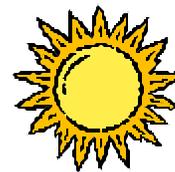


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## From The Veep

### Dan Rowlan KG6PQA

Hi. Thanks to all of you who put in a major effort for our Field Day event. Everything went very smoothly, especially the unscheduled emergency response.

On Friday afternoon while we were assembling the clubs antennas, a very serious accident occurred next our Field Day site, just over the fence on the 14 freeway. Because of quick action by Rich N7OP and others in putting out a fire in a car with trapped and injured occupants, they probably prevented a bad situation from becoming much worse. We never know when the next emergency will occur!!! By training and being aware of the proper course of action in emergency situations, the first person on the scene can often make a real difference. Well done, guys.

We were a category 2A Field Day station this year, a very competitive category. If we could get two more stations on the air for next year, we would be a 4A club with much less competition. It's never too early to start planning!

The ARRL publishes Field Day results in the December issue of QST; I guess we will have to wait until then to see how we did. A special thanks to our Field Day coordinator, Karen Stocking KD5PLF, for a job well done.

The ARRL is considering making a proposal to the FCC about regulating the ham bands in a new way! Currently bands are regulated by emission type. Under the new plan they would be regulated by bandwidth. Proponents of the new system say its necessary to encourage experimentation in emerging new technologies. I encourage you to learn more about this, discuss it with other hams and send your comments to [bandwidth@arrl.org](mailto:bandwidth@arrl.org). You can learn more about these changes on the web by going to [arrl.org/announce/bandwidth.html](http://arrl.org/announce/bandwidth.html). CQ Magazine has an excellent article on the bandwidth proposal in their July issue. Once these changes have been made it will be very hard to undo them. Now is the right time to learn as much as we can about this and make our feelings known.

Andy Romanisky WA6WXD is our speaker for July. The title of his presentation is "Visiting Hams Around The World". Please join me at the Greenhouse Cafe in Lancaster at 6:00 PM on July 28 for dinner and to welcome Andy to the Antelope Valley and the Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club.

The Greenhouse Cafe is at 1169 Commerce Center Dr. That's one block south of Ave. K on 12th St. W. See you there

73,

Dan KG6PQA



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### Meeting Notice

Thursday, July 28, 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 **Andy Romanisky WA6WXD**, who will be presenting "Visiting Hams Around the World". This should be a very interesting presentation, so be sure to join us!



Andy Romanisky WA6WXD

# From The Secretary's Desk

## AVARC GENERAL MEETING

Date: 23 June 2005  
 Location: EOC, City Hall  
 44933 N. Fern Ave.  
 Lancaster, Calif. 93534

The club President, Rich Stocking, called the meeting to order at 7:30, and we did the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance was less than last month with only 27 members present, six of which were board members. The mayor of Lancaster, Frank C. Roberts, K6EDF was also present. The regular club business was quickly concluded and the minutes from the last meeting were voted on and accepted. The treasurer reported that we have \$1475.10 in checking and \$734.99 in the savings.

The guest speaker for the month, Pat Coker, was not able to attend because he was called to work. This resulted in the meeting ending a bit early at 8:10. Several members stayed after to discuss Field Day.

Submitted by  
 Robert K. Holland, KG6DHQ  
 Secretary, AVARC 2005

## AVARC BOARD MEETING

Date: 7 July 2005  
 Location: Shakey's Pizza, Lancaster, Calif.  
 Board members present:  
 Dan Rowlan, KG6PQA, Vice President  
 Don Jackson, WA6KKP, Treasurer  
 Bob Holland, KG6DHQ, Secretary  
 Gary Mork, WA6WFC, Master at Arms  
 Bruce Mowers, N6SFV, Board Member  
 Keith Hoyt, K6GXO, Trustee  
 Vern Eubanks, K0LVS, Ex Officio  
 Dale Snider, K0BGL

The President could not make the meeting so Dan called the meeting to order at 7:50 with at least five board members present to constitute a quorum.

The treasurer announced that we will not make it to the end of the year with the amount of money presently in the checking account. We also discussed passing the can to raise money for Newline, because they have requested more money.

Submitted by  
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# Field Day 2005



# TriviaTronics

By Vern Eubanks KØLVS  
and Dan Rowlan KG6PQA



Lancaster Mayor Frank Roberts  
K6EDF with Margie KG6TBR and  
2005 FD Chairman Karen KD5PLF



K6OX Trustee Keith K6GXO



AVARC Vice-President Dan  
KG6PQA at the GOTA station



Dan WA6PZK lying down on the job

Photos by Al Almeida N6JZ



**Murphy's Law – The Secret Antelope Valley Connection**  
“If anything can go wrong – it will!”  
Murphy

Everyone knows Murphy's Law. You don't just hear about it on Field Day, but also around the workplace, on the news, even on the Cooking Channel. While the principle of the law has been around since the first caveman dropped a stone axe on his foot while whacking away at a tree trunk, Murphy's Law has only been documented since the Oxford English dictionary defined it in 1958. Most folks have assumed that Murphy was a fictional character, but Hugh Rawson's recent book *Unwritten Laws, the Unofficial Rules of Life*, presents irrefutable evidence that Captain Edward A. Murphy Jr unwittingly became the namesake of the most frequently cited of all unwritten rules of life. George Nichols, an engineer at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in the 1940's tells the story this way: “I was project manager at Edwards AFB during Col J. P. Stapp's experimental research on the (rocket sled) track. (Captain Edward had become highly irritated when he discovered a technician had improperly wired a strain gauge on the rocket sled, causing serious delay on the project) Mur-

phy shouted, ‘If there is *any* way to do it wrong, he will!’ I assigned Murphy's Law to the statement.”

Since George Nichols coined the term in 1949, Murphy's Law has taken on a life of its own, spawning a myriad of alternate versions. Perhaps you have heard of some of these:

- If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
- If two or more things can go wrong, the one that will go wrong is the one that will cause the most damage.
- If you play with something long enough, it will break.
- It will always break when you need it the most.
- Nature always sides with the hidden flaw.
- A dropped tool will fall where it will do the most damage.
- Then it will roll to the exact center of the vehicle you are working on.

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