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President's Corner

Larry Bianchi KG1B

Is it THAT time AGAIN?

Time for what you ask? Let's see. We have had New Year's .. yup check that one.

We had Baker 2 Vegas .. yup check that one. We had both the Visalia DX Convention and MS Walk .. yup check that one.

Well .. what could possibly be next? Any thoughts? OH!! Wait just a darn minute .. it is FIELD DAY TIME again!

Yes, it is that time of year to put on your heavy coats, build a campfire and brave the cold of the Lancaster City Park for our annual Field Day! Oops .. did I say heavy coats? Campfire? Hmm .. What planet am I on? Now I remember, Field Day is in June. That's right, bring your water, fans and shorts! Now I'm on the right page!

This year, we once again will be putting up our antennas and rigs and saying "CQ Field Day" till we are blue in the face. Well except for Dale KØBGL, who will be typing that on his CW key till he is blue in the fingers! Our Vice President Paul KD6SMC is our Field Day Chairman and is doing an excellent job in getting things prepared for FD. Donald Hosman N6NAI is our Publicity Chairman, and Larry Volmer KJ6CJY is working with our local Boy Scouts to entice them to come and join us.

It is great to see the number of people that have helped to put together a very successful Field Day and I see this year's as being no different. There will be something for everyone to enjoy from the person who has never been exposed to ham radio to those who are seasoned experts!

BTW .. our May meeting (May 23rd) will

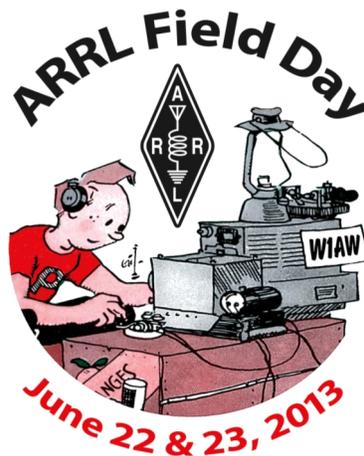
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Meeting Notice

Thursday, May 23, 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.

At this month's meeting we will be discussing **Field Day**, and making our plans for the big weekend. Field Day is our premier event each year, and we hope to see everyone get involved. So be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us at this important meeting!



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From The Veep

Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC

About nine or ten of us had the opportunity to work a GLAARG test session on Monday, May 6. I don't remember the exact number of applicants, but it was about 18. They were a church group that wanted to get ham licenses and were taught by one of their own members, Daniel Zenker. Imagine teaching a class in a subject that you are trying to learn yourself! Daniel did a good job cause 12 of his group passed the Technician test and one went on to earn his General class ticket at the same session. Congratulations to all of you, and to all the new hams that have been licensed here in the A.V. recently.

This brings up a subject that we as a club need to consider. At this month's board meeting, Gary Barr WA6TWT, our membership chairman, told us that out of the 100 members that we now have, only 25 are under 60 years old. That tells me two things; we need to recruit younger hams if we plan on having a viable club in the future, and because our membership is older, we have a very experienced group of hams. About 45 of our members are Extra class and at least 26 are General class license holders. The first word that comes to mind is mentoring, which we all know as "Elmering". This group that took the test on the 6th is interested in our club

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be devoted to Field Day. So come prepared to voice your thoughts and ideas!

Last month, we announced that our club trailer is for sale. Let me be specific. We want to sell the trailer, the tower and the 2 antennas that are with it. That also includes an old gas generated power supply. The only things that we will not sell are the coax cables and ropes that we keep inside of the trailer.

We are taking bids for the trailer. We already have one bid and we are hoping for a few more. Bids will close at the end of June and we will announce who the lucky person(s) are. If you are interested, please email me at strad3@hotmail.com with your bid. I will send you a confirming email that will register your bid. You can also call me at 818 237-0706 if you wish to discuss or ask any questions. But you must submit an email with your bid.

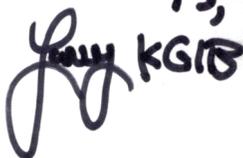
There is something I would like to just mention. We have had some questions and concerns regarding "quick keying" on the Hauser repeater. Quick keying is when you don't wait for the courtesy tone that drops the carrier from the last ham before the next person jumps in and starts chatting. I know I have mentioned this a couple of times in the past.

Just remember to be courteous and allow others to enter into a QSO using the appropriate manner. I know I have been guilty of quick keying at times so I have some repenting to do.

Ok .. enough said on the subject!

Well that about wraps things up for another month.

So till next time! Happy Hamming!!

73,


From the VEEP...

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and wants to come to Field Day. We need to "court" these new hams. We are a very friendly group, but being new to a hobby is intimidating, especially a hobby as technical as ham radio. I gave them my e-mail and phone number in case they had any questions on the club or about ham radio. I'm sure no expert on this stuff but I know I can get someone an answer to any question they may have.

A lot of folks come into this hobby as a preparation for a disaster. Then they lose interest because, fortunately, disasters are few and far between. Also, they don't realize all the things that you can do in amateur radio and just how much fun it is. I've had my General ticket since 1996, but never used it till I went to Field Day in 2010. Look at me now. A little smarter and having a great time in a great hobby with some new friends that I would-



n't have had if I hadn't gotten on that GOTO station at Field Day.

