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## President's Corner

### Dan Sherwood W6DAS

#### My Farewell Column

Jeez, the year 2018 just flew by! Before I retired in June, Monday through Friday would kind of “drag” along, and then the weekends would be over in a heartbeat. Since June, everyday goes by that much quicker. The other thing is my time as AVARC President is up, and come next month the reins of command will be handed over to Mike Beckers, K6YQO. Mike’s been active on the air in the Antelope Valley for many, many years. I remember the countless mornings on the Hauser repeater, hearing the traffic reports about the 14 southbound, long before the advent of WAZE and Google Maps. I was fortunate enough to keep my commute within the confines of the AV, so was fortunate enough to not get stuck in the “YQO Slowdown” that Mike dutifully reported each morning. Fortunately for him, his commute now goes north, avoiding that mess. Mike’s an active operator during Field Day, lending late-night QSO’s to the HF phone log. Mike and Diane will be great assets to the Club as we head into 2019.

Next year should be promising. January brings QuartzFest, an ARRL convention held in the Arizona desert around the town of Quartzsite. Although not an AVARC function, many hams from the AV will be participating. Since February is fairly “quiet”, we’re hoping to teach a technician class right after QuartzFest at the Antelope Valley First Christian Church. March will bring the Baker to Vegas event for many of our members. We go on into June with Field Day. There are opportunities all through the year for other events, but they need some imagination. One thing I CANNOT provide is a convenient “maker space”, as there are a couple antenna projects. One is for a triband 2m, 220Mhz, and 440Mhz vertical designed by Edison Fong WB6IQN, and published in the March 2017 edition of QST. Another is the construction of a mag loop antenna. There are many designs out there. I have a lot of hard line to form the loops, but arrangement would need to purchase the necessary variable capacitors. Both projects require extensive soldering, so neither the library or the church would be suitable. Anyone centrally located with a usable garage or workshop, let us know!

Much of the 2019 Volunteer Examination schedule is still being worked out at this time. We have decided to do the January test session on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 9:00 AM. Sponsor: GLAARG. Please check our web site at [www.k6ox.club](http://www.k6ox.club) before driving in to attend.

This coming week is the AVARC holiday potluck, to be held on Friday, December 21. The timeline as follows: Setup 4:30PM, membership applica-

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## Meeting Notice

**Friday, December 21**, is the next meeting of the AVARC at Antelope Valley First Christian Church, 1702 E. Avenue J 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 Christmas holiday, and will be on Friday instead of Thursday.**

The meeting will start at 6:00 pm. The room will be open at 4:30 for early set-up. Membership renewals will be taken until 6:00. 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!

Our special guest will be our ARRL Los Angeles Section Manager, **Diana Feinberg AI6DF**, who will present a program on “The Fun Side of Ham Radio”.



**Diana Feinberg AI6DF**

## From the Secretary's Desk



### AVARC General Meeting November 15, 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 29.

A motion to approve September minutes as printed in the Short Circuit was made by Frank N6FOD, and seconded by Diane K6DER. The motion was approved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report: Matt Stewart K6MES – Checking balance: \$ 5,719.50, petty cash:

\$ 50.28 Total: \$ 5,769.78

Invoices submitted for payment:

1. Dan Sherwood \$156.10 (Reimbursement for second grand prize)
2. First Christian Church \$100.00 (Dec room rent)
3. Larry Mock \$14.78

Membership: Total members 89, percent ARRL 71.91%

### OLD BUSINESS

LAACARC: Margie KG6TBR: Matt K6MES issued check to renew membership \$20.00

Upcoming Club speakers – Larry Mock KI6BKP: December-Diana Feinstein AI6DF

Lighter Side of Amateur Radio January 2019 State of the Club-Mike Beckers K6YQO,

February Baker to Vegas-Margie KG6TBR

Holiday Potluck:

Date-Friday 12/21 at AV 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church

Program - Diana Feinberg AI6DF The Lighter Side of Amateur Radio

Types of prizes? Purchased: Yaesu FT-70, (2), Antenna Comet M24M (2), 2018 Handbook box set, other ARRL books. So far \$535.44 spent on prizes, (all radio related). Where do we go from here?

