

The Short Circuit

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April 2018

President's Corner

Dan Sherwood W6DAS

After being dealt a setback by the City of Lancaster, as they requested we vacate our field day permit for June's event, (baseball tournament that weekend), I was able to arrange a transfer over to Rawley Duntley park, which is south of Ave. K, and near AV College. This is a new park for us, as I have not scouted it personally but from members who have checked it out, the location is both accessible and more secure than Tierra Bonita over on the east side. One thing to remember is when dealing with the City, (or any other agency), is that Money Talks, when it comes to negotiations for any resource. I must pass along a heartfelt thanks to Marvin Crist of the Lancaster City Council for our "free" usage of the park system for Field Day. Getting something for free is great, but also puts us at the bottom of the food chain regarding access to resources. To use an NHRA term, we're always sitting in the "bump spot" when it comes to qualifying for any resource. It's the Golden Rule, (those with the gold make the rules!)

On the subject of Field Day, and putting our face to the Public, an idea came to me. First, I was heartened by a report on AR Newline last week about a large "pop" in the number of amateur licenses issued last year, (30,000). To correlate, I've seen an uptick in the number of folks sitting for our monthly examinations. Is there a reason for this? Well, preparedness is still the number one motivator. With all the uncertainty and instability going on in the world, having reliable DIY, infrastructure-free communications still attracts attention. Now we can also stress the lack of commercialization. This is a legal mandate in our service. Nobody can harvest the content of our communication in order to target specific advertising at us. Yes, there are tools out there to automatically detect our presence such as the Reverse Beacon Network, but these are used purely for science, not for commercialization. As we approach the Field Day event, and have our discussion about publicizing our hobby, perhaps it's time to stress the non-commercial aspects of what we do. In our case, it's Mother Nature running the show, not Mark Zuckerberg. Perhaps we can catch people on the rebound from social media burnout. After all, what was old may be new again.



73,
Jan W6DAS

Meeting Notice

Thursday, April 26, is the next meeting of the AVARC at the Quartz Hill Library, 5040 West Avenue M-2. Talk-in is available on the Hauser Repeater (146.73 MHz. PL 100) if you need directions. Eyeball QSO starts at 7 pm, and the meeting starts at 7:30.

This month's meeting will feature a Skype presentation from DX Engineering. The topic will be "Back to Basics and Troubleshooting for Non-Techies". This will be of interest to all of us, so be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fun and informative meeting.

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From the Secretary's Desk



AVARC General Meeting March 22, 2018

President Dan Sherwood W6DAS called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the, Quartz Hill Public Library, followed by the flag salute and introductions. Number of individuals attending was 30.

Minutes of the February 2018 club meeting were taken by Pat Okawa. A motion to approve them as printed in the Short Circuit with a correction on tonight's speaker was made by Frank O'Dell N6FOD, and seconded by John Comish AB3VY. The motion was approved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report: Matt Stewart K6MES - Checking balance: \$6149.02, petty cash: \$106.69 Total: \$6275.73

Invoices submitted for payment: Brian Hoffman & Larry Mock.

Membership: Total members 104, percent ARRL 75.96%

2 new: Kevin Reilly K6KTR & Andrew Gippetti KM6ROL

OLD BUSINESS

LAACARC: Margie Hoffman KG6TBR: Concern over ARRL proposed changes have lessened. New Executive Director needs to be an active ham with wide experience. Still working to update the website. Expect good from June ARRL Board Meeting.

Upcoming Club Programs – Larry Mock KI6BKP: I thank Keith Hoyt K6GXO for stepping in tonight with a program when Pat Coker N6RMJ was a last minute cancellation. April will be DX Engineering. Pat Coker is on for May. I want to invite Diana Feinberg AI6SF and Marty Woll N6VI again. Dan Sherwood W6DAS is planning a talk on DMR in July.

Baker to Vegas Wrap Up: Used 220 radios with little interference. Larry Mock KI6BKP was Stage 15 Captain. Keith Hoyt K6GXO was at Stage 10. Third worst weather (cellphone would not charge in cold). Tom Hicks did traffic control and got 2 operators for the Timing Table at Stage 15. RV Support was very helpful. This is a good training opportunity.

Plan to attend in 2019 (March 23-24).

Other old business:

Nothing new on website update.

NEW BUSINESS

Field Day Discussion: We have a permit for Sgt. Steve Owen Park and have K6A call sign. Co-Chairs will be Margie Hoffman KG6TBR and Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC.

Membership / Short Circuit email distribution list has been culled. Members NOT receiving newsletter please advise now. Newsletter also available for public download on www.k6ox.club.

Public Service dates:

Vets 4 Vets postponed to sometime in June.

Fox Airshow 3/24 (no conflict with B2V). We have no contact person. MS Walk no date from ARES.

