

The Short Circuit

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President's Corner

Mike Beckers K6YQO

Welcome to March. I'd like to thank Margie, KG6TBR, for her great presentation on the annual Baker To Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. Unfortunately, This article was going to be about the upcoming Baker To Vegas race, but due to the Coronavirus pandemic, it has been postponed, possibly to the Fall of this year. When you go to the official web page for the race, www.bakervegas.net, you are greeted with a popup banner that states:

"Due to the current outbreak of COVID-19 and the impact it has on all of our Law Enforcement Officer's and the communities we serve, LAPRAAC is postponing Baker to Vegas 2020. LAPRAAC is committed to all of our brother and sisters in law enforcement in assuring we put on a fun and safe event. Currently we are in discussions to move our event to the Fall of this year. LAPRAAC will continue to update everyone in a timely manner as to the status of this year's event via our website and social media outlets. Stay safe!"

The pandemic is affecting a lot of events as well. The Los Angeles County Air Show, which was to take place on March 21 and 22, has also been canceled. Their web page also has a notice on it:

"With uncertainty regarding the spreading of Coronavirus COVID-19, Los Angeles County Air Show, Inc. has announced the cancellation of the 2020 Los Angeles County Air Show "Aerospace Valley, USA®", originally scheduled for March 21st and 22nd, 2020. The cancellation comes at the guidance and direction of Los Angeles County, federal, local and state health officials."

With every passing day, there are more and more events being canceled due

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Meeting Notice

The upcoming meeting of the Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club has been cancelled. Beause of the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, the Quartz Hill Library has cancelled all events for the near future. This was not unexpected, as many other ham radio events have also been cancelled or postponed. We urge all club members and their families to stay safe and follow the recommended guidelines for keeping themselves and their families safe during this difficult time.

Please make an effort to participate in the Wednesday evening nets. Net control stations are also welcome.



From The Veep

George Becker KC6UVM

Today, as I write my column for the Short Circuit, it is Friday the 13th. The superstitions of this day go all the way back to the Last Supper: Jesus and his apostles numbered thirteen. Quoting from the Independent: "The number 13 is therefore associated with Judas Iscariot, Christ's betrayer, and is regarded as imperfect when compared with 12, which represents the number of months in a year."

This day is also associated with the arrest of the Grand Master Jacques DeMoley and the Knights Templar by King Phillip IV of France on Friday 13 October 1307. There is also a phobia associated with this day: If you suffer from the fear of Friday the 13th, you suffer from paraskevidekatriaphobia.

My readers may ask why I am writing about Friday the 13th: I just don't know if there is a name for Fear of the Corona Virus that a portion of the population is experiencing at this time. This fear has resulted in the cancellation of ARES and DCS meetings, The Fox Field Air Show and Baker 2 Vegas as well as a host of other activities.

The original plan was to have Michele Chimienti, KK6YJQ. DCO from Temple Station - District 5 and Dennis Swink, KI6NQG, who works out of San Dimas & Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Stations and is in charge of DCS Recruiting be our guests at the March 2020 meeting. Michele and Dennis were to speak about the Los Angeles Sheriff Department ham radio volunteer organization known as DCS. A link to DCS can be found at: <https://lacdcs.org/about/>

This presentation will be for another meeting later in the year when matters with the Corona Virus have settled down.

I've never expected to say this on my watch, but due to health concerns regarding the Corona Virus, the March 2020 AVARC meeting has been canceled.

It's a sad day for me to say this. :(

73 de KC6UVM

From the Secretary's Desk

AVARC General meeting February 27, 2020

Opening: Meeting was called to order by President Mike Beckers K6YQO at 19:36 hrs followed by the flag salute and Introductions.

Motion was made to approve minutes of the January 2020 club meeting as printed in the AVARC Short Circuit, first by Keith Hoyt K6GXO/K6OX and then seconded by Larry Mock KI6BKP. Approved by members present.

