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## President's Corner

Margie Hoffman KG6TBR

Last month I was writing my article while sitting in the hotel lobby in Miami Beach. Just a few weeks ago, I was sitting at the helm of the Signal Point amateur radio station known as PJ2T on the beautiful island of Curaçao in the Caribbean. As most of you have heard me say, I participated in the inaugural DXpedition of the newly formed club "YLDXpeditions- NA6YL" with five other YL's. We began our journey to the island anticipating some adventure, some fun, and some radio contesting. It all proved to definitely be a learning experience for all of us. I hope you were able to at least listen to us on the radio during the dates of March 18-21 even if you could not get through to us due to the enormous pile-ups that we encountered. It was way more than we expected, and many times, was pretty intense. It was exciting, and at the same time amazing, thinking that we were on the "other side" of the wanted list. The hams we spoke to all over the world were so friendly, greeting us with all sorts of kind words and congratulations on what we were accomplishing. They were indeed patient with us as we tried our best to reach out to all who were trying to get a contact with us.

I would recommend this experience to anyone who has an opportunity to participate in such an event. The

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## Meeting Notice

Thursday, April 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 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 ARRL SW Division Vice Director **Marty Woll N6VI**, on "Field Day—Strategies, Tactics, and Techniques". Marty is a good friend of AVARC, and it is always a pleasure to welcome him to our meetings. So mark your calendars and be sure to join us!



**Marty Woll**  
**N6VI**

## From The Veep

Larry Bianchi KG1B

Spring has sprung .. the grass has riz!

We are already in full gear with the busy part of our year. Let's see .. in April, there is Baker to Vegas and the Visalia DX Convention. We also had a meeting with the Palmdale City Council regarding the antenna ordinance and we are gearing up for our annual Field Day.

We will keep you informed as to how Baker to Vegas and the DX Convention goes in future articles.

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, the Palmdale City Council met to decide the fate of the antenna ordinance that was proposed by the Planning Commission. There were about a dozen of so hams that attended the meeting and there were about 5 hams that spoke in front of the Council. Some very good points were made by those who spoke showing some of the weaknesses of the proposed ordinance.

After hearing what the hams had to say, it was decided that the ordinance needed some more clarifications and considerations. The future of the ordinance is now back in the hands of the Planning Commission and a small committee of hams to iron out the kinks and come up with an ordinance that will make sense and be reasonable to all concerned.

Personally, I don't have a problem with an ordinance if it doesn't inter-

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# From the Secretary's Desk



## AVARC General Meeting 3/24/2011

Meeting called to order by Margie Hoffman at 7:36 PM

Flag Salute

Member introductions. Members present, 36 at start of meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. Moved Dan Warren, Second Dan Rowlan. Carried.

Dan Rowlan - Treasurer's Report: 3804.99 in balance. Insurance bill \$400.00. Motion to pay carried. This is necessary to use park for Field Day.

Gary Barr: Membership – 113 active members, including 5 recent renewals.

Old Business: Kate Hutton, K6HDN, wanted to do NTS traffic school here in the AV. Margie recommend Saturday as the class takes 3 hours. Marcus will work with Kate to find a time and location for the class. TBA on either Net or Short Circuit.

Field Day – interested parties talk to Margie at the break. No NASA assets this year, so replacing power sources and antennas will be important. Keith and Larry have solar. Station operators need to be contacted. We need tables and chairs, generators, contact with Boy Scouts, FD literature from ARRL. Margie suggests having hams already purchasing from ARRL to request flyers. Larry FD chair, event last full weekend in June

Baker to Vegas: April 16 – 17. Suggest making it a 3 or 4 day weekend.

Adrienne: Reported on LDS test session on 3/22. Gave credit to VE's in attendance. 34 applicants were tested. Pass ratio was about 2/3 of those who tried. Numerous techs, two Generals, and one Extra passed. Next regular test 4/4/11 Monday at AV First Christian at 7:00 PM. Adrienne reminded the membership that all accommodated

exam requirements will require advance notice.

Break

Presentation by Joy Matlack, KD6FJV on Baker to Vegas and Hamcon 2011.

Eugene Humpherys talked about our local stage 15 effort on B to V. Meeting at his house at 7:00 this Saturday, 3/26. Hams and other volunteers needed.