Presentation: Keith Hoyt K6GXO – DXpedition Video presentation from 2007 to Scarborough Reef (BS7H) in South China Sea. This is disputed area between China and the Philippines.

Took time to meet requirements of both countries. Set up equipment on platforms on 4 rocks for 16 operators. Did 5,000 QSOs in 5 days. Keith Hoyt K6GXO worked phone and CW on 5 bands (40 to 15 meters). DXpeditions now go to entities, not countries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Short Circuit Articles - Need by: Sunday, April 15.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, 4/5/2018

Club meeting: Thursday, 4/26/2018:

VE Exam: Monday, April 9. This is a GLAARG exam, (fee \$5)

50/50 drawing won by: Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO \$13.00

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Okawa, KJ6CJI

Secretary

AVARC Board Meeting April 5, 2018

Opening: Dan Sherwood W6DAS, President

Call to order by Dan Sherwood W6DAS at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes from last board meeting: taken by Pat Okawa KJ6CJI.

Motion to approve as printed in Short Circuit with corrections Made by: Mike Beckers K6YQO.

Seconded by: Larry Mock KI6BKP. Approved by all attending.

Corrections: Presentation on 2007 Scarborough Reef BS7H. Membership total was 75%.

Other new business: Michael Perkins KM6QCJ attended.

Treasurer's report – Matt Stewart: Checking account: \$ 6,105.94. Cash on hand: \$ 104.97

Total: \$ 6,095.96.

Membership Report: – 60 ARRL members: 76.9%.

Members present today: Dan Sherwood W6DAS, Matt Stewart K6MES, Keith Hoyt K6GXO, Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO, Margie Hoffman KG6TBR, Pat Okawa, KJ6CJI, Larry Mock KI6BKP, Gary Mork WA6WFC, Mike Beckers K6YQO, Diane Roberts K6DER, Carol Humpherys AF6OV, Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC, Eugene Humpherys KG6SLC

Old Business:

Upcoming Club Programs – Larry KI6BKP: April 26th-DX Engineering “Getting Started”.

No other old business.

New Business:

I would have had little to discuss tonight except for the phone call I received last Friday from Denise from Lancaster Parks and Recreation. She wants to move us from City Park over to Heroes Park due to a conflict with a huge baseball tournament on FD weekend. Our options:

- (1) Relocate to another City park. Heroes had zero shade, no trees, and consists of sports fields, with little or no open space. We looked at Pierre Bain Park and another one, both on 5th Street East.

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Secretary's Desk...



- They had shade, but were in mainly Section 8 neighborhoods. This is similar to Tierra Bonita Park with security issues, which would be the best alternate.
- (2) LA County – Sorensen Park, Lake LA. Park looked nice, but Adrienne spoke to Regina, the coordinator there. On that night some kind of special “Park in the Dark” event is scheduled. All LA County must be approved “down below” making dealing with them more difficult.
 - (3) Saddleback Butte State park. Plenty of room there – need to negotiate to get \$100 / night fee reduced. Tom Fischer and Betsy may have leads for a point person to get this done. This is the most viable option. I’ve done a couple camp-outs with CERT there. Going to be hotter there, and dusty when the wind blows – no grass. There are shade ramadas there.
 - (4) I checked Reserve America about renting three camp sites up at Table Mountain that I scoped out last year. These run about \$30/night each, (\$180). The site says they are now available. There are restrictions, e.g. 6 people per site any time, (18 max), generators out after 10 PM, limitations on expansive antenna erections. Visitor vehicles would park in outside area. Cooler WX and beer OK at the operating positions though.
 - (5) Abandon Club effort and see if Te-hachapi could use some extra operators for their effort at Brite Lake. It would be under their call sign, but perhaps listed as a Joint venture in the scoring. We were invited, but that was some months ago. 75 mile drive
 - (6) George Lane city park has day use for picnics. (fee)
 - (7) Acton Park has a curfew.
 - (8) Rawley Dudley City of Lancaster, transfer permit. Are we able to drive on the grass? Ave K across from AV College
 - (9) Keith Hoyt’s homestead has a hot tub & open bar. Need a portapotty.

(10) Wrightwood Jackson Lake, old BSA camp. (\$30)

Public Service:

Saw an email from the Vets 4 Vets folks. Their Restart Color Run is on June 10. Don’t know what level of participation is needed.

MS Walk is this weekend (4/7) with no HAM participation this year.

Around the room. Carol Humpherys AF6OV suggested we print the location of our Board Meeting in the Short Circuit and note that it is open to all members.

Keith Hoyt K6GXO presentation went too long on DX. Stop earlier for raffle.

Larry Mock KI6BKP May 24th meeting is final before Field Day.

Dan Sherwood W6DAS answered two recorded calls. He will email the response to officers.

