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President's Corner

Larry Bianchi KG1B

Better Late than Never!

Ever hear of the movie "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"?

Well, last Friday, my computer decided to create havoc with me and I lost my entire disk! Well, if that doesn't cause some panic, then you must be one of those that back up their system in a timely fashion.

I have to admit that I am NOT one of those, so yes, I PANICKED! Anyway, that put me behind in writing my article and doing some other things that were timely. BUT, the nice thing is .. I am able to clean out a lot of stuff from my computer that I really don't need, and I have determined ONCE AGAIN to back up my system more often!

I don't know why I bring this up, except to share with you some of the fun things that I have been going through. You would think that since I am in the computer business, I would know enough to back things up. Well, one's profession doesn't automatically mean that one does the "smart" things that are taught by the profession that he is in!

Well, so here we are in September. We have one meeting in our new facility under our belt. So how did you like the new place? It obviously isn't as nice as the EOC, but it is FREE! As time goes on, I am sure that you

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Meeting Notice

Thursday, September 26, is the next meeting of the AVARC at Jane Reynolds Park, 716 West Oldfield Street, 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 **Larry Mock KI6BKP**, who will give a presentation on CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), and how you can become involved in this very important organization. If you have been looking for a way to put your ham license to work in a positive and fulfilling way, you won't want to miss this meeting. Mark your calendars, and we'll see you there! Please join us!



Larry Mock KI6BKP

From The Veep

Paul L'Heureux KD6SMC

Wow, September already! Time to get the house and cars ready for our rainy season and winter. Also time for some 'special' club activities. The three that come to mind are the election of club officers in October, the club swap meet (Anchors Away) in October and the Christmas potluck in December. Nominations for officers begins at the September meeting this month with more nominations and the election in October. It cracks me up how few members show up for the meeting in September. Nobody wants to be nominated to an office. As they tell the kids "just say NO". Ok, say "no thank you". I've been V.P. For two years now (my, how time flies) so I must step down. I was told when I started as V.P. that it usually meant that I would be nominated for President at the end of my term. I've really enjoyed being on the board and I've made some good friends and I do want to stay active in the club. But I don't want to be the club President. In some of my early articles to the club newsletter, I mentioned how uncomfortable I am in front of an audience. That hasn't changed. I can sit up there with Larry and Barbara and get through the meetings but I can't lead the meeting. I survived the Field Day presentation and the July meeting when our beloved president Larry,

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will get used to it, but for now, if there are any complaints or suggestions, please feel free to share them with me. I can be reached at "strad3@hotmail.com" or by phone 818-237-0706. Don't ever hesitate to contact me.

Time does march on. Here it is September already, and we only have four meetings left before the end of the year. We will have a regular meeting this month. But in October, we will be having our annual "Anchors Aweigh" or "Junk-a-Thon" or "Club Swap Meet". (Choose one or all!). If you have anything you would like to sell, swap or just give away, bring it to the club for our October meeting. I am sure there will be some interesting things to look over and possibly acquire for yourselves!

In both November and December, we will hold our club meetings on the THIRD Thursday of the month due to the holidays. November's meeting will be Thursday, November 21st, and our December meeting will be Thursday, December 19th. So mark your calendars early, so you won't forget.

Our November meeting will be a normal meeting with business and a program, but our December meeting will be our Christmas Party. This year, plan to come and have fun. We will,

of course, be having our prize drawings! If you have suggestions for prizes, please let your suggestions be made known.

Oh, yes! We will be having club elections in October also. Nominations will be held both in September and October with the elections to be held in October. So if you would like to run for any office, please consider running. This will be the last year that Paul and myself will be leading the club as we can only serve for two consecutive years, then we must let others take over!

Our own Larry Mock KI6BKP will be our speaker for September and he will be speaking on C.E.R.T. This will be an interesting and informative program!

One last thing! Our club is looking for a projector screen that we can use along with our projector to aid speakers in giving their presentations. If you have one, or know of anyone who would like to donate that to the club, please let either Paul or myself know!

Well, I guess that pretty much wraps things up for this month! Till next time!! 73 to All!

Jay KG1B

From the VEEP...

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KG1B, couldn't be there. But I suffered. Boy, did I suffer! I think that there are other things that I can do to serve the membership. We all have a niche to fill and I'll find mine. And we will have a new President in October, I guarantee it.

