Prez Sez

The Fair is almost here. Please let me know if you can help us on our Club Day at the Orange County Fair, Tuesday July 21. We have three shifts to choose from. First shift is from 12:00 until 3:30 pm. The next shift is from 3:30 pm until 7:00 pm. The last shift is from 7:00 pm until 11:00 pm. Each person working a shift will receive a pass for the general admission to the fair grounds and a parking permit for that day. I have heard from a couple people via the Wednesday nite net. Now is a good time to wrap up the schedules so that I can request all the passes. THIS IS OUR DAY TO PROMOTE HAM RADIO'S VARIOUS ASPECTS, AND OUR CLUB.

Now if this date is not good for you or if you would like to work other days in addition, then please refer to the Fair Flyer and contact Jane Avnet, KD6ODV (714) 531-6707 or Marcia Bruno, N6ISW (714) 775-6095 and they will help you find another day.
Remember FREE Admission and FREE Parking for and days worked.

The Mojave 250-Mile Death Race was held on June 6th and the turnout was great. This is the third year for the event and 11 teams participated. Each team had 12 members who covered the course by running or biking. Runs were 6 to 10 miles and Bike rides were from 12 to 31 miles. There were 21 Legs and 9 of the people on each team had to do 2 legs. My spot was running communications on leg 21. This was organized by the Orange County Marshal's Department. After the event we got together for a nice Bar-B-Que. We all had fun. Keep this in mind for next year ! ! !

Ready for a new Breakfast Spot?? That site is the IHOP at 17th and Grand in Tustin. We will be there on July 4th.

Stay tuned for more information at the next General Meeting or on the Club Nets. Lets hear from more of you on Wednesday night nets. See the back of the RF for schedules for 2 meter and 10 meter nets.

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Dues for new members are pro-rated quarterly from January 1st each
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Field Day Propagation from W6ZE

I ran some propagation predictions for Field Day using MiniProp Plus. Assuming a solar flux of 120 and a K index of 2 (quiet conditions), it predicted the following for Field Day:

- 80 Meters - on a dipole, we should have strong signals 24 hrs into areas west of the Rocky Mountains. East of the Rockies, we should have strong signals to the rest of the country between 0200 - 1200 UTC.
- 40 Meters - Very Strong signals throughout the US with some weakening of signals to the East Coast in the mid afternoon (2100-2300 UTC). Overall 40 has the potential to be our best band!
- 20 Meters - This band will be open to somewhere in the US 24 hrs. Consistant strong signals should be heard from Texas and the North East but W8, W9, and W7 will be spotty.
- 15 Meters - it may be another poor year for 15 meters unless something good happens. There is a 50-75% chance of good conditions into W9 land around 0400 UTC but that's all folk. The rest of the time there is only 25-50% chance of openings into W9 and Texas and 0% to anywhere else. Fortunately there are a lot of stations in W9 and W5 Land so if the band opens, work'em fast and furious if not see my recommendations for 10 Meters!
- 10 Meters - the solar flux is not quite good enough for consistent 10 Meter propagation so the 10 Meter crew (and maybe 15 Meters too) needs to sacrifice a virgin to the Propagation gods and pray for a Sporadic E opening or else send your operators over to help out on 40 or 20 meters (This may be a good time for Novice Tech to work the 222 Novice Band as well)!

Here's hoping we have super propagation on all the bands and I'll see you on Field Day!

de Chris KJ6ZH
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Minutes of General Meeting 5-15-98

Guest speaker for the evening was Art Goddard, W6XD. Art gave a slide presentation about international DX contesting in New Guinea.

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 pm at the O.C. Red Cross Center by Pres. Bob, KD6BWH. All board members were present except Art, K7ZE. The minutes were approved as published.

Secretary: No correspondence.

Treasurer: Phil, N7PA reported $1879.53 in the treasury.

Activities: Steve, KE6NAH described the raffle prizes for the evening.

Membership: John, WA6RND announced the membership was at 48, including new members Tim, K6GEP and Larry, KR6LO.

Publicity: Ken, W6HHC announced that we now have a club web-site.

Technical: No report.

AD-Hoc: Larry, K6LDC stated the marketing committee had not had a meeting recently.

Old Business: Chris KJ6ZH reminded the club that the sale of the trailer and selected equipment is to be voted on at this meeting as stated in the February RF. Chris also asked for a volunteer to be an alternate to attend the Ham-con 99 meetings in the event of his absence. There was general discussion on field day. Chris stated that another letter has been sent to the Marine Base asking for an explanation or use of an other site on the base. There was general discussion of alternate field day sites. The club unanimously agreed to accept the offers that have been received so far on the towers and trailer. WA6VKZ made the motion and was seconded by KD6XO. Larry, K6LDC stated that he will make Christmas dinner arrangements.

