information. There were 2 more booths added and 64 have been sold to vendors to date. Registration applications are now listed on the website but it is not interactive for pay pal, so print the form, attach a check and mail it to the address on the form. Hotel reservations link is now also available to secure rooms using a code for the Marriott Hotel.

Carol was concerned about HAMCON getting offers from our group passed along to the speaker coordinator for HAMCON. Margie suggested Ginger Wonderling AB6YL to be a POC regarding speakers.

5) Margie: Net Control Ops and NL Ops still needed. Margie passed out copies of the next schedule, which goes from October through the end of January. Any changes are to be given to Margie and emailed to all people listed on the schedule.

6) Gary Barr: Needs \$150 to create a petty cash fund for paying for badges for new members. Board decided \$100 should tide him over to the end of the year.

● **New Business:**

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President's Corner...



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in September. As far as I know, Dale Snider K0BGL, will be continuing as our club's alternate delegate.

On a personal note, as I mentioned last month, I participated in the yearly CQWW – SSB DX contest and did so right out of my own very small radio shack. Remember how when you were a kid and you said “just one more, please?” Well, that is how I felt trying my best to get more than the 6 contacts that I got last year. This year I made 26, but even though those who are way bigger DX'ers than I am may think that is a very, very small number, for me it was an excitement being able to reach and complete that many QSL's. Believe me, it was very hard working 48 hours and from just 100 watts on my inverted V wire antenna, but out of those 26, I spoke to 18 countries! I even impressed myself and since I previously only had 70 confirmed on Logbook of the World, I was so happy that in that very last few minutes with just 3 minutes to go, the contact I made in Chile was the one that bumped me up to 71 confirmations. You just never know and I keep saying, it 's all about jumping in there and making the effort. Even the small ones are very rewarding.

I would like to remind everyone that we are always in need of additional net control and Newslines operators, so please see me if you find that an interesting

prospect. It is a great way to brush up on your radio skills by listening, speaking and keeping track of check ins and traffic.

Don't forget, that this month's General meeting will be held one week early, so will be held on Thursday, November 20. The same goes for the December meeting, it will be held on Friday instead of Thursday. This change was made due to a schedule conflict with the venue for the December meeting. So be sure to save the date of Friday, December 19 for the annual holiday potluck. Both of these annual changes are due to the timing of the Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays, and thus will enable us to spend that time with our families.

At this week's meeting, I will be speaking on Baker 2 Vegas so I hope to see all those interested and even those who are unfamiliar with this annual event come to the meeting and see what this is all about.

See you at the meeting!

73,
Margie KG6TBR

From the VEEP...

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I'm beholden to the members in our club that make being involved so much fun. I enjoy hearing tales of DXing and stories of packet radio. I appreciate Brain Basura's (N6CVO) technical column in the Short Circuit. And I am especially grateful when someone agrees to speak at a club meeting.

At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. I am inspired by the amount of good members of our club do--how you participate in ARES, volunteer with CERT, and support the MS Walk. I've seen you help one another programming radios, putting up antennas, and explaining theory.

When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether we take things for granted or take them with gratitude. What else should I be grateful for? What are you grateful for?

Happy Thanksgiving!

73,
Carl AF6OV



Secretary's Desk....

**Holiday Party Status and Information:

1) Brian Hoffman, of the Santa Clarita Magic Company as accepted our request to perform again this year as well as Adrienne WA6YEO, who will play her harp prior to the evening events.

2) Dan W6DAS is speaking to his church board to secure the venue at the First Christian Church on the night of December 18. At the general meeting, it was voted that we would make a donation of \$100 to the church for allowing us to use their facility for the evening. Margie requested Gary cut a check and hand to Dan for delivery to the church.

3) Margie has begun procuring prizes and asked the board to hold a discussion on larger prizes to be purchased. AVARC gift certificates will be limited to two. An ARRL gift certificate \$25 will be included.

● Announcements:

● Adrienne WA6YEO: Next VE session to be held on day, Monday, December 1, at 7pm at the First Christian Church. Address: 1702 E. Ave J - Across from Wal-Mart. This is a ARRL session and fee is \$15. See let Adrienne know that you will be there to assist.

● Next board meeting: Thursday, December 4 at 7pm. and will be hosted at Carol & Eugene's QTH and will be a potluck. We can arrive at 6pm. Call Margie if you have items for the agenda.

● Next General meeting: Thursday, November 20, 2014 7:30 pm. Margie will speak on B2V.

● Next HAMCON meeting is Saturday, January 10, 2015 and will be held on at the Colonial Kitchen Restaurant



at 1110 Huntington Drive, San Marino CA. Margie will attend.

● Next LAACARC meeting is Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 7-9pm and will be held at the Toyota Museum building in Torrance. Margie will attend.

● Reminder: Adrienne needs the next Short Circuit articles or any other submissions no later than Monday night November 10.

Please submit them directly to Adrienne WA6YEO at wa6yeo@sbeglobal.net

The rule is that they are due 1 week after the Board Meeting with the exception being the month of November and December in which Adrienne will advise the due dates.

Meeting Adjourned 8:37 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Sherwood W6DAS
AVARC Secretary 2014

Swap Shop

Collector Pins from HAMCON 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 20 meeting. All proceeds go toward staging HAMCON 2015, which will also be held at the Torrance Marriott Hotel.



VE TESTING SCHEDULE 2014

12/1/2014 Monday 7pm. ARRL

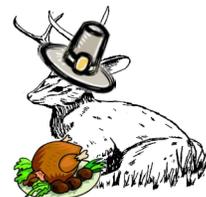
Test sessions are offered on a monthly basis in Lancaster. Testing fee is \$5.00 for GLAARG sessions and \$15.00 for ARRL sessions. Applicants should bring a photo ID and a copy of your current amateur radio license if you have one. If you are applying for your first ham license, you are urged to apply for an FRN number prior to the test session. You can apply at <https://apps.fcc.gov/coresWeb/publicHome.do>

The test sessions are located at Antelope Valley First Christian Church, 1702 East Avenue J, across the street from WalMart, in Lancaster. Pre-registration is not required, unless a special accommodation is required. For more information, please call Adrienne WA6YEO, at (661) 264-1863, or send an e-mail to wa6yeo@arrl.net.



Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club 2014 Officers

President	Margie Hoffman	KG6TBR	297-6567
Vice President	Carol Humpherys	AF6OV	722-4616
Secretary	Dan Sherwood	W6DAS	264-1863
Treasurer	Gary Barr	WA6TWT	946-2717
Master-At-Arms	Gary Mork	WA6WFC	948-8317
Board Member	Eugene Humpherys	KG6SLC	722-4616
Board Member	Larry Mock	KI6BKP	943-6736
Trustee	Keith Hoyt	K6GXO	533-4025
Ex Officio	Paul L'Heureux	KD6SMC	305-1838



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 Newsline, and all members and guests are invited to check in.

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