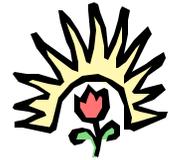


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The President's Corner

Rich Stocking N7OP

I spent this last weekend, Friday through Sunday, in an advanced leadership training class for the Boy Scouts of America. During this class they expounded on the nature of volunteerism and the importance of having good volunteers in one's group. The continued classes on how to cultivate that volunteer spirit in that organization gave me pause for thought. Having just completed the Rim of the World Rally and seeing all the volunteers in the stages and at the Fairgrounds gave me a real sense of pride in the AVARC and its members.

Thanks to all of you who helped make the Rim successful! The volunteer spirit is definitely alive and well. Many behind the scenes efforts by seasoned regulars as well as first timers contributed to the overall safety and well being of the event.

This year, I missed the mud, well maybe not the deep mud, as everything and everybody on the stages were covered in dust. At the finish of the Del Sur stage, when I couldn't see my paper logs well I resorted to a scratch pad ... the hood of my truck and the thick dust. Of course my trusty logger and back-up Justin KD5PEV kept the real paper logs and caught a few discrepancies himself. By the time he can drive himself to a blockage on a

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Meeting Notice

Thursday, May 27, 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 146.73 MHz. if you need directions. This month's meeting will feature our own **Pat Coker N6RMJ**, who will give a presentation on building a 10 GHz radio. Pat's presentations are always interesting and fun, so be sure to join us!



Pat Coker N6RMJ

From The Veep

Charles Turner K6ARU

May 2004. This month we will have Pat N6RMJ on the ins and outs of building a 10GHz radio, and will have an old basic 10Ghz radio and a new high end 10Ghz radio on display. Pat has been a licensed ham since 1983, and his main interest is VHF/UHF and microwave weak signal work. He has WAS on 6mtr, VUCC on 6mtr, 2mtr, 70cm, and 10GHz, holds world record for 432Mhz meteor scatter at 1264.8 miles and won some 1st place in VHF/UHF contests. With his latest interest in microwave bands, we appreciate his expertise and knowledge to come out and display his work, so come out to the club meeting this month and join in on the microwave fun.

Here are some up coming events: May 22nd K6WLC Ron's ranch WSWSS gathering all day; June 12th -13th ARRL VHF contest; and June 26th -27th ARRL Field Day.

Next month we will have Eric KA6IHT from the HRO Burbank store, talking and demonstrating the latest popular ham radio products.

73,

Chuck K6ARU

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stage, he could be a nine time veteran of Rim.

This month's program will feature our renowned VHF/UHF/Microwave expert and contester Pat N6RMJ. Last year's program on this subject was so enjoyed that his return engagement was resoundingly requested and granted. I am looking forward to this one again. Ham radio is so diverse in its areas of operating, construction and research that there is definitely something for everyone.

Looking forward to the meeting and to seeing everyone again,

73,

Rich N70P



From the Secretary's Desk

AVARC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 22, 2004

The President called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with 34 members and 5 non-members present, constituting a quorum of at least 10% of the total eligible voting membership. After the Pledge of Allegiance, it was moved and seconded that the Secretary's Minutes of the last General Membership meeting and the last Board of Director's meeting be accepted as printed in the last issue of the Short Circuit (newsletter). Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion carried. The checking account balance is \$2,210.00.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Treasurer to pay the Club's general liability insurance premium of \$345.00 for the period of 6/1/04 to 6/1/05. Insurer is New Hampshire Insurance Co. Motion carried.

Announcements:

1. Rich, N70P, announced that

the Board of Directors had voted to discontinue the membership drawing unless there was objection by the membership. No objections were heard. Also, the work party got the generator working and ready for Field Day. The fuel tank was repaired but a new one is needed. Finally, the trailer still needs DMV registration and license plates.

2. Adrienne, WA6YEO, announced the next VE test session will be on Saturday, May 1 at 1 p.m. at the Kumon Center. This is a \$4.00 GLAARG session. Also, she thanked all the hams who helped with the MS Walk and noted particularly the key role played by amateur radio operators in finding and returning the lost child to her very worried mother.

3. Bill, N6PY, said the West Coast Military Collectors Radio Group will meet on Apr. 30 – May 1 at Ft San Louis Obispo. E-mail Bill for more information.

Program: Karen, KD5PLF, the Field Day Chairman, presented

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the program consisting of the preparations and planned events for our next Field Day extravaganza. The gala festivities and weekend of camaraderie are held the last weekend in June beginning officially at 1800Z Saturday (1100 PT). The preparation work parties were a huge success but volunteers are still needed on Friday at the Lancaster City Park to set up stations and handle final details. K6OX will operate SSB, CW and digital-PSK31 for a Club classification of 3A. Visitors are encouraged to come and see all modes of amateur radio in action. Food, fun and lots of QSOs of course.

The next General Membership meeting will be held on June 24, 2004 at this same location and time. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on May 6, 2004 at 7 p.m. at Bill's, N6PY, QTH in Palmdale, CA. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

**Submitted by Claude A. Brown,
K7TEN
Secretary, AVARC, 2004**

AVARC Board Meeting May 6, 2004

Location: Bill's N6PY, QTH, Palmdale, CA

Members Present: Rich Stocking, N7OP, President; Chuck Turner, K6ARU, Vice President; Dave Alpert, KX6Z, Treasurer; Gary Mork, WA6WFC, Master at Arms; Vern Eubanks, KØLVS, Past Presi-

dent; Harold Bragg, K6HAB, Board Member; Elizabeth Alpert, KG6JDH, Board Member; Keith Hoyt, K6GXO, Trustee
Members Absent: Claude Brown, K7TEN, Secretary
Others Present Bill Feldmann, N6PY; Bruce Mowers, N6SFV, Membership Chairman

The President opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with at least five Board Members being present to constitute a quorum.

Vern, KØLVS, provided a CA DMV form required to license the new generator trailer. The trailer should be licensed before Field Day. Field Day will be the weekend of 26-27 June this year.

Rich, N7OP relayed from Field Day chair Karen, KD5PLF, that FD shirts and pins orders are in. Karen is updating the Field Day information booklet and selling advertising in it. We will hang the AVARC amateur radio event sign in a prominent place, and will post another sign at the information booth.

Dave, KX6Z, reported that the treasury is not particularly healthy, and we should explore ways to increase our revenue or find ways to cut the budget. Methods of obtaining additional revenue were discussed. Dues have not been increased for quite a few years, and that is one option. Rich, N7OP, said he would bring up the subject of treasury funds during

the next business meeting.

Harold, K7HAB, pointed out that when we provide public service at events such as the upcoming MS Walk, the event staff and the public do not know who the hams are. He suggested jackets or vests with distinctive identification. Such identification would be useful to let people know how to contact event officials, or ask about ham radio.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at Keith's K6GXO, QTH in Palmdale. The meeting adjourned.

**Submitted for Claude A.
Brown, K7TEN**

Field Day Report

All is going well with our Field Day preparations. I am looking forward to a very successful event.

We are putting together a Field Day booklet that also has general information about Ham radio and our club. We are looking for advertisers. If you have any suggestions please call.

Also, most of the Field Day shirts and pins are in and will be available at the next meeting.

**Thanks,
Karen KD5PLF**





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