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ORANGE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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### MAY PROGRAM

The meeting this month will be dedicated to the newer hams and hams-to-be in the area. We will be showing the newest ARRL video movie "AMATEUR RADIO'S NEWEST FRONTIER". After the movie there will be a question-and-answer forum where new and seasoned amateurs can ask questions and get answers about antennas, rigs, equipment problems, good buys, others experiences in the hobby etc. The only thing that we ask is that the questions pertain to amateur radio and electronics in general.

### WHAT'S THIS IN THE MAIL?

If you received this issue of the Orange County Amateur Radio Club's newsletter "RF" and are not a member or no much about the club, there is no mistake. (I hope! ed.) This issue has been mailed out to some of the newer amateurs in the area. We would like to invite you to our meetings and give you the opportunity to see our club in action. On page 2 is a list of the club officers, net times and frequencies, and the regularly scheduled club events; (meetings and breakfasts). Feel free to join us at any of these events. If you have any questions give us a call. The OCARC is the oldest club in the County and we try and stay a general purpose club with something for all amateurs. If you plan to come to the June meeting please read the notice below.

### JUNE MEETING

The June meeting is traditionally our Field Day meeting where final plans are made and slides & movies of past Field days are shown. Unfortunately, this year the meeting date is the day before Field Day. There is a good possibility that the meeting will be held at the site so we can start setting up trailers and antennas. We hope to show the slides there. See the June "RF", or call a board member for further details.

### UPCOMING EXAM DATES:

Local volunteer examineers will be giving Amateur Radio tests on May 18th in Fullerton. See last month's "RF" for more details.

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1985 CLUB BOARD of DIRECTORS

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CLUB APPOINTMENTS

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|----------------------|---------------|--------|----------|
| Club Historian       | Bob Evans     | WB6IXN | 543-9111 |
| W6ZE Trustee         | Bob Eckweiler | AF6C   | 639-5074 |
| R.F. Editor (Acting) | Bob Eckweiler | AF6C   | 639-5074 |
| Teen Representative  | <open>        |        |          |

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CLUB FUNCTIONS

MONTHLY MEETING: 3rd Friday of each month, 7:30PM at:  
MERCURY SAVINGS & LOAN  
May 17th 1095 Irvine Blvd. (4th St becomes Irvine)  
Tustin, Ca.  
Jun 21st  
Jun 21st (Take the 4th St. exit to the '55 FREEWAY  
and head east. Continue about two blocks  
past Newport Blvd. on the left.)

CLUB BREAKFAST: 1st Saturday of each month, 8:00AM at:  
MIMI's CAFE  
Jun 1st 17231 17th Street  
Tustin, Ca. (714) 544-5522  
Jul 6th  
(55 FREEWAY at 17th Street east.)

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CLUB NETS

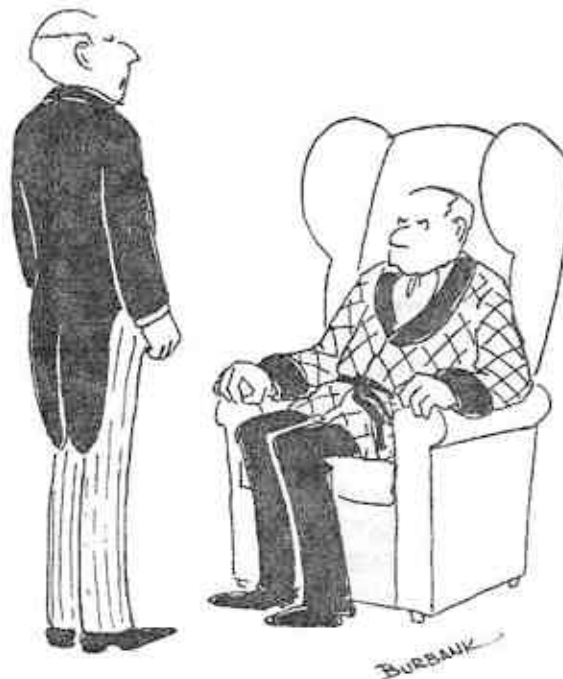
| BAND      | MODE | DAY OF WEEK | LOCAL TIME | FREQ MHz |
|-----------|------|-------------|------------|----------|
| 2 Meters  | FM   | Wednesday   | 2100 hrs.  | 146.550  |
| 15 Meters | SSB  | Wednesday   | 2000 hrs.  | 21.375   |
| 15 Meters | CW   | Sunday      | 2000 hrs.  | 21.175   |