Treasurer's Report by Matt Stewart K6MES:

Checking:< as stated>

Petty Cash:< as stated >

Total:< as stated >

Invoices Submitted for payment < as stated >

others:

Membership: Total members 92 Percentage ARRL : 79.35%

OLD BUSINESS:

Last month we had our 'State Of The Club' address by President Mike Beckers K6YQO and we are doing well so far, and happily we do not need to raise any membership fees.

Dan W6DAS, Adrienne WA6YEO, and Margie Hoffman KG6TBR attended Quartzfest in Arizona and seems like fun was had by all. Great seminars, lots of QSOs, and we could even hear Dan check in on HF at the ARES net that Sunday morning. Nice work guys.

Brian Basura N6CVO is helping us out with the JOTA event this year which is in October.

The new repeater is in, the old one is out and currently residing at Keith Hoyt's garage. Ten-Hi will soon be gone and Dick Miller KJ6W will more than likely use that one elsewhere. Keith also has some HAM equipment to sell off so if anyone is interested his number is on our newsletter, as does Dan who also has items he wants to let go of.

NEW BUSINESS:

We will be representing at the STEM booth at the Fox Field airshow which is on March 21 and 22. We need volunteers so if your interested see Larry KI6BKP. Hopefully there will be some kind of vendor meeting before the event that we can attend and get more information.

As soon as we can lock down the park where we will be having our field day, we will prepare the flyers. We will discuss this in more detail at the board meeting which is this coming Monday, March 2 1800 hrs at the church. As Betsy AJ6AF suggested, we should get these flyers out earlier in the hopes of getting more folks interested in Amateur Radio.

Baker 2 Vegas is coming up fast and our very own Margie Hoffman KG6TBR, one of the main organizers for this event, gave us a great presentation. Many of us will either be doing this for the first time or this is a second event. Those who have been doing this for years are the guides for us newbies still getting the feel of how this is done. It is a lot of fun, and a great show of support for all factions of our law enforcement men and women.

There are a couple of our hams that are downsizing so they have equipment to sell or give away.

Keith Hoyt K6GXO is downsizing and has equipment to sell. His number is on the back of the newsletter.

Dan Sherwood W6DAS is also downsizing his number is also on the back of the newsletter.

Ralph AD6WZ has equipment to sell and he handed out flyers with a list of various equipment and his contact information.

Presentation:

Margie Hoffman KG6TBR talked about the upcoming Baker2Vegas. To volunteer and get more information her website is Radio Baker2Vegas. This is a great event to support our law enforcement agencies including those outside the U.S.

Future Presentations:

March-We will have someone come and talk to us about DCS.

April-Possible SKYPE presentation with K6OLI the District Emergency Coordinator for ARES LAX, or Kawika Feltman with AV Hospital.

May-This will be all about field day.

June-open with perhaps a show and tell event with our home built antennas.

July-Dianne Feinberg AI6DF will be our presenter for July.

Announcements:

Short circuit articles are due by March 14.

The next test session is on March 2, at the church at 1900 hrs which will follow the AVARC board meeting at 1800.

Next club meeting is March 26th and it will be at the Quartz Hill Library on 5040 W. Ave. M-2 Quartz Hill, CA. 93535. Program should be with a DCS representative.

Other Items:

Members attending tonight: 27

50/50 drawing won by Roger Taylor. Other prize winners were;

Larry KI6BKP

Andy W2AJG

Allan KJ6ZYQ

Adrienne WA6YEO

Patrick K6SD

Meeting adjourned at 2122 hrs.

AVARC Board Meeting March 2, 2020

Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club K6OX

Board meeting March 2, 2020

**Antelope Valley First Christian Church
1701 East Ave. J
Lancaster, CA. 93535**

Opening: Meeting called to order at 18:09 by Mike Beckers K6YQO

Members present were:

Mike Beckers, President K6YQO Matt Stewart, Treasurer K6MES

George Becker, Vice President KC6UVM Dan Sherwood, Board member W6DAS

Gary Mork, Master At Arms WA6WFC Keith Hoyt, Trustee K6GXO

President...

to the virus. The AVARC club officers learned the other day that the Quartz Hill library is canceling all reservations for all groups that use their meeting room, which includes the AVARC. The officers had a discussion about this, and decided that in light of the current situation with the Coronavirus, rather try to find another meeting venue, we would cancel the March meeting altogether. This wasn't an easy decision, but we figured that it was the best decision.

