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# The Short Circuit

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## President's Corner

**Dan Sherwood W6DAS**

### Furthering the Art and Science of Radio Communications

As President of AVARC, I have been approached on numerous occasions to facilitate instruction and to provide support in setting up communications programs for various organizations. These include CERT groups, schools, law enforcement, churches, small businesses, healthcare organizations, government organizations, and other groups primarily interested in radio communications especially in the context of disaster preparedness. Most groups want to include amateur radio involvement, however a few may be interested in applicability to other electronic media, (notice I don't say other "radio" services). This is because the request may be to improve someone's grammar and spelling on filling out a form, or perhaps teaching immigrants whose English is a second language, ways to correctly get the spelling straight on proper names in the course of a telephone call. Accuracy is the name of the game in communications, regardless of the media over which it is transmitted.

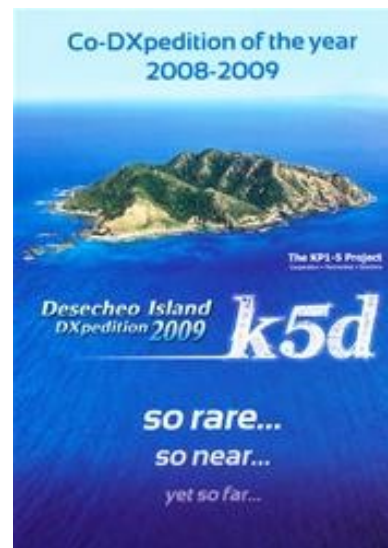
We, (Adrienne and I), have been approached by groups for the purpose of teaching FCC licensing classes. Perhaps for some, this may be all that is required. For a good many others however, it may be only a partial solution, or even a non-applicable solution. Some groups like CERT may actually use FRS or GMRS, so perhaps instruction on operational concepts like net hierarchy, phonetics, accuracy, and very basic theory of operation may only be in order. We would need careful consultation with the served group as far as identifying the requirements for the instruction. As to basic licensing classes, we no longer have a venue as we did years ago, so we come to those served at their location. Working out a time schedule for instruction is the next challenge. Licensing classes usually require 12 hours of instruction for most people. This may boil down to 4 evenings, with three hours instruction each. This has been the typical model over the years. We've considered "boot camps", but never have done them. This is because boot camps all require pre-study and lots of motivation – qualities that the self-study folks do well.

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## Meeting Notice

**Thursday, March 22**, 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 month's meeting will feature our own **Keith Hoyt K6G XO**, who will offer a video presentation of the Desecheo Island DXpedition and other notable DXpeditions in recent years. This should be a very interesting and informative meeting, so be sure to mark your calendars and join us!



# From the Secretary's Desk



## AVARC General Meeting February 15, 2018

President Dan Sherwood W6DAS called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm at the Quartz Hill Public Library, followed by the flag salute and introductions. Number of individuals attending was 20. Minutes of the January 2018 club meeting were taken by Pat Okawa. A motion to approve them as printed in the Short Circuit was made by Keith Hoyt K6GXO and seconded by Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC. The motion was approved by the members present. Treasurer's Report: Matt Stewart K6MES - Checking balance: \$6,098.00, petty cash: \$101.69 Total: \$6,119.69

Membership: Total members 100, percent ARRL %

### OLD BUSINESS

LAACARC: Margie Hoffman KG6TBR: No meeting was held. President Dan Sherwood W6DAS – attended ARRL forum at Quartzfest. Dick Norton N6AA was upbeat about end to recent turmoil regarding transparency of actions by Board Members. Upcoming Club Programs – Larry Mock KI6BKP: Tonight will be on Baker to Vegas Relay Race by Margie Hoffman KG6TBR. Pat Coker N6RMJ is presenting in March. April will be DX Engineering by skype. Dan Sherwood W6DAS bought a DMR hotspot so he may do a program later in the year.

### NEW BUSINESS

Field Day site – Mike Beckers K6YQO was directed to someone else on use of Mountain High. He has more questions on use of parking lot. Dan Sherwood W6DAS - Daniel Mason, of the Tehachapi Club, called to invited us to join with them on FD at Brite Lake. Whose call will we operate under since K6A was obtained for our club by Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC. Also, Tom Fischer KI6CHH built a mister to use in high temperatures. Have to talk with him.

Gary Barr listed in Silent Keys in March 2018 QST.

Membership / Short Circuit email distribution list will be culled to active members in March. 23 members have not renewed. Members NOT receiving newsletter, please advise now. Newsletter also available for public download on k6ox.club.