Margie: Next Board meeting, April 7, 2011 at Keith Hoyt's QTH?, (TBD).

Next General meeting, Thurs. April 28. Guest speaker will be Marty Woll.

50/50 Drawing: Won by Gary Barr.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Sherwood WA6PZK  
AVARC Secretary 2011



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**President's Corner...**

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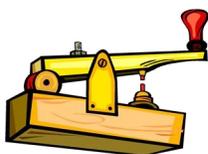
joys are traveling to new places, working with other hams who also enjoy similiar experiences, learning together, and the best of all, talking to other hams the world around.

One way you can begin to enjoy expanding your ham radio experience locally without having to go too far from home is to participate in this year's Field Day. In case you have not already had that opportunity, this is the time to get ready and help out with the plans. We will again have many of our club members joining together to set up various ham stations, creating this environment at Lancaster City Park. We hope to have several modes of operation, but we need a lot of help in getting this done. Please make a point to get together with us this year to help out in any way you can. The event is the last full weekend of June and we will begin at the park at noon on Friday, June 24 and keep going until Sunday, June 26. This is an event that you won't want to miss.

In the meantime, see you all at the April Meeting.

73,

Margie KG6TBR



**From the VEEP...**



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ferre with our ability to enjoy our hobby. And I believe that most hams would agree with my viewpoint. So we shall see how the next couple of months go as the ordinance is overhauled.

With the hams attending the meeting, we had a situation where our Wednesday evening net did not present NewsLine as those that could have, were all at the meeting. As a matter of fact, we came within a whisker of canceling the net all together, but Larry WB6JIQ came to the rescue at the last minute. Thank you Larry .. that was greatly appreciated!

With that in mind, I would like to see an increase in our Net Control pool. Those that can act as net control and those that can present NewsLine. I will be very happy to work with anyone who would like to train in either of these two areas. I can be reached at 818 237-0706 if you are interested. You never know what you can learn as you expand your abilities in ham radio.

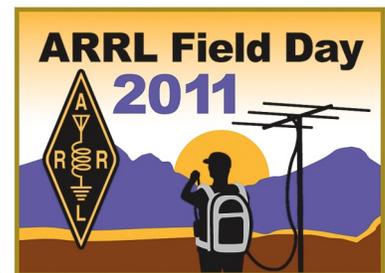
We have an exciting speaker for our April 28<sup>th</sup> club meeting. Mary Woll N6VI will speak on "Field Day – Strategies, Tactics and Techniques" This will be a very informative program. Marty Woll is a long time ham and currently serves as the Vice Director of ARRL's Southwest Division.

Well that wraps it up for this month. Let's all enjoy our hobby to the fullest.

Happy Hamming!

73,

Larry KG1B



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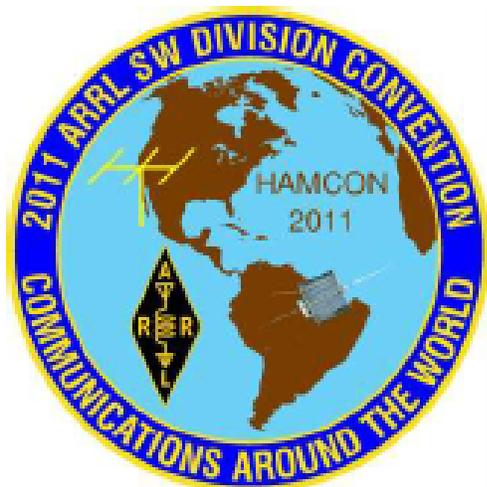


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Session	Date	Day	Time
<b>GLAARG</b>	1/8/2011	Saturday	9 A.M.
<b>GLAARG</b>	2/7/2011	Monday	7 P.M.
<b>ARRL</b>	3/5/2011	Saturday	9 A.M.
<b>GLAARG</b>	4/4/2011	Monday	7 P.M.
<b>GLAARG</b>	5/7/2011	Saturday	9 A.M.
<b>ARRL</b>	6/6/2011	Monday	7 P.M.
<b>GLAARG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

## Santa Maria Ham Radio Swapfest & BBQ

### June 18, 2011

Saturday of Father's Day Weekend

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