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President's Corner

Larry Bianchi KG1B

To Larry Smith WB6JIQ .. You will be missed!

This year is gearing up rather fast. A lot has happened already though very much under the radar. Plans for the 2013 Field Day are underway and it should prove to be an exciting and rewarding time. Again, we have Lancaster City Park reserved. Oh .. by the way .. Field Day is June 22nd and 23rd. Larry Volmer KJ6CJY has been working with the local Boy Scouts troops to get our Field Day on their agenda.

Props to him and all that he has done. We will be firming up our Field Day committee within the next month.

It is with sadness that we announce that Larry Smith WB6JIQ is a silent key. He worked diligently as a net control operator for our Wednesday Night Net. He was a well known and respected locksmith and very civic minded. Larry .. you will be greatly missed.

Speaking of our Wednesday Night Net. We currently have 2 net control operators (Larry KG1B and Jon N6NQ). We also have 2 Newline operators (Dan W6DAS and Rene KJ6MOO). Both Larry and Jon can present Newline. We need help with

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Meeting Notice

Thursday, February 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 new phone number for the club is **(661) 265-6131**.

This month's meeting will feature our own **Margie Hoffman KG6TBR**. She will be talking to us about upcoming Baker to Vegas 2013. Many of our members have been participating since 2007, and will find this program of great interest. If you would like to become a part of this great event, you can learn more at the meeting. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us!



**Margie Hoffman KG6TBR
at B2V Stage 15**

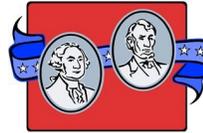
From The Veep

Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC

For the past year I've been harping on the fact that ham radio is a hobby and as a hobby it should be fun. As I've said before, "if it ain't fun, why do it?" Last month's QST magazine had an article on the role that ham radio played during and after Hurricane Sandy hit the East Coast. Again, as in all disasters, amateur radio came through, providing accurate and timely communication to local and national relief organizations. What particularly caught my attention were the hams who loaded their own vehicles with water and supplies for distribution to those in need. One gentleman even put a large barbeque on a trailer and spent the weekend cooking food that people brought from their freezers so that it wouldn't spoil. Here in the Antelope Valley, the disaster that we are most likely to experience would be an earthquake. The "Big One". We have a couple of groups here in the A.V., besides the Red Cross, who help in disaster relief that some of our members belong to and who we should all be familiar with. The first is ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service). They provide "knowledge, expertise and hardware as trained radio operators to local agencies in need of communications support during an emergency". That quote was taken

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From the VEEP...

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our net. I am asking for at least one more net control operator and one more Newsline operator. You can contact me at 818 237-0706 or email me at strad3@hotmail.com.

Last month, we had the pleasure of having Marty Woll N6VI as our club speaker. He spoke on NVIS (Near Vertical Incidence Skywave) communication. Basically, this is using HF (High Frequency) for local emergency communication. This is an excellent way for the Antelope Valley to communication with operators in the San Fernando Valley should there be a need to communicate during an emergency.

And this month, we will have our own Margie Hoffman KG6TBR speak to us about B2V (Baker to Vegas). For those who may not be familiar with B2V, I will give a quick explanation. B2V is a relay race from Baker CA to Las Vegas NV. The course takes you through

Pahrump and winds through mountain roads. The entire race covers about 125 miles. The teams come from all over the world and are all in some aspect of law enforcement.

As a club, we work with ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) to volunteer in the communications for this event. The race takes place April 13th and 14th and will cover some 20 stages.

Well, that about wraps things up for another month. We will look forward to seeing you on February 28th at our club meeting.

Till then .. Happy Hamming!

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from the ARES website. The second group that you should be familiar with is CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). CERT provides free training in first aid and disaster relief. CERT trained individuals can then become members of neighborhood teams that serve their own neighbors in an emergency. Both groups have websites that can be accessed from the Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Clubs website. The CERT website also has information on classes pertaining to long term food storage and preparation. Even if we can't belong to ARES or CERT due to job or health constraints, we can be as prepared as possible to take care of ourselves in the event of an emergency. I hope to see you at the meeting on the 28th. Till then....

73,
Jay KG1B

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Vance KD6SMC



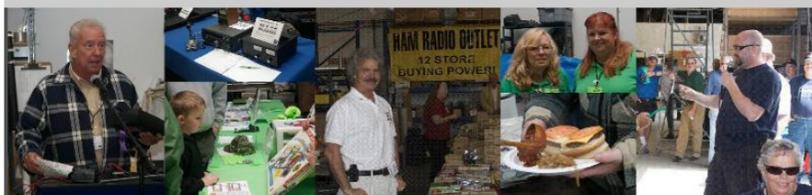
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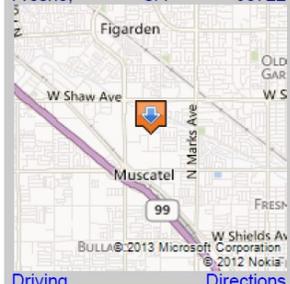


M2 Antenna Systems' 15th Annual Open House and BBQ



When
 Saturday March 16, 2013 from
 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM PDT
[Add to Calendar](#)

Where
 M2 Antenna Systems, Inc.
 4402 N. Selland Ave.
 Fresno, CA 93722



Staying Overnight?
[La Quinta Inn](#) has a special rate for M2 guests. Contact us for the discount code!

Bring your swap table and your appetite! Spring is approaching and it will soon be time for our 15th Annual Open House and Bar-B-Q!

There is NO CHARGE to attend!

Gates open at 8:00 am (7:30 for swap setup).

This year will be especially important as we celebrate the life a good friend and inspiration for this annual event, [Larry Hogue, W6OMF \(SK\)](#).

Amateur Radio Manufacturers and Dealers

We'll have Dennis Motschenbacher K7BV from [Yaesu](#), Janet Margelli KL7MF from [Ham Radio Outlet](#), Jim N6DHZ and Linda Shryne from the [DX Store](#), Kurt Address K7NV, Skip Bolnick KJ6Y of Communications Service Co., Dave Bottom W16R, from [RadioSport Headsets](#), Gordon Yee KI6UH from [QR Zed Engraving](#) and more!

Amateur Radio Activities

Mike Staal, K6MYC, renowned EME'er and co-owner of M2 will be heading up an EME demonstration using his latest high-performance antennas and the [2M-1K2 Solid State Amplifier](#). The [Clovis Amateur Radio Pioneers](#) will be hosting a "Perpetual T-Hunt". The [San Joaquin Valley Amateur Radio Society](#) will be running an HF Digital station, demonstrating HF amateur digital communications. There's a lot to see, so don't miss out!

What is the Purpose Behind the M2 Open House?

We are happy to open our facility up to local hams so they can catch a glimpse into our manufacturing process. We take pride in what we do and this is one way to show our appreciation.

The admission and the fun are all FREE!

Thank you for your continued support of this event. It has grown into an annual tradition that amateur radio operators look forward to each year. We look forward to seeing YOU in March!

Ivan Eugene Hinkle, Jr. N6PQB-SK



Friends of Ivan Hinkle N6PQB were saddened to learn that he died suddenly on Monday, January 14, 2013 in Payson of a previously undetected illness. A former member of AVARC, Ivan was active as a Volunteer Examiner, and participated in many local test sessions before relocating to Payson, Utah.

Ivan was born on his mother's birthday, June 26, 1957 in Coronado, California to Ivan Eugene Hinkle and Beverly Dawn Whitaker.

A beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, and friend, "Hink" is survived by his wife Rachel, daughter Annie Delight Taylor (Yoshigo), son C. Duran Hinkle (Michael), daughter Chela Dawn Jenkins (Nolan Brady), and son William Brown Hinkle. One of his greatest delights was being a grandfather to Dominique, Makayla, Lanycia, Lavieon, Duke Carson, and a grandchild eagerly anticipated this summer. Hink is also survived by his first wife, Nancy Hinkle, his father, his father-in-law (Reed Hawkes), a sister, and three brothers. He was preceded in death by his mother and mother-in-law, his "two dear Beverlys" with whom he is now reunited.

Ivan was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with a firm and abiding knowledge of and love for his Savior, Jesus Christ. He rejoiced in the opportunity to serve in many priesthood capacities and dearly loved the members of his two wards, Tierra Bonita Ward (Lancaster, CA) and Park Ward (Payson, UT).



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AVARC board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. All members are welcome to attend, although they should let the president or another officer know that they are planning to attend, as the meetings usually include a pot-luck dinner at the home of one of the officers.

The club net is on Wednesdays at 8:00, on the Hauser repeater (146.73 MHz PL 100). The net includes Amateur Radio Newsline, and all members and guests are invited to check in.

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