
The Short Circuit

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President's Corner

George Becker KC6UVM

In retrospect, this year is beginning to look like a Sine Wave on an oscilloscope. It's been up, down and all around. One minute it looks like things are going to get better then the next we're back in lock down. This last several months have been an invertible roller coaster. AVARC has been running a steady pace. We've been meeting by Zoom all year and holding our Wednesday night nets.

By the looks of things, we may be on an upswing (of the pendulum). We had our first in person test session followed by a board meeting. Things are looking up. Of the things the board discussed was a temporary replacement for the master at arms and the holiday party. If all goes well, the holiday party will be at the AV First Christian Church in the chapel on December 17th, 2021. The party will be a potluck with a guest presentation.

The next board meeting will be October 4th at 6:00 PM preceding the test session. We'll be meeting in the chapel at AV First Christian Church. The board meeting again will be face to face, wear you mask and maintain some social distance. As with the prior test session/board meeting, we will be following the COVID-19 guidelines for social distancing and wearing of face masks.

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Meeting Notice

This month's meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 7:30 PM**, 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 **Tim Duffy K3LR** from DX Engineering. This is Tim's second appearance at our club via Zoom. His presentation this month will be on grounding and bonding. You can read more about him in this month's Vice President column.

We will also begin the first round of nominations for next year's AVARC officers, so be sure to mark your calendars and join us!



Tim Duffy K3LR

From The Veep

Andy Gippetti W2AJG

Tim Duffy, K3LR

Tim has been an active amateur radio operator for 48 years – starting as WN3SZX in 1972. He has hosted 145 different operators from around the world as part of the K3LR Multi operator radio sport contest efforts since 1992. Tim has built a 13 tower station with 11 operating positions. He was the ARRL Atlantic Division Technical Achievement award winner in 1998. Tim has been the moderator of the Hamvention Antenna forum for 35 years. K3LR serves as chairman of Contest University (14 years), the Dayton Contest Dinner (28 years), chairman of the Top Band Dinner – as well as coordinator of the Contest Super Suite (35 years) in Dayton during the yearly Hamvention. He is founder and moderator of the popular RFI Reflector (RFI@contesting.com) since 1999. Tim serves on the board of directors of the World Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF) as Chairman and is President Emeritus of the Radio Club of America (RCA). Tim is multiyear President of the Mercer

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From the Secretary's Desk



AVARC/K6OX General Meeting The Presentation;

August 26, 2021

Via Zoom 19:30 hrs

Meeting called to order by President George Becker KC6UVM at 19:30 hrs. Those present were;

President George Becker KC6UVM Vice President Andy Gippetti W2AJG and Nugget

Treasurer Matt Stewart K6MES Secretary Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO

Board Members David HabermanAK6DH and Dan Sherwood W6DAS

Trustee Keith Hoyt K6GXO Ex Officio Mike Beckers K6YQO

Short Circuit Editor Adrienne Sherwood WA6YQO and Minnie Special courtesy to our Master At Arms Gary Mork WA6WFC who is recovering from a fall.

Presenters for DCS;

Bob Brammer KK6MSC Dennis Swink KJ6NQG Michele Chimienti KK6YJQ

Tom Fischer KI6CHH and Rick Norwood KD6KHJ.

Others Present;

Margie KG6TBR Chuck W2QLH Dianna K6DER Betsy AJ6AF Mark KJ6WML Dale KO6BGL

Pat N6RMJ Jed N6JED Frank KC6YPV Ken KN6AZK Michele Reiter

Larry KI6BKP Gloria KE6TZB Ken, Vicki, and Julie.

Bob Bremmer KK6MSC, who is the ADCO for DCS, gave us an excellent presentation about the Disaster Communications Service and what they do in the community. One of the most important things they do is try to get the younger folks interested in Amateur Radio, especially during an actual event when cell phones, and other modes of communication are no longer functioning.

