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# The Short Circuit

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## President's Corner

### Mike Beckers K6YQO

Field Day is now behind us. We didn't have as great a turnout this year as we did last year. The GOTA station wasn't really able to operate much this year either, but as I understand it, we did okay. Dan had better luck this year with making contacts. Last year, he was making contacts primarily in one direction. This was due to the location of his antenna being on the back of his trailer. Because of this, his signal was following primarily the body of the trailer toward the front. That's where his ground plane was. This year, he was able to attach the ground of his vertical antenna to the chain link fence that surrounds the baseball fields, resulting in a more omnidirectional pattern, so he was able to contact stations from every direction.

Setup began on Friday afternoon, June 21<sup>st</sup>, and the stations were operating from 11:00 am on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, and finished 24 hours later at 11:00 am on Sunday. Also on Sunday morning, Adrienne, WA6YEO, made her famous Whiskey Six Sourdough Pancakes!

Luckily, we got a break this year from the heat. In previous years, the temperature has been well into the triple digits. This year's temperatures were in the low 90s, making for a more enjoyable time.

This year, Diane and I got a little confused on the dates, and we didn't attend Field Day this year. Oftentimes, the fourth full weekend in June is the last full weekend in June, but that was not the case this year! We arranged a trip to Las Vegas, looking at the date and we said to ourselves "Aw, no problem! Field Day is the following weekend!" When the date approached, we realized that we were wrong! It was too late in the game to change plans, especially since we were going there with Dick and Lynne Miller (KJ6W and W6LMM) to see "The Beatles LOVE" Cirque Du Soleil show. (Good show. I recommend seeing it!)

While in Las Vegas on Field Day, I noticed the lack of any Field Day activity in and around the city. When I dug a little deeper, I realized why I couldn't find any local Field Day site. It's all that blasted heat! I did a little digging around the Internet and found the web page of a local amateur radio group called "Hams On The Hill", and they are a driving force in Las Vegas that make Field Day happen over there. Several local amateur radio groups participate with them. They were located part-way up Mount Charleston, at the 8340 foot level, which escapes the heat of the Vegas Valley. The peak of Mt. Charleston is 11,913 feet.

Unfortunately, we didn't have the time to visit them on the hill on this trip. Who knows? Maybe on a future trip if we get the dates confused again, maybe we'll make a point of taking the drive out of town and join them for a few hours up on the mountain!

73,

Mike K6YQO

## Meeting Notice

Thursday, July 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.

This month's meeting will feature our own **Betsy Haslett AJ6AF**, who will present "Electrical Safety for First Responders - What to Do When the Power Lines are Down". This is a very timely topic in light of the recent earthquakes, so be sure to mark your calendars and plan on joining us.



**Betsy Haslett AJ6AF**

# From the Secretary's Desk



## AVARC General Meeting June 27, 2019

President Mike Beckers K6YQO called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the Quartz Hill Public Library, followed by the flag salute and Introductions.

Minutes of the May 2019 club meeting were taken by Pat Okawa. A motion to approve them as printed in the Short Circuit was made by Frank N6FOD, and seconded by Allen KJ6ZYQ. The motion was approved by the members present. Yes

Treasurer's Report: Matt Stewart K6MES - Checking balance: \$6,197.15, petty cash: 49.00, Total: 6,246.15

Invoices submitted for payment: 2 (Okawa for Field Day food. Matt.)

Membership: Total members 82 percent, ARRL 77.75%

### OLD BUSINESS

Field Day was June 22-23. Dan W6DAS reported that it was a small turnout of public

on Saturday and few stations. Trouble with power and the Club antenna was missing a part.

Saturday chicken dinner and Sunday breakfast was well attended. Contact was made with RI, FL and HI

in the evening.

### NEW BUSINESS

Debbie Kent called me. The LDS Earthquake Expo is on Saturday, Sept. 14th from 9am-1pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints across from AV College. She can be reached at 661-492-2224. We need to set a date to do a Technician class and have a booth that day.

Mike, WB6SCI commented on the Wednesday net that since he is no longer able to attend the general club meetings, he would like us to provide a more detailed description of what is discussed at the monthly general club meetings, for those that are unable to attend.