(Listen for W6ZE, net control)

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PREZ SEZ . . .

Club participation seems to be increasing, but not as fast as I'd like to see. Growth is very important for keeping the club a viable organization. This month's program will be for new amateurs and amateurs to be. We will be showing an ARRL film and hope to have a question-and-answer type of forum. This meeting will be aimed at people starting in the hobby, but we need the participation of all members to help. This month's "RF" is being sent to many of the newer amateurs in the area. If you know of anyone interested in sharing our hobby, be sure to invite them to the next meeting.



I've warned you rig, Sir. Do you wish me to warm the band too?

Field day is just a little over a month-and-a-half away! Our plans are still a bit up in the air since a major site we had hoped to use is not available. A snag has also developed in the generator we had hoped to buy, though there is still a good possibility of obtaining it. Field day will be a major topic at the meeting. Your input, as always, is greatly appreciated. Let's make this one of the better field days. With propagation conditions poor due to the sunspot cycle we have as good a chance as the other clubs and may win back the OCCARO plaque that we held for so many years in the 70's.

P.O. Box 95 was the Orange address for our club for many years. A year or so ago we lost that address and our Box was changed to 1704. Unfortunately the box was not being checked and the Keys became lost. I'm proud to announce that that situation no longer exists. The Keys have been found, the box has been renewed for another year, (thru April 1986) and the mail will be picked-up bi-weekly. Ken, W6HHC and I have the two keys.

Please note that the P.O. Box number that has been appearing on the front page of "RF" for the past four months was wrong. The real number is 1704, as shown on the return address on the last page. If you know of anyone who has our address incorrect please advise them of the correct number.

The program on Amateur Packet Radio last month has been on my mind lately. There is a large and growing interest in computers by young people. Many of these are the same ones who would have

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\*\*\* MYSTERY! MYSTERY! WHO HAS THE HISTORY? \*\*\*

Now that Hugh Davis W6YBI, has returned to us with his good records and excellent memory, the Club history advances farther into the "Dogpatch" era. Hugh was a partner in the Davis & Brown Appliance Store. He was formerly a back-up engineer for radio station KVOE, the "Voice of the Orange Empire" (now KWIZ), in post war days. Hugh worked mostly at nights.

Of tremendous interest is a picture, which Hugh has presented to the Club, that contains many of the members of the Club during the "Dogpatch" days. I will attempt to reproduce this picture to add to the Club's slide presentation on our history. Below is a list of the names, and calls, of those pictured:

- W6LRP - Earl Griffin (before Earl had the call W6ZE).
- W6TIK - Lawrence McCoskey
- W6QZQ - Horace Bates (an educator -nworked for the state).
- W6MAT - Paul Moses (worked for Orange County Communications Center).
- W6GTB - Lee Wood
- W6YBI - Our own Hugh Davis
- W6BQP - Earl Hanson (became a silent key in 1984, lived at 619 Virginia St., Santa Ana, worked for Davis & Brown, also worked for Mildred Maxson, W6PJU).
- W6KRW - Carl Koon (worked for Orange County Communications Center. [W6KRW is now a call of Orange Co. RACES -.ed]  
Note: Past rosters show Tom Jones as WA6KRW).
- W6DEY - Roy Maxson
- W6JAN - Kenny Hill
- No call - Jim Gillson
- No call - Max Elliott
- No call - Maynard Ward

Whether or not all of the OMs listed were club members is of little or no consequence, since they all contributed to the success of the club and particularly amateur radio during this period, and we are glad to adopt them all! The picture has "C.D." marked at the bottom, which I interpret to mean "Civil Defense". During the 1938 Flood, Max Elliott, who owned a wholesale electric company, set up his rig on the roof of the County Jail. This was undoubtedly the first "Control One", which today is part of Orange County's communication system.