Hopefully, we will see you on April 23rd for the April meeting. Until then, on behalf of the club officers, I will wish you all a 73, and try to take preventative measures to stay healthy. We'll get through this.

73,
Mike K6YQO

A Message from the Treasurer

Dues -- It's that time again.

As we all know the Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club cannot provide its members the services that we expect from a club without having revenue.

The members dues and donations are the only source of revenues that we must keep the club in existence.

So, we will be collecting the dues from December's meeting to the March meeting.

If the March Meeting is cancelled, the best way of paying your dues will be to mail your dues to the Club's Post Office Box. This way we will be able keep you in roster of members.

As the Club's By Laws state, "Members not renewing by March 15 will be dropped from the active membership role and are not eligible to vote on any Club issue."

Thank you,
Matt Stewart

Secretary's Desk...

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Loretta A Smalls, Secretary AJ6HO Adrienne Sherwood, Short Circuit editor WA6YEO

Larry Mock KI6BKP

Minutes from previous board meeting as printed in newsletter: Motion to approve Keith K6GXO seconded by George Becker KC6UVM. Membership approval YES by majority.

Treasurer's Report by Matt Stewart K6MES:

Checking: < as stated >

Cash on hand: < as stated >

Total: < as stated >

Membership totals: 92 member

ARRL members 79.35%

Old Business:

The new repeater is installed and working well. Some sensitivity issues but if we talk nicely to her she will let us talk through her. LOL

We still need to make the park reservations. We have the documents necessary and the sooner we lock this down the sooner we can get the flyers made up and distributed, perhaps at the STEM booth at the Fox Field Airshow.

New Business:

Baker 2 Vegas is next month, April 4th and 5th. Margie Hoffman KG6TBR gave an excellent presentation at the General meeting last month about the B2V event. The website to go to fill out the volunteer form and other information is Radio Baker2Vegas.

The Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club -K6OX will be representing at the STEM booth at the Fox Field Airshow on March 22. We need to man the booth from 0800 to 1700 PST. This is not about ECOMM this is to get folks interested in amateur radio, especially the young people whom we hope to get more interested in the sciences, technology, math, and engineering. We hope to demonstrate Fldigi, Winlink, and satellite communications as well as demonstrating homemade antennas. For more information on the airshow go to; <https://lacountyairshow.com/>.

Field day is the last weekend in June so this year it will be June 27-28. We will need to reserve our space at the park for

the Friday before, June 27 from noon on to assure our space at the park as other family events are also going on. The ARRL has a great link for field day; [Field Day](#).

UPDATE: As of March 3, 2020 Dan W6DAS secured the Rawley Duntley Park for our field day event for Friday June 26, 11:00 A:M to June 28, 2020 1:00 P:M so it's on folks. Rawley Duntley Park is at 3334 W. AVE. K Lancaster, CA. 93536. We had this park last year and it was awesome. Be mindful that there will be other folks there, lots of kids and pets, other activities going on.

Future Presentations:

March - DCS

April - Kawika or Oliver K6OLI

May - In depth discussion on this year's Field Day.

June - Open (possible show and tell event for home built antennas).

July - Dianne Feinberg AI6DF

Other suggestions?

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Next club meeting is March 26th Thursday, at the Quartz Hill Library. Eyeball QSOs 1900 hrs followed by the general meeting at 1930.

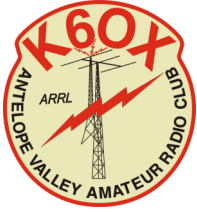
Next test session will probably be April 13th, Monday 1900 hrs at the church. Our board meeting will probably be before the test session at 1800hrs.

Meeting adjourned at 1843.

The following test session was successful with a couple of new Generals and Extras. Congratulations to our new, and upgraded hams.

Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO
AVARC Secretary





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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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