Future Presentations:

Bob Heil by Skype, Betsy AJ6AF on Electrical Safety for 1<sup>st</sup> Responders

George KC6UVM suggested Dennis Vernacchia on MARS in Vietnam.

10 MINUTE BREAK

PRESENTATION:

Randy Estrella, KR6DR – Fox Hunting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Short Circuit Articles - Need by: Sunday, July 14

VE Exam: Monday July 1 at 7:00 pm. This is a GLAARG exam, (fee \$5).

Next Board Meeting Monday 7/1 after exam session. Location AV First Christian Church

Next General club meeting: Thurs July 25.

Presentation will be...?

Other items:

Members attending tonight: 21.

50/50 drawing won by: Dan W6DAS \$15.00

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Pat Okawa KJ6CJI

Secretary

## AVARC Board Meeting July 1, 2019

Board Meeting Agenda – July 1, 2019

Antelope Valley First Christian Church

Opening: Mike Beckers K6YQO, President

Call to order by Mike K6YQO at 7:37 PM.

Minutes from last board meeting: Motion to approve George KC6UVM, Second Dan W6DAS.

Membership approval: YES

Treasurer's report – Matt K6MES Checking account: \$ 6,197.15, Cash on hand: \$49.00, Total: \$ 6,246.15

Membership Report: 82 members, ARRL members: 77.75%.

Members present today: Dan Sherwood W6DAS, Matt Stewart K6MES, Bob Garth KG6ENJ, Adrienne Sherwood

WA6YEO, Larry Mock KI6BKP, Pat Okawa KJ6CJI, Mike Beckers K6YQO,

Diane K6DER, George Becker KC6UVM, Andy Gippetti W2AJG, Betsy Haslett

AJ6AF.

Old Business:

Dan W6DAS gave the Field Day report sent to ARRL. Field Day will be June 27-28, 2020.

Next year we should check equipment before. With no publicity, we had half participation.

New Business:

Debbie Kent called me. The Earthquake Expo is on Saturday, September 14th from 9am-1pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints across from AV College. Would like us to have a booth and we can do sign-ups for classes also. If she would like to give us a venue, we can hold a class. I will call Debbie for a venue and a date for the class. She can be reached at 661-492-2224

Mike, WB6SCI commented on the Wednesday net that since he is no longer able to attend the general club meetings, he would like to see if we can provide a more detailed description of what goes on and is discussed at the monthly general club meetings, for those that are unable to attend. Suggested at the general meeting was streaming via Skype or Youtube. (Betsy objected to Internet streaming.) Read activities and speaker on line.

Presentation in July 25, by Kawika Feltman, AVH Emergency Director,

Future Presentations:

Bob Heil via Skype

Betsy AJ6AF on Electrical Safety for 1<sup>st</sup> Responders

George KC6UVM suggested Dennis Vernacchia on MARS in Vietnam.

Announcements:

Short Circuit Articles - Need by Sun. July 14

Next club meeting Thurs. 7/25.

Next VE Exam: Sat. 8/3 at 9:00 A.M., GLAARG Test fee: \$5.00

August Board meeting to follow VE session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Okawa KJ6CJI

AVARC Secretary 2019







## Swap Shop

### VINTAGE EQUIPMENT

RX COLLINS 75S-3 Winged Emblem, full 14 Quartz Board, SSB CW Filter, RCA (Cinch fem. for Monitor Scope Instruction Book. Condx: Very good, no scratches on it, inside/outside clean.

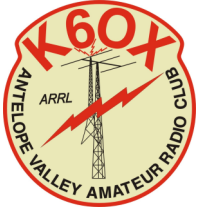
Price test/pick up \$ 715.-- Delivery possible.

COLLINS Speaker Unit 312B-3 Round Emblem Condx: Excellent. Price test/pick up \$ 150. s/h or delivery possible.

Wolf N2SJO, Palm-dale dityolg1@hotmail.com.

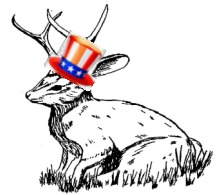
### SOLAR PANEL FOR SALE

Harbor Freight solar panel kit with controller and panel support brackets. Never used \$50 OBO Margie KG6TBR 661-297-6567



**Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club 2019 Officers**

<b>President</b>	Michael Beckers	K6YQO	805-906-9555
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<b>Ex Officio</b>	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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