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President's Corner

Andy Gippetti W2AJG

Hello 2023! It is a new year and a new President. The last two years being the Vice President for the Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club have been a gratifying and educational experience for me. Though most of it was using Zoom for meetings, we accomplished a lot and had many great presenters at our meetings. George Becker did a great job as President holding the club together during tough times. Many members may have drifted away since we no longer had face to face meetings but, luckily many are now showing up again as we once again have our monthly meetings at the Quartz Hill Library. This will be my first time as a President of any group, and I tried to learn much from George, but I hope everyone has patience as I go through the learning period.

2022 ended with the outstanding AVARC Holiday meeting/party at The Blend Church in East Lancaster. Thank you, Dan Sherwood, for getting us a venue for our party once again. There were lots of good food, good prizes and a fun presentation from Diane Feinberg AI6DF, ARRL Los Angeles Section Manager. We want to thank Diane for always supporting our club and always taking the time to make the trek up to the AV.

2023 starts with our next meeting being held once again at the Quartz Hill Library on January 26th. This meeting will be a hybrid face to face and Zoom meeting starting with greetings at 7:00 pm and the meeting starting at 7:30 pm. The agenda for this meeting will be the annual President's State of the Club report. Since some of us, including myself, will be attending QuartzFest that week, Loretta Smalls AJ6HO, our new Vice President, will be showing the presentation for me. I look forward to being your president for 2023 and the new adventures we have together as a club. I hope the new year brings good health and happiness to everyone and your families.

73,
Andy W2AJG

Meeting Notice

Thursday, January 26, is the next meeting of the AVARC at the Quartz Hill Library, 5040 West Avenue M-2. Talk-in is available on the Hauser Repeater (146.73 MHz. PL 100) if you need directions. Eyeball QSO starts at 7 pm, and the meeting starts at 7:30. This will be a hybrid meeting, both in person and on the Zoom online video app. Current members should have received the meeting invitation link via the email announcement of the July 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 annual State of the Club report, which will be presented by our newly-elected Vice President **Loretta Smalls AJ6HO**. We hope to see you there, so be sure to mark your calendars and join us.



Loretta Smalls AJ6HO

From the Secretary's Desk



Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club / K6OX

**Christmas Party December 16, 2022
The Blend Church 1701 17th St. E
Lancaster, CA. 93535**

Those Present:

President George Becker KC6UVM
Vice President Andrew Gippetti W2AJG
Treasurer David Haberman AK6DHS
Secretary Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO
Board Member Dan Sherwood W6DAS
Trustee Keith Hoyt K6GXO
Short Circuit Editor Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO
Ex Officio Mike Beckers K6YQO
Tom KN6GLI Speaker Diana Feinberg AI6DF

Others Present:

Betsy AJ6AF Mark W6WML and Kathy Margie KG6TBR
Bob KG7ENJ Allen KJ6ZYQ Ron KB6WBO
Brian N6CVO and Claudia KJ6CPU
John KN6VL on Zoom Chuck W2QLH on Zoom

The Presentation:

Diana Feinberg AI6DF has been a welcome speaker to our club for many Christmases, and it is always a privilege and an honor to have her visit us here in the AV. Not only is she very active with the ARRL SW division she is also active with the ARES LAX. Our President George Becker KC6UVM presented her with a well thought out gift which was a great Light House to show how much we all appreciate her driving all the way up here and all the work she does.

There are a lot of clever comebacks using ham speak and the ones Diane shared were pretty funny. Speaking of games, Diane played a Mad Libs for hams with us which Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO will share in this newsletter it was pretty

fun. Thank you Diane AI6DF for coming up here to give us your wonderful presentation and for sharing information about the W1AW VOLUNTEERS ON THE AIR 2023 which sounds like a lot of fun. <https://www.arrl.org/volunteers-on-the-air>

Club Business:

Meeting was called to order by President George Becker KC6UVM at 18:02 followed by our pledge of allegiance and then a prayer by Board Member Dan Sherwood W6DAS.

