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President's Corner

Andy Gippetti W2AJG



Back in April 2021, I wrote an article in the Short Circuit about the Tuesday morning Amateur Radio breakfast/brunch at Foxy's Landing. This meetup first started back in 2008, at General William J. Fox Airport (Fox Field) in Lancaster, by Amateur Radio Operator Carlos (Al) Almeida (N6JZ). I was going to talk about Foxy's again this month when I received the bad news that Al (N6JZ) had become a silent key.

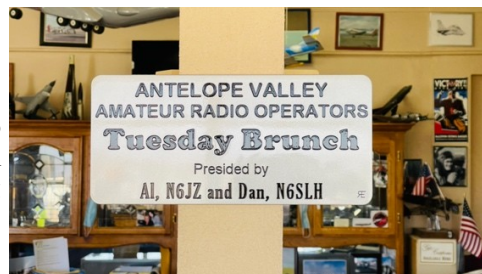


Al Almeida was born in 1934 in Brazil & eventually emigrated to the United States where he became a gifted Electrical Engineer. He had a passion for Amateur Radio and held an Extra Class license under the call sign N6JZ. His involvement in the Amateur Radio community allowed him to connect with others who shared his enthusiasm for technology and communication. In 2008 Al and his good friend Dan Schrader (N6SLH) started meeting for breakfast with other amateur radio operators at Foxy's Landing. This breakfast meetup on Tuesdays quickly caught on and at one point there would be up to 20 members occupying half of the

tables at Foxy's. Things slowed down during the Covid years but members were just starting to coming back and you could always count on Al eventually showing up every Tuesday.

A memorial service to celebrate & honor the life and achievements of Carlos Alberto Almeida will be held on Saturday September 9th at 11:00 AM at San Fernando Mission Cemetery. 11160 Stranwood Avenue, Mission Hills, CA, 91345. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our next in-person general meeting will be on August 24th at the Quartz Hill Library. This meeting will still be a hybrid face to face and Zoom meeting starting with greetings at 7:00 pm and the actual meeting starting at 7:30 pm. See you all there.



Meeting Notice

Thursday, August 24th, 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 previous month's 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.

Our speaker this month is our own **Brian Basura N6CVO**, who will do a presentation on the Ridge Rally last year and the Silver State Nevada race earlier this year. Many of our members have provided ham communications for these events in past years, so this should be of great interest to us, so be sure to mark your calendars and join us. See you then!



73,
Andy W2AJG

From the Secretary's Desk



AVARC K6OX General Meeting July 27, 2023 via Zoom 7:00 P:M

Those present;

President Andrew Gippetti W2AJG
Vice President Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO
Treasurer David Haberman AK6DH
Master At Arms Thomas Kane KN6GLI
Board Member Dan Sherwood W6DAS
Board Member Brian Basura N6CVO
Ex Officio George Becker KC6UVM
Short Circuit Editor Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO and
Miss Minnie Ed Fong WB6IQN our
speaker for this evening.
Mike K6YQO Margie KG6TBR Betsy
AJ6AF John KN6VL Bruce KD6GCO
Monroe NS6W
John KN6WQN Tim KN6OAG Robert
Farmer

Meeting called to order by President
Andrew Gippetti W2AJG at 19:30 hrs.

The Presentation;

Motion was made to approve the previ-
ous General Meeting minutes by Mike
K6YQO and seconded by David
AK6DH. All present approved and mo-
tion carries.

Treasurer's Report

David Haberman AK6DH

see board meeting minutes

Old Business;

Field day at the Mountain High North
Resort went well except for the high
winds that picked up later that Saturday
evening. Board Member Dan Sherwood
W6DAS has already calculated our points
for this year and it seems we did a little
better but we definitely could use more
participants. This especially goes for the

GOTA station which cannot be operated
with just one person, there needs to be a
team. There is initial discussion about
forming a Field Day committee to see who
is willing to be more committed to being
on this team. We also discussed keeping
the Mountain High Resort for next year or
going back to Rawley Duntley Park. There
are pros and cons to both.

We will continue to ask for volunteers to
be Net Control Operator for our Wednes-
day evening net on the Hauser Repeater as
well as someone that can run Newline
Report. The more folks that get involved as
a net control operators, as well as in other
activities the more we can keep this club
going. We can't do this by ourselves, we
need more members' participation.

New Business;

We have the library for August and Vice
President Loretta A Smalls will contact
Daria about using the library room on Sat-
urdays for our FCC testing and board meet-
ing.

