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President's Corner

Mike Beckers K6YQO

It's December already! It's been quite a year, and frankly, I think I'm happy to see the year just about over, and hopefully, closer to the COVID situation ending. The year has been a bit of a challenge for all of us. All groups lost the use of the library meeting room, so we found alternate ways to hold the club meetings, such as via Zoom, or via the Wednesday Night Net on the Hauser repeater. Also, because the church also was no longer available, we needed to hold the board meetings via Zoom as well. Various events were also canceled. "Baker to Vegas" was the first one to get canceled, Field Day was modified this year, Anchors Away night was canceled, the Christmas party was also canceled, and most recently, next year's "Baker to Vegas" was just canceled. Let's hope the COVID situation goes away soon.

Meanwhile, my tenure as the president of the Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club is just about at an end, and it's time to welcome George Becker, KC6UVM, into this position. He was a great vice president, so I know that he'll do a wonderful job as president, and I'm ready to hand the reigns and the presidential football over to him!

This has been a tremendous learning experience for me, and I consider myself a little wiser and more confident after holding this position, and I will be there for any assistance that George might need during his tenure.

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Meeting Notice

This month's meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 7:30PM**, via the Zoom online video app. **Note that this month's meeting is a week earlier than usual, due to the Christmas holiday.** Current members should have received the meeting invitation link via the email announcement of the December newsletter. If you are not a Zoom user, installation instructions can be found at: <https://zoom.us/signup>. Sign up for the free account, and it will then lead you to download and install the necessary plug-ins to join our meeting. If you are a guest or former member, please send an email to meeting@k6ox.club, stating your name, callsign (if any), and interest in the Club, and we will send you the meeting invitation link.

Our special guest will be our ARRL Los Angeles Section Manager, **Diana Feinberg AI6DF**, who is always a welcome visitor at our meetings. Diana says, "I am looking forward to being at the AVARC's December 17 virtual holiday meeting. I'll be talking about "Ham Radio during the Pandemic--and Post-Pandemic." While many aspects of amateur radio will return to 'normal' after the coronavirus is controlled some changes during the past nine months are likely to be with us for quite some time if not permanently. Be assured this is not a 'gloom and doom' presentation. A version of this was given at the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club's virtual Holiday "After-Dinner" last week and we incorporated some humor along the way."



Diana Feinberg AI6DF

From The Veep

George Becker KC6UVM

What a year 2020 was... The COVID changed everything. How we meet, greet and even eat. Now our club meetings are on Zoom. We're not getting together for much of anything. An eyeball QSO is out of the question. And due to the Pandemic, it's sorry to say, the club is not having the annual potluck dinner this year.

Our Zoom meeting for this month will host Diana Feinberg AI6DF, ARRL LAX section manger. Diana will be joining us for our December 17th, 2020 meeting. Diana will be talking about "Ham Radio during the Pandemic--and Post-Pandemic." Diana stated in her last email, this not going to be a "Doom and Gloom" presentation.

The meeting will open around 1900 with a virtual eyeball QSO and start at 1930. Just remember, as the clock ticks down to the end of the year, the best thing to do is keep moving forward. There is a silver lining in every storm cloud.

Before I close, allow me to wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas, and/or Happy Kwanzaa. May the blessing of Peace be upon everyone.

73,

George KC6UVM



From the Secretary's Desk



AVARC/K6OX General Meeting November 19, 2020 Via Zoom 1900hrs

Board members present;

President Mike Beckers K6YQO Vice

President George Becker KC6UVM

Treasurer Matt Stewart K6MES Secretary

Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO

Board Member Dan Sherwood W6DAS

Board Member Larry Mock KI6BKP

Trustee Keith Hoyt K6GXO Short Circuit

Editor Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO
and Minnie

Incoming Board Member David Haberman KN6FPS

Other members present;

Ron NY2B Clint Bradford and our presenter for tonight K6LCS and his lovely wife Karen Bradford.