Public Service dates: Baker to Vegas March 17- 18.

Vets 4 Vets on April 7.

Fox Airshow March 24-25 (no conflict with B2V) Need a contact.

MS Walk is ARES event we support.

### Other New Business:

Keith Hoyt K6GXO gave a report on the failure of the DX expedition to reach Bouvie Island near Antarctica.

Kosovo is now a recognized country for DXing.

Dan Sherwood W6DAS explained he is using a new voicemail company to reach the officers and some marketing calls are coming thru.

Presentation to speaker, Margie Hoffman KG6TBR for 34th Baker to Vegas race in 2018. Still need ham operators.

New Technician: Michael Perkins KM6QCJ.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Short Circuit Articles - Needed by Sunday, March 11, 2018

Next Board Meeting: Thurs. March 1, 2018

Club meeting: Thurs March 22, 2018

Exam: Saturday March 3. This is an ARRL exam, (fee \$15)

50/50 drawing won by: Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC \$11

Additional prizes: Polo shirts to Alan Evans KJ6ZYO, Larry Mock KI6BKP, Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC

Key chains: Dan Sherwood W6DAS, Alan Evans KJ6ZYO

Badge: Larry Mock KI6BKP

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

## AVARC Board Meeting March 1, 2018

### Opening:

Call to order by Dan Sherwood W6DAS at 7 pm

Minutes from last board meeting: by Pat Okawa KJ6CJI.

Motion to approve as printed in Short Circuit Made by: Larry Mock KI6BKP.

Seconded by: Paul L'Heureux KD6MES. Approved? yes.

Treasurer's report – Matt Stewart: Checking account: \$6,149.02. Cash on hand: \$136.69

Total: \$ 6,288.71.

Membership Report: – 100 ARRL members: 75%.

Members present today: <EDIT> Dan Sherwood W6DAS, Matt Stewart K6MES, Keith Hoyt K6GXO, Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO, Margie Hoffman KG6TBR, Pat Okawa, KJ6CJI, Larry Mock KI6BKP, Gary Mork WA6WFC, Mike Beckers K6YQO, Diane Roberts K6DER, Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC.

### Old Business:

Upcoming Club Programs – Larry KI6BKP: March 22 Pat Coker N6RMJ on Microwave Operations, April 26 DX Engineering Tim Duffy K3LR. Back to Basics with antennas. After March? Nothing yet.

Matt: Review of tax filings for 2017 and our Non-profit paperwork.

Membership list for newsletter – Matt is planning on purging membership list for accurate newsletter distribution count electronically and by snail mail after March 22.

### Other Old Business:

Mike Beckers K6YQO has heard nothing from Mountain High on FD site.

Keith Hoyt K6GXO asked if our December entertainment was paid. Matt has to check at home.

### New Business:

Dan Sherwood W6DAS got a call from Tom Fisher KI6CHH regarding establishing a

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# President's Column...

# Secretary...

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So, to have a successful relationship with a served group, here are some points:

1. Identify the requirements. What do the folks need to learn?
2. Are the members of the group motivated to take this on?
3. When and where can the instruction be done?
4. Three things to get people trained and licensed and up to speed – Motivation, Motivation, and Motivation!
5. Can post-licensing instruction be provided? I got a BaoFeng, how do I program it?
6. A knowledge on the part of those doing instruction of the group's mission and procedures. Example – Are the instructors CERT trained?
7. Will the organization be totally dependent on "outside" response by non-member amateurs on the "bad day"? If so, it is highly recommended some members become licensed, as outsiders may not be able to show up on that "bad day".

8. Will the groups operational plan be in harmony with FCC Part 97 regulations? If not, we cannot be of help.

In summary, any organization may contact AVARC by sending an email to officers@k6ox.club, or calling me at (661) 264-1863.

73,  
*Jan W6DAS*



CERT radio coordinator. This person should be CERT trained and offer an Elmer class to program the Baofeng radios, discuss network operations and how to check in. Board wants club to offer a candidate. Dates in May; location at Learn for Life facility.

Public Service: Baker to Vegas, 3/17 – 18. Meeting of stage 15 folks tonight after BM with Larry Mock KI6BKP. Vets 4 Vets postponed to June. LA Airshow 3/24 Members should attend wearing club shirts to seek those interested. No booth.

Other New Business: Dan Sherwood W6DAS asked if anyone listens to Newline Reports on the net?

**Announcements:**

Short Circuit Articles - Need by: Sunday, March 11.

