

The Short Circuit

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December 2021

President's Corner

George Becker KC6UVM

The Holiday are upon us. It is amazing how fast the year went. We have come a long way since 2021 began. Last year we had our December club meeting on Zoom. This time around, we will be back to having our party at the church. It will be a pleasure to sit down with everyone and have a meal together. Hopefully, we will see everyone at the party.

The December 2021 board meeting will be held 12/13/2021. A week late to sync with the December test session. The board meeting will start at 6:00 PM and end when the test session begins. All club members are invited to attend. All officers and board members, both incoming 2022 and outgoing for 2021 are requested to attend.

Now is the time to get your membership renewals in. Allow me to remind you, that your club's only source of income is from your dues that you pay and the donations we receive from the 50/50 drawing. Your last opportunity to get all your chances at the drawings will be to pay for your renewal by 6:30 PM prior to the start of the club party. The drawings will commence after our guest speaker is done with her presentation. Our December 2021 presenter will be Diana Feinberg, ARRL LAX Section Manager back for her third encore presentation. I cannot tell you the topic of her discussion, but all her presentations are always good and entertaining. Ms. Feinberg will be the best part of our evening after dinner.

In closing, let me be one of the first to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy Channukah, a joyful Kwanzaa and a Happy New Year.

73,

George KC6UVM

Meeting Notice

This month's meeting will be held on **Friday, December 17 at 7:30PM, both IN PERSON and also via the Zoom online video app.** Note **Note that this month's meeting is a week earlier than usual, due to the upcoming Christmas holiday, and will be on Friday instead of Thursday.**

The meeting will start at 6:00 pm. The room will be open at 4:30 for early set-up. If you can help with setup and/or cleanup afterward, it would be greatly appreciated. Membership renewals will be taken until 6:00. Be sure to mark this on your calendars!

This month's meeting will feature our traditional December potluck dinner. We have collected some mighty fine prizes for this year's Christmas Party Membership Raffle. So be sure to come to the Club Christmas Party, bring a dish to share, (we hope to get a few main dishes) and get in on the fun!

Our special guest will be our ARRL Los Angeles Section Manager, **Diana Feinberg AI6DF**, who is always a welcome visitor at our meetings.



Diana Feinberg AI6DF

From The Treasurer

Matt Stewart K6MES

I am retiring as of December 31, 2021, and I will be a club member. The purpose for my note as many of our newer members that the Club Badges did not go out. The badges were not ordered this is due to the fact is that without meetings the deliver of the badges would just add to the hoard of badges in the briefcase would simply and take root.

Now that we are getting together I will be able to deliver so I would ask you to send on your dues sheet to please indicate the type of badge you would like. The fact that you paid on your original application the badge, we cannot ask for what you have already paid.

I will send the order before I step-down. The badges should be in (if at all possible) by the January meeting. If you pay after the Holiday Party, they will be one month after the month close to the one you have ordered (hopefully).

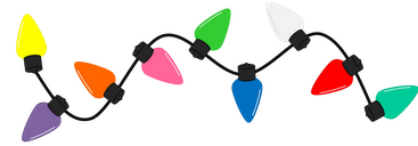
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From the Secretary's Desk



Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club
General Meeting
November 18, 2021 19:30 hrs
at The Blend Church 1702 E. Ave. J
Lancaster, CA. 93535

Members: 56
 ARRL% 80.2%

We have our Wednesday night nets on the Hauser Repeater 146.730 minus offset and pl of 100.0 at 20:00 hrs. Betsy AJ6AF has the first Wednesday of the month, Jon N6NQ the second, and Loretta AJ6HO has the third as net control operators. We would appreciate someone willing to be net control for the fourth Wednesday of the month. The script can easily be downloaded from our website at <http://k6ox.club/> scroll down to 'quick links' and the Wednesday ncs script can be printed out from there.

We opened the meeting with our pledge of allegiance something we have missed doing on our zooms. Our President George Becker KC6UVM opened the meeting at 19:30 hrs followed by introductions as we waited for our guest speaker.

Our presenter was supposed to be Steve Molo KI6KWR from Gigaparts to share with us information on antenna analyzers, a topic I especially chose because I am still struggling with how to properly use them. Unfortunately, for reasons not known, Steve said in an email the next day he had difficulty getting into our zoom meeting and gave up after 20 minutes. We still had a demonstration of antenna analyzers from our very own Ex Officio Mike Beckers K6YQO. He had the wherewithal to bring his RigExpert A300 and gave us a run down on how these excellent analyzers work. Thank you Mike for stepping up to save the day, and also for answering questions.

Our annual Christmas party is next month on December 17, 2021 at 'The Blend' Church at 1702 E. Ave. J across from the Walmart. Setting up begins at 17:00 hrs and we will also be taking in membership renewals and initial applications until 18:30. Diana Feinberg AI6DF is our speaker for the evening, and we look forward to what has always been a fun and informative presentation by AI6DF.

