

# The Short Circuit

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November 2024

## President's Corner

Andy Gippetti W2AJG



At our last meeting, Loretta gave us a great update once again about her experiences with everything Micro Wave. Also, we had our club elections for officers for 2025. Congratulations to Loretta Smalls AJ6HO President, Bud Turner N1ROE Vice President, David Haberman AK6DH Treasurer, Dan Sherwood W6DAS Secretary, John Tookey KN6WQN Master-At-Arms, and Mike Beckers K6YQO & Brian Basura N6CVO are our Board Members for 2025.

Pacificon 2024 has just completed and it was great to see that AVARC was well represented again with our members attending the conference up in San Ramon. Dan & Adrienne Sherwood, Mike Beckers & Mark Johnson were all there. Save the date, Pacificon 2025 is October 10<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup> next year.



Our next general club meeting will take place one week early due to the Thanksgiving holiday and will be on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and be held again at the VFW Hall in Quartz Hill, 4342 W. Ave L in Quartz Hill  
Andy - W2AJG

## Meeting Notice

Thursday November 21, is the next meeting of the AVARC at the VFW Hall in Quartz Hill, 4342 West Avenue L. 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. Please note that this month's meeting will be one week earlier than usual, due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

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](mailto:meeting@k6ox.club), stating your name, callsign (if any), and interest in the Club, and we will send you the meeting invitation link.

The presentation will be RT Systems: Since 1995, RT Systems has been developing radio programming software and cables tailored to the unique characteristics and configurations of radios. The founders of RT Systems, pioneers of radio programming for amateur radios, continue to be involved in the daily design and development of the programs and cables. Currently, RT Systems offers programming solutions for over 500 different radios.

## From the VEEP

Loretta Smalls AJ6HO

### FROM THE V.P'S DESK

November 2024

### JOTA

The Jamboree On The Air event is one of those activities that get our young people interested in Amateur Radio. It is important to help out any of our Scout Leaders by volunteering to assist in the JOTA events that come up. When other hams are present with this Scout Leader it shows a community of support and encouragement to these young scouts. On October some of us went to the Saint Stephens Lutheran Church to assist Bud N1ROE with his JOTA event to get scouts their radio badges. Bud brought his HF, Brian shared his experience with his PICO balloons and I brought the Yaesu FT818ND all mode all band QRP radio. The scouts will earn their radio badges and many of them got on the air and made contacts. Any chance to get our young people exploring amateur radio is time well spent.

Bud, N1ROE had his table set up for HF contacts using K6K special event call sign and many scouts made contacts. Brian, N6CVO was set up with V/UHF and not only did he get scouts on the air he also demonstrated digital mode sending Winlink traffic via radio. He also shared photos of his PICO balloon launches and described how he built these micro transceivers and antennas, not much larger than a

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## From the Secretary's Desk



Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club  
 General Meetings Minutes for October  
 24th, 2024 Quartz Hill VFW Post - 4342  
 W Ave. L Quartz Hill 93536  
 Meeting called to order at 7:29 PM  
 -Pledge to the Flag  
 Members Present: 15  
 Zoom: 4

-Everyone please remember to sign roll sheet  
 -Introduction of members present -  
 Introduction of everyone on Zoom  
 Club Presentations

- Bud N1ROE reported on the JOTA event last weekend. Dan reported on participation from Pacificon.
- Paula Gibeault: Spoke about Ridge Rally on Dec. 7. Needs 4 more ham volunteers. Located Jawbone Canyon. Contact Paula: mpgibeault@gmail.com. (760)-382-0821 www.rallydata2.com
- Andy mentioned that Larry Mock KI6BKP is still in the hospital.
- Loretta Smalls - Micro Wave communication. Had to present over Zoom due to injury. Shared video and photos of her activity.

### AVARC club business

In reference to the minutes printed in the October Short Circuit, are there any corrections or amendments that need to be included?

Is there a motion to approve the minutes as printed/or with amendments? Made by Mike Beckers /Seconded by John Tookey The motion was approved by the members present. YES

Treasurer's Report – David Haberman  
 AK6DH

Checking account: <ON FILE>

Deposits: <ON FILE>

Expenditures: <ON FILE>

Cash on hand: <ON FILE>

Total: <ON FILE>

Life Members: 13

Total Paid Members: 35 Total Membership: 48 ARRL Membership 87%

### Old Business

- I have only one K6OX Patch left. (Andy) (Sold)
- Does the VFW know we are having our November meeting one week early?  
 – Larry Mock - (Not present). Donating some money to the VFW Hall. Board members decided on \$200 – Larry Mock (Not present)
- Bud N1ROE belongs to this VFW post. He will make queries about November meeting and the recipient of the \$200 donation.

### New Business:

- FYI: The 2025 Yuma HamFest has changed its dates from February 21-22 to February 14th-15th Friday & Saturday in Yuma, AZ
- Jed's N6JED radio campout November 1st. HAMS welcome. Adrienne may do sourdough pancakes on Sunday. Brian may launch PICO balloon WX permitting. Loretta will bring Club Steppir antenna.
- Reimbursement to Dan Sherwood for Pacificon holiday presents purchases. \$151 spent so far. No Chinese radios sold at the show. Reaching out to one vendor for post-show club discounts. Saw about 25% price inflation on all gear since last year.

Elections of officers for 2025. As nominated from prior month:  
 Nominations of officers for 2025  
 Nomination of Bud, N1ROE for VP by Andy. Second - Adrienne.

