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President's Corner

Margie Hoffman KG6TBR

This past month of May has proven to me that while on one hand you can have a really busy month and then, suddenly, on the other hand it can change and be definitely quiet and you have nothing new to do. Well, speaking of hands, I will bring those of you up to date. I did have surgery on my left hand/wrist, which turned out to be a little more than I expected and left me unable to drive for a total of 5 weeks per my doctor's orders. Those of you who follow my columns know that I am always busy what with trips that involve ham radio or other fun things to do. Not being able to drive is a disaster. I told my son Brian that now I know how it will feel when I am 90 years of age and he takes my keys away from me. My biggest problem was not being able to attend the Board meeting and then I found out that I could not make it to the May General Field Day meeting. This was a disappointment to me as I had been planning all along to be there. But I want to send a huge "Thank You" to our Vice President Larry Bianchi KG1B, who covered for both of those missed meetings for me and I heard he handled them like a pro.

Today, June 10, was my first day back at driving, so I attended the June Board meeting at Keith's K6GXO. It was like seeing family again and I was sure glad to be there. We went over a lot of information and I can assure everyone that the preparations for this year's Field Day are well underway and being handled with a very organized team of our Co-Chairmen, Larry Bianchi KG1B and Bob Foster KJ6DEH. Together they are tightening up all the loose ends and are sure to make this year's 2010 Field Day the best ever. Don't forget that Field Day is held the last full weekend of June at Lancaster City Park. The dates are Friday, June 25 from 12 noon when we will be setting up to Sunday, June 27 when we will be tearing down. The good news is that not only will Bob be bringing his Boy Scout troop members to participate in this annual event, but now I have word from Dan Rowlan KG6PQA that another Boy Scout troop, #444, will also be on hand to join in the activities. This is exciting for both the boys and our club. I hope all the club members will also come out to the park and enjoy the events too and maybe take a few Boy Scouts under their wings and be Elmers for the day. I am sure the Scouts will appreciate this as there is much for them to learn. We have many amazing and experienced hams in our club roster and maybe we can also learn and be rewarded by sharing our ham knowledge and hobby with the Scouts.

See you at the meeting and see you all at Field Day!

73,

Margie KG6TBR

Thursday, June 24, 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 **Jon Clark N6NQ**, who will bring us up to date on ARES activities in the AV.

From The Veep

Larry Bianchi KG1B

"Summer Breeze makes me feel fine ..."

Anyone remember that line from the Seals and Croft song of 1972? I remember it well .. which means I AM old. I can remember that song like it was yesterday. Summertimes were great in the 60s and 70s. Great songs like that and "I'd Really Like to See you Tonight" by England Dan and John Ford Coley or is it "I'm not talking about Malidium, and I don't want to change your life .." ? I tend to be a soft rock music kind of guy. Don't gag, but I am a big Barry Manilow fan. I have been to see him in concert at least 3 times that I can remember.

So why do I bring this up? Can't really say any particular reason why except when I got up this morning, it was such a beautiful summer's morning. I had a very good friend who said to me .. "Larry if you don't take the time to 'stop and smell the roses' then you not realize the reasons you work hard in the first place.

Ham radio is a pleasure. Take the time to savor and enjoy what you are learning and accomplishing. Remember back when you first got your ham ticket .. what brought you into ham radio .. what struggles did you go through to learn, to pass and to get on the air. I am sure as you do, thoughts will surge through your mind that you may have forgotten.

And no, this isn't a philosophy lesson, but I usually shoot from the hip and express what is on my mind as I sit down and write for the Short Circuit.

Speaking of fun summer nights, we have an exciting opportunity coming up at the end of June. Field Day! I have belabored Field Day in prior articles, so I won't do this again. But let's get out and have fun. Be like a little kid on Christmas morning! Enjoy, learn and enjoy some more.

We also have an exciting program coming
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From the Secretary's Desk



AVARC Club Meeting May 27, 2010

Opening: Larry Bianchi, Vice President – KG1B

Flag Salute: 7:30 p.m. was followed by introductions.

Minutes from last meeting: To approve as printed in Short Circuit per the notes taken by Secretary Dan Sherwood WA6PZK. (Minutes were approved)

Treasurer's report: Don Jackson K6GET. Balance:

\$3144.73

Membership Report: Gary Barr WA6TWT –2 new members tonight. 109 Total.