Some other notable OMs of this period were Jack MacFarlane, K6AWT, an electrical engineer; Ken Kesel, W6BVI, President of OCARC in 1955. (Ken was employed in radio work and is now a silent key); Gil Smith, W6FSF, chartered fishing boats at Smith's Landing; and Tommy Jentges, W6ALO, president of OCARC in 1947, a projectionist at a local movie theatre.

So now, what do YOU remember? How about corrections, additions, deletions, etc., to the above items! Call me at (714) 543-9111. Leave your name and number on the answering machine, and I'll be in touch.

Bob Evans, WB6IXN, Club Historian.

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SHORTS :

The antenna ordinance recently proposed for unincorporated Orange County has been modified to allow amateurs antennas up to a height of 70 feet. More details will be announced at the meeting. Many hams participated at the hearing to prevent a drastic antenna ordinance from occurring. Much credit must also be given to the County Officials who understand the value of hams to the County during an emergency.

It looks like the new 24 MHz ham band is about to be opened for use in the US. This band will have propagation conditions somewhere between those on 15 meters and 10 meters; not too good right now! If your rig can use this band, start listening and give us a report on what you hear. You cannot transmit on 24 MHz until the band is officially opened. If you find any TVI problems on this new band be sure to contact our TVI chairman, Ken W6HHC. More info on Westlink and the OCARC nets.

Have you sent any QSL cards out lately? The postal rates changed a few months ago. If you go by the Post Office, pick-up their two rate posters: #103 'Postage Rates, Fees, and Information'; and #51 'International Postage Rates and Fees'. These posters have a lot of information that an avid QSL'er needs.

Here's some postage rate information off the new posters:

US First Class - \$.22 for first oz. \$.17 each additional oz. up to 12 oz.

US Post Cards - \$.14 (\$.28 for double postcards). There are certain size restrictions that must be met.

International Post Cards (other than Mexico and Canada) \$.25 surface and \$.33 air.

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PREZ SEZ (continued from page 3)

gone into amateur radio if they weren't drawn into computers instead. Computing offers something that has all but died in the field of ham radio in the last decade; homebrewing. Packet radio may be a bridge between ham radio and computing that will help our hobby expand. Telecommunicating over phone lines is done by many computists. Sales of modems and subscriptions to telecommunications services such as The Source and Compuserve are at an all time high. I think it's safe to say that there are more computer bulletin boards in the LA basin then repeaters. Packet radio may soon become a popular way of communicating and sending data, and draw a large group of computer enthusiasts into our hobby. Let's not be negative about this growth. Many of these newcomers will expand into other areas of ham radio, just as many of us hams have expanded into computers.

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**CLUB NETS:** If you find yourself bored on a Wednesday evening, watching the same old movies and re-runs on the 'telly', mosey on into your ham shack and fire up one of the rigs and join us on a club net. These nets are very informal and non-member check-ins are welcome. The nets are for all club members but usually the same old folks check in. Those of us who check in frequently look forward to hearing new people and their comments. People with gardens take note: Three Orange County agriculturalists can often be heard on the Wednesday nets. (W6NGO, WA6BPX, and WB6IXN). If you're not sure of the proper net procedures don't worry - this net doesn't have any! (other than common courtesy and that "Go Ahead" will be used by net control instead of "Come Now"). Novices and CW buffs shouldn't forget the Sunday night CW net. See Page 2 of "RF" for net times and frequencies.

REMEMBER

**FIELD DAY** 

JUNE 22nd and 23rd

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