New Business: After discussion about News-Line, Larry, K6LDC made a motion the club send $100 for support. WA6VKZ seconded and was approved. Bob, KD6BWH will contact World Radio and notify them of our new Web-Site. Chris, KJ6ZH suggested that club members send a letter to the FCC regarding the 440 MHZ band threat (RM-9267). There were several options discussed to help members accomplish this.

Good of the Club: No response

KE6UCH made a motion to adjourn and WA6RND seconded at 9:45 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Jim Winn, KE6UCH
Secretary
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THIS YEAR'S SITE

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US MARINE CORPS
AIR STATION

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5/6 10m Phone Net - W6ZE/AF6C checks in JD, RND, LDC, IXN, KP6PRR, HHC, VDP, and WOX. RND, LDC, VDP, & WOX all thoroughly enjoy the "not-to-DXpedition" at Joshua Tree last weekend! AF6C & JD discuss the new badges they received at work, and JD awaits more news from the Joshua Tree ops. LDC & WOX discuss VKZ's octagon loop ant., the '8 man loop'. OPs have limited contacts due to poor band condx., but do work a JA, 2 special event stations, plus various other contacts. And the WX was excellent! Also LDC says that some park ranger is a Ham with the call KF6HAM. RND hears all OPs well tonite, and John now looks for a small tent trailer for the next Club outing. Using his 920, RND had 22 CW QSOs using a G5RV ant. OPs said VKZ had a hard time loading the loop ant. How many contacts did you amass, Frank? PRR, a new novice, checks in from Huntington Beach. OPs invite Randy to a Club meeting, and IXN dubs him KF6Pennsylvania Railroad! HCC has armchair copy on PRR, and Ken informs OPs that the Club page is now on the Web! IXN tells OPs that last year's pic frm the 'Baker-to-Vegas' Run, and FD pic, are now in the Club History. And, IXN awaits pic frm this year's Club events to make further montages! AF6C comments on W6ZE vs. OCARC an identification for the Web Page. VDP tnx RND for the delivery of the Magellan pkg. to ULU. WOX says VDP & LDC are weak at his QTH. And Art and LDC blast at the Indian reservation casino last Sat. morn. VKZ & PA teamed up at Joshua Tree, VDP enjoyed 20m CW on LDC's rig, and LDC's vert. ant. worked well!

5/6 2m Phone Net - W6ZE/IXN checks in UBK, LDC, TWA, VFC, VDP, WOX, ZH, and BWH. Seems like UBK just told us last week that the XYL was expecting, and now his new daughter is already 4 mos. old! VDP has a good time at the Joshua Tree event, garnering another FISTS contact in TX. Larry said band condx were quiet electrically, but some atmospheric QRN was present. LDC announces a VE session at EDS Unigraphics on Hope St., abt 300 yds. north of Katella, just west of Holder St., at 9:00 am this Sat. LDC says that VE TEST SESSIONS ARE HELD EVERY 2ND SATURDAY OF ODD NUMBERED MONTHS!! TWA responds to ZE's request for last week's events, "The sun shines, the river runs, and the rain falls." Then WOX tells Charles that he has a copy of the rig manual that TWA needs. VFC & XYL continue packing for the move to Arkansas next month, and Dennis tells OPs there were 6m openings both yesterday & Mon. to ID, MT, WA, & Alberta. OPs again discuss the "not-so-DXpedition", and ZH says TAM is OK. Chris tells OPs that he is still communicating with the military bases for a FD site, and ZH had a good time working the 'Baker-to-Vegas' Run. ZH says DX to Brandon is possible for a week on long path (187 deg.), 3B7, starting today! BWH airs Newsline. It takes $1,200 per month to keep Newsline on the air!

5/13 10m Phone Net - W6ZE/AF6C checks in IXN, WOX, JD, RND, VDP, RE, HHC, and COJ. IXN & OPs get their RFs, and all have had enough rain. AF6C suggests we try linking our web page with ARRL's web page. WOX enjoyed pic of Orange PD OPs (Baker-to-Vegas Run), andudos to BWH who participated with another PD. WOX hears RND on 20m, but not the
other OP. And Art takes his mom out for din-din on Mothers Day. JD gets to work FB during this morning's rain storm, and Loel is doing well now, but 'runs out of steam' by day's end. RND, copying all OPs well tonite, receives his Platinum Award frm FISTS!...John got award #8. And RND also picked up a certificate fer working the CA QSO Party. And John is glad RE reminded him abt the upcoming Armed Forces Day this Sat. VDP & AF6C tell OPs to disregard upcoming Club Effast location listed in RF at present...We will meet at old location at Coco's! The new IHOP location is not available yet. LDC & VDP held a VE session last weekend, and VDP misses the 6m opening last eve. RE informs OPs of the threat to the 70 cm band, reminding OPs to write to FCC regarding Docket RM9267. HHC checks in in time to hear RE, and Ken describes the new Club web page. And HHC has his mom visiting fer a couple of months. COJ appears at Net's end, telling OPs he just got bk frm a trip to N. CA. and plans to attend Fri. Club meeting.