Future Presentations;

See board meeting minutes.

Other Announcements;

Short Circuit articles are due by August 14.

Next general meeting is August 24 at the
library. There will be no testing so the eye-
ball QSOs will start at 19:00 hrs meeting at
19:30.

The next board meeting is August 7 via
zoom 19:00 hrs. Go to officers@k6ox.club
for the link.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting
by Adrienne WA6YEO and seconded by
Dan W6DAS . All present approved and
motion carries. Meeting was adjourned at
19:28 hours.

AVARC/K6OX August 7 board meeting via zoom 19:00 hrs

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

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 Ex
Officio George Becker KC6UVM
Mike K6YQO Mark W6WML

Motion was made by V.P Loretta A Smalls
AJ6HO to approve the previous minutes as
printed in The Short Circuit. Motion was
seconded by Mike Beckers K6YQO and
approved by all and motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

David Haberman AK6DH

Checking account: <as stated>
Deposits: <as stated>
Expenditures: <as stated>
Cash on hand: <as stated>
Total: <as stated>
Life Members 13
Total Paid Members: 47
Total Membership: 60
ARRL Membership 82%

Old Business;

We do have the library for August 24 and
there will be no testing so the doors will be
open at 19:00 hours.

Net control operators needed for our
Wednesday evening nets including
Newline Report.

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Secretary's Desk...

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New Business;

We do NOT have the library for September or October so we are looking for a venue for our in person meetings that are more reliable. The American Legion on Ave. J and 40th st. East want \$160 an hour so that is out. We will discuss other options as time goes on.

The club insurance is updated and current until September of next year. George Becker KC6UVM will submit the updated policy to the Elks Lodge for our Christmas party.

Club members who want the USDX radio from Ed Fong will need to pay for them at the August general meeting at the library.

There is a Silent Key N6JZ Albert Almeida. There will be a memorial on Sept. 9 at the San Fernando Mission Cemetary. A motion was made by Mike K6YQO and seconded by Loretta AJ6HO. Everyone present approved and motion carries. Loretta will take care of the florist.

Future Presentations;

For our August meeting at the library Brian Basura N6CVO will do a presentation on the Ridge Rally last year and the Silver State Nevada race earlier this year.

September will be nominations for the next officer and board members and AJ6HO will talk about microwave activities.

October is Paula Gebault N6OQQ to discuss this year's Ridge Rally.

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November 16 a week early for Thanksgiving. I am trying to get a representative from Skywarn to do a presentation for us



Ed Fong Presentation to AVARC

Ed Fong with Ed's Antennas who has done many presentations on antenna construction not just for radio clubs but also for events such as Pacificon, Quartzfest, and many others. He introduced us to a new radio called USDX small QRP radio which he can order for us through a source he knows. He advised us that if we order this radio on our own to be sure to get the battery and charger that comes with it otherwise the radio might be of no further use if you cannot find the battery or charger. We will compile a list of folks that want one and we will share that with Ed. Along with doing presentations like this Mr. Fong is also published in many ARRL and QST publications; ARRL VHF/UHF Classics, ARRL Vol.8 and Vol 3 Antenna Compendium, QST's February 2003, 2007 and 2017.

Just a quick note about the USDX QRP radio that Mr. Fong shared with us this evening. This little radio looks to be great for taking out in the field. It is light, small, and the battery lasts quite a long time, and has CW decode funtion. Covers 80 to 10 meters and supports digital modes such as FT8. Once again if interested in this radio, Dan W6DAS is taking ordes which he will pass along to Ed and payment will be required at the next General meeting in August. The radio package itself is under \$200 AND if we order through Ed we can be assured that the battery will come with the radio. Ed does plan on being at Pacificon this year but he won't be selling any antennas except for perhaps any we order from him now.

and hopefully answer some questions and clarify a few things. This will hopefully be someone from the National Weather Service Spotter program.

December 15 a week early for Christmas and it will be at the Lancaster Elk's Lodge. We should make this member brag night and also any new hams that have questions or need elmer help. We will also discuss the various types of connectors that are used in our radios and coax.

January 25 2024 will be the state of the club address.

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Next board meeting is September 4 at Foxy's Restaurant at Fox Field 10:00 A:M.

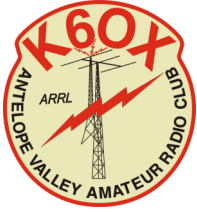
Motion was made to close the meeting by Loretta AJ6HO and seconded by Mike K6YQO . This was approved by all present and motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 20:01 hours.

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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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