Andy W2AJG and Nugget Peter W2JV in New York (also with AMSAT) Brian N6CVO

Steven KM6AIT Frank N7ZEV Gabriel KN6L in Georgia Betsy AJ6AF

John KN6VL Harold KM6IVE Anthony AJ6NB Dale K9BGL Jed N6JED unnamed phone in.

The meeting began via Clint Bradford's (K6LCA) Zoom account at 1900 hrs with eyeball QSOs. Satellite communications was the topic and what a fascinating presentation it was. <narrative redacted-Ed.>

The general meeting actually began after the presentation and was called to order by President Mike Beckers K6YQO at 21:30 hrs. Motion to approve last month's general meeting minutes was made by Vice President George Becker KC6UVM and seconded by Andy W2AJG. Minutes were overwhelmingly approved by all members present.

Treasurer's Report by Matt Stewart K6MES:

Checking; <as stated>

Cash on hand; <as stated>

Total; <as stated>

Total Members; 68

ARRL % 72.06%

All meetings will continue to be conducted via Zoom. Doubt this will change any time soon, and sadly, there will once again be no Christmas party this year. We do wish the best to all of our members and their families, and have every confidence we will all get through this. We always have Zoom and our radios as our go to meeting venues after all.

Officer and Board Member nominations; George Becker KC6UVM will be our new President.

Andy Gippetti W2AJG was just nominated then confirmed as our new Vice President.

Matt Stewart K6MES remains the Treasurer.

Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO remains Secretary.

Gary Mork WA6WFC remains Master At Arms.

Dan Sherwood W6DAS remains as Board Member.

David Haberman KN6FPS is our new Board Member.

Keith Hoyt K6GXO remains our Trustee. (appointed position)

Bob Holland KG6DHQ remains our Club Historian. (appointed position)

Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO is our Short Circuit Editor

Minnie K9DOGGY is the beloved Club Mascott.

Congratulations all.

Our new CW net is every Thursday at 1900 hrs except for the 4th Thursday which is our club meeting. It is on 80 meters at 3.530.00. We are exploring other bands as well so we shall keep you updated.

New Business:

Margie Hoffman KG6TBR reminded us that it is time to renew our AVARC membership in the Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs- (LAACARC). A motion was made by George KC6UVM to renew our membership and seconded by Keith K6GXO and approved by all present. The renewal form and dues were sent out to Margie so we are current.

Speaking of membership renewals, it is also time for AVARC members to send in their membership dues/ renewals to; K6OX P.O. Box 1011 Lancaster, CA. 93584-1011. The form is accessible here; http://www.k6ox.club/_pdf/MemberApp.pdf Please make sure your contact information is up to date.

Presentation:

Clint Bradford K6CLS gave an outstanding presentation about amateur radio and satellites. We look forward to having him back.

Announcements:

Short Circuit articles are needed by December 10.

All ham exams are done via online testing.

Go to <https://glaarg.org/> for more information. They are also looking for General or Extra class operators to be examiners.

The next AVARC board meeting is December 7 via Zoom at 1900 hrs. The link will be sent out but if you did not get an email go to officers@k6ox.club for the link.

The next AVARC club meeting is December 17 via Zoom, same link as the board meeting. 1900 hrs and our presenter might possibly be Dianne Feinberg AI6DF. She usually does our Christmas potlucks and hopefully we can get her once again be our Christmas presenter.

Future Presentations:

December 17 possibly Dianne Feinberg AI6DF.

January 28 2021 George Becker KC6UVM newly elected President on the state of the club.

February 25 2021 Margie Hoffman KG6TBR on Baker to Vegas.

March 25 2021

April 22 2021 (which is also Earth Day)

We are hoping to get Kate Hutton "The Earthquake Lady" to give us a presentation about earthquakes, the DYFI report, and how ham radio has been a benefit to reporting and emergency communications.

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Old Business:

President...



I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and hopefully a Happy New Year, and I'll close with what I did last year and share a little poem written by Gary Pearce KN4AQ and the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society, Raleigh, NC on December 2, 1996. It's a little poem called... "A Ham Radio Operator's Night Before Christmas"...