5/13 2m Phone Net - W6ZE/IXN checks in ZH, VFC, RE, LDC, VDP, TWA, KFW, AF6C, and BWH. ZH works thru gov. red tape to try to secure a FD site at a military base!...Now fer that retired colonel that V6Z knows! Chris asks OPs if the Fullerton Club still FDs at El Toro...No response! And ZH hears 3B7 skipping over CA to the east coast...Maybe he'll use the long path yet. Chris! VDP tells OPs that H40AA has a QSL ad at AHOM, Roman Stephanak(?), PO Box 1307, Southold, NY. 11971. VFC has been painting & packing. And Dennis reported 6m openings last eve., working 16 stations, to WA, OR, and Br. Columbia....Mon. eve. openings to TX, OR, MI, AK, and KS. RE had 2 bands of hard rain pass by the QTH, causing slight flooding. And Alex tells OPs that Armed Forces Day operations are listed on p. 107 of May QST. LDC, busy wid teaching, too many real estate clients, and finals next week, decides to go dirt bike riding this weekend! And Larry asks ZH abt Los Alamitos Naval Air Station, or the Long Beach Naval Weapons Station as possible FD sites. VDP tells OPs that Dan, a VE OP frm last test session, may attend next Club meeting! AF6C, over frm 10m, says 'Hi' to the group, and IXN reminds 2m OPs to fire up the LF rigs and join Bob on the 10m Net! And VDP reminds OPs not to forget sporadic openings on 12 m! BWH checks in at the QTH tonite, and Bob airs Newsline, wid specifics on the threat to the 70cm Ham band, and, the monetary crisis Newsline is facing! TWA, donning rain gear vy early this morning, cleans out clogged downspouts, and feeds some rain-soaked wild ducks while he's at it! And TWA tnx WOX fer the ATX 100 manual. KFW only has two minor leaks thru the plastic covering his half-shingled roof frm the heavy rains this morning!

5/20 10m Phone Net - W6ZE/AF6C checks in WOX, LDC, VDP, IXN, JD, HHC, and RE. AF6C announces that Art, K7ZE, had heart surgery recently. HHC confirms that Art had an aortal aneurism! WOX is out in the backyard testing his QRP ladder line fed vertical on the Net. Art then leaves us to pick up the Harmonic, and then rejoins us, telling us that he must re-register all the family autos. LDC looks fer a laptop computer fer use at school. And Larry passes along tnx frm the XYL to IXN fer the iris bulbs. Now IXN will give her sum amarillos bulbs, too. LDC, AF6C, & other OPs discuss alternate sites fer PD, and JD says LDC and VDP hve weaker sigs this eve. VDP visits the Club website and dun loads sum Club pix. HHC congrats VDP on his success.
wid the AOL server. VDP missed yesterday's 6m opening, and Larry tells OPs he has K7ZE's GPS receiver. AF6C is interested in picking up a GPS receiver. RE busies himself wid household chores and gives OPs interesting background info. on Memorial Day.

5/20 2m Phone Net - W6ZE/IXN checks in RE, VDP, LDC, ZX1, KE6HER, Jeff, ESD, BWH, TWA, and KFW. Well!!! OCARC has two ballroom dancers, tripping the light fantastic! IXN tunes into the `Net after Net' to listen to Bob & Chris discuss their ballroom escapades! RE, burdened wid household chores, hasn't had much time as yet to join `10-10' activities. ESD goes roofside to replace wind blown shingles, put on new roof ridging, and also, install a new overhead garage door opener. Bob even found time to go to Laughlin! TWA goes roofside too. But Charles takes dwn the R7 fer refurbishing. KFW has been roofside also. Chris has been stripping, re-papering and shingling his QTH roof. Jeff, KE6HER, checks into Net frm Garden Grove wid an EICOM IC24AT HT on a halfwave Hotrod ant. And ZX1 checks in frm Lido Bridge, a short distance frm the QTH using an ICOM IT24 HT. Both OPs were arm chair copy at VE's QTH! BWH tells OPs that Newsline has enuf funds to continue operation thru mid June. Bob hears all OPs tonite, and follows his comments wid this week's Newsline tape. Tnx, Bob! IXN says that N6XQR, Nancy, will give any interested OP a Commercial license exam by appointment only. If interested, call Nancy at 537-8728. XQR lives in Garden Grove.