We now have a total of 109 paid members.

Members present tonight: (33)

Old Business:

- **Field Day/ Field Day Chairman** (Discussion after the break tonight in lieu of guest speaker)

Field Day Chairman is Bob Foster KJ6DEH who is being assisted by Larry Bianchi.

Any questions on this later, please contact Larry KG1B or Bob KJ6DEH or President, Margie Hoffman KG6TBR Thank you.

Notes for Larry, please remind all that if they want to order : Shirts, Pins, do so asap in order to insure delivery prior to Field Day. (• **FIELD DAY T-SHIRTS AND PINS:** We are not taking orders due to no response so if anyone wants T-Shirts or pins, they can order them thru ARRL online web page. Plug ARRL web page and remind to obtain info re Field Day from that web page.)

- **Ron Hammel K6WLC** hosted an open house at his ranch in Lockwood Valley on the weekend of May 22 - May 23. He had a total of 20 hams and several of them were able to make some new DX contacts to add to their portfolio for future QSL cards. Ron gave tours of his extensive HAM Radio station and "Antenna Farm".

- **New Business:**

- **June Board Meeting date is changed** to one week later than scheduled due to Margie Hoffman KG6TBR is at home recuperating from surgery on her left hand. The new meeting day will be Thursday, June 10. Location of the meeting to be announced after meeting place is confirmed. (Most likely: Keith's QTH – K6GXO)

Keith Hoyt, K6GXO: Talked about Dayton Hamvention. Has 6 solar panels for sale. Talked about DMV registration fees, and hassles from renewal overcharges from false late fees. He reminded the membership to take precautions in mailing correspondence to the DMV to document the timeliness of the submission of fees due.

- **Announcements: And Upcoming Events please see board for dates of other events.(Sandarc-2010, Hamcom 2011)**

Larry: Announced HAMCON in San Diego in September 17-19, 2010. Next year's HAMCOM will be Sept. 8-10, Torrance, CA. AVARC will try to participate in this event.

- Adrienne Sherwood – WA6YEO announced the VE session to be held on Monday, June 7, 2010 will be held at 7pm at First Christian Church. Address: 1702 E. Ave J - Across from Walmart. This is a ARRL and fee is \$15. Announce the Technician question pool will change at the end of June. This will be the last session on the current pool. Announced need to bring fee, license, and ID to the session. FRN and SSN as needed.

Jon Clark, N6NQ: ARES group has an interface with AV Hospital as backup comms to Santa Fe Springs. Monthly ARES meeting in July will be at AV Hospital. June will be at FD. Liaison with CERT to become organized and to establish communication. Forth Saturday of each month 9:00 AM. Kudos to Mark Lemott-Kerr, KG6QGK, Marcus Marti-

nez, KE6RHV, and Larry Mock, KI6BKP for their assistance in helping ARES to take off.

- **BREAK** – (10 minutes)

- **Guest Speaker:** Bob Foster KJ6DEH was introduced by Vice President Larry Bianchi-KG1B and they spoke on Field Day 2010.

FIELD DAY NOTES:

Bring youth and Scouts.

Need volunteers to setup and tear down. Generators. NASA Truck may not be coming. Carol volunteered a generator. WA6PZK – Tables and chairs are doubtful from Palmcaster. Will make a final follow-up.

Scoring: Larry suggests N1MM logging software, (free). Input requested.

Porta Potty: Bob will have a unit delivered to the park and picked up.

Dale: Will try N1MM. Having difficulty getting it to see rig.

Keith: Needs Jon to pick up tower trailer.

Dale: ARRL SCM would like FD location to be listed on the ARRL web site. Marty Woll may be of assistance.

KG6PQA: Got K6A for field day. To be used for the GOTA station, K6OX for the main callsign.

Carol: We will assist Scouts getting their ham radio merit badge.

Keith: Have Larry get city to give us emergency phone number.

Carol: Breakfast burritos? Dan Rowlan maybe. Adrienne – sourdough yes. Carol will BBQ on Saturday night.

- *****Additional New Business:** After Speaker/Discussion, Please announce the following:

- **Next board meeting:** 7:30/pm May 6 – location TBD (Keith's QTH ?)

- **Next General meeting:** 7:30 pm June 24nd 2010 - speaker to be announced on the new or the Short circuit.

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From the VEEP...