T'was the night before Christmas,
And all through two-meters,
Not a signal was keying up
Any repeaters.

The antennas reached up
From the tower, quite high,
To catch the weak signals
That bounced from the sky.

The children, Tech-Pluses,
Took their HTs to bed,
And dreamed of the day
They'd be Extras, instead.

Mom put on her headphones,
I plugged in the key,
And we tuned 40 meters
For that rare ZK3.

When the meter was pegged
by a signal with power.
It smoked a small diode,
and, I swear, shook the tower.

Mom yanked off her phones,
And with all she could muster
Logged a spot of the signal
On the DX Packet Cluster,

While I ran to the window
And peered up at the sky,
To see what could generate
RF that high.

It was way in the distance,
But the moon made it gleam -
A flying sleigh, with an
Eight element beam,

And a little old driver
who looked slightly mean.
So I thought for a moment,
That it might be Wayne Green.

But no, it was Santa
The Santa of Hams.
On a mission, this Christmas
To clean up the bands.

He circled the tower,
Then stopped in his track,
And he slid down the coax
Right into the shack.

While Mom and I hid
Behind stacks of CQ,
This Santa of hamming
Knew just what to do.

He cleared off the shack desk
Of paper and parts,
And filled out all my late QSLs
For a start.

He ran copper braid,
Took a steel rod and pounded
It into the earth, till
The station was grounded.

He tightened loose fittings,
Re-soldered connections,
Cranked down modulation,
Installed lightning protection.

He neutralized tubes
In my linear amp...
(Never worked right before --
Now it works like a champ).

A new, low-pass filter
Cleaned up the TV,
He corrected the settings
In my TNC.

He repaired the computer
That would not compute,
And he backed up the hard drive
And got it to boot.

Then, he reached really deep
In the bag that he brought,
And he pulled out a big box,
"A new rig?" I thought!

"A new Kenwood? An
Icom?
A Yaesu, for me?!"
(If he thought I'd been bad
it might be QRP!)

Yes! The Ultimate Station!
How could I deserve this?
Could it be all those hours
that I worked Public Service?

He hooked it all up
And in record time, quickly
Worked 100 countries,
All down on 160.

I should have been happy,
It was my call he sent,
But the cards and the postage
Will cost two month's rent!

He made final adjustments,
And left a card by the key:
"To Gary, from Santa Claus.
Seventy-Three."

Then he grabbed his HT,
Looked me straight in the
eye,
Punched a code on the pad,
And was gone - no good bye.

I ran back to the station,
And the pile-up was big,
But a card from St. Nick
Would be worth my new rig.

Oh, too late, for his final
came over the air.
It was copied all over.
It was heard everywhere.

73,
Mike K6YQO

Secretary's Desk...



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We are always open to suggestions for presentations.

Other Items:

Total members that joined this Zoom mtg: 25

No 50/50 drawing:

Meeting was adjourned at 22:02.

73 all
Loretta A. Smalls
AJ6HO

AVARC Board Meeting December 7, 2020 via Zoom 1900hrs

Meeting was called to order at 19:23 hrs by Outgoing President Mike Beckers K6YQO. Those present were;

President Mike Beckers K6YQO Vice President George Becker KC6UVM

Treasurer Matt Stewart K6MES Secretary Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO

Board Member Dan Sherwood W6DAS Trustee Keith Hoyt K6GXO

Incoming Board Member David Haberman KN6FPS Short Circuit Editor Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO and Minnie beloved mascot.

Motion to approve minutes from previous board meeting made by George Becker KC6YVM and seconded by Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO.

Treasurer's Report- Matt Stewart K6MES.

Checking; <as stated>

Cash on hand; <as stated>

Total; <as stated>

Membership Report; 69

ARRL % 73.4%

Old Business;

We should not count on any library or church usage any time soon. We will continue our board meetings via Zoom and our club meetings also via Zoom or on Hauser during the regular net night on Wednesdays.

