The Prez Sez:

A very troubling situation has cropped up in the last few weeks “to wit” the Orange County Chapter of The American Red Cross informed the Club that our meeting place would no longer be at our disposal.

With the efforts of some of the club members making frantic phone calls and trips to various sites a solution was made. A contact was made to Cindy Hughes (a long standing member) who is the Orange County Chapter communications specialist. Thru her efforts the site will be ours to use. We will have to move from the Blood Bank Bldg to the EOC Bldg that as I understand is across the parking lot to the west.

Someone on the Wednesday night net said that we did have a meeting in the EOC sometime back. We will rely on our expertise (radio) to get everyone on board. The frequency will be the club 146.55smplex. It will be monitored the night of the meeting for all to home in on