

# The Short Circuit

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## President's Corner

Margie Hoffman KG6TBR

This summer has been very busy for me what with Field Day, meetings for LAACARC, and being on the committee for HAMCON 2011. I haven't had any time to take any trips this summer, but hopefully, when all this winds down, maybe a few are out there on the horizon.

I am not the only one with a full schedule of activities, and as a result, we skipped the Board Meeting on August 4 due to a lot of us were out of town. The meeting will be held just prior to the General Meeting on August 25, and as always, the meetings are open to any members or guests who would like to attend and see what goes on when the Officers and Board members get together to discuss the status of our club. This meeting will be held promptly at 6:45 at the EOC and will be a brief meeting to conclude no later than 7:20 to make time for our General Meeting that same night.

News and congratulations are in order: Representatives of 12 of the nation's 14 Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (VECs) met July 29 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for the 26th Annual National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) Conference. RC "Smitty" Smith, W6RZA, announced his retirement as the head of the GLAARG VEC, effective March 2012; Smith has been with the NCVEC program since its inception. He received a standing ovation from all in attendance for his 27 years as a

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## Meeting Notice

Thursday, August 25, is the next meeting of the AVARC at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Lancaster City Hall, 44933 N. Fern Ave. in Lancaster. Talk-in is available on the Hauser Repeater (146.73 MHz. PL 100) if you need directions. The eyeball QSO starts at 7:00 pm, and the meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

This month's meeting will feature our own **Jon Clark N6NQ**, who will bring us a follow-up presentation on SDR (Software Defined Radio). You won't want to miss this one, so mark your calendars and join us!



**Jon Clark N6NQ**

## From The Veep

Larry Bianchi KG1B

Beware .. the light at the end of the tunnel just might be an oncoming train!

And that light is coming quickly. As I have said before, the year is rushing by much too fast. Here it is August and before too long, we will be having our annual raffle!

Not to mention this September 9-11<sup>th</sup>, is the ARRL Southwest Division HAMCON. This convention is held every year on a rotating venue cycling every four years. The rotation goes like this. 2007 – Torrence, CA; 2008 – Mesa, AZ; 2009 – Santa Barbara, CA; 2010 – San Diego, CA and this year 2011 – Torrence, CA once again.

I am sure you have heard quite a bit about it, but this will be an excellent opportunity to mingle with fellow hams from throughout the western part of the U.S.A. Many speakers will speak on pertinent issues and interests revolving around our hobby, as well as many vendors showing their latest wares for us to "lust" after! I would encourage all to support the ARRL by attending the convention.

During the convention, our club will be handling the VE Test session on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 8am-12noon. This is our time to shine as we have quite a number of trained VEs (Volunteer Examiners) and can easily handle the volume of applicants that will take their tests during the convention.

Enough of all that for a bit! This coming club meeting (August 25<sup>th</sup>) we will be pleased to have Jon Clark N6NQ as our

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# From the Secretary's Desk



## General Meeting - Minutes July 28, 2011

\*\*Opening: Margie Hoffman,  
President – KG6TBR 7:30pm

Flag Salute: 7:30 pm: Followed by Introductions

\*Minutes from last meeting: Motion Made: Frank N6FOD Sec-onded: Dan W6DAW to accept the June meeting minutes taken and submitted by Dan Sherwood WA6PZK and as printed in Short Circuit. Vote was taken & approved.

\*Treasurer's report: Dan Rowlan KG6PQA-Balance:\$3,133.26

\*Membership Report: Gary Barr WA6TWT

New Members ( 1 ) = Total Membership ( 115 )

Total Members present tonight: ( 43 )

\*Old Business:

Field Day: Larry KG1B turned in our scores, Margie said for results, see the info that was printed in the August Short Circuit

\* New Business: Announcements: And Upcoming Events:

Questions from floor?

-ARES: Jon N6NQ- has ARES raffle – powerpoles + crimper. Selling tickets during the break

-Tully WB6CYP advised call NI6IW will be operating from the Midway in San Diego – said to check the dates in their website.

\*Test Session Info: Margie made announcement on behalf of Adrienne WAYEO - Next VE session to be held on Monday, August 9, 2010 – (7pm) at First Christian Church. Any special circum-

stances, let her know ahead so she can make arrangements for space & xtra VE's.

Address: 1702 E Ave J - Across from WalMart. This is a GLAARG session/fee is \$4.

\*\*\* BREAK(10 minutes)speaker started at 8:10pm

Guest Speaker:

Margie Hoffman - YLDXpedition to Curacao 2011

\*\*\*Additional Reminders on upcoming events:

The next Board Meeting was scheduled for Aug 4, but the Board voted to cancel the meeting due to lack of members being able to attend due to vacations. Next meeting will be on Aug 25 at 6:45pm and held at the EOC, just before the General Meeting. This will also be the combined board meeting for both Aug and Sept.

Next General Meeting: Thursday, Aug 25, 2011 at 7:30pm

Guest speaker: KG1B will announce/TBD

\*\*HAMCON 2011 –

Registration is still open for The 2011 ARRL Southwestern Division Amateur Radio Convention to be held on September 9, 10, & 11, 2011 at the Marriott Torrance South Bay: 3635 Fashion Way, Torrance, CA 90503

For Hotel reservations, please use the website link or call 1-800-228-9290— Hotel Reservation Code: HAMHAMA— 2011

You can access the website online-make payments thru paypal.

