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President's Corner

Dan Sherwood W6DAS

The Challenge of Elmering – Part 3: A Time and Place

In my last column, I talked about motivation. At this point, we can weed out people who are not motivated so we can focus on helping those who are. This month, I'm going to discuss various ways that experienced Club members can reach out and guide prospective HAMS and new licensees so they are ultimately satisfied with their goals and expectations in the hobby.

Before we can get there, people have to know that we're here. That is, promotion of the Club, exam sessions, classes, etc. The old paradigm was run an ad in the "community" sections of the local newspapers. This is fine, but now it's all about having an online presence. When I type "amateur radio" into Google, the first four hits are: 1) Wikipedia definition, 2) American Radio Relay League, 3) ARRL again, and 4) the FCC. When I combine "amateur radio" and "antelope valley", the first several entries go back to our own AVARC web page, then some from AV ARES. This is encouraging, and also by design, as I had our Internet host "rig" this. This makes our web site an important contact point. The ARRL is the other important point, as I get most exam referrals through their listing. Years that I don't do this yield many "dead" sessions, (no takers). I've yet to have a dead session that was listed on ARRL. Facebook is another good place to have a presence, and the Club does have a page there. I'm still having some issues getting it to cooperate, as it seems to be more geared up for retail business, than a volunteer organization. Facebook groups, such as "Lake LA Town Alerts", and "AV Scanners", may also present opportunities for promotion although it's important to be "tactful" on how things are posted. I'm not a "Tweeter", but if folks are, that's certainly a path to promotion. The exam sessions are by far the best opportunity, as there's your target audience. Some kind of handout will be there for the next exam session.

They call you, now what? A time and a place. Hmmm. Outside our Club meeting venue, what's available? This has been a chronic problem for classes ever since Adrienne closed the Kumon Center. Yes – we still teach, and we've received over a dozen proposals from organizations interested in instruction. As of yet, none of them have come to fruition, as desire tends to dissipate due to lack of agreed schedule and a place to do it. Our best years were the 1980's and 1990's – small, but consistent classes, perhaps 5 to 10 students, perhaps three or four times a year. It's amazing to see how many graduates from this era are still around, and all over the country. I encounter them on HF and even on DMR talkgroups. The good news is that I had a conversation with my Church's, (AV First Christian) Board of Directors, and have tacit approval for a classroom at a very reasonable rate. If our latest proposal slips by, we may "just do it". Stay tuned.

How about individual help? We now have an "Elmers" mailing list: elmer@k6ox.club. We have a group of technically minded hams monitoring this address, and hopefully can provide answers to radio-related questions. We may not

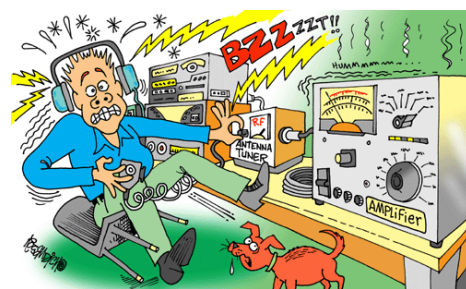
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Meeting Notice

Thursday, October 25, 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.

Elections: Next meeting will be final nominations for all officers and board members for 2019, followed by elections. Please keep in mind that according to our By Laws, in order to be eligible for nominations for election to a position for the following, you would have to be a member in good standing of the club for the entire preceding twelve months prior to the nomination.

Anchors Away: Bring your ham items for sale to the October meeting. It will be a busy and fun evening for all, so get busy, clean out your shack and plan to join us!



From the Secretary's Desk



AVARC Meeting September 27, 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 26.

PROGRAM FIRST

Diana Feinberg AI6DF

Linked VHF/UHF Repeater Systems

BREAK

Minutes of the August 2018 club meeting were reconstructed from President's notes. We have fills on the missing August information.

