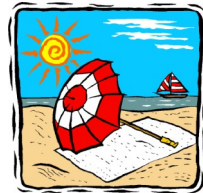


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July 2018

President's Corner

Dan Sherwood W6DAS

Field Day is over. For me, this was number 41. Next year will be number 42, and then I'll discover the Meaning of It All! Or perhaps I'll say to myself, "Why have I been doing this all these years?" Field day is in the history books, and all in all I thought we had a good time and it went the way we intended it to go. The new location felt relatively safe, despite security concerns expressed by City staff. Having stayed out there both Friday and Saturday nights, I saw no issues on the park property itself. In fact, there were fewer issues there than Sgt. Owen Park had, and definitely fewer than Tierra Bonita on the East-side. Assuming we do the parks thing again next year, I would be happy returning to Rawley Duntley.

In looking at the "contest" part of the equation, we did 102 SSB contacts, 8 QRP SSB contacts, 32 GOTA SSB contacts, and 229 CW contacts. Dale Snider K0BGL carried the day for us in that department, definitely a payoff for the efforts in hauling out the old Club tower, wrenching it together, and tearing it down in the heat of Sunday's mid-morning. My SSB station got out poorly mainly due to missing radials on my vertical. My radial kit had been poached by copper thieves out of my storage shed in Lake LA a few weeks prior. George, KC6UVM ground out some QRP contacts under tough conditions. QRP is not easy considering the poor propagation and high QRM levels found during the contest. GOTA did well, and got a lot of new and potential HF operators some rig time. Thanks to Paul KD6SMC for doing GOTA again.

We did well for the bonus points, making just about all the categories except publicity and some of the youth potential. Kudos to Jon, N6NQ for traffic handling, Margie KG6TBR for the Ham Radio Expo table, Matt K6MES, Carol AF6OV, Eugene KG6SLC, Gary WA6WFC, and the rest of the folks who helped at the information table. Rodney KK6GOS served as Safety Officer, supplying AED and other first aid supplies. We had Tom KI6CHH out there with the CERT tent, and especially the 8 KW generator. That kept my trailer quite cool with the AC running, and throughout Saturday my trailer was a magnet for visitors coming in out of the heat. Of course, we cannot forget the food Saturday afternoon, thanks to Paul and Terry. And of course, the

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Meeting Notice

Thursday, July 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 program will feature ARRL Los Angeles Section Manager **Diana Feinberg AI6DF**, who will be talking about various aspects pertaining to the ARRL and amateur radio in Los Angeles County. Be sure to plan on joining us for an interesting and informative meeting.



Diana Feinberg AI6DF

From the Secretary's Desk



AVARC General Meeting June 28, 2018

President Dan Sherwood W6DAS called the meeting to order at 7: 28 pm at the Quartz Hill Public Library, followed by the flag salute and introductions. Number of individuals attending was 32.

Minutes of the May 2018 club meeting were taken by Pat Okawa. A motion to approve them as printed in the Short Circuit was made by Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC, and seconded by Eugene Humpherys KG6SLC. The motion was approved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report: Matt Stewart K6MES – Absent, but as of 6/24/18 Checking balance:\$6,265.74, petty cash: \$87.07 Total: \$6,352.81

Invoices submitted for payment: \$20.00 (CA filing fee) to Matt Stewart.

Paul L'Heureux for Field Day food #1448 for \$200. Donation of \$13.81.

Membership: Total members 79, percent ARRL 78.47

OLD BUSINESS

LAACARC Margie Hoffman KG6TBR: nothing.

Upcoming Club Programs – Larry Mock KI6BKP-July is Diana Feinberg AI6DF on State of ARRL.

Vets 4 Vets 5K race on June 10 was run successfully for a half day. Thanks to Adrienne WA6YEO, Larry KI6BKP, Steve KM6AIT, John N6NQ, Andy W2AJG, Betsy AJ6AF who was Tailend Charlie on her bicycle.

Field Day Discussion Dan Sherwood W6DAS-

Park seemed safer and more tranquil than either Sgt. Owen or Tierra Bonita parks. No intruders were observed in our areas. WX slightly cooler than last year, but still hot 102. Turnout was small but enthusiastic. 30+ in attendance. Propagation was mediocre, although CW station did pretty well. (229)

QSO scores:

Phone QSO's = 144, (35 from GOTA. 6 from QRP).

CW QSO's = 229

Total QSO points = 1204 considering mode and power multipliers.