Speaking of Field Day, that is the program for this month and I hope everyone can make it. We have a lot to discuss. Maybe we can get cheerleaders and have a pep rally. Remember those? Ok, bad idea. Field Day, GREAT IDEA!! See you at the meeting.

73's




**Santa Maria Ham Radio
 Swapfest and BBQ**

June 15, 2013
 Saturday of Fathers' Day Weekend

Newlove Picnic Grounds

1555 Orcutt Hill Rd, Orcutt
 Turn off Hwy 101 southbound 1.8 mi. south of Clark Ave., Orcutt
 GPS: 34° 50' 21.97" N, 120° 22' 31.72"

Admission & Parking: FREE

Talk-in: 146.7, PL127.3

Sellers: 6:00 AM, Public: 7:30 AM

Swap Tables: \$15 at fest, **Tailgate seller:** (limited number): \$15 at fest

Catered BBQ meal: chicken or tri-tip, salad, beans, bread: \$12



From the Secretary's Desk

AVARC Club Meeting Minutes April 25, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Larry KG1B. Flag Salute, Member Introductions. Members in attendance 37. We also had guests.

Officer Reports: Paul KD6SMC brought the Banner for Field Day. Talked about where the banner will be displayed.

Gary Barr WA6TWT: we have 98 members.

Gary Barr WA6TWT Treasurer's Report: We have \$4,750.67. Banner will be paid and deducted tonight.

New Business and announcements: Our next Board Meeting will be May 2, 2013. It will be held at Texas Cattle or Keith Hoyt K6GXO.

Old Business: Accept March Minutes, all accepted. Gary Barr also informs the club about Insurance bill of \$400 has to be paid. Club voted all in favor. Motion passed, we need liability for Field Day. Last year it was charged. Drastic worth increase to get permit for Field Day.

Adrienne WA6YEO: Monday, May 6th, will be a test session at 7 pm, at the First Christian Church, 1702 E Avenue J. No reservations Cost of test is \$15. We try to mix up alternate Monday and Saturday. ARRL testing is 4 times a year.

Margie Hoffman KG6TBR: Baker to Vegas and Field Day Purchases. The race

went well. During day it ranged 95 degrees and at night 50 was lowest. It was cooler this year. Wind issues. Portable hospital with cooling system, which was climate Controlled. Medical issued went well. There were about 20 stations and up to 80,000 people, per Margie. Tonight the last to order T shirts for Field Day. Money was also needed to order.

Keith Hoyt K6GXO: Visalia DX Convention, comments on Baker to Vegas. He was impressed about awnings, all medical stuff. EMT had shirts. There were 2 at every site to take care of whatever. Keith has pictures. There was a runner who collapsed suffering from dehydration taken in ambulance, no one passed away. He supports the medical staff for all they do. DX Convention: Significant venue changed from the Holiday Inn Visalia Center. There was extra room. They had 200 people at the Banquet, had interesting talks, it went well. Prizes were given away. Two things he wanted to talk about. We don't have young people. Where are we going with Ham Radio? We should try to involve children, raise money for next decade, \$10,000 goal. There was a 10 year old at convention He got a radio for being the youngest at DX Convention. Camping was \$40 for 3 nights, but no water hookup, there was no RV parking. We went to Elks Club only to find out they allowed RV parking. Next year will be at the same venue.

Jon Clark N6NQ program presentation on ARES update, mission, strategy, and the ins and outs of joining. There are major injury events, also earthquakes, on the spot readiness with Red Cross, Salvation Army and the net control. Also traffic problems are a concern. People should get involved and make meetings. The raffle was \$16, won by Ralph Johnson N9BUZ. Adjourned at 9 pm.

AVARC Board Meeting Minutes May 2, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm, by Larry KG1B. Present were Larry Bianchi KG1B, Gary Barr WA6TWT, Gary Mork WA6WFC, Larry Mock KI6BKP, Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC, Gerry Anderson W6GWA, Steve Harnos KC2RKK, Barbara Harnos KC2RUJ, Keith Hoyt K6GXO, Dick Miller KJ6W

Financial Report: We have \$4300. Report given by Gary Barr WA6TWT.

Membership report, given by Gary Barr WA6TWT.

Old business: Acceptance, Gerry W6GWA accepted and Larry KG1B second it and it was approved.

New Business: Club Trailer, was voted to sell as a package. Bids for Trailer are now open.

Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC: He received an email from Phil Dolber regarding T Hunts that will be coming up.

Field Day: Publicity, NASA Truck for power recording of computer format. At the May 6th test session people were given for Field Day.

Donald N6NAI: Press will be notified and letters will be going out.

We adjourned at 8pm.

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COME JOIN US AT THE CAMP OUT ON FRIDAY MAY 17 AT 3 PM, SET-UP AND BE READY FOR THE FUN!

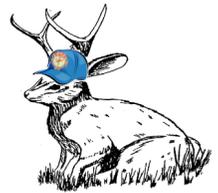


Respectfully Submitted,
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AVARC Secretary 2013



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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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