Onward. The article that I wrote several months ago about getting more young hams in the club has generated quite a bit of feedback. After two years of articles I finally wrote something that got more than a "ho, hum"! I don't have an answer to this problem but I think that we can do something positive toward this end. I think that we need a committee (three or four members) to look for things we can do, even in a small way, to get even a few young people interested in ham radio. I realize that the kids won't be signing up in droves to take technician tests. I also think that getting a parent interested with the kid is probably the best way to go. But I do think that here in the Antelope Valley that we can see some sort of result. If you agree, e-mail me. My e-mail again is; kd6smc@yahoo.com. My phone number is at the end of the newsletter. PLEASE come to the September meeting. We need bodies in there. That room echoes without you. Till then,

*73's
Dene K D6SMC*





From the Secretary's Desk

AVARC Club Meeting Minutes August 22, 2013

Called to Order 7:30PM by Larry KG1B, Flag Salute, Member Introductions. Members in attendance 32
Officers Reports: Financial Report, given by Gary Barr WA6TWT: We have \$3,686.49. Membership Report given by Gary Barr WA6TWT: we now have 107 members. Announcements: Our next meeting will be September 26, 2013. Board Meeting will be September 12, 2013 held at Keith Hoyt K6GXO. Old Business: Acceptance of July Club Meeting Minutes, accepted. Club Trailer was bought by Dale Snider KØBGL for \$501.00. New Business: We switched insurance companies, saving Club \$200/year. Next month, October starts nominations. Program Presentation: Dan Sherwood W6DAS. Digital Modes/Radiogram NBEMS is a suite of digital emergency communications programs developed under the direction of Dave Freese, W1HKJ. It runs equally well in Linux, Windows, or Mac OSX. There are many programs in the NBEMS suite. In QST Magazine page 70, features Usability. Club Raffle: \$24, won by Margie Hoffman KG6TBR. Adjournment at 8:50 PM. We adjourned at 8:50PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Harnos KC2RUJ
AVARC Secretary 2013

AVARC Board Meeting Minutes September 12, 2013

Held at the QTH of Keith and Edmee Hoyt
Those in Attendance:
Larry Bianchi KG1B; Keith Hoyt K6GXO; Margie Hoffman KG6TBR; Gary Mork WA6WFC; Gary Barr WA6TWT; Gerry Anderson W6GWA; Larry Mock KI6BKP; Donald Hosman N6NAI

Meeting called to order by President Larry Bianchi KG1B at 7:05pm
Hoys thanked for their hospitality
Financial Report given by Treasurer Gary Barr: Account Balance: \$4367.59 Slush Fund: \$171.00
Membership Report given by Membership Chairman Gary Barr: 107 total members. We are slowly losing membership. Demographics discussed.
No Old Business
New Business: Christmas Fund: Apprx \$250.00 thus far. Motion to add \$450.00 to fund made by Larry Mock and seconded by Gerry Anderson to bring up to general membership for approval.
New Meeting place is loud. Need for a projector screen discussed. We should ask for donation from the club membership if anyone has one they would like to donate.
Upcoming events: March 14, 2014 – Palm Springs Hamfest. M squared and B2V scheduled around same time. October 12, 2013 Hamcon in Santa Clara.
Council that governs the upcoming Hamcon are holding elections in November. That Hamcon to be held in 2015 and the AVARC will be in charge of the VE Session.
Club elections for next year discussed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully Submitted
Lawrence S. Bianchi KG1B
Acting Secretary

Swap Shop

For trade or sale - Tektronix 466 scope, the thick Service Manual for it, and two genuine Tektronix probes. The scope has an intermittent problem with the H-sweep but I just haven't been motivated to tear into it. Would like to trade for a 2-M Mobile rig or sell for \$50.00 (the probes are worth that much). Email me at brianb@brianb.org for pictures.

BrianB KG6CVO

PACIFICON 2013 ARRL PACIFIC DIVISION HAM RADIO CONVENTION

Produced by the Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club

October 11, 12 & 13, 2013
Marriott Santa Clara Hotel
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Santa Clara, California

**GENERAL ADMISSION:
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* Some events are additional **

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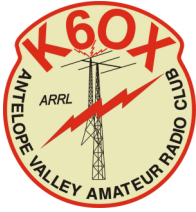
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Collector Pins from HAM- CON 2010/2011 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention



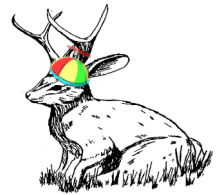
Did you attend the 2011 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention (HAMCON 2011) at the Torrance Marriott and

purchase an official pin? A limited number of cloisonné pins from this convention will be available for \$3 each at AVARC's September 26 meeting. All proceeds go toward staging HAMCON 2015, which will also be held at the Torrance Marriott Hotel.



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Board Member	Larry Mock	KI6BKP	943-6736
Trustee	Keith Hoyt	K6GXO	533-4025
Ex Officio	Margie Hoffman	KG6TBR	297-6567



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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