Motion was made to approve previous club meeting minutes as printed in The Short Circuit by Ex Officio Mike Beckers K6YQO and seconded by future Board Member Brian Basura N6CVO. It was approved by all and motion carries.

Treasurer's Report; David Haberman AK6DH

Checking:	<As stated>
Deposits:	<As stated>
Expenses:	<As stated>
Cash on Hand:	<As stated>
Total:	<As stated>
Members:	61 which includes 13 life members.
ARRL %	92%

Old Business:

Dues are due and each member gets a free raffle ticket plus an additional raffle ticket for renewing. We do appreciate anyone volunteering to be Net Control for our Wednesday evening nets as well as someone that can be a back-up for the Newline Report, at least for the second Wednesday of the month.

New Business:

We are exploring other locations for Field

Day and we will keep everyone posted on those, which include Wrightwood or Saddleback Butte State Park.

Future Presentations:

See board meeting minutes below.

Other Announcements:

There were a lot of great raffle prizes given out, it was so much fun. Prizes included amateur radio manuals, popcorn tins, coax, a couple of HTs, and other great prizes. It was so much fun.

This will be my final meeting minutes before I move on to the role of Vice President. Thank you all for helping me along as your Secretary. That being said I am so glad to have Pat Okawa KJ6CJI back as our Secretary, Pat you were sorely missed.

Short Circuit articles are due by January 15, 2023.

The next board meeting is January 2, 2023 7:00 P:M via Zoom.

The next club meeting is January 26, 2023 at the Quartz Hill Library eyeball QSOs 7:00 PM meeting starts 7:30 for the State Of The Club address.

There were 20 members here tonight which includes 2 on Zoom.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Secretary Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO and seconded by Ex Officio Mike Beckers K6YQO and approved by all. Motion carries and meeting was adjourned at 21:55.

73 all from your future V.P Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO and hope all have a happy new year.

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Secretary's Desk...

*(Continued from page 2)***Board Meeting Notes from Jan. 2, 2023 via Zoom****Those present:**

President Andrew Gippetti W2AJG
 Vice President Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO
 Treasurer David Haberman AK6DH
 Board Member Dan Sherwood W6DAS
 Board Member Brian Basura N6CVO
 Larry Mock KI6BKP Mike Beckers K6YQO
 Mark Johnson W6WML

Meeting called to order by President Andrew Gippetti W2AJG at 19:00 hrs.

Motion to approve previous board meeting minutes tabled until next board meeting. Those minutes will be posted with these minutes in the January newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:**David Haberman AK6DH**

Checking account: <As stated>
Dec Deposits: <As stated>
Dec Expenses: <As stated>
Cash on hand: <As stated>
Total: <As stated>

End of year Total Members: 48 regular, 13 life; total 61
% ARRL members: 92%
25 new or renewals for 2023. 92% ARRL members.

Old Business:

The Christmas party was a blast and it was good to see everyone. We want to especially thank Diane Feinberg AI6DF for another wonderful and humorous presentation. We hope you enjoy the Lighthouse.

The club net script is updated with the new officers and board members.

We have continued our discussions about Field Day and if we should look for an alternative location other than Rawley Duntley Park, some place cooler, or just do it from our home QTHs. We will bring this up to members next club meeting, in the meantime we will keep checking the ARRL website rules to make sure our home QTHs will still be acceptable.

New Business:

Quartzfest is upon us and some of our members will not be at the club meeting this month due to their participation at this event. We are excited to learn that Board Member Brian Basura N6CVO will hopefully be launching his PICO balloons. We wish him great success and he will give us a presentation about it later on.

Future Presentations: Vice President Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO

January 26 will be our State Of The Club Address presented by V.P Loretta A Smalls on behalf of President Andrew Gippetti W2AJG as he will be at Quartzfest.

February 23 will be a day for member brag, and we know some of us will be sharing how much fun the Ridge Rally was last December. It was awesome.

