
The Short Circuit

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President's Corner

George Becker KC6UVM

Getting the train of thought progressing down the tracks can be difficult at times. What is there to talk about? First thing that comes to mind is always the weather. We've come 180 degrees out of phase compared to last winter. It is stinking hot outside! The second Saturday of June was the annual Rusty Relics Branch 30 club swap meet. (Rusty Relics is all about antique farm equipment). There was low attendance among venders and buyers alike. Maybe it was the high temperatures or was it the cost of fuel? Or a combination of both. As the natural gas bill decreases now the electrical bill rises. Pray for cooler weather Field Day weekend. And, if you do have to be outside, drink lots of water. Hint, hint: The markets are selling battery operated fans and two more battery operated fans were purchased the other day. And don't forget the batteries. Hi, hi.

Switching tracks to the time of the year. Another weekend or two, June 2022 will be nothing more than a memory. "My, doesn't time fly?" We've all heard that one before. Are you ready? Field Day is coming during the last full weekend of June. Just what is Field Day about might you ask? Is it about disaster preparations, contesting or is it about food? Or is it all of the above? To find out more, Field Day will be discussed June 23rd after the guest speaker via the Zoom meeting.

Heading towards a tail track we now discuss short wave radio or what is known in the ham radio community as SWL. Back in the day, any inexpensive HF receiver would work. Solder about twenty-five feet of any light gauge wire to a telescoping antenna, throw the antenna out the window and up into any antenna eating tree. Some of the things heard: Classical music, words of wisdom from our communist friends and what was that QRN over what could have been Voice of America (VOA) broadcast into the Soviet Bloc countries?

As we drop the caboose off on a stub track at the end of the day, the featured guest speaker of the AVARC Zoom meeting will be Jeff White, General Manager of WRMI Radio Miami discussing "Shortwave for Freedom." WRMI is a commercial international shortwave radio station with studios in Miami, Florida and having studios and transmitters in Okeechobee, Florida, broadcasting to listeners worldwide. While reviewing the WRMI programming page of www.wrmi.net, the primary broadcast frequencies appear to be on 9395 KHz, 9455 KHz and 9955 KHz.

As we find our relief eagerly waiting to relieve us of our duties on the locomotive, we are reminded that the June 2022 AVARC meeting is via Zoom on 6/23/2022 beginning with a virtual eyeball QSO about 1900 and the club meeting beginning 1930. Hopefully, if all goes well, the July 28, 2022 club meeting will be in person at the Quartz Hill Public Library. Stay well everyone.

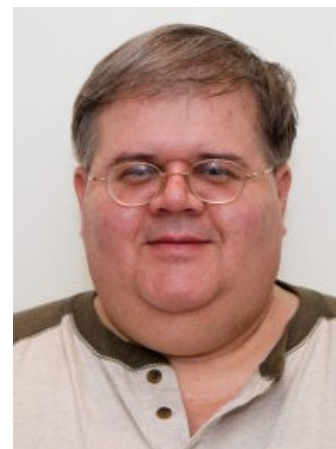
73,

George KC6UVM

Meeting Notice

This month's meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 23, 2022 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 presentation will feature **Jeff White**, General Manager of WRMI Radio Miami, and his topic will be "Shortwave for Freedom". With all that is going on in the world today, this should be a topic of great interest to all, so be sure to make plans to join us!



Jeff White

From the Secretary's Desk



AVARC/K6OX General Meeting via Zoom May 26, 2022 19:00 hrs.

Those present:

President George Becker KC6UVM
 Vice President Andrew Gippetti W2AJG
 Secretary Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO
 Board Member Dan Sherwood W6DAS
 Board Member Larry Mock KI6BKP
 Trustee Keith Hoyt K6GXO
 Ex Officio Mike Beckers K6YQO
 Short Circuit Editor Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO
 Presenter Ruth Willet KM4LAO

Others Present:

Damon KJ7E Margie KG6TBR Tom KI6CHH with Julie Mark W6WML Betsy AJ6AF C h u c k W2QLH Brian N6CVO Matt K6MES Jim W6JWC

The Presentation: We want to give a warm welcome to Miss Ruth Willet KM4LAO about Youth On The Air. This presentation is all about encouraging our younger folks to get interested in the exciting and rewarding hobby of amateur radio.

The Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club will continue to get more youth oriented programs into our meetings and activities. We encourage young folks to attend them whether it be via Zoom or at the Quartz Hill Library. July 28 we will have our first in person at the Quartz Hill Library since the pandemic and that program will be reading schematics for our 10GHz project. Let me tell you that this project was, and still is, a real learning experience for me.

For more on YOTA go to; <https://youthontheair.org/>.

For a link to view the presentation send email to officers@k6ox.club

Meeting called to order by President George Becker KC6UVM at 19:30 hrs.

Minutes from April's General meeting taken by Secretary Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO as printed in the Short Circuit; motion was made to approve by Keith K6GXO and seconded by Dan W6DAS and approved by all, so the motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

David Haberman AK6DH

Checking	<As stated>
April Deposits	<As stated>
April Expenses	<As stated>
Total	<As stated>
Members	54 which includes life members
ARRL %	96%

Old Business:

We will have our June 23 meeting via Zoom but our July 28 meeting in person at the Quartz Hill Library. We hope to resume our in person there from now on except for our Thanksgiving and Christmas meetings which may be at The Blend Church on East Ave. J and 15th St. accross from the Wal-Mart.

New Business:

We have our K6A special event call sign for our Field Day GOTA station thanks to Dan W6DAS.