Matt Stewart K6MES has not mailed out 5-6 snail mail SCs to members yet.

Announcements:

Short Circuit Articles - Need by Sunday, 4/15.

Club meeting: Thursday 4/26/2018 – Program: DX Engineering

VE Exam: Monday 4/9/18 GLAARG \$5.00 fee.

Board meeting: Thurs. May 3. First Christian Church.

Other announcements: Humphreys will be in New Orleans.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Okawa KJ6CJI
AVARC Secretary 2018

Swap Shop

RADIO, POWER SUPPLY

Astron VS-35M variable power supply.

Icom AT-150 auto tuner.

IC-735 HF Radio, 2 mics and power cord.

For sale: \$300.

Contact Mike KJ6IIR

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kj6iir@gmail.com

Swap Shop ads will be run at no cost to local hams. Ad must include price and contact info -

phone number and/or e-mail.

Contact Adrienne at 661-264-1863 or wa6yeo@sbcglobal.net

UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

April 26: AVARC Meeting - Presentation by DX Engineering

May 3: AVARC Board Meeting at 1st Christian Church 7:00 pm

May 5: GLAARG VE Test Session at 1st Christian Church 9:00 am

May 18-20: Dayton Hamvention

June 10: Vets for Veterans race

June 16: Santa Maria Annual Swapmeet and BBQ

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PRO RATED DUES SCHEDULE IS FOR NEW AVARC MEMBERS ONLY. NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	REGULAR	SENIOR (60 YR)	#
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	\$20.00	\$15.00	
DEC - JAN - FEB - MAR	\$20.00	\$15.00	
APR - MAY - JUN (NEW MEMBERS ONLY)	\$15.00	\$11.00	
JUL - AUG - SEP (NEW MEMBERS ONLY)	\$10.00	\$8.00	
OCT - NOV (NEW MEMBERS ONLY)	\$5.00	\$4.00	
FAMILY MEMBER	\$5.00	\$5.00	
AVARC MEMBER BADGE	\$6.00/\$8.00	\$6.00/\$8.00	

CHECK # _____

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NOTE: NEW MEMBERS ARE PEOPLE THAT HAVE NEVER BELONGED TO THE AVARC.

NOTE: NEW MEMBERS JOINING IN DECEMBER WILL BE CHARGED A FULL MEMBERSHIP FEE. THIS WILL COVER DUES NEXT YEAR.

NOTE: A ONE TIME SURCHARGE OF \$6.00 WILL BE ASSESSED ON ALL NEW MEMBERS FOR AVARC MEMBER BADGE. ADD \$2.00 FOR MAGNETIC PIN.

AVARC 7 Nov 2013 FORM

Membership, what's new ...

By Matt Stewart K6MES

To my chagrin, the membership of the Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club is now 25 members short of what we had in February of 2018. The reduction is the result of 25 members who failed to renew their dues for the 2018 year. The matter is not a complete cutting the ties of these members from the club as they can restore their membership simply by paying their dues.

I would like to clarify some possible confusion that some new members may be experiencing with regards to the dues payment. If you became a member in the months after March of 2017, your dues were prorated for the remainder of that year. The 2018 year was not included in that reduced dues payment.

Typically, the dues for the next year are started to be collected at the December Meeting. Dues will be accepted at any time. Normally, we do not ask for an application to be filled out when paying dues, that request was made so that I could perfect the existing database. This was needed because the database had some erroneous information and I had no way to figure out what data was current and that which was no longer valid. So, I requested the membership to assist me in my endeavor. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Thank you.

73,
Matt, K6MES

VE TESTING SCHEDULE 2018

5/5/2018	Saturday	9 am	GLAARG
6/4/2018	Monday	7 pm	ARRL
7/7/2018	Saturday	9 am	GLAARG
8/6/2018	Monday	7 pm	GLAARG
9/8/2018	Saturday	9 am	ARRL
10/1/2018	Monday	7 pm	GLAARG
11/3/2018	Saturday	9 am	GLAARG
12/3/2018	Monday	7 pm	ARRL

The regular exam location is the First Christian Church of the Antelope Valley.

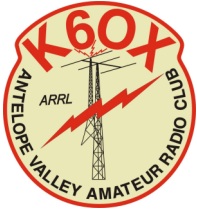
1702 East Ave. J., Lancaster, CA (Across the street from the East-side Wall Mart).

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.

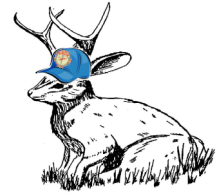


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dues for 2018**



Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club 2018 Officers

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Board Member	Michael Beckers	K6YQO	805-906-9555
Trustee	Keith Hoyt	K6GXO	533-4025
Ex Officio	Carol Humpherys	AF6OV	441-4671



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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