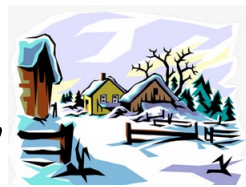


The Short Circuit

<http://www.k6ox.club>



The official publication of the Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club

January 2020

President's Corner

Mike Beckers K6YQO

Happy New Year! As we leave 2019 behind and look forward to things to come in 2020, I'd like to give a big thank you to the departing Vice President, Larry Mock, KI6BKP, Secretary (and self-appointed Nag), Pat Okawa, KJ6CJI, as well Board Member Diane Roberts, K6DER for their contributions to the club.

I would also like to welcome our new secretary, Loretta Smalls, AJ6HO, Dan Sherwood, W6DAS, and Gary Mock, KI6BKP (who is transitioning from Vice President), as this year's new Board Members.

Your officers and board members for 2020 are:

President - Mike Beckers K6YQO
Vice President - George Becker, KC6UVM
Secretary - Loretta Smalls, AJ6HO
Treasurer - Matt Stewart K6MES
Master At Arms - Gary Mork WA6WFC
Ex Officio - Dan Sherwood W6DAS
Board Members -
Dan Sherwood, W6DAS
Larry Mock, KI6BKP

So what do we have to look forward to in 2020? The Baker To Vegas Challenge Cup Relay will take place the weekend of April 4th and 5th this year. ARRL Field Day will take place on the weekend of June 27th and 28th. Anchors Away night will take place during the October meeting. Finally, the Christmas party will take place again in December! It seems like it just happened, didn't it? Also, at some point after the snow has melted off of Hauser Peak, the new repeater will be installed.

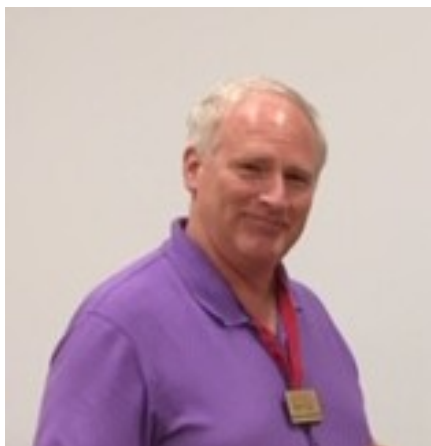
The annual event that I look forward to each year is the Baker to Vegas 120 mile relay race. This April will be my tenth year

(Continued on page 3)

Meeting Notice

Thursday, January 23, 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 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 Beckers K6YQO

From The Veep

George Becker KC6UVM

Allow me to be the first of many to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

A quick introduction about your new VP: Ham radio was an interest since early childhood but the interest did not become fulfilled until May 1991. After passing the Novice and Technician test, I was branded a "Codeless Tech" and stayed a Tech for about twenty years. I participated in mostly VHF/UHF radio. Model railroading from the small stuff to the large ride on gauges is the other passion since early childhood.

Passed General around 2010 and upgraded to Extra April of 2013. Interests in ham radio have been mostly VHF/UHF communications, packet, satellite and disaster communications. I am a member of DCS and ARES.

Part of my responsibility as your VP is to find a speaker for your club meetings. There are two or three speakers lined up for the next three months. I hope you will find them interesting.

Our January 2020 speaker will be our own illustrious President of AVARC: Mike Beckers (no relation) with the annual presentation of the state of our own ham radio club.

With that said, I'd like to once more wish you and yours a Happy New Year.

See you all at the next AVARC club meeting.

*73 de KC6UVM,
George J. Becker*

From the Secretary's Desk

AVARC General Meeting December 20, 2019

The Christmas potluck that was held on the 21st of December was a great success. Thank all of you for attending, and also to those who helped to set up and break down. Also thank you all for the great food and drink that was brought to the meeting, and for the donations of raffle items, all of which were truly generous. A very special thank you to Matt Stewart K6MES who maintained the membership drive pretty much throughout the event, and to Dan Sherwood W6DAS and Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO for securing the facilities for our event, the beautiful prayer over the group, and for the beautiful Harp music.

Our President Mike Beckers K6YQO called the club meeting to order at 1945 hrs.