Frank O'Dell N6FOD who became a SK; celebration of life on Field Day?

Field Day activities, volunteers, and sked of presentations.

We will email Ron Bendetti who is the organizer for Frank's funeral to invite him and the A.V College staff to the memorial at our Field Day event. This will be following the 0900 ARES meeting of which Frank was an active member.

Tom Fischer KI6CHH will be organizing a digital album about Frank and there will be

a place at the Rawley Duntley Park just for this. He has asked that anyone with photos of Frank send them to him or to Secretary AJ6HO at a1863tl@yahoo.com.

Chuck Tedeschi W2QLH made some very cool buttons with Frank's smiling face and his famous "Goodnight, going to bed" quote. Put me down for 2 of them.

Future Presentations: Vice President Andrew Gippetti W2AJG

See Board Meeting minutes.

Announcements:

Short Circuit articles are due by June 13.

Next exam is on line via GLAARG.

Next board meeting is June 6 19:00 hrs on Zoom.

Next club meeting is June 23 19:00 hrs via Zoom.

Other Items:

Members at the meeting tonight came to 19. The meeting was adjourned at 22:03 hrs.

73 all.

Your humble Secretary Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO.

AVARC/K6OX Board Meeting June 6, 2022 19:00 hrs via Zoom

Those present: President George Becker KC6UVM Vice President Andrew Gippetti W2AJG

Treasurer David Haberman AK6DH Secretary Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO

Board Members Dan Sherwood W6DAS and Larry Mock KI6BKP Trustee Keith Hoyt K6GXO

Ex Officio Mike Beckers K6YQO Club Member Mark W6WML.

Meeting was called to order at 19:04 P:M by President George Becker KC6UVM.

Motion was made to approve the minutes

Secretary's Desk...



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from previous board meeting as printed in The Short Circuit by Secretary Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO. Motion was seconded by Board Member Dan Sherwood W6DAS and approved by all present, and motion carries.

Treasurer's Report; D a v i d Haberman AK6DH

Checking: <As stated>
 Deposits: <As stated>
 Expenditures: <As stated>
 Cash On Hand: <As stated>
 Total: <As stated>
 Membership Report: 54 total members including life members.
 ARRL Percentage: 96%

Old Business:

Our board meetings will remain on Zoom for now but our general meetings will start back up at the Quartz Hill Library beginning July 28.

George KC6UVM is still working on the club shirts, so they will not be in time for Field Day.

Adrienne WA6YEO has put out the flyers and they have been emailed out. Please feel free to print them out and share them.

New Business:

Field Day is only a couple of weeks away, and it is still in the air who will be overnighing it. It was decided that for our potluck we will just get chicken and fixings for the potluck which is that Saturday evening. Adrienne's famous breakfast is still not decided as it depends on the heat of the day, and if there are actually going to be overnighers from Saturday.

A motion was made by Board Member Larry Mock KI6BKP to send \$100

to the Go Fund Me account for Frank O'Dell's N6FOD funeral. It was seconded by Treasurer David Haberman AK6DH who will send the donation electronically. It was approved by all present and the motion carries. Frank is very much missed.

The pot luck for our Field Day will consist of fried chicken and fixings, and whatever else anyone brings. The GOTA station will be set up the club antenna and will also consist of the 10GHz equipment for a demo.

Future Presentations: Vice President Andrew Gippetti W2AJG

June 23 Mr. Jeff White General Manager Of WMRI Radio Miami International along with Kate Neiswender ESQ. who is running the fundraiser for 'Shortwaves For Freedom.' This is a program that helps get news and information to the people of Ukraine. This is also going to be our final Field Day discussions.

July 28 We will be at the Quartz Hill Library for our discussion on reading schematics for our 10GHz project with Larry Johnston K6HLH, a member of the San Bernadino Microwave Society.

August 25 This is a continuation of our AVARC/K6OX 10GHz project 'making contacts'.

September 29 First round of elections speaker Mark W6WML on RC transmitters.

October 27 Elections speaker TBD Anchors Away swap meet and Boat Anchor night.

November Thanksgiving 17 a week early and we finally may have a representative from Radio Jove for this meeting. We have Chuck Higgins with the Radio Jove Project and this will be another good one for the youth.

December Christmas 16 Once again a week early and on Friday. Our speaker will once again be the brilliant Diane Feinberg AI6DF.

Announcements:

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 Next exam is online via GLAARG <https://glaarg.org/>
 Next board meeting is July 11

Motion was made to adjourn by Mike Beckers K6YQO and seconded by Dan Sherwood W6DAS and approved by all. Motion carries and meeting was adjourned at 19:47.

Your humble Secretary Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO.

Swap Shop

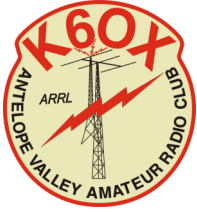
VINTAGE HAM EQUIPMENT

I have several pieces of Collins and Hallicrafter vintage radio equipment for sale including a complete Collins KWM2A station with 30L1 Amplifier plus a 312B-5 station control. The Hallicrafter equipment includes a HT-37 (Transmitter), HT-41 (Linear amplifier 1000 + watts) and a SX 111 (receiver). I also have several pieces of vintage test equipment including an army tube tester.

If interested in this type of vintage radio equipment please contact me at 661 816 4954, My QTH is Pearblossom, Ca.

Dalton (Dick) Postma KO6DL

Swap Shop ads will be run at no expense for AVARC members. Please include contact information. Email Adrienne WA6YEO at wab6yeo@sbcglobal.net or call her at 661-480-5227.



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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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