

From the Secretary's Desk



**Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club/
K6OX
General Meeting Agenda for
January 25, 2024 19:30 hrs
Quartz Hill VFW**

Call to order by Vice President Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO at 1935

Pledge of Allegiance: Loretta

Introductions: 18 in attendance, 1 on Zoom

**STATE OF THE CLUB ADDRESS
BY V.P LORETTA A SMALLS
AJ6HO**

Loretta gave the state of club address for our President Andrew Gippetti W2AJG as he is at Quartzfest. Keith spoke about the origins of our club call sign K6OX, from Keith "Wilky" Wilkason, W6CRE (SK).

Treasurer's Report

David Haberman AK6DH not present. From Board meeting.
(Balances on file)

Life Members:	13
Total Paid Members:	22
Total Membership:	35
ARRL Membership:	82%

OLD BUSINESS:

We will be holding our in person/zoom hybrid meetings here at the VFW until further notice, and we have resumed our Thursday night schedule. Many of our members will meet for dinner before the meeting at the West side El Toreo restaurant between 17:00 and 18:00 hrs.

Ongoing request for folks to be net control operators and Newslines Report operators for our Wednesday night nets. There needs to be a schedule of some sorts so that there is no guessing game as

to who is doing what. This is not professional and it looks bad. What can we do to get more interested in helping out? We put out a list for NCS and Newslines operators to sign up.

New Business:

We are going to begin Field Day discussions starting with gathering volunteers for a Field Day Committee. If we cannot get more folks to help out, there may not be a Field Day. Last year it was up in Wrightwood which had much better wx until the winds came but it was not a good location for many of our members so we will go back to Rawley Duntley Park. We need to get a permit for Rawley Duntley park. Betsy raised the issue about using Steve Owen Park. It was concluded that Owen park is subject to us being usurped at the last minute.

FD Committee - we need 4 people to sign up. PR person, (non-ham OK), GOTA HF operator, VHF/UHF operator, and SHF microwave. (Dan mentioned HF as well).

Bud - NIROE may be asked to coordinate BSA participation in FD.

Are there any objections to the AVARC sharing the Zoom link with AADARC? They will share the cost and their meetings are a week before ours so there is no conflict there. Motion to share zoom link with partner club by Larry, Second Dan, Motion passed.

Larry - Pat is in room 127. She likes Coke Zero, (small cans), brought in.,

Larry - Please pick up the chairs in the VFW after the meetings. We will be in the smaller conference room next month. VFW will retire old flags if you have them. VFW may need a record of visitors at the meetings.

The net script was revised to reflect the newly elected board members.

Future Presentations: Vice President Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO

February 22 is QSL card night so bring your favorite QSL cards.

March 28 Presentation about the recent Ridge Rally which was awesome and WFD results.

April 25 we have Todd Hall with NOAA penciled in.

May 23 will be all about Field Day if there is one and we hope to get Bud NIROE to share how his JOTA was such a success.

June 27 post Field Day Discussions whether it be club activity or individual, we want to hear about your Field Day experience.

July 25 TBD - perhaps Brian N6CVO on pico balloons.

August 22 TBD

September 26 TBD

October 24 will be all about microwave activities this year.

November 21 a week early due to Thanksgiving speaker TBD

December 20 Friday a week early due to Christmas and this is our annual Christmas pot luck.

Announcements:

QuartzFest this week, many of our members are there.

Next club meeting Thursday Feb 22 here at the VFW.

Next Board meeting Monday, Feb. 8 19:00 hrs on Zoom.

Adrienne mentioned the app Turbo Scan which does PDF scans on a cell phone.

Motion to adjourn, Mike, Mark seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 2116 .

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From the VEEP ...



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Angeles, Big Bear and Riverside County.

