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President's Corner

George Becker KC6UVM

A New Year is upon us. May 2021 be a better year for all of us and let the past stay in the past.

Happy New Year and let us keep moving forward. This year's outlook looks bright and cheery.

If you are up to it this month, the ham radio activity is at Quartzsite. I do not have a camper and I'm staying home. Therefore, there are no plans to go anywhere this month.

This month's presentation features yours truly with a State of the Club. I received the "football" from our past club president, Mike Beckers K6YQO. It all looks good.

Our AVARC club meeting will be on Zoom, January 28th, 2020 starting with a virtual eyeball QSO beginning about 7:00 PM and the meeting to start at 7:30 PM. As long as the lockdown persists, the Quartz Hill Public Library is unavailable for face-to-face AVARC club usage.

Thank you for electing me as your president. I will strive to do the best I can to the upmost of my abilities.

73,

George KC6UVM

Meeting Notice

This month's meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 7:30PM**, via the Zoom online video app. 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.

This month's meeting will feature our new president, **George Becker KC6UVM**, who will give the annual "State of the Club" address. Mark your calendars, as you won't want to miss it. See you there!



George Becker KC6UVM

From The Veep

Andy Gippetti W2AJG

Hello,

I am Andrew (Andy) Gippetti, W2AJG, and I'm your new Vice President for 2021. I thought I would write a few words this month to tell you a little about myself for those of you who do not know me very well.



For the first half of my life, I lived on the east coast on Long Island in New York where I was a volunteer fire fighter / paramedic for 15 years. I then got deeper into the medical world by getting a job as a field engineer for a biomedical company who later transferred me to California. I worked for that company for almost 36 years and while in Los Angeles was able to go back to school and get my Master's degree in Information Technology. In 2000 I met my lovely XYL Charity, got married in 2003 and purchased a house here in Antelope Valley. In the middle of 2017, I decided to retire and

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From the Secretary's Desk



AVARC General Meeting

December 19, 2020

19:30 hrs via Zoom

Those present:

President Mike Beckers K6YQO

Vice President George Becker

KC6UVM

Treasurer Matt Stewart K6MES

Secretary Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO

Trustee Keith Hoyt K6GXO

Board Member Dan Sherwood W6DAS

Board Member Larry Mock KI6BKP

Short Circuit Editor Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO and Minnie K9DOG.

Others Present: Andy Gippetti (incoming Vice President) W2AJG

David Haberman (incoming board member) KN6FPS

Diana Feinberg AI6DF

Jon Clark N6NQ

Margie Hoffman KG6TBR

Ron NY2B and Becky N2JMT

Jed N6JED

Len WB6FWH

Brian N6CVO

Dale KØBGL

Frank N6FOD

and a brief visit from Liam, a young man about 10 yrs old interested in amateur radio. (This brings us into the realm of dealing with minors who want to get involved. We will be addressing this in our club by laws and also taking a look at the COPPA act which is the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act. Always safe to talk to parents first, especially that young.)

President Mike Beckers K6YQO on his final opening of our general meeting calls to order at 19:36 hrs.

A motion to approve minutes from November 2020 general meeting made by Jon Clark N6NQ and seconded by Keith Hoyt K6GXO. Motion was overwhelmingly approved by all present.

Treasurer's Report by Matt Stewart

K6MES;

Checking account; <As Stated>

Cash on hand; <As Stated>

Total; <As Stated>

Total members; 69

ARRL %; 71.01%

Old Business;

We will continue our Zoom meetings until further notice. The way things look it may be well into next summer before we will again be able to meet in person. We can soldier through this though, and we are grateful for the technology that allows us to meet virtually.

Our club's membership with LAACARC is renewed, thank you Margie Hoffman KG6TBR for reminding us.

Membership dues for our club are also due so if you have not renewed please download the form from our website at <http://www.k6ox.club/> scroll down to 'quick links' and click on 'AVARC membership application' and print it out. Once filled out mail it along with a check to the address on the top of the form. Make checks payable to 'Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club Inc.'