Club meeting: Thursday 3/22/2018 at 7pm– Program Pat Coker N6RMJ – amateur microwave radio, 10 GHz and up.

Exam: Saturday 3/3/18 ARRL \$15.00 fee.

Board meeting: Thurs April 5, 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned: 8:04 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pat Okawa KJ6CJI  
AVARC Secretary 2018

## UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

March 17-18: Baker to Vegas race

March 22: AVARC Meeting - Presentation by Pat Coker N6RMJ

March 24: Air Show at Fox Field

April 7: Vets for Veterans race

April 9: GLAARG VE Test Session at AV 1st Christian Church 7:00 pm

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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

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**PRO RATED DUES SCHEDULE IS FOR NEW AVARC MEMBERS ONLY. NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_**

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	REGULAR	SENIOR (60 YR)	#
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	\$20.00	\$15.00	
DEC - JAN - FEB - MAR	\$20.00	\$15.00	
APR - MAY - JUN (NEW MEMBERS ONLY)	\$15.00	\$11.00	
JUL - AUG - SEP (NEW MEMBERS ONLY)	\$10.00	\$8.00	
OCT - NOV (NEW MEMBERS ONLY)	\$5.00	\$4.00	
FAMILY MEMBER	\$5.00	\$5.00	
AVARC MEMBER BADGE	\$6.00/\$8.00	\$6.00/\$8.00	

CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CASH \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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 \$6.00 WILL BE ASSESSED ON ALL NEW MEMBERS FOR AVARC MEMBER BADGE. ADD \$2.00 FOR MAGNETIC PIN.

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**Membership, what's new ...**

By Matt Stewart K6MES

This month's column is being written to advise all members who haven't paid their dues for 2018 that they will be dropped from rolls. There are about 25 current members who fall into this group.

I am in the process of updating the club's database to have current contact information for the membership. In order for me to be able to complete this task, we have asked that each member submit an application with the payment of your dues. If you are unable to pull a copy of the application from the club's website ([www.K6OX.club](http://www.K6OX.club)). That is where I found the one that I used to print the applications that will be available at the March club meeting.

Thank you to the members who have already helped me by completing their forms. This has made it much easier. While updating the records, there were quite a few that have been members for decades and even though they moved and yet the records have them at the old address. The telephone numbers are even worse.

If you are unable to get to the club meetings do not know how to get the dues and the form to me please, mail it to the club's Post Office Box.

That address is:

Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club  
P O Box 1011  
Lancaster, CA 93584

Thank you,

73,  
Matt, K6MES

**VE TESTING SCHEDULE 2018**

4/9/2018	Monday	7 pm	GLAARG
5/5/2018	Saturday	9 am	GLAARG
6/4/2018	Monday	7 pm	ARRL
7/7/2018	Saturday	9 am	GLAARG
8/6/2018	Monday	7 pm	GLAARG
9/8/2018	Saturday	9 am	ARRL
10/1/2018	Monday	7 pm	GLAARG
11/3/2018	Saturday	9 am	GLAARG
12/3/2018	Monday	7 pm	ARRL

The regular exam location is the First Christian Church of the Antelope Valley.

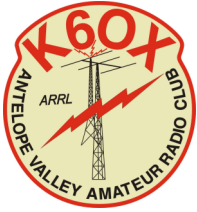
1702 East Ave. J., Lancaster, CA (Across the street from the East-side Wall Mart).

Please enter parking lot off the end of the cul-de-sac 17th Street East, enter the classroom annex, and look for the "FCC Exams" sign outside the correct classroom. Monday Nights: Please do not disturb the A.A. group or other groups that may be using the facilities.

Dates/times may be subject to change.



**...to pay your  
dues for 2018**



**Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club 2018 Officers**

<b>President</b>	Dan Sherwood	W6DAS	264-1863
<b>Vice President</b>	Larry Mock	KI6BKP	943-6736
<b>Secretary</b>	Pat Okawa	KJ6CJI	718-3986
<b>Treasurer</b>	Matt Stewart	K6MES	264-4629
<b>Master-At-Arms</b>	Gary Mork	WA6WFC	948-8317
<b>Board Member</b>	Paul L'Heureux	KD6SMC	305-1838
<b>Board Member</b>	Michael Beckers	K6YQO	805-906-9555
<b>Trustee</b>	Keith Hoyt	K6GXO	533-4025
<b>Ex Officio</b>	Carol Humpherys	AF6OV	441-4671



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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