\*\*\*Please note as of 8/1/11, the

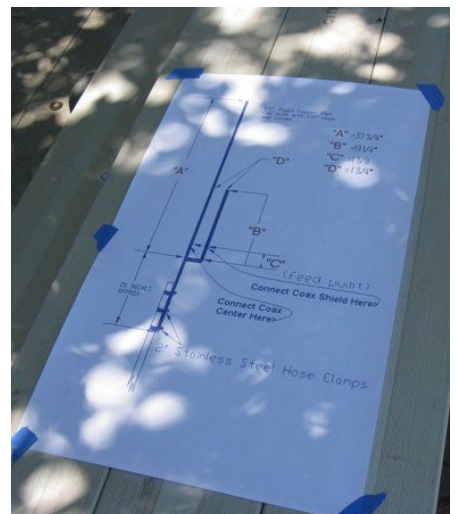
Reservation CODE has been changed to HAMHAMA. Please use this code when making reservations and it will not only give HAMCON room night credits to the convention, but it will allow a special room rate for this convention.

The website can be reached at [www.hamconinc.org](http://www.hamconinc.org)

Raffle Drawing: 50/50 Winner: Ken W6DIH-\$17

Meeting Adjourned: 9:03 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Margie Hoffman KG6TBR  
AVARC President 2011



## President's Corner...

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VEC representative. Adrienne Sherwood, WA6YEO, will replace Smith in this leadership role.

A few more reminders:

Again, in September, we will be taking nominations for Officers and Board members for 2012. The actual elections are held in the month of October, so if you are willing and able to make a commitment to this club for the next year, please do not be shy and let us know if you will run for an office or a board member. This is a great opportunity to see what or how you can contribute your time and be involved in the AVARC for 2012.

Finally, don't forget, the ARRL Southwest Division HAMCON 2011 is going to be held at the Torrance Marriott South Bay Hotel. The convention runs from Friday, September 9 to Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to go to the web page at [www.hamconinc.org](http://www.hamconinc.org) to register and get all the information. If you are a VE and have your ARRL credentials, this club will be the

sponsor for the VE Testing session (ARRL) to be held on Saturday at the convention. Please contact Adrienne Sherwood, WA6YEO to let her know that you as a VE are available to assist in the testing session. We are expecting a greater turnout for testing than what we normally get in the Antelope Valley, so Adrienne can use all the AVARC VE's that are able to help out. Adrienne will also be having a test session as usual on Saturday, September 3 at 9am, so if you are planning to volunteer as a VE for HAMCON, please attend the Saturday session as well as she will be giving all instructions to make sure everyone will know what to expect and what the hours are for the HAMCON testing session.

See you at the meeting.

73,  
Margie KG6TBR



## From the VEEP...

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speaker. He will amplify the presentation he gave last year about SDRs (Software Defined Radios), and will look to demonstrate one and show how efficient they can be. We look forward to what he has to say.

Well, that about wraps things up for this month. I will look forward to seeing you all on the 25<sup>th</sup> as well as at HAMCON. Remember that we get out of our hobby what we put into it. Enjoy it and learn much!

Happy Hamming!

73,  
Judy KG1B



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## GREAT SPEAKERS

Luncheon Rod Stafford, W6ROD, IARU Secretary - “What’s new at the IARU”  
 Banquet Dr. Jay Jones, WB9FPM - “Amateur Radio, Past, Present & Future?”  
 Breakfast YLDXC “Team Curacao” - Share their story of an all YL DXpedition.

**AND MORE WITH TOPICS TO INTEREST ALL LEVELS OF COMMUNICATIONS ENTHUSIASTS.**

## MEET & GREET

Join us Friday night for a HAM Social to catch up with all your friends, then plan on stopping by the hall tables to learn more about area clubs & special radio operators that support & sponsor ham radio activities, community service & disaster preparedness.

## VENDOR HALL

**61 booths full of vendors showcasing the latest radios, accessories, gadgets for all your communications & amateur radio needs.**

FOR INFORMATION UPDATES & THE LATEST NEWS

**VISIT : [HAMCONINC.ORG](http://HAMCONINC.ORG)**

## Antelope Valley Volunteer Examiner Team 2011 Amateur Radio Exam Schedule

Session	Date	Day	Time
<b>GLAARG</b>	1/8/2011	Saturday	9 A.M.
<b>GLAARG</b>	2/7/2011	Monday	7 P.M.
<b>ARRL</b>	3/5/2011	Saturday	9 A.M.
<b>GLAARG</b>	4/4/2011	Monday	7 P.M.
<b>GLAARG</b>	5/7/2011	Saturday	9 A.M.
<b>ARRL</b>	6/6/2011	Monday	7 P.M.
<b>GLAARG</b>	7/9/2011	Saturday	9 A.M.
<b>GLAARG</b>	8/8/2011	Monday	7 P.M.
<b>ARRL</b>	9/3/2011	Saturday	9 A.M.
<b>GLAARG</b>	10/3/2011	Monday	7 P.M.
<b>GLAARG</b>	11/5/2011	Saturday	9 A.M.
<b>ARRL</b>	12/5/2011	Monday	7 P.M.

Exam location:

Antelope Valley First Christian Church  
1702 East Ave. J, Lancaster, CA (Across the street from  
the Eastside 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.

GLAARG testing fee is \$4.00.

ARRL testing fee is \$15.00

## Swap Shop

### TUNER FOR SALE

MFJ-993B automatic antenna tuner in like-new condition, complete with instruction manual and 12-VDC adaptor. I paid \$289.90 and am selling it at \$100. It let me use my 4-band Windom successfully on 8 bands. I just installed an 8-band antenna, so tuner is not needed here.

Bill Welsh W6DBB  
948-8493

### RADIO FOR SALE

For Sale: Icom 275A 25W Base Station All-Mode Radio SSB-FM  
\$350.00

Ron Hammel K6WLC  
661-810-3386

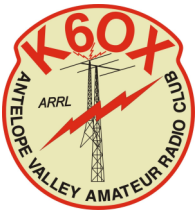
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