Bonus:

X 100% Emergency power - 100

Media Publicity- nothing documented

X Set-up in Public Place - 100

X Information Booth – 100

X NTS message to ARRL SM/SEC - 100

X W1AW Field Day Message - 100

X Formal NTS messages handled (# 12) - 100

Satellite QSO completed – nothing documented

X Natural Power QSOs Completed – George 100 (I have good photo)

X Site Visited by invited elected official – 100 (Steve Hofbauer)

X Site Visited by invited served agency official - ??

X Educational Activity Bonus – 100 or 0 (PHOTO MAY BE REJECTED –

no photo with children around Ham Radio Expo.

X Youth Element achieved 20

GOTA Bonus (total bonus points: 0)

X Submitted using the b4h.net applet - 50

X Social Media – 100 Facebook page

X Safety Officer 100 with checklist from Rodney KK6GOS

Bonus points: Between 970 and 1170 depending on quality of supportive documentation I can submit. My suggestion is we have a designated photographer in 2019. I was tied up in meetings and saw many kids around Margie's table but was unable to get photo to document. I will try to submit one photo with Margie only – it's up to ARRL to grant points.

Total: between 2174 and 2374 points. Eugene KG6SLC said the club should get another 100 points for the RC helicopter that uses radio bands.

Food: Terry L'Heureux picked up the cooked chicken, potato wedges, assorted cookies and made 2 salads. Allan KJ6ZYQ bought the soda and Adrienne WA6YEO made mini muffins to celebrate Dan's birthday. Sunday Adrienne WA6YEO provided sourdough pan-cakes.

Club brochure – Nothing new yet:

NEW BUSINESS

Dan W6DAS had a meeting with Andrew Noga, Lancaster Public Safety and disaster services coordinator. Discussed teaching classes for Staff and went through their EOC that is much improved. There is no HF antenna.

Club elections coming in September. Consider running for office. You must be a club member for one year. President and Vice President have 2 yr term limits. Larry KI6BKP can run again.

Other New Business: AV LDS is planning a September Emergency Expo.

Paul KD6SMC spoke to Debbie Kent about a radio booth. No date yet.

Program: Kenneth Herrera from So Cal Edison on Emergency Preparation.

New Members tonight: Wolf N2SJO and Olga KD6RCL Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Short Circuit Articles Needed by: Sunday July 15

Next Board Meeting: Saturday 7/7/18 10 am (following exam session)

Club meeting: Thursday 7/26/2018 at 7:30 pm Program: State of ARRL.

VE exam: Saturday July 7 at 9 am. (This is an GLAARG exam, (fee \$5)

50/50 drawing won by: Jim Albright NB6V \$22.00

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Okawa KJ6CJI

AVARC Secretary 2018

AVARC Board Meeting July 7, 2018

Opening: Dan Sherwood W6DAS, President Call to order by Dan Sherwood W6DAS at 0857 am.

Minutes from last board meeting by Pat Okawa KJ6CJI.

Motion to approve as printed in Short Circuit made by Larry Mock KI6BKP.

Seconded by Mike Beckers K6YQO. Approved by those present.

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Secretary's Desk...

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Treasurer's report – Matt Stewart
K6MES: Checking account: \$ 6,157.74.
Cash on hand: \$110.07.

Total: \$6,267.07.

Membership Report: 72 ARRL members: ___%. 3 new members

Members present today: Dan Sherwood W6DAS, Matt Stewart K6MES, Keith Hoyt K6GXO, Pat Okawa, KJ6CJI, Larry Mock KI6BKP, Gary Mork WA6WFC, Mike Beckers K6YQO, Diane Roberts K6DER, George Becker KC6UVM, Eugene Humpherys KG6SLC, Carol Humpherys AF6OV, Bruce Louie KM6OOL.

Old Business:

Upcoming Club Programs – Larry KI6BKP: August is Diana Feinberg AI6DF- State of ARRL

Field day, it's over!

Claimed Score = 1,204 (QSO's)

Total Bonus Points = 1,370

Total points = 2574

Need designated photographer, invite local politicians, law enforcement, scouts. No publicity, Jon Clark N6NQ sent out radiograms, credit for QRP station, CW got 800 points, had Facebook page, No credit anymore for RC copter, GOTA coach can't get credit for contacts, must alphabetize GOTA contacts (30) and enter in log, location was very good. (got 3 new members) Food was excellent. Had fun. Michael Beckers has phone contact for MT High for 2019.

