
The Short Circuit

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President's Corner

Mike Beckers K6YQO

Happy new year! As we leave 2018 behind and look forward to things to come in 2019, I'd like to give a big thank you to Dan for his hard work during the past two years, and a big thank you to the departing board member Paul L'Heureux, KD6SMC for his contributions to the club. I would also like to welcome Diane Roberts, K6DER and Dan Becker, KC6UVM as this year's new Board Members.

Your officers and board members for 2019 are:

President - Mike Beckers K6YQO
VP - Larry Mock KI6BKP
Secretary - Pat Okawa KJ6CJI
Treasurer - Matt Stewart K6MES
Master At Arms - Gary Mork WA6WFC
Ex Officio - Dan Sherwood W6DAS
Board Members -
George Becker KC6UVM
Diane Roberts K6DER

So what do we have to look forward to in 2019? Adrienne will be teaching an entry level technician class for four Tuesdays beginning on February 5th, with an FCC examination taking place on the fifth Tuesday on March 5th. The Baker To Vegas Challenge Cup Relay will take place the weekend of March 23rd and 24th. ARRL Field Day will take place on the weekend of June 22nd and 23rd. Anchors Away night will take place during the October meeting. Finally, the Christmas party will take place again in December!

The annual event that I am looking forward to is Baker to Vegas 120 mile relay race. This March will be my ninth year assisting with communications for this race. Mike Crabtree, KJ6IIR, Diane Roberts, K6DER and I have manned the early warning station, located one mile before the runners get to Stage 15, to notify the stage as each runner passes, so Dan, Adrian and everyone else at Stage 15 assists as each team prepares the next runner. The race consists of 20 stages starting in Baker and ending in Las Vegas.

The following month in April, Diane and I are off to Visalia to attend the International DX Convention, sponsored by the Northern California DX Club which takes place April 12th through April 14th. There will be several forums to attend, and a large exhibit hall where you can see the vendors and manufacturers where you can usually purchase ham radio equipment and accessories at a pretty good discount. If you are looking to expand your knowledge and ability in DXing (long distance radio communication), then you may want to check out this event.

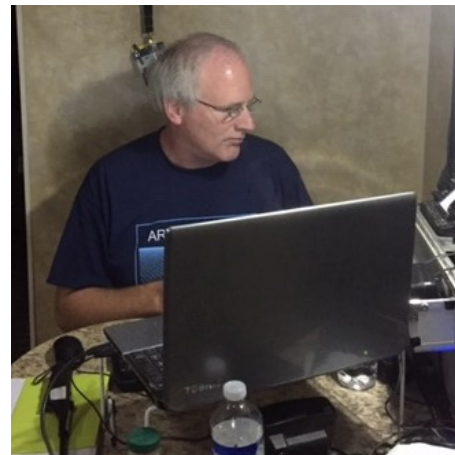
In June, Field Day will take place on the fourth full weekend of the month. The contest will start at 11:00 am on June 22nd, and continue for the next 24 hours to 11:00 am on June 23rd. The ARRL describes Field Day as "ham radio's open house",

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Meeting Notice

Thursday, January 24, 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 our new president, **Mike Beckers K6YQO**, who will give a "State of the Club" address. Mark your calendars, as you won't want to miss it. See you there!



Mike K6YQO operating K6OX at AVARC 2018 Field Day

From the Secretary's Desk



**Board Meeting Agenda (abbreviated)
Dec. 21, 2018**

Opening: Dan Sherwood W6DAS, President

Call to order by Dan Sherwood W6DAS at 5:18pm.

Minutes from last board meeting: Motion to approve by Larry KI6BKP, Seconded by Matt K6MES,

Membership approval: Yes

Treasurer's report – Matt Stewart: Checking account :\$ 5, 683.62 Cash on hand: \$ 50.28

Total: \$ 5, 733.90. Check to Dan W6DAS \$97.03.

Membership Report: 84 ARRL members: 71.91%.

Members present today: Dan Sherwood W6DAS, Matt Stewart K6MES, Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO, Larry Mock KI6BKP, Gary Mork WA6WFC, Mike Beckers K6YQO, Diane K6DER, Others Jon Ckark N6NQ, Allen Evans KJ6ZYQ, Bob Garth KG7ENJ.

Old Business:

Shall we draw tickets for 2 HT's and box book set first, then set aside until end? Yes

I printed 3 free membership certificates; use all 3.

Any other party issues? No.

New Business:

Transfer of presidential "football" (gavel, file box, flashdrive) to Mike Beckers K6YQO

Board meeting should be on Saturday 1/5/19, after VE exam approx. 10AM.

Suggest going to US bank for signature card signing after board meeting.

State of the Club Presentation to be given at January general meeting.

Mike needs to work with Matt on financial status. Dan will send Mike an email with last year's presentation for editing and updating.

Dan, Adrienne, and Margie will not be at the January meeting. (Away at Quartzfest).