When different organizations work together it shows the public that hams play a vital role in passing traffic that may help folks stay out of harm's way during a significant weather event. Tropical Storm Hilary was my first real world test of how this works, and during the February storms, I actually kept a much better log using the ICS 309 and sent this log to KO6BOB who was running the Table Mtn. net for ECS in cooperation with the other organizations like Skywarn. It is, however, important that we start practicing on simplex frequencies over repeater systems. There is a Wrightwood Disaster Net every Sunday starting at 17:30 hrs on 80 meters at 3.987.5 then onto 40 meters at 7.235.0 give or take. Sometimes 40 meters is quite busy and you may need to scroll around to find them. Then at 18:00 hrs onto the 2 meter repeater net on Table Mountain then finally on simplex. Basically, most of their Sunday disaster net is on simplex except for the main 2 meter repeater check in.

I cannot stress enough how important it is to not only start practicing our simplex communications as Wrightwood does but also to practice using those ICS forms. I know ARES is pretty good about it as well as RACES and others, but not so sure Skywarn is up to speed on Winlink and using Winlink forms via radio. I hope this changes and we can include Skywarn in our digital exercises.

Do not wait until there is an actual weather event, or earthquake, or mass blackout to ask for help with Winlink. Everyone will be busy passing traffic, handling net check ins, making sure their own homes and family are safe. There will be no time for elmering

then. We encourage anyone interested to learn Winlink and the different ways this amazing email system can pass regular traffic, Winlink check in/out forms or just general messages. There is even a Winlink local wx report form and a hurricane form. Perhaps in the near future there will be an automated link to NOAA to send these wx reports. In the meantime I just send them to Todd Hall at his Oxnard office.

To learn more about Skywarn go to <https://www.weather.gov/skywarn/> click on your State, then click on your county. The Spotter program is fun and you get some pretty interesting education on meteorology. We hope to have Todd Hall with NOAA out of the Oxnard forecast office back in April to pick up where he left off last year at the Elk's Lodge. What a great presentation that was. For the link for space wx go here; <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/>

For the task book for the ARRL ICS training go here; https://www.arrl.org/files/file/Public%20Service/ARES/ARRL-ARES-FILLABLE-TRAINING-TASK-BOOK-V2_1_1.pdf.

Finally, I just want to add that during our Skywarn nets we ask that you do not put yourselves in harms way to get a report. There are experienced, fully trained storm spotters that have gotten injured or worse chasing storms. Most of the reports we do get are from folks who are mobile on their way to or from work or some other appointment, or are already aware of routine flooding in their area and advise others not to travel there. For example in my neck of the Lake L.A area I know that 150th St. E washes out in three different areas but especially around 150th St. E and Ave. M. I won't even try that in my F.J and it is high off the ground and has 4WD. Folks living in the Wrightwood and Big Bear areas know which roads are more likely to close or to at least require chains. Cal Trans has road closure websites; <https://roads.dot.ca.gov/>

roadscell.php and <https://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/QM/maps/traffic/mwebview.html> just to name a couple. It is indeed rare for us to get anything as significant as Tropical Storm Hilary or the storms that came through early February and it does kind of catch us off our guard a little bit. That is why it is good to practice our drills and those drills should include starting our generators every couple of months, checking battery supplies and water, all that good stuff. There is a good chance of a power outage so even small things like making sure laundry is caught up before a major storm hits, loose items outside secured, all animals have food and water especially outside animals. Small things can mean a lot. Everyone stay safe and we shall see you on the net.

Sincerely,

Your V.P

Loretta A Smalls AJ6HO

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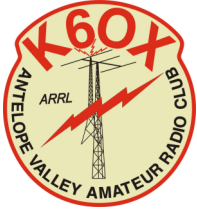
PRO RATED DUES SCHEDULE IS FOR NEW AVARC MEMBERS ONLY. NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

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.

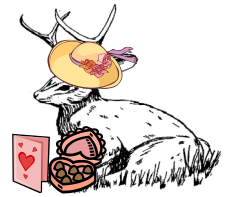
NOTE: NEW MEMBERS JOINING IN DECEMBER WILL BE CHARGED A FULL MEMBERSHIP FEE. THIS WILL COVER DUES NEXT YEAR.

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.



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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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