Other Old Business: SCE speaker covered his topic very well

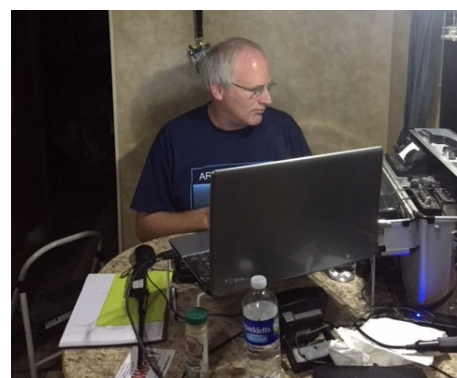
New Business:

Dan W6DAS will likely be out of town for the July 26, club meeting. VP Larry KI6BKP will run it.

Web site: Added verbiage under "contact us" page to clarify anti-spam measures to ward off spambots. Also added contact instructions regarding disposal of estates of silent keys. Most queries to Club

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Field Day 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

661-236-1944

kj6iir@gmail.com

ALUMINUM AVAILABLE

Various sizes of aluminum poles and masting from antennas that have been taken down. If interested, contact Keith K6GXO at 661-633-4025.

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

August 2 - AVARC Board Meeting

August 23 - AVARC Club Meeting

October 19-21 - Pacificon convention

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME: _____ DATE _____

CALL _____ CLASS: T G A E ARRL: YES NO LIFE

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: HOME _____ OFFICE _____ Cell _____

EMAIL COPY _____ HARD COPY MAILED _____ (Email copy is preferred)

EMAIL _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: _____

CALL _____ CLASS: T G A E ARRL: YES NO LIFE

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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	

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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.

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Secretary's Desk...

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phone number are from people wanting us to broker equipment. Unless the Club appoints a designated "estate administrator", it will be difficult for the Club to perform this service. Send list & photos. We have no storage facility.

Officer nominations will begin in September. Think about nominations for club officers.

Club tri-fold brochure- still looking for creative inspiration here. Matt K6MES recalls a couple from FD 2016 who offered to help. Tell what the club does for fun. Matt had no response to his article calling for Elmers to help new hams.

Announcements:

Short Circuit Articles – Needed by Sun. July 15.

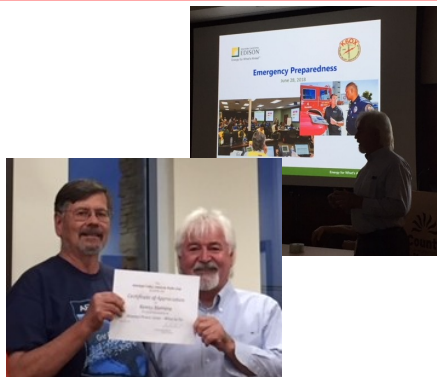
Club meeting Thurs. 7/26 at 7:30pm – Program: Diana Feinberg AI6DF State of ARRL.

Exam: Monday 8/6 at 7pm at First Christian Church. GLAARG \$5.00 fee.

Board meeting: Thurs. 8/2 at 7pm at First Christian Church.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Okawa KJ6CJI
AVARC Secretary 2018



AVARC enjoyed a presentation by Kenneth Herrera from So Cal Edison on Emergency Preparedness.

President's Corner...

legendary WA6YEO Sourdough pancakes on Sunday morning. Can't have Field Day without Adrienne's pancakes. Although I can't mention all the folks who pitched in to help in the scope of this column, but a heartfelt thanks to all those who showed up to make a difference.

At least according to the ARRL FD scoring applet, we made 1204 QSO points, and 1370 bonus points for a total score of 2574 points. We had a few lessons learned: Somewhat better antennas would have helped on some stations, a non-operating

designated GOTA coach, publicity, better logging, dividing operating time between HF SSB and the QRP station to lower the station-count class, and we really need a designated photographer to document what we did. If the ARRL scores us lower, lack of photographic documentation will be the likely reason. I guess we'll find out in December.

73,
Jan W6DAS

VE TESTING SCHEDULE 2018

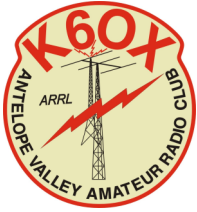
8/6/2018	Monday	7 pm	GLAARG
9/8/2018	Saturday	9 am	ARRL
10/1/2018	Monday	7 pm	GLAARG
11/3/2018	Saturday	9 am	GLAARG
12/3/2018	Monday	7 pm	ARRL

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).

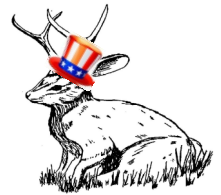
Please enter parking lot off the end of the cul-de-sac 17th Street East, enter the classroom annex, and look for the "FCC Exams" sign outside the correct classroom. Monday Nights: Please do not disturb the A.A. group or other groups that may be using the facilities.

Dates/times may be subject to change.



Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club 2018 Officers

President	Dan Sherwood	W6DAS	264-1863
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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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