A motion to approve September minutes as printed in the Short Circuit was made by Matt K6MES, and seconded by Keith K6GXO. The motion was approved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report: Matt Stewart K6MES – Checking balance: \$ 6,014.76, petty cash: \$ 41.27 Total: \$ 6,019.03

Invoices submitted for payment:

Membership: Total members 84, percent ARRL 71.43% (60)

OLD BUSINESS

LAACARC: Margie KG6TBR: Council meets Tues Oct 2.

Upcoming Club Programs – Larry Mock: Diana Feinberg AI6DF stepped up as our September Speaker. Thank you to her. October: Anchors Aweigh (equipment)

Nominations for office. The following members volunteered or, if not present, were suggested at the Board meeting:

President Mike Beckers K6YQO, VP Larry Mock KI6BKP, Secretary Pat Okawa KJ6CJI, Treasurer Matt Stewart K6MES, MAA Gary Mork WA6WFC, Board: George Becker KC6UVM and Diane Roberts K6DER. (Candidates not present pending acceptance)

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for 2019 officers:

President –Michael Beckers K6YQO

VP –Larry Mock KI6BKP

Secretary–Pat Okawa KJ6CJI

Treasurer –Matt Stewart K6MES

Master At Arms –Gary Mork WA6WFC
Board Members (2) –George Becker KC6UVM -Diane Roberts K6DER

Added an elmer@k6ox.club address to the contacts page. Volunteers in response list include: W6DAS, KI6BKP, K6YQO, K6MES, K6GXO.

Holiday Potluck:

Date-Friday 12/21

Program suggestions (Brian Hoffman not available this year) – Diana Feinberg AI6DF The Lighter Side of Amateur Radio

Prize budget of \$250 moved by Adrienne WA6YEO and seconded by Margie KG6TBR.

Motion approved by all present.

Types of prizes? Discuss at Board Meeting Thurs Oct 4, 7 pm

Keith K6GXO-Still have aluminum tubing available. Push up antenna for Margie KG6TBR.

New Ham Timothy Pratt KK6MRN Rosamond

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Short Circuit Articles - Need by: Sun Oct 14.

Next Board Meeting: Thurs Oct 4, 7pm.

Dinner before at El Toreo.

Club meeting: Thurs 10/25/2018 Program: Nominations, elections, & Swap-meet

VE Exam: Monday October 1, 7:00 PM. This is an GLAARG exam, (fee \$5.00)

50/50 drawing won by: Larry KI6BKP \$13.00

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Okawa KJ6CJI

AVARC Board Meeting

October 4, 2018

Opening:

Call to order by President Dan Sherwood W6DAS at 6:57 PM.

Minutes from September 8 Board Meeting taken by Adrienne WA6YEO: Motion to approve as printed in Short Circuit by Larry KI6BKP, Seconded by Keith K6GXO. Membership present approved.

Treasurer's report – Matt K6MES: Checking account :\$ 5,991.76. Cash on hand: \$ 48.27.

Total: \$ 6,040.03.

Membership Report: 84 ARRL members: 71.43 % (60).

Members present today: Dan Sherwood W6DAS, Matt Stewart K6MES, Keith Hoyt K6GXO, Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO, Larry Mock KI6BKP, Gary Mork WA6WFC, Mike Beckers K6YQO, Diane Roberts K6DER, George Becker KC6UVM, Pat Okawa KJ6CJI, Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC, Harrison Isles.

Old Business:

Upcoming Club Programs – Larry KI6BKP-October: Anchors Away Junk-a-thon, Elections. November – Not confirmed.

Club tri-fold brochure: (Would have been handy at the earthquake fair) - nothing

Business card, (Have Corel files from Eugene; don't know if they can be converted) –nothing

LDS Earthquake Fair: 18 signed up for Ham class. Given to Debbie Kent to coordinate. (Could be held at church on a Tues.)

Web site: Elmer phone # not added due to cost. Able to add email address.

Other Old Business: Harrison – FTP user name & password needed.

New Business:

Holiday party: Friday, December 21, 2018.

Need to confirm date with church this Sunday 10/7. Larry KI6BKP moved to pay the church an honorarium of \$100.00. Seconded by Dan W6DAS. Members present passed motion.