Treasurer's report was given by Matt Stewart K6MES;

Checking: <On file>

Petty Cash: <On file>

Invoice: <On file>

Members: 93

ARRL Percentage: 79%

Keith Hoyt K6GXO is in possession of the repeater but he brought it to the potluck for all to see. What a gorgeous piece of equipment. Keith said the repeater will be installed after the first of the year and they will document the installation.

Several of the club members attended the Transplants Brewing Company board meeting this past week and discussed the route of their 5K race, as well as strategy on volunteer placements throughout the route. There was also some discussion about specific vests for the radio volunteers to wear so that they could be identified as communications volunteers. This will be discussed further at their next board meeting along with the new shortened version of the route which is now only 5K. Their next meeting is on Sunday, January 12th, at 1600hrs. There were also some questions about the

Transplants Brewing Company's charitable organization and this was clarified for us by Larry Mock KI6BKP who reassured everyone they are a legitimate 501C-3 registered organization. They focus specifically on hyper local Antelope Valley projects, schools, and other community improvement projects.

We were once again very blessed to have Diana Feinberg AI6DF give us a presentation, which was both informative and very funny. She briefly brought up the recent scare that a disgruntled Ham operator started with California perhaps will no longer permit repeaters on state property. This turned out to be a hoax. She also talked to us about FCC petition to eliminate amateur radio use on the 3.3 to 3.5 GHz bands, a move opposed by ARRL. More information can be found on the FCC website <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-360941A1.pdf> as well as on the ARRL link <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-to-oppose-proposal-to-eliminate-3-3-3-5-ghz-amateur-allocation>

On the lighter side Ms. Feinberg also gave a wonderful presentation about Hams and their license plates. The plates can better identify the amateur operator during emergency situations but can also present a challenge if pulled over by law enforcement. She recommended that the officer log in the plate as is on the registration, especially how the characters are spaced. The down side of having ham plates is that anyone can look up your information.

The California ham plates seem to be the least gaudy of most other states, simple yet tasteful. It is up to the operator whether or not you choose to get plates with your call sign. Be informed, and decide if the pros outweigh the cons.

Who also can relate to the "What's with cats and ham radios?" Delightful presentation about how our pets can definitely get very involved with our amateur radio activities;

Oh boy can some of us go just a little overboard too, when it comes to our mobile endeavors hi hi;

The raffle prizes, although few, were still quite generous. Thank you everyone that

donated items. The purchase of the repeater limited the amount of prizes but the potluck was still a very enjoyable, and successful event, and we were especially happy to see Pat Okawa KJ6CJI at the party.

Mark Your Calendars.

The next K6OX board meeting is Monday January 6th, 2020 at 1900 hrs following the exam session at 1800hrs. This will be at the church on Ave. J across from the Wal-Mart gas station. Any VE's welcome to assist with test session.

The next club meeting is January 23 at the Quartz Hill Library at 5040 West Ave. M-2 Quartz Hill CA. 93536. Eyeball QSOs at 1900 hrs meeting at 1930 hrs. Mike Beckers K6YQO will be presenting the state of the club. Our February meeting will not be at the library so the location is TBA.

The next board meeting for the Transplants Brewing Co. is Sunday January 12, 2020 at 1600 hrs. The address is 40242 Unit 101 La Quinta Ln. Palmdale, CA 93551. For those interested in volunteering for their 5K run it is encouraged that you attend. If you are into craft beer, bring a designated driver as they have a wide variety of micro brews. A food truck arrives around 1700hrs.

Short Circuit articles are due by Jan' 12th 2020

Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO
Secretary

AVARC Board Meeting January 6, 2020

The board meeting was conducted after the ARRL Ham exam which began at 0900 hrs. Congratulations to those who passed their test.

Meeting called to order by President Mike Beckers K6YQO at 10:36. Motion to approve board meeting from November 2 by Matt Stewart K6MES seconded by Loretta Smalls AJ6HO.