We have new officer and board members starting January 1, 2021. We want to give our sincerest thanks to those who have served, and to those who continue to make this Antelope Valley ARC a successful and dynamic club. The new lineup is as follows;

President; George Becker

KC6UVM

Vice President; Andy Gippetti W2AJG

Treasurer; Matt Stewart K6MES

Secretary; Loretta A Smalls

AJ6HO

Master at Arms; Gary Mork WA6WFC

Board Member; Dan Sherwood W6DAS

Board Member; David Haberman

KN6FPS

Trustee; Keith Hoyt K6GXO

(appointed position)

Historian; Bob Holland

KG6DHQ (appointed position)

Short Circuit Editor; Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO and Minnie

Diana Feinberg AI6DF

Amateur Radio during COVID-19

Diana Feinberg gave us an excellent presentation on how this COVID pandemic would affect amateur radio activities. Some good, some not so great at all. The most negative effect is that we cannot meet in person. Our field day events, Baker 2 Vegas, and our club meetings have been relegated to being strictly virtual, or not occurring at all. The positive note, there have been more folks getting licensed as amateur radio operators, and many of us have focused on improving radio skills. A lot of people also picked up old hobbies once again, including learning or re-learning guitar and other instruments. During these lock downs it is vital we keep our minds occupied, and learning.

So our Baker To Vegas has been canceled for the second time, and field day was operated as solo operations. On the positive side those who were kind of shy about operating in public were able to really shine in the comfort of their back yards or in their homes, and might feel more courageous next time we get to hold field day from a park. Field day may again be a solo operation this year as well, so hopefully we can get more folks involved. As Diana pointed out, you can make many contacts just using an HT. Just be sure if you log in your contacts with a club, make sure you have the accurate spelling of the club.

Other events such as Quartzfest which occurs January 17 through 22 have modified into a non-organized event. The Yuma Hamfest sadly, has been canceled. Check the websites of your favorite events to see how they are being handled this year.

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President...

start a bucket list. The first thing on the list was to get my Amateur Radio license which led me to join AVARC.

This is the first time for me being a Vice President for any organization so please bear with me as I learn all the fundamentals of this position. I look forward in assisting George, KC6UVM with his new President duties as well as the rest of the club with any new project or issues that may occur.

Thank you all for entrusting me with the responsibility of Vice President and I look forward to speaking to all of you in person someday soon.

Stay safe out there,

73,
Andy W2AJG



Secretary's Desk...



The Los Angeles Marathon which is usually held in March was pushed back to the third weekend in May. Not sure if the marathon will even 'take off' this year (pun intended Diana hi hi)? There are usually about 80 hams that participate in this race, so we shall see how it goes. Most amateur radio clubs have gone virtual, as have ham conventions. One of the biggest and most successful is the on line ham exams which have really surpassed the expectations of anyone. A special shout out to GLAARG for their monumental efforts to get this program off the ground and license many new hams during this pandemic. Just some of the positive as well as negative after effects of the pandemic on amateur radio.

Some hamventions actually did well with the virtual platform, and one of them was 'QSO Today' which happened last March and had more than 16,000 attendees according to their website. Here is the link for the next one; <https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com/>. Another great thing about the virtual club meetings is that it is much easier to get speakers on our programs from anywhere in the world. Another convention that is doing well virtually is the International DX Convention normally in Visalia and now <https://www.dxconvention.com/virtually>.

What will happen with amateur radio after the pandemic? There are many clubs who have vowed to continue the virtual meetings, as many have had better attendance using this media. Other clubs will do a hybrid version of both in person and virtual. A hybrid version would work very well for clubs with members who do not have good internet service, or are just otherwise technologically challenged and need the in person meetings, whereas others who have moved away and still

want to remain with the club, or just simply have to drive too far benefit from the virtual set up.

Diana mentioned our ARES overflow EOC at the fairgrounds, and shared photos taken by Ron NY2B of our communications trailer. This station remains on standby status until further notice, and is currently the only activated ARES operation that we know of in the L.A County area.

Recently Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO treated us to a beautiful Christmas concert with very skilled Harp playing. Thank you Adrienne for bringing some real Christmas spirit into our households. It was a rare treat.

If we are still doing virtual club meetings next Christmas there are options available for prize drawings. One suggestion by Diana Feinberg was something like a Wheel Of Fortune where all the call signs are posted on a pie slice of the wheel and where the pin lands they get a gift card or something. Margie Hoffman suggested something like Bingo. DX Engineering has a good protocol in place for acquiring and cashing in gift cards.

Announcements:

New officers and board members take effect January 1, 2021.
Next AVARC Board meeting is January 4, 2021 via Zoom. 19:00 hrs.
Next Ham exam is on line please visit GLAARG <https://glaarg.org/>.
Next AVARC club meeting is January 28, 2021 also via Zoom at 19:30 hrs 'eyeball QSOs at 19:00. Our presenter is George Becker KC6UVM as our new President with the state of the club presentation.
Short Circuit articles needed by January 10, 2021

If you have items to advertise please include contact information such as an email or phone number. Try to include price, an itemized list, and there is no cost to place your ad. Email this to

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Secretary's Desk...



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Adrienne WA6YEO.