Entertainment: Diana Feinberg AI6DF will present the Funny Side of Hams.

Prize budget – Larry KI6BKP moved to take \$1,000.00 from our treasury. Keith K6GXO seconded and members present approved to bring that amount to the October General Meeting.

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Swap Shop

HAM EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Kenwood TS 440 AT HF Transceiver
 Kenwood MC 80 Desk Mike
 Kenwood Hand Mike - Never used
 Astron 30 Amp SS Power Supply
 MFJ 1.5 KW Dummy Load
 Drake 1000 Watt Low Pass Filter
 Swan WM=2000A PEP Watt Meter

All in excellent clean condition.

\$600.00 Cash Only Pickup Only

Bob K6MIT (661) 949-8511

Near Ave K and 12th Street West

SILENT KEY ESTATE SALE

HF Station
 Kenwood TS-520S HF Transceiver \$450
 OBO

Dentron Clipperton QRO HF Amplifier
 \$650 OBO (rare item)

Dentron AT-3K High-power antenna
 tuner \$300 OBO

VHF Station

Kenwood TR-9000 2M all mode base
 station with BO-9A Dock/Power Supply
 with Mirage B10B 80W amp - \$250
 OBO

Have miscellaneous antennas and towers
 here in Boron.

Please contact Michael Henderson at
 (760) 680-1357

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

VE TESTING SCHEDULE 2018

11/3/2018 Saturday 9 am

12/3/2018 Monday 7 pm

The regular exam location is the
 First Christian Church of the Antelo-
 pe Valley.

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

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 dis-
 turb the A.A. group or other
 groups that may be using the fa-
 cilities.

Dates/times may be subject to
 change.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 27 - ARES Meeting

November 3 - VE Test Session

November 15 - AVARC Meeting

December 3 - VE Test Session

December 21 - AVARC Christmas Party



President's Corner....

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be able to answer everything, but we can
 certainly cover the fundamentals and if
 not, then steer people in the right
 direction.

In my final segment on Elmering, I will
 focus on the types of programs and
 instruction that can be done. In the mean
 time, I've got the AVARC Holiday
 potluck scheduled at the Antelope Valley
 First Christian Church on Friday,
 December 21st. Please check our web
 site, www.k6ox.club for more details as
 the date approaches.

73,
Jan W6DAS

Secretary...



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Prizes to be given: Grand prize radio,
 DMR radio, gift certificates, ARRL book
 set. Dan W6DAS will approach vendors
 at PacifiCon seeking prizes. 20% to be
 non ham gifts (pop corn).

Email from Topanga EMCOMM group
 regarding ham nets on the Great Shake
 Out day. Forwarded to Jon Clark (ARES).

Around the room. Larry KI6BKP and Pat
 KJ6CJI to do Quartz Hill Library renewal.

Paul KD6SMC moving to Utah Novem-
 ber 1. Board Member position will be
 vacant.

Announcements:

Short Circuit Articles - Needed by Sat Oct
 13 Before we go to PacifiCon

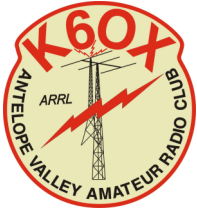
General Club meeting Thurs 10/25 -
 Elections and Equipment Swap Meet.

VE Exam: Sat Nov3 GLAARG session
 \$5.00 fee.

Board meeting: Sat Nov3 After 9:00
 exam

Meeting adjourned time: 8:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,
 Pat Okawa KJ6CJI
 Secretary



Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club 2018 Officers

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|-----------------------|-----------------|--------|--------------|
| President | Dan Sherwood | W6DAS | 264-1863 |
| Vice President | Larry Mock | KI6BKP | 943-6736 |
| Secretary | Pat Okawa | KJ6CJI | 718-3986 |
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| Master-At-Arms | Gary Mork | WA6WFC | 948-8317 |
| Board Member | Paul L'Heureux | KD6SMC | 305-1838 |
| 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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