The following will be our board members as of January 2021;

President: George Becker KC6UVM

Vice President; Andrew Gippetti W2AJG Treasurer; Matt Stewart K6MES

Master At Arms; Gary Mork WA6WFC Secretary; Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO

Board Member; David Haberman KN6FPS

Board Member; Dan Sherwood W6DAS Trustee; Keith Hoyt K6GXO

Short Circuit Editor; Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO (appointed position)

Club Historian; Bob Holland KG6DHQ (appointed position)

AVARC's membership in the Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs (LAACARC) has been renewed.

It is also time for all members of AVARC to renew their memberships. Anyone needing to renew or to sign up for the first time can go to our website at <http://www.k6ox.club/> scroll down to 'links' which is where you will find the membership application. Print it out and enter your data then mail it to the P.O. Box at the top of the form along with your check made payable to 'Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc'.

No Christmas dinner for us this season. We hope that in spite of the COVID lock downs, there is a chance for a great Christmas for all, and that you all stay healthy.

New Business;

Baker 2 Vegas is sadly also not going to happen next year either. In a letter recently shared from Margie Hoffman KG6TBR the LAPRAAC board felt that it was best to cancel this event to protect the runners, medical staff, already in short supply, and other support groups including amateur radio operators.

Dianne Feinberg AI6DF will be our presenter for the December Club meeting on the 17th via Zoom at 1930 hrs eyeball QSOs at 1900. It will be great to see her again even virtually.

Our new CW net continues except when it is club night so next Thursday, the 17th there will be no CW net which is on 3.530.00 at 1900hrs.

Future Presentations;

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January 28 2021 will be George Becker KC6UVM newly elected President to deliver the state of the club address.

February 25 2021 normally we would have Margie Hoffman KG6TBR to talk about Baker 2 Vegas but we might do something else since this event has been canceled again.

We are trying to get Kate Hutton the 'Earthquake Lady' to be a presenter as well as Ron NY2B to give us a talk about CW.

We are open to suggestions for future presenters.

Announcements;

Club meeting this month is December 17 2020 via Zoom at 1930 hrs. Dianne Feinberg AI6DF is our presenter.

Next Board Meeting is January 4, 2021 via Zoom at 1900 hrs.

Short Circuit articles are due by December 10.

Next exam is on line via GLAARG. <https://glaarg.org/>

The link below IS the link for all club, board, and ARES meetings. I accidentally sent out the wrong zoom link for our board meeting and was I ever embarrassed. I sent out a previous presenters Zoom link that he used for his presentation by mistake. I do apologize to all as it was a hassle and especially to Clint who is probably looking at his emails and going "What Zoom meeting??"

Meeting was adjourned at 19:52 hrs.

73 all,

Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO
Club Secretary

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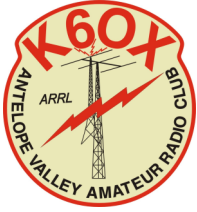
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DEC - JAN - FEB - MAR	\$20.00	\$15.00		CHECK
APR - MAY - JUN (NEW MEMBERS ONLY)	\$15.00	\$11.00		AMOUNT
JUL - AUG - SEP (NEW MEMBERS ONLY)	\$10.00	\$8.00		\$
OCT - NOV (NEW MEMBERS ONLY)	\$5.00	\$4.00		
FAMILY MEMBER	\$5.00	\$5.00		CASH
AVARC MEMBER BADGE	\$9.00/\$11	\$9.00/\$11		\$

NOTE: NEW MEMBERS ARE PEOPLE THAT HAVE NEVER BELONGED TO THE AVARC.

NOTE: NEW MEMBERS JOINING IN DECEMBER WILL BE CHARGED A FULL MEMBERSHIP FEE. THIS WILL COVER DUES NEXT YEAR.

NOTE: A ONE TIME SURCHARGE OF \$9.00 WILL BE ASSESSED ON ALL NEW MEMBERS FOR AVARC MEMBER BADGE. ADD \$2.00 FOR MAGNETIC PIN.



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Board Member	Dan Sherwood	W6DAS	264-1863
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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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