Treasurer's report by Matt Stewart K6MES:

Bank balances stated

(Continued on page 3)

President...

assisting with communications for this race. When I was asked to participate the first year, I didn't think I would be doing it the following year, but here we are, ten years later, and I already have my hotel room reserved for that weekend! If Mike Crabtree, KJ6IIR can make it out this year, it will be his tenth year as well, and our tenth year working together at the Early Warning station, which is located one mile before the runners get to Stage 15 (which was renamed to Stage 16 for last year's race), to notify the stage as each runner passes, so Dan, Adrienne 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.

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 27th, and continue for the next 24 hours to 11:00 am on June 28th. The ARRL describes Field Day as "ham radio's open house", 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. I'm looking forward to participating again this year!

There were several guests with great presentations in 2019, 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 2020? 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

Secretary's Desk...



(Continued from page 2)

Club membership: 92

ARRL percentage 79.35%

Old Business:

The Transplants Brewing Company will hold their board meeting on December 15, at 1600 hrs. It will be at their facility in the tasting room at 40242 La Quinta Ln. Palmdale, CA 93551. Loretta AJ6HO will be attending to record event but anyone else is welcome to join in and ask questions.

The new repeater for Hauser will be installed soon and it was recommended that the installation be photographed as part of a presentation for one of our club meetings. Speaking of photographs an old photo album representing our club will be brought to the Christmas party. There are some neat old photos in there but not any new ones. To document our clubs history, if there are any photos of Baker To Vegas, Field Day, Fox hunts, etc...let's add them to this photo album and we can keep adding as events come and go, including the installation of the new Hauser Repeater. The next club meeting/Christmas party will be Friday, December 20 at the First Christian Church of Lancaster. Party will be at 7:00 P:M but those helping to set up can be there around 4:30 P:M.

Pat Okawa KJ6CJI continues to improve from her injuries, and is up and about. We look forward to seeing her soon, and to once again hear her on the radio.

New Business:

The Quartz Hill Library has been secured for the next year for our club meetings.

Motion to give one (1) raffle ticket per club member at the Christmas party made by Matt Stewart K6MES and seconded by Larry Mock KI6BKP and approved on by majority vote. This will give more people a fair chance at winning a prize rather than one or two walking away with multiple prizes.

This is a potluck so bring a food item such as a side dish, salads, beverages, snack

items, entrees, as well as cookies, pies etc. Lumpia was mentioned, as well as a bucket of chicken and even a Tofurkey roast for those non-believers.

It was suggested that the next field day be conducted at Chiloquin Oregon. This can be discussed further at club meetings.

Presentations:

Dianne Feinberg, ARRL Los Angeles Section Control Manager will be at the Christmas Party.

Mike Beckers K6YQO will give the state of the club presentation at the club meeting in January.

Future Presentations:

George Becker KC6UVM is working on getting Dennis Vernacchia to give a presentation on MARS in Vietnam as well as inviting Tom Fischer on the status of CERT and DCS.

Margie Hoffman, KG6TBR can come in and do a presentation on B2V.

It was also suggested that we invite Dick Miller in to do a presentation, perhaps after the installation of the new Hauser repeater with photos.

Coming Events:

Club meeting/Christmas party/potluck December 20th, 7:00 P:M at the church.

Next Board mtg TBA as well as next test session.

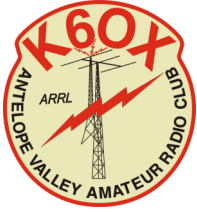
Transplants Brewery 5K/10K Charity run. The first one is March 15. The second one is October 25. We will have more details after their board meeting December 15.

Baker To Vegas is April 4th and 5th 2020.

Field Day is the fourth full weekend of June so in 2020 it will be June 27th and 28th.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:31

Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO
Secretary



Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club 2020 Officers



President	Michael Beckers	K6YQO	805-906-9555
Vice President	George Becker	KC6UVM	488-6894
Secretary	Loretta Smalls	AJ6HO	350-7039
Treasurer	Matt Stewart	K6MES	264-4629
Master-At-Arms	Gary Mork	WA6WFC	948-8317
Board Member	Larry Mock	KI6BKP	943-6736
Board Member	Dan Sherwood	W6DAS	264-1863
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.

The Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club K6OX
 Post Office Box 1011
 Lancaster, CA 93584-1011

Place
 Postage
 Here

To ARS:

