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President's Corner

Larry Bianchi KG1B

Trailer for sale or rent ...

Rooms to let fifty cents! Remember that ole tune by Roger Miller? "King of the Road".

Well we as a club have a decision to make regarding our own club trailer. Currently, we own a trailer that is usually been used for our Field Days. Attached to the trailer is an expandable tower upon which we put a couple of Yagis which are also owned by the club. As you can see by the photos, the tower is on top of the trailer and the elements of the Yagis are stored on either side of the tower.

Within the trailer, we store our club generator and a lot of backup stuff needed for support and operation of the Yagis.

We are in the process of wanting to do something with the trailer. First, the trailer is old and not easily maintained. Second, the way the trailer is constructed, its center of gravity is high which makes it dangerous to drive and dangerous to help support the tower and antennas.

During our next meeting, we will ask you, the club membership, if anyone would like to buy the trailer for their own use, or exactly what we should do with it. I am speaking of the trailer only. The antennas, tower, generator and supporting material will remain the club property (for now).

So .. speaking of Field Day, we are counting down to June. It will be upon us sooner than you think. We have our Field Day Committee in place. Paul KD6SMC will head our committee and I will be the advisor. For the most part, each station will be responsible for

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Meeting Notice

Thursday, March 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 **Dick Miller KJ6W**. He will be talking to us about the history of the Hauser Repeater. This will definitely be of great interest to all of us, since we have come to depend on Hauser for our local ham communications. You won't want to miss this one, so be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us!



Hauser Repeater Site

From The Veep

Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC

Oh boy, here it is, St Paddy's Day, and for once in me life I have nothing to say. So I'll wing it. Here goes. Imagine my surprise when I check my e-mail two weeks ago and find a whole bunch of messages demanding that I pay for the items that I won on eBay. What the heck? So I log onto eBay and find out that I owe over a hundred dollars for Hotwheels Monster Trucks from several different sites! It seems that I let Terry's six year old grandson look at the toy trucks after I had spent some time looking at camera equipment and forgot to log off. He blissfully spent the afternoon bidding on lots of cool monster trucks. I have to give him credit cause he outbid several people. Smart kid. A bunch of e-mails later and I had gotten myself out of that jam, but I probably don't have a very good rating with eBay as a buyer!

One thing that I could mention is Field Day. I volunteered to chair the event this year so please bear with me. I must say that our club president, Larry Bianchi, is a good persuader. Anyhow, we'd like to have a Field Day this year that is as good as last year's or better. One thing that we didn't have last year was good input from the membership. We want as many members as possible to participate. Though we can al-

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putting up and taking down their own equipment (as we did last year). With that in mind, the main responsibility the FD chairman will have will be the logistics. We are looking forward to having a fun time with a lot of great contacts and bringing people in that have never talked on ham radio before.

But before FD, we will participate in Baker to Vegas (B2V). It will take place the weekend of April 13th and 14th. During our last club meeting, our own Margie Hoffman KG6TBR gave a very enjoyable presentation about B2V. Our club usually supplies the communications for stage 15. That puts the runners through our stage from about 10pm thru to 7am on Sunday.

And then the next weekend (April 19th through the 21st) the annual DX Convention will be held in Visalia CA. Hams from all over the world attend and have a very enjoyable weekend learning about DX (Long Distance Hamming) and what is new in the world of DXing. Plus .. the banquets are fun and food is yummy.

Our club presentation this month will be Dick Miller KJ6W. His program will be the History of the Hauser Repeater. Dick always has a great program!

Well that about covers things for this month. Let's get out there and have some fun!

73 till our Club Meeting on March 28th!

Jay KG1B

From the VEEP...

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ways use hands to help set up and tear down the site, the main thing that we want is for hams and non hams to come out and operate. There will be lots of diversity in equipment and antennas at Field Day and here is your opportunity to see them in action and even make some QSO's. This is the perfect event to bring the family. Let the kids work stations all over North America at the GOTA (Get On The Air) station. They will have a blast and it generates points for the club. Danny the "eBay Kid" made six QSO's last year at age 6 and he will be up with us till the wee hours of the morning again this year making contacts. So join us. It may seem



like a long way off but we only have 3 or 4 more meetings before Field Day.

Lastly, I'm excited to be participating in my first Baker 2 Vegas Relay which is taking place next month. I don't know what I'll be doing, but I don't care, it'll be good. I guess I had something to say after all. I hope to see you at the meeting on Thursday, March 28th. Till then.....

*73's
Paul KD6SMC*



The AVARC Tower Trailer



From the Secretary's Desk

AVARC Board Meeting March 7, 2013

Called to Order at: 7:10PM, by Larry KG1B

Financial Report: Given by Gary Barr WA6TWT, we have \$4,753.67 in bank. Gary has on line banking.

Membership Report: We have 95 members.

Old Business: Acceptance of October Board meeting minutes, accepted by Larry Mock KI6BKP second Gerry Anderson W6GWA.

New Business: Field Day Committee Paul L'Heureux. Have a banner where people can notice our Field Day. Don Hosman N6NAI checked with City regarding banner and we need permission. There was mention about a fork lift to install banner, a dirt lot and put steel posts for banner. Cost of banner 4x12 \$100, Paul will check on the price.

Future of Club Trailer: Keith K6GXO informs us that a lot is still good but trailer is unstable very old. Do we need a trailer? We need to make a decision, whether to fix trailer or buy a new one. Have a lighter and smaller trailer. Board recommends that trailer is not useable, make a

motion put in front of Membership at the coming meeting. Board approving, get a vote. Motion passes.

March Speaker Dick Miller KJ6W, on Houser Repeater.

We will continue having Field Day at Park, easiest location. Everything has been approved. Permit hasn't changed. Mention of getting a press reporter.

Larry KG1B asked Gary Mork WA6WFC regarding Club supplies, he is handling it, no problems. Larry thanked him, also thanked Don for all he has done to publish and very good suggestions.

Board Members Present: Larry KG1B, Gary Barr WA6TWT, Gary Mork WA6WFC, Larry Mock KI6BKP, Don Hosman N6NAI, Keith Hoyt K6GXO, Gerry Anderson W6GWA, Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC all enjoyed a good meal at Texas Cattle Restaurant. Adjourned at 8:15PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Harnos KC2RUJ
AVARC Secretary 2013

The Most Interesting HAM in the world!!

By Lew Roberts KI6YWX
Fresno EmComm Training Officer

When I do DX, the DXpedition calls me!

My SWR is always 1.0 to 1!

When communicating long path, my signal takes a short cut!

I was on the Virgin Islands DXpedition, when I left it was just the Islands!

My QSL card is blank, what is there to tell!

The President of North Korea called me asking for a sked. I told him I was too busy and to call back later!

When the FCC agent visited my shack, I let him go with a warning!

When checked, my antenna is always resonant!

When I visit HRO, the staff asks me where things are at!

My eyeball QSL card simply says – 'I'll call you – 73' !

At swap meets the sellers always ask less than I offer!

My rechargeable batteries never need recharging!

My solar panels generate power 24 hours per day!

People always ask me if I know Gordo – Heck, I was his elmer!

Stay 'piled up' my friends!!!!!!

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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 Newslines, and all members and guests are invited to check in.

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