Future Presentations:

January 28 2021 will be George Becker KC6UVM on the state of the club.

February 25 Margie Hoffman KG6TBR about Baker 2 Vegas, and the status of that event.

March 25

April 22

We are open to suggestions for presenters for our meetings.

We are going to try to get Kate Hutton or someone from USGS to do a presentation, as well as someone from Skywarn or the National Weather Service about Storm Spotting. We will keep you updated.

Other Items;

There were 20 check ins tonight including one 10 year old young man.

No 50/50 drawing

Meeting adjourned at 21:43

73

From Loretta A. Smalls AJ6HO Club Secretary

AVARC K6OX Board Meeting

January 4, 2021

Via Zoom 1900 hrs.

Those present were;

George Becker KC6UVM 1st board meeting as new President

Andy Gippetti W2AJG 1st board meeting as new Vice President

Matt Stewart K6MES Treasurer Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO Secretary

David Haberman KN6FPS 1st board meeting as new Board Member

Dan Sherwood W6DAS Board Member

Keith Hoyt K6GXO Trustee

Mike Beckers K6YQO Ex Officio

Call to order by George Becker KC6UVM at 19:01 hrs.

Motion to approve previous board meeting minutes made by Loretta AJ6HO and seconded by Dan W6DAS followed by majority approval of all present.

Treasurer's Report-Matt Stewart K6MES;

Checking	<As Stated>
Cash on hand	<As Stated>
Total	<As Stated>
Membership Report	94 members
ARRL %	79.35%

Old Business;

The club's membership in the Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs is current.

Thank you to all members who renewed with us.

Per Margie Hoffman KG6TBR the 2021 Baker to Vegas run is canceled once again.

We will continue our Zoom meetings until further notice but we did put in an email to Daria Bounds reserving (hopefully) our spot at the Quartz Hill Library for whenever we can meet in person. That being said, an email from Ms. Bounds indicated that this may not happen at all this year. So Zoom it is.

New Business;

We discussed how we will be addressing minors and the COPPA act at our club meetings whether in person or via Zoom. We will be modifying our By Laws to reflect this, so we will keep you updated. Keep a watch on our website for the changes.

Welcome new officers, and a heartfelt thank you to outgoing officers and board members.

QSO Today hamvention is full swing ahead for those who are interested. It is a virtual event and free to attendees. <https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com/>

Quartzfest will not be holding an organized event, so if you decide to go anyway you are on your own. <https://quartzfest.org/2021-quartzfest-schedule>.

Future Presentations;

January 28, 2021 our speaker will be George Becker KC6UVM, newly elected President of the club. He will deliver our state of the club address.

February 25 we normally would have Margie Hoffman KG6TBR do a Baker to Vegas presentation but since last year as well as this year got canceled we will get a different speaker for February. We are working on someone from the Red Cross, Skywarn, Cal OES, and Dennis Kidder W6DQ to be part of our presentation line up. We are also discussing having David Haberman KN6FPS do a presentation about on line testing. Any other suggestions would be greatly appreciated. One of the great things about having our meetings via Zoom is speakers do not need to travel to give a presentation.

Announcements;

Short Circuit Articles are due by January 10.

Next club meeting is January 28, 2021 19:30 via Zoom with 'Eyeball' QSOs at 19:00. President George Becker KC6UVM will give our state of the club address.

Next AVARC board meeting is February 01, 2021 via Zoom.

Test sessions are done on line through GLAARG.

Meeting adjourned at 19:58.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta A. Smalls AJ6HO
AVARC Secretary

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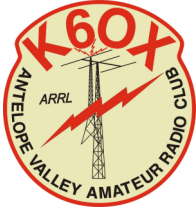
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JUL - AUG - SEP (NEW MEMBERS ONLY)	\$10.00	\$8.00		\$
OCT - NOV (NEW MEMBERS ONLY)	\$5.00	\$4.00		CASH
FAMILY MEMBER	\$5.00	\$5.00		\$
AVARC MEMBER BADGE	\$9.00/\$11	\$9.00/\$11		

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.



Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club 2021 Officers



President	George Becker	KC6UVM	488-6894
Vice President	Andy Gippetti	W2AJG	433-2106
Secretary	Loretta Smalls	AJ6HO	350-7039
Treasurer	Matt Stewart	K6MES	264-4629
Master-At-Arms	Gary Mork	WA6WFC	948-8317
Board Member	David Haberman	KN6FPS	917-4594
Board Member	Dan Sherwood	W6DAS	264-1863
Trustee	Keith Hoyt	K6GXO	533-4025
Ex Officio	Michael Beckers	K6YQO	805-906-9555

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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