President: Loretta Smalls, (Adrienne)

VP: ? (need a candidate)

Treasurer: David Haberman

Secretary: Dan Sherwood

Master of Arms: John Tookey

Board1: Brian Basura

Board2: Mike Beckers

**Andy: Moved to elect officers by acclimation. Second George. Passed unanimously..**

After Tally, the elected Board will be:

President: Loretta Smalls

Vice President: Bud Turner

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Board 1: Brian Basura

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Future Presentations for General Meetings:

- Loretta Smalls AJ6HO  
 Thursday, November 21, (1 week early due to Thanksgiving): -RT Systems Presentation
- Friday, December 20, Holiday Party/  
 Meeting - Member brag night
- Thursday, January 23rd 2025 - State of the Club Report
- Feb 2025, Loretta Smalls - live Microwave
- March 2025 - Todd Hall, (Advanced Skywarn)

Announcements:

Short Circuit Articles for November 2024 -  
 Needed by: 11/11

Next Board Meeting: Monday, November 11th (Veterans Day) at Foxy's

Next Club Meeting: November 21, 2024 (1 week early due to Thanksgiving)

Any other discussion?

Motion to Adjourned by Alan / Seconded by Mike Beckers Meeting adjourned Time: 9:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Dan Sherwood W6DAS  
 AVARC Secretary

### AVARC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 11th 2024 11:07

am at Foxy's, Lancaster

Call to order by Andy Gippetti W2AJG at AM/PM.

Board Members: Andy Gippetti, Dan Sherwood, Brian Basura, Mike Beckers

Visitors: Bud N1ROE, XYL Heather

Treasurer's Report – David Haberman  
 AK6DH (Not Present)

### Old Business:

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- In reference to donating money to the VFW Hall, the person to contact at the VFW is the Quarter Master, Rudy Fuentes (661-478-5862) – David Haberman should make contact.

- We need to let the VFW know we will be continuing our Thursday meetings in 2025 – Larry Mock, George Becker or Bud Turner should make contact.
- Dan: Ordered remainder of prizes for the holiday party. Awaiting delivery.
- Mike Beckers: QSL Cards for the club.

#### New Business:

Make a new club banner. Speak to Jed N6JED.

The dates for 2025 Quartzfest ARRL HamVention event is 01/19/25 – 01/25/25. New BLB rules regarding changes. Now they charge \$5.00. No swap meet.

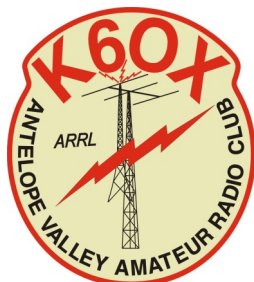
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Bud - Has someone from VFW wanting to dispose of an estate of a ham radio operator. Wants to publish a schedule of Wednesday net control operators.

Discussion of ways to recruit new members to the club. Testing, classes, and field operations in public spaces. Discussion of our ARES mission, and the issues with the AV Medical Center.

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Club Report



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nickel, to go tens of thousands of feet in the air and traverse the globe several times. At my table I had my CW set up to a dummy load and the scouts practiced sending and receiving to each other. Some came back for a second round and I was so happy to see that some of them were naturals at learning CW.

I was so glad to see the girls there as well, participating in the same events with the boys. I hope to see more girls learning about amateur radio, fox hunting, grid square searches and all the other neat things that were once mostly for the boys. I was very briefly in the Girl Scouts many years ago and I was not into selling cookies or make up tutorials (obviously), I wanted to learn survival stuff, technical demonstrations and all the things I am doing now. I think it is very important that girls as well as boys learn not just survival skills and technical skills, but also how to cook and do their own laundry. To be prepared for anything and to be self reliant, including basic vehicle maintenance like changing oil or a tire. When we don't teach our young basic survival and 'think fast on their feet' skills we are setting them up for failure.

I know that today's youth rely pretty much nearly 100% on their cell phones for communication but I am always happy when JOTA comes around and I see young people at least exploring amateur radio. I am sure the unfortunate folks in the South East experiencing the two back to back hurricanes are well aware of the loss of cell phone capabilities. On that note, before closing, I want to mention the use of HF during our Great Shakeout was limited to emergency comms only, so we stuck strictly to V/UHF. I wanted to thank everyone that followed that protocol to show respect and support for those efforts over there. Thank you all, and a special shout

out to Merle W6MJB on the faarr West side. I finally got to meet Merle when he came to our table and shared his history and experiences as a radio man in the Navy. What a fascinating history Merle shared with us, experiences that few can share.

I encourage more experienced hams to volunteer at JOTA events, not only to show support for the Scout Leader but to share technical knowledge and other experiences with these young folks. I feel encouraged and inspired by these Scouts and by other hams that attend.

73 from your V.P AJ6HO.

Bud N1ROE and a young Scout at JOTA

Brian N6CVO and Merle W6MJB at the CW/Digital table at JOTA.

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Any other discussion?

Total AVARC members in attendance today:

Meeting adjourned time: 12:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Sherwood W6DAS  
Secretary

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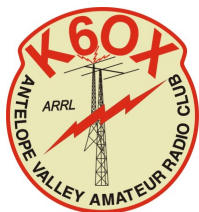
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These photos were from our recent radio campout on November 1-3, at the QTH of Jed, N6JED in Rosamond.





**Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club 2024 Officers**

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<b>Secretary</b>	Dan Sherwood	W6DAS
<b>Treasurer</b>	David Haberman	AK6DH
<b>Master-At-Arms</b>	Larry Mock	KI6BKP
<b>Board Member</b>	Brian Basura	N6CVO
<b>Board Member</b>	Mike Beckers	K6YQO
<b>Trustee</b>	Keith Hoyt	K6GXO
<b>Ex Officio</b>	George Becker	KC6UVM



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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