Those present; President George Becker KC6UVM Vice President Andy Gippetti W2AJG Treasurer Matt Stewart K6MES Board Member Dan Sherwood W6DAS Short Circuit Editor Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO Board Member David Haberman AK6DH Secretary Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO Trustee Keith Hoyt K6GXO Ex Officio Mike Beckers K6YQO

That is one of the greatest things about having so many of our members who are knowledgeable about such things and are prepared to think fast and step up when needed. To see Mike's analyzer from RigExpert and other analyzers here is RigExpert; <https://rigexpert.com/products/antenna-analyzers/> You can probably go to Gigaparts or DX Engineering or even Amazon for RigExpert and other makes and models of antenna analyzers. RigExpert has a youtube video but there are many; <https://youtu.be/LIyk14TWFvo> and another youtube video on the RigExpert AA 230 zoom which is the one I have; <https://youtu.be/IO-dJfao2k>. I really like my RigExpert AA 230 and the more I use it the more I understand. That being said, my sincerest apologies to those who made the meeting hoping to see a presentation from Gigaparts, for some reason, not sure why, but somehow I lost Steve in the parallel zoom universe.

New Business:

We will be going back to the Quartz Hill Library beginning January 27, 2022. The address is 5040 W. Ave. M-2 Quartz Hill CA 93536. <https://lacountylibrary.org/quartz-hill-library/> eyeball QSOs at 19:00 hrs meeting at 19:30.

In Person; Diane K6DER Tom KN6GLI Frank N6FOD Allan KJ6ZYQ Betsy AJ6AF Dale K0BGL Ken W6DIH
On Zoom; Margie KG6TBR Craig KI6WIH unnamed phone participant Jed N6JED Brian N6CVO John KN6VL Jeb KB6AZK

Minutes from previous general meeting had to be amended to correct David Haberman's call sign which was reported on page two as AK6DF corrected to AK6DH. Motion was made to approve the minutes as amended was made by David Haberman AK6DH and seconded by Frank N6FOD and approved by all. Motion passes.

We elected one too many board members so Margie KG6TBR made the motion to remove herself as Board Member. Motion was seconded by Dan W6DAS and approved by all. Motion carries and Margie stepped down, so we are back to two. We still need a Master at Arms and we would greatly appreciate any volunteers.

Treasurer's Report; **Matt Stewart**
K6MES

Checking: <As stated>
 Cash on hand: <As stated>
 Total: <As stated>

Old Business:

Our application for use of the Quartz Hill Library has to be resubmitted every couple of months now. In December the application will have to be submitted again for

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Secretary's Desk...



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February and March.

Membership applications for new or renewals are going on right now. The drive will continue through the Christmas party until 6:30 P.M. Those who renew will automatically get two raffle tickets. Raffle prizes have been purchased and it looks to be a great Christmas party.

Announcements:

Andy Gippetti W2AJG announced that there will be a lunar eclipse lasting from 23:18 to about 0300. We will not see another eclipse that lasts this long will be about another hundred years from now.

Short Circuit articles are due by 12/3/21. The article will not include board meeting minutes this time due to a scheduling conflict so we will include the December board meeting minutes on the next one.

The next board meeting is Monday 12/13/2021 at 18:00 hrs before the test session. The minutes from this board meeting will be included with the January Board meeting minutes in the January newsletter.

The next Ham Exam is Monday 12/13/2021 at 19:00 hrs at 'The Blend' church right after the board meeting. Testing is also available on line through GLAARG <https://glaarg.org/>.

Our last club meeting for the year is Friday December 17th, 2021 at 'The Blend' church. The club will provide the plates, cups, beverages, napkins, as well as raffle prizes. The rest is pot luck and please try to remember the church generously offered to let us use the church for our activities so let's try to keep it in the same, if not better

condition we got it in.

The budget was discussed as well, we kept within the budget of \$500 as agreed upon in previous board meetings. Part of that is \$100 for the church for letting us use the room for our party. The rest went to raffle prizes, and other Christmas party stuff. It's going to be good to have our in person again.

Our January board meeting is on Saturday 1/8/2022 at 10:00 A:M following the 0900 test session at 'The Blend' church.

Future Presentations:

January 27, 2022 President George Becker KC6UVM with our State Of The Club address at the Quartz Hill Library.

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

March 24, 2022 Loretta AJ6HO would like to do a demo on the 10GHz radio if it is ready by then. If not we are looking for a back up.

April 28, 2022 Will no doubt be a run down on the Baker 2 Vegas event, what went well, what went not so well.

May 26, 2022 Still waiting on a response from NASA to talk about 'Radio Jove', a program especially for youth. If nothing

gets back to us from them we will still dedicate the month of May to Youth On The Air. We will find a speaker that is geared toward that, that way we can invite them to our Field Day which will be the following month. No doubt there will be discussion about Field Day as well.

June 23, 2022 Our main topic for this club meeting will no doubt be all about Field Day which is that very weekend. June 25 through 26 and we should already have decided whether to hold the park for the Friday through Sunday or just do the one day like we did last year.

July 28, 2022 open to suggestions as is August, September, October, and November.

Other Items:

Members checking in tonight

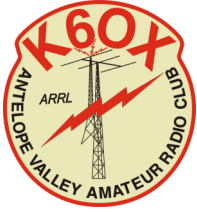
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50/50 came to \$35 winner will get \$17. The drawing was won by Secretary Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO who let the club keep all of it.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by George KC6UVM and seconded by Frank N6FOD and approved by all. Motion carries and Meeting was adjourned at 20:30 hrs

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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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