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in July. Clint Bradford K6LCS will present 'Working Amateur Satellites with your HT'. This will prove to be a fun evening and if all goes well, we will be treated to an actual demonstration. There are a few hams that have been involved with this and I am sure they can attest how fun it is to have QSO's through the use of these satellites.

Our program last month featured Bob Foster KJ6DEH talking about Field Day. He is a new ham and has jumped into being the FD Chairman with both feet not knowing how deep the hole was. 'Hello down there Bob! Need a rope? (Hi Hi)' My personal congratulations to him for the job he did in his presentation and the job he is doing in chairing this event.

And as our program this month on June 24th, Jon Clark N6NQ will discuss how ARES is progressing here in the Antelope Valley. He has taken over the reins passed on to him from Eugene Humphreys KG6SLC and is doing a tremendous job in organizing and continuing the efforts of ARES.

Looks like the time is short and I need to wrap up this article. It is a distinct pleasure serving you! I enjoy our club, the hobby and the people that have become and are becoming very close friends! See you at Field Day!

Happy Hamming!

73,

Larry KG1B



Secretary's Desk...



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- Raffle Drawing: Winners: ARRL tote bag – Bob Foster. \$16 Ramon Vargas
- Adjourned at 08:55.

AVARC Board Meeting June 10, 2010

Meeting called to order 7:13 PM by Margie, KG6TBR

Present: Larry Bianchi, Gary Barr, Gary Mork, Bob Foster, Margie Hoffman, Keith Hoyt, Adrienne Sherwood, Dan Sherwood

Gary Barr: Membership report submitted. 108 members reported. List of members that need to be renewed was passed around.

Larry: Net script needs to be sent to all NCS operators. WB6JIQ was running the old script. Needs to be updated. New business: WA6PZK repaired the HAM 3 rotor. Keith donated the 8-pin connector.

Don Jackson reported the non-profit notice has been filed with the IRS.

Dan Rowlan: Has troop 444 with 10 kids to show up for field day. This is in addition to Bob Foster's scout troop. Dan will sell breakfast burritos for \$2.50 to the membership, and \$1.50 to the scouts.

Gary Barr: Now has NASA trailer and van. Power is available.

Adrienne and Margie have prepared a field day flyer. Some adjustments need to be made, perhaps removing some of the modes that may not be worked, e.g. satellite, etc.

Adrienne to email list of new hams to Gary Barr. Recent students and test applicants.

Bob Foster: Has a propane BBQ that can be used at field day.

Larry and Bob Foster will pass some of the FD flyers around. Gary Barr will email the FD flyer to new hams based on Adrienne's list. Leave the flyer as is. Larry will call Mike Kacinski at the local cable channel to make a video presentation about FD. Gary Barr suggested Mike video this field day to present next year. Bob Foster: Spoke to Shannon, editor AV press, to do an article about field day. She may appear at

FD to do a story.

Gary Barr has a second SteppIR vertical antenna.

Bob Foster: Has 10 tables, but no chairs. Members need to bring own chairs. Larry will check with Palmcaster about rentals.

Generator: Four people signed up to provide generators. With NASA truck extra generators not needed.

WA6PZK: Discussed generator out at Rich Stocking's place. Bob Foster will look into what it takes to get it registered and paperwork. Generator in bad shape. Might be feasible to scrap generator and rehab the trailer.

Larry: Chris, AF6TG is planning to bring an RV out to FD. Campers should be Club members to satisfy permit and insurance requirements. Anyone staying on site need to contribute to the FD effort.

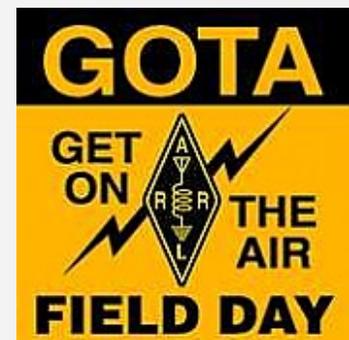
Bob Foster: Has a list of FD volunteers. These are people who have worked jobs in the past with some newer folks as well. He will call Parks and Rec to have sprinklers turned off during the event.

Adrienne and Margie will prepare flyers and tent cards the week before FD. Margie noted to bring an EasyUp canopy. Bob has some jumbo ones as well.

Deadline for Short Circuit: Friday night 6/11 will be the deadline.

Meeting adjourned 8:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:
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AVARC Secretary 2010





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