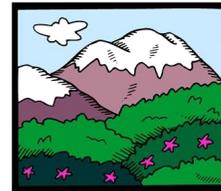


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## President's Corner

Larry Bianchi KG1B

And time marches on .. and on .. and on.

Seems like this year is passing us by at a very rapid pace. Plus, we are about to enter one of the busier times of the year.

Let's see. First, club members had the opportunity to participate in Baker to Vegas (B2V). Our own Margie Hoffman KG6TBR was one of the spearheads working to make B2V a success.

Then there is the annual Visalia DX convention held on the weekend April 19<sup>th</sup> – April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Visalia Convention Center. This features hams from all over the world and speakers will speak on the different facets of DX (Long Distance) communications. In years past, this has proven to be an exciting weekend.

The next Saturday (April 27<sup>th</sup>) will also be the Annual MS Walk. ARES will be heading the effort and will be using hams from the club to help aid in the communications and making sure all runs smoothly.

Moving right along, we are in the throes of preparing for the ARRL Annual Field Day. This will take place on the weekend of June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our own Paul L'Heureux is acting as the Field Day Chairman. We look forward to an exciting time with many

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## Meeting Notice

**Thursday, April 25**, 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 **Jon Clark N6NQ**. He will be talking to us about ARES and how we can get involved. You won't want to miss this one, so be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us!



## From The Veep

Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC

Hi all. Well, I just got home from Baker 2 Vegas a little while ago. This was my first time and I have to tell you, it was fun. We had a good crowd from the club, over a dozen folks, and the potluck was terrific. Most of us were going to caravan from Lancaster at about 8 am, and I was going to pick them up in Barstow after having breakfast there, but somehow I got the frequency goofed up in my head and we never connected.

It was a good drive to Vegas, though, because my brother Ken, KG6NES, came along and we talked all the way there. Ken lives in Simi Valley and we usually see each other a couple of times a year when we go rock hounding out in the desert in one of our jeeps.

One of the bad things about our stage, stage 15, is that it is an all nighter. The runners start showing up about 9 pm and the last one came through about 5 am. I felt sorry for that last guy 'cause he was at least a half hour behind the runner ahead of him and it was a long lonely uphill climb alone.

The good thing about stage 15 is that it extends way back from the road so there is plenty of room for parking and camping. At the far back of the stage is a large pit several hundred feet across where it looks like they quarried sand or gravel. A perfect place to target

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participants.

Last year for Field Day, we had the NASA truck and trailer that added quite a bit to the weekend. The NASA truck easily provided enough power for all those participants. Well, we will once again have the privilege of having the NASA truck this year.

Last club meeting, we had the pleasure of hearing from Dick Miller KJ6W as he presented the history of the Hauser repeater. Dick is always an entertaining speaker and we appreciate the time and effort he puts into his presentations!

This month, we will be pleased to hear from Jon Clark N6NQ who will be speaking regarding ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services). ARES has grown in the past number of years and helps provide vital communications during and emergency. We look forward to hearing what he has to say.

Well, that about wraps things up for this month. As always, please feel free to contact me at 818 237-0706 or via email (strad3@hotmail.com) if you have any questions or comments of any kind. I don't bite!!

Till then 73 from

*July KG1B*

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shoot. We must have had a half dozen firearms, and we took turns punching holes in a target about 50 feet away. I brought a black powder, cap and ball pistol and spent the afternoon reloading the thing and passing it around so everyone could get a turn. By the end of our shooting session, I was all greasy from greasing the cylinder each time I reloaded.

After shooting it was back to the campsite to start the barbeques for our dinner. There was a LOT of food, and some real good company to eat it with. And lots of laughs. There are some very funny people in this club if you didn't know it already.

After dinner, we put away the leftovers and got the stage ready to go. We all learned our jobs and sat down to wait for the first runner. Five of us worked the timing table, some writing in the logs and the others calling out the runners num-



bers and acting as relief when one of the log keepers needed a break. It started out just a little cool with a breeze but after sitting there for several hours, the chill finally worked its way in and by the time the last runner came through at 5 am, I was very cold.

Ken and I took a nap in the jeep sitting up and finally left for home at a little after 6 am. We planned on doing a little rock hounding on the way home but we were just too tired.

This is definitely an event that I will try to make it to next year and if you haven't tried it, I encourage you to make the attempt. You will not be disappointed. Till next time.....

73's

*Paul KD6SMC*



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# From the Secretary's Desk

## AVARC Club Meeting Minutes March 28, 2013

Called to Order by Larry KG1B (Club President) at 7:30pm. Flag salute followed by member introductions. There were 32 in attendance.

Dick Miller KJ6W presented a program on the history of the Hauser Repeater.

Following the break, the financial report was given by Gary Barr WA6TWT. We had a total of \$4,753,67 in our account. Gary also gave a membership report. We have a total of 97 members in the AVARC.

There were no February minutes for either the club or the board meetings.

Adrienne Sherwood WA6YEO announced a GLAARG test session on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

Margie Hoffman KG6TBR gave a quick demo on a mobile unit pack enabling mobile communications. Margie will also take orders and handle the ARRL Field Day T Shirts. Deadline to be next club meeting (April 25<sup>th</sup>)

MS Walk announced for April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Adjourned at 9:00 pm.

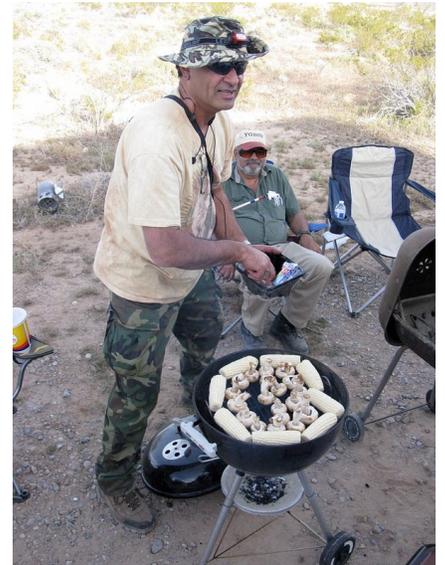
Board met briefly following the club meeting and voted their approval on the purchase of a club banner that can be used for Field Day and other special events

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Bianchi KG1B  
Acting Secretary

## Baker 2 Vegas Pix



KG6NES and KD6SMC relax before Stage 15 goes hot



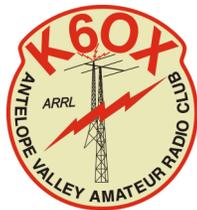
KJ6GWO shows off his mad BBQ skillz at the group potluck



AG6OV, WA6YEO, and W6DAS on duty in the trailer



KG6TBR pays us a late night visit



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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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