5/27 10m Phone Net - W6ZE/ AF6C checks in LDC, JD, WOX, IXN, RND, HHC, TWA, OK, JOX, RE, and AB62F, Jim. AF6C gives RND instructions on finding N7PA's E-mail adr. And AF6C & HHC tell OPs that K7ZE, Art, is out of the hosp. and doing fine. LDC tells OPs that Radio Shack is selling out (75% discount) its SWR Bridge #21-537!!! Larry says they are already scarce! IXN & LDC comment on 11.3 mag. solar quakes just dieovered on the sun. IXN tells AF6C that JOX's QTH in San Lorenzo is located just south of San Leandro right on the Hayward fault! OPs tell WOX his sigs are weaker on the inverted V... A change of antennas increases Art's sig strength. LDC dons cap & gown to set on the stage at an upcoming college graduation... IXN remembers those days! JD enjoys the Memorial 3-day vacation, and yesterday Lowell hears Wyoming on 20m, also a Royal Canadian Mounted Police station. WOX and LDC plan to attend the TRW Swap Meet this Sat. HHC attends his daughter's college graduation wid a degree in Art. OK checks in after dinner out tonite. Herb travelled to the Dayton Hamvention and also to the DX Convention in Visalia. TWA gets the R7 back up and is rewarded wid DX, and, gud sig rpts frm OPs on the Net! JOX, Dave, checks into Net frm San Lorenzo in Central CA... (VHF propogation is on the way bk!)

5/27 2m Phone Net - W6ZE/IXN checks in ESD, RE, VFC, TWA, LDC, AF6C, HHC, VDP, ZH, BWH, HER, WOX, KD6NOT (Mark), KE6ZER, Dale, in Laguna Canyon, and PPA. IXN sends 9 copies of his letter, concerning the 70 cm band, to the FCC Secretary. ESD birthday parties on Monday, and Bob attends the Pasadena Playhouse to watch "Evening on Mars". RE manages to collect trash enuf to fill 4 cans! BWH checks in mobile, and airs Newsline after arrival at the QTH. Newsline says hams are reacting strongly to the attempt by the Private Mobile Radio Service to rob us of the 70 cm band! Then BWH polls OPs to see who might be
interested in manning the Amateur Radio Booth at the Orange County Fair. VDP, TWA, WOX, and PFA all offer their services, stating that VPP wud probably join the crew. VFP continues painting & packing. Dennis plans to pull out of Orange County for Arkansas in 2 1/2 weeks! VFP says 6m has been open mornings, closed mid-day, and open again evenings, wid openings into AKs, MT, OK, WA, TX, OR, and the East Coast. Dennis says KL7NO can be worked phone or CW! LDC asks ZH abt progress on a FD site. Chris says a military base looks doubtful at this time. IXN has 'Tennessee Valley Indians' attacking the VFR on 10m, and LDC works grid squares DM99 & DN94, in KS and SD respectively, after a call frm VFP. VDP joins us after a landline frm Clark, WA3JPG. Larry gets the Alinco aligned, wid a bit wider freq. range. And VDP continues to surf on the Internet. ZH rebuilds his severely WKed 2m & 432 MHz Helix ants, replacing rotted wood supports. AP6C tells OPs that he has added amateur radio vendors wid adrs to the Club web page. WOX QRPs at a nearby elementary school over the holiday, and tells OPs abt the harmonic's expensive auto xmission problem! BWH fills OPs in on the upcoming Mojave 250 mi. 'death race'! (Death Valley, ofcourse!) The race includes alternate running & biking. LDC, WOX, VDP, and JPG will all attend the TRW Swapmeet this weekend. TWA already has 7/10 & 7/16 OC Fair days scheduled at the Amateur Radio Booth, and Charles says he heard OK talking wid 91RH in Singapore on the refurbished R7 ant!
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General Meeting

General Meeting is the third Friday of each month, 7:30 P.M., AMERICAN RED CROSS facilities, 601 N. Golden Circle Dr., Santa Ana, Ca.
Major cross streets: Fourth Street and Tustin Ave.
Talk-in frequency 146.550 MHZ, simplex.

June 19th
July 17th
Aug 21st

Board Breakfast

Board Meeting is the first Saturday of each month, 9:00 A.M., I-Hop Rest on or about 300 E. 17th & Grand, Santa Ana. If you get lost use the club freq. 146.550 simplex.
July 4th
Aug 1st
Sept 5th
Restaurant on the East side. (Across from Ford Agency)

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Aug 14-16 ARRL SW Convention
October 16: Annual Club Auction
Oct. 23 "Not so DX-pedition"
Dec. Club Xmas Dinner/Party