Any licensed ham 18 or older is encouraged to join this dynamic group of folks who work hand in hand with the Sheriffs, and other government affiliated disaster groups. New or experienced hams are welcome, and you will get considerable training in voice and digital. Here is a link where qualified hams can go to sign up or for more information: <https://lacdcs.org/membership-pkg/> you can also send an email to: aboutLACDCS@gmail.com, or to Dennis Swink KJ6NQG at Dennisps1@msn.com.

AVARC Club business:

The minutes of the previous general meeting in July were taken by Secretary Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO. Motion to approve the minutes made by Loretta AJ6HO and seconded by Mike Beckers K6YQO and approved by all present.

Treasurer's report: Matt Stewart

K6MES

Checking account: <as stated>

Cash on hand: <as stated>

Total: <as stated>

Total members: 49

ARRL % 79.6%

Old Business:

The club meetings will continue to be on Zoom as there is still no Quartz Hill Library use. Daria Bounds will let us know when this changes.

Still looking for volunteers to be our net control for the Wednesday night net, even if it is just to step up when regular net control stations cannot make the net.

New Business:

Margie Hoffman informed us that Baker 2 Vegas (tentatively) is on again for April 9-10 2022. This is encouraging news for those who look forward to events like this. It is an opportunity to practice deployment equipment and to practice radio skills and using your equipment. For those who are interested go to; <http://www.radiobaker2vegas.org/> .

We will be conducting an in person test session on Saturday 9/11/2021 0900 at the First Christian church of

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President...

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This September 23rd, the AVARC meeting will be on Zoom. The featured presenter will be Tim Duffy from DX Engineering speaking about grounding and bonding in the shack. The other major subject in new business will be nominations of officer and board members including a new master of arms for elections. You must be present to run for an office or be nominated. All the offices and board positions are up for nominations. Anyone seeking a job and looking to improve the AVARC please raise your hands and volunteer.

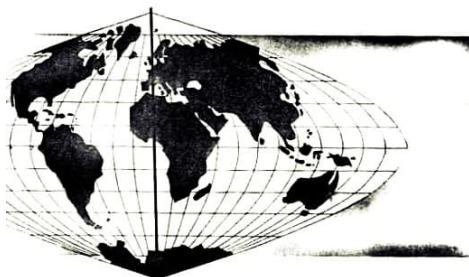
See you all at the next meeting,

73,

George KC6UVM

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Secretary's Desk...

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Antelope Valley on 1702 E Ave J across the street from the Wal Mart. Since most of our officers and board members are VEs we will conduct our board meeting after the test session. Masks are required of course, and most if not all of us are vaccinated. Those looking to take the exam need to notify Dan Sherwood W6DAS to set up the appointment, and this will probably be the protocol for future in person testing. Dan's contact information is on the K6OX website; <http://k6ox.club/>.

Announcements:

Short Circuit articles for September 2021 are due the 15th.

Next exam; Saturday, Sept. 11 0900, our first in person test session since the lockdowns began. This will be followed by our first in person board meeting and it will be good to see everyone again. Masks are required and social distancing protocols will be in place.

Online testing is still available via GLAARG at <https://glaarg.org/>.

Next club meeting is via zoom on Sept. 23 eyeball QSOs at 1900 hrs meeting is at 1930. Our speaker is Tim Duffy K3LR from DX Engineering about grounding and bonding.



This is also our first round of elections and we will be needing a Master At Arms to replace Gary WA6WFC who is recovering from injuries from a fall.

Future Presentations:

October 28th Is election night after our speaker, Dennis Kidder W6DQ, gives us a presentation about radio astronomy. Cool stuff.

As always during the holidays, our meetings are on the THIRD Thursday instead of the fourth Thursday on November and December.

November 18 will be Steve Molo KI4KWR from Gigaparts to discuss antenna analyzers.

December 17 we may have the availability of the Church for our Christmas Potluck and it looks promising. We will try to get Diana Feinberg AI6DF to give her presentation. If we do the in person in December it will be on the Friday Dec. 17. If not it will be Dec. 16 via Zoom.