Announcements:

Short Circuit Articles - Needed by Thursday 1/10/19 (Early this month)

Club meeting Thursday 1/24/2019 – Program: State of the Club

February-Margie KC6TBR Baker to Vegas, March WA6DAS on Quartzfest

Exam: Saturday 1/5/2019 9:00 AM GLAARG \$5.00 Board meeting to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Holiday Potluck Program

5:15PM Membership renewals – see Matt K6MES, (until 6:00 PM)

6:10PM ANNOUNCEMENTS (Dan W6DAS)

6:12PM INVOCATION (Dan W6DAS) DINNER (Adrienne, WA6YEO on Harp)

7:00PM PRESENTATION BY DIANA FEINBERG AI6DF The Lighter Side of Ham Radio

Opportunity Prize Drawing

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Main Prize winners

Yaesu FT70: Betsy Haslett AJ6AF

Yaesu FT70: Lance Moreland AB6CX

ARRL Handbook Box set: Brian Basura N6CVO

Adjournment and cleanup: 8:45 PM

Board Meeting Agenda - Jan. 5, 2019 Antelope Valley First Christian Church

Opening: by Mike Beckers K6YQO, President

Call to order by Mike Beckers K6YQO at 10:30 am

Minutes from Dec 21, 2018 Board Meeting: Motion to approve by Dan W6DAS, Seconded by George KC6UVM Membership approval by all present Yes.

Treasurer's report by Matt Stewart K6MES Checking account :\$ 5,775.59 Cash on hand \$ 90.28

Total: \$ 5,865.87

Membership Report: 90 ARRL members: 71.11%.

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, Andy Gippetti W2AJG, Betsy Haslett AJ6AF, Loretta Smalls KM6YRN.

Old Business:

Transfer of presidential "football" was completed at the holiday party.

The December holiday party was very successful. A big thank you to Diana Feinberg for the great presentation! Food was a lot.

Dan, Adrienne, and Margie will not be at the January meeting. (Away at Quartzfest).

Vice President Larry KI6BKP -February program Baker to Vegas by Margie KG6TBR,

March by Dan W6DAS on Quartzfest, April by Bob Heil on Pineboard Project. Dan attended

the San Bernardino Microwave Society meeting in Corona. Their Show & Tell was very good.

New Business:

State of the Club Presentation will be given in January. Mike needs to work with Matt on financial status of the club.

New bank signature card signing will follow this board meeting to remove Dan W6DAS and add Mike K6YQO as President.

A new club roster with email is needed for Short Circuit mailing.

Article needs to be written on four missing HRO gift cards by Dan W6DAS.

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Secretary's Desk...

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Adrienne WA6YEO will present a class for Technician license at First Christian Church beginning in February. Club website has the schedule.

Mailbox key is held by Gary WA6WFC. Dan W6DAS and Keith K6GXO need to find their copy. A key needs to be made for Matt K6MES.

Keith K6GXO asked Dan W6DAS to follow up on Dick Norton matter at Quartzfest.

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Club General meeting Thursday 1/24/2019-Program: Mike Beckers State Of The Club

Next VE Exam: Monday 2/4/2019
7:00 PM GLAARG \$5.00 Board Meeting to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Okawa KJ6CJI
AVARC Secretary 2019

President...

as more than 40,000 hams throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our communities and our nation. We had an extremely fun field day last year, and I'm looking forward to building on last year's fun.

There were several guests with great presentations in 2018, and I'm looking forward to the coming year's guest speakers, and we're also looking for your suggestions for future speakers as well.

So what are your plans or thoughts for 2019? Are you planning on getting that rare DX contact that has been eluding you because of poor conditions? Will you be finally buying that transceiver that you have been eyeing for most of last year? Will you be climbing the highest mountains to participate in SOTA (Summits On The Air)? There are so many possibilities that we can ponder throughout the coming year.

73,
Mike K6YQO

Attention:**Check your sock drawer!**

Over the last many years, AVARC has given away gift certificates from Ham Radio Outlet during our holiday potlucks. This past year, we were informed by HRO Management that three of them, (\$25 each), have never been redeemed going back many years. This creates accounting headaches for them over time, making it harder to get good deals from them going forward.

All of us get these kinds of things, and it's easy to stash them away in your favorite hiding spot for that day you get \$25 off toward that \$600 radio you will buy when you come up with the other \$575. Look around, if you have one contact HRO. They in all likely honor it unless they donated it gratis to the Club way back in the day. If we paid for it, then it should still be good. If this is the case, and you aren't going to use it, then contact any Club officer if you want to donate it back to the Club. We have a class coming up and we can pass it along to a new graduate in need of equipment.



...to pay your dues for 2019



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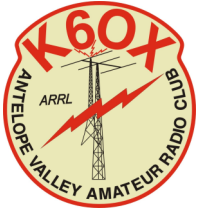
What? Quartzfest® is an annual HAM Radio RV'ers Boondocking event which is held in late January every year with dates coinciding with the Quartzsite Arizona "RV Show".

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

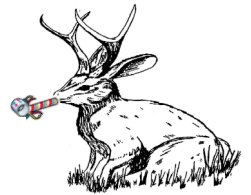
Where? 7 miles south of Quartzsite Arizona - on US 95 at La Paz Valley Road

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®

Cost? FREE!!!!



Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club 2019 Officers



President	Michael Beckers	K6YQO	805-906-9555
Vice President	Larry Mock	KI6BKP	943-6736
Secretary	Pat Okawa	KJ6CJI	718-3986
Treasurer	Matt Stewart	K6MES	264-4629
Master-At-Arms	Gary Mork	WA6WFC	948-8317
Board Member	Diane Roberts	K6DER	805-444-4430
Board Member	George Becker	KC6UVM	488-6894
Trustee	Keith Hoyt	K6GXO	533-4025
Ex Officio	Dan Sherwood	W6DAS	264-1863

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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