March 23 will either be a speaker for the Run With The Burros, a presentation by Geochron, or a discussion about CW and the fun ways to learn on line. If we do not get a speaker about Run With The Burros I will try to get as much information and share it for those interested in signing up.

April 27 We are excited to have a representative from HAARP in Fairbanks Alaska.

May 25 We hope to get someone from JOTA to do a presentation since we have

dedicated the month of May to our youth.

June 22 will most likely be all about Field Day which begins that weekend.

July 27 TBD

August 24 TBD but the 10 GHz contest is this month.

September 28 We will probably have another demo on the 10 GHz after the contest is over along with a presentation. We did this last year and it was a blast.

October 26 TBD.

November 16 a week early due to Thanksgiving.

December 15 a week early due to Christmas or on the 14th if there is no venue for the party.

Other Announcements:

We do have the Quartz Hill Library for our February and March club meetings.

Short Circuit articles are due by January 15 before Dan leaves for Quartzfest.

On line testing continues via GLAARG at <https://glaarg.org/>. We are working on resuming in person testing once we nail down a venue.

Our club meeting is Thursday January 26 at the Quartz Hill Library.

Our next board meeting tentatively for Feb 5 via Zoom.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Vice President Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO and seconded by Treasurer David Haberman AK6DH. Motion was approved by all and meeting was adjourned at 20:09

Mad Libs for Ham Radio and Christmas

Dear Santa,

I have been a very GOOD COAX this year! But I always help K6L TBR
Adjective Ham Noun Call sign

with chores around the ham shack. It's my job TESTING the SIGNAL CONDUCTANCE and taking
Verb Ham Noun

out the ANTENNA every day.
Ham Noun

I really hope that I am on the LOUD list this year. I have done a lot of FLOPPY
Adjective Adjective

things. I even helped WAGYED feed their POLAR BEAR while they were at
Call sign Animal

an ARRL hamfest in CARLESS LOG NUMBERS
Remote place

I have a few CHILLY Christmas wishes this year and I would love to see a
Adjective

DEZREPT new TRANSILVANIA underneath the tree with my call sign on it. It
Adjective Ham Noun

would make me the happiest SPECTRUM ANALYZER on ARRL.NET. And if you could
Ham Noun Website

put a EXTINCT DUMMY LOAD inside my stocking that would be MAD
Adjective Ham Noun Adjective

too. Merry Christmas and 73 from K6OX.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME: _____ DATE _____

CALL _____ CLASS: T G A E ARRL: YES NO LIFE

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: HOME _____ OFFICE _____ Cell _____

EMAIL COPY _____ HARD COPY MAILED _____ (Email copy is preferred)

EMAIL _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: _____

CALL _____ CLASS: T G A E ARRL: YES NO LIFE

PHONE: HOME _____ OFFICE _____ Cell _____

EMAIL _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: _____

CALL _____ CLASS: T G A E ARRL: YES NO LIFE

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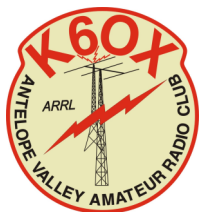
PRO RATED DUES SCHEDULE IS FOR NEW AVARC MEMBERS ONLY. NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	REGULAR	SENIOR (60 YR)	#	CHECK #
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	\$20.00	\$15.00		
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		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 2023 Officers

President	Andy Gippetti	W2AJG	433-2106
Vice President	Loretta Smalls	AJ6HO	350-7039
Secretary	Pat Okawa	KJ6CJI	718-3986
Treasurer	David Haberman	AK6DH	917-4594
Master-At-Arms	Tom Kane	KN6GLI	350-7039
Board Member	Brian Basura	N6CVO	943-6736
Board Member	Dan Sherwood	W6DAS	264-1863
Trustee	Keith Hoyt	K6GXO	533-4025
Ex Officio	George Becker	KC6UVM	488-6894



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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