January 27, 2022 George Becker KC6UVM on state of the club address.

February 24, 2022 Margie Hoffman KG6TBR on Baker 2 Vegas.

Other Items:

Members checking in tonight:

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Secretary's Desk...

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No 50/50 drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 21:08

73 All

Secretary Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO

AVARC Board Meeting

09/11/2021

First Christian Church of Lancaster

1702 E Ave. J Lancaster, CA
following the test session at 0900

Those Present: President George Becker KC6UVM Secretary Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO Board Member David Haberman AK6DH Board Member Dan Sherwood W6DAS Short Circuit Editor Adrenne Sherwood WA6YEO Trustee Keith Hoyt K6GXO Ex Officio Mike Beckers K6YQO and Dianne Beckers K6DER D a n Shradler N6SLH

Also Present: Chuck Tedeschi W2QLH Larry Mock KI6BKP

Meeting Called To Order by President George Becker KC6UVM at 10:22.

Motion to approve previous board meeting minutes in August made by Mike Beckers K6YQO and seconded by Secretary Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO. All approved

and motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Matt Stewart K6MES not present today so budget is tabled for now.

Old Business:

Daria Bounds will let us know when the Quartz Hill Library will be open for in person meetings.

New Business:

Next round of elections is this coming September 23 club meeting via zoom. We do need a replacement for Gary Mork WA6WFC.

There was further discussion about our December 17 Christmas party. So far we do have the use of the First Christian Church of Antelope Valley, and we will try to get Diane Feinberg AI6DF to give our holiday presentation. The club will provide the beverages, plates, utensils, and cups. The rest is potluck.

A motion was made for the club to spend no more than \$500 (includes the \$100 for the church) for the party and raffle prizes. Lifetime members and those who renew will get two tickets. Current membership will get one ticket. Motion was made by David Haberman AK6DH and seconded by Mike Beckers K6YQO and approved by all present. Motion is

carried.

Future Presentations:

Same as above with one possible additional idea for a presentation. Thanks to a suggestion by Betsy AJ6AF on inviting youth who have their ham licenses to do a presentation about the benefits of being a ham. We further discussed dedicating one of our club meetings just to the youth on the air and have members invite their children, grandchildren, etc...to sit in on the meeting and hopefully get inspired to become hams themselves. I know I would LOVE to have my grandkids and great grandkids to sit in on one of our club meetings. I would love to pass on what I have learned to the next two or three generations.

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Next exam is at the First Christian Church on 1702 E. Ave. J



Secretary's Desk...

across from the Wal Mart at 1900hrs. We will probalby have our board meeting before the test session at 1800hrs.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 by Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO and seconded by Dan Sherwood W6DAS. All approved and motion carried.

73 all

Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO

Secretary AVARC



From the VEEP...

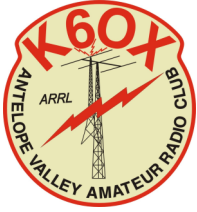
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County Amateur Radio Club (W3LIF). K3LR serves as a Director on the ARRL Foundation board. Tim was elected to the CQ Contest Hall of Fame in 2006. He was honored with the prestigious Barry Goldwater Amateur Radio service award by the RCA in 2010. Tim was honored in 2016 with the YASME Excellence award. K3LR was also honored as Hamvention Amateur of the Year in 2015 by the Dayton Amateur Radio Association. Tim is the Chief Executive Officer of DX Engineering. He is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University.



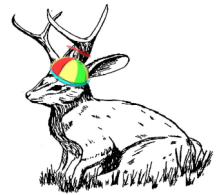
Chuck Ingram WA6R-SK

AVARC members were saddened to learn that Chuck Ingram WA6R passed away on August 31 after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. Chuck was an active member of the club. After retirement he moved up to Camas WA. He is survived by his wife of 47 years and three children. He will be greatly missed by his friends and family.



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	406-5516
Master-At-Arms	Gary Mork	WA6WFC	948-8317
Board Member	David Haberman	AK6DH	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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