Potluck is usually heavy on desserts. Need meat and vegetables for 6-8 too.

Raffle tickets-one for current members,one for life members, one for renewed for 2019.

Room use agreement for 2019 – Pat KJ6CJI has submitted the application with dates and current insurance binder to Quartz Hills Librarian.

NEW BUSINESS:

November will be transition to new President, Mike K6YQO.

PROGRAM; Global Communications Chris Abramson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Short Circuit Articles - Needed by: Sunday 12/9/18. (early)

Club meeting Friday 12/21/2018 – AVARC Potluck, AV First Christian Church 4:30pm

VE Exam: Monday 12/10/2018 ARRL \$15.00 fee. (Rescheduled due to conflict)

Board meeting: Friday 12/21/2018 Just before the holiday potluck.

50/50 drawing won by: Dan W6DAS \$ 21.00

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Okawa KJ6CJI  
AVARC Secretary

HAM RADIO Operator RV'ers/Tenters...



# QUARTZFEST<sup>®</sup> 2019

**What?** Quartzfest<sup>®</sup> is an annual HAM Radio RV'ers Boondocking event which is held in late January every year with dates coinciding with the Quartzsite Arizona "RV Show".

**When?** January 20th thru 26th of 2019 (make sure you add these important dates to your 2019 calendar)

**Where?** 7 miles south of Quartzsite Arizona - on US 95 at La Paz Valley Road

**Who Can Attend?** ANYONE! If you don't have your Amateur Radio Operators License yet, you'll be able to take your Amateur Radio Operators License Exams at Quartzfest<sup>®</sup>

**Cost?** FREE!!!!

# 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  
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All in excellent clean condition.

\$600.00 Cash Only Pickup Only

Bob K6MIT (661) 949-8511  
 Near Ave K and 12th Street West

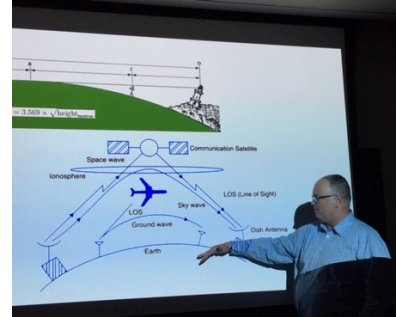
## SILENT KEY ESTATE SALE

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

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 tions taken 5:00 – 6:00PM, dinner at 6:00PM, and program and opportunity drawing at 7:00PM. Location: Antelope Valley First Christian Church, 1702 East Ave. J in Lancaster. Diana Feinberg will be doing the program – “The Fun Side of Amateur Radio”. Remember, this is a potluck, so bring a dish to share. Main dishes are always welcome. For the opportunity drawing, all current AVARC members will be issued one ticket, along with new or returning members. Folks signing up for an additional year will be issued a second ticket. Life members will receive two tickets. New licensees and guests are welcome. Prizes include two Yaesu FT-70DR handhelds, portable VHF/UHF antennas, 2019 Handbook, (multi volume), more radio-related books and other items of interest to the family. Hope to see everyone there!

73,  
 Jan W6DAS



## UPCOMING EVENTS

December 21 - AVARC Christmas Party

January 5 - GLAARG VE Exam

## VE TESTING SCHEDULE 2019

1/5/2019 Saturday 9 am

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 WalMart).

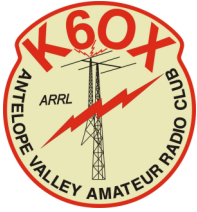
Please enter parking lot off the end of the cul-de-sac 17th Street East, enter the classroom annex, and look for the "FCC Exams" sign outside the correct classroom. Monday Nights: Please do not disturb the A.A. group or other groups that may be using the facilities.

Dates/times may be subject to change.



## Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club 2019 Officers

<b>President</b>	Michael Beckers	K6YQO	805-906-9555
<b>Vice President</b>	Larry Mock	KI6BKP	943-6736
<b>Secretary</b>	Pat Okawa	KJ6CJI	718-3986
<b>Treasurer</b>	Matt Stewart	K6MES	264-4629
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<b>Trustee</b>	Keith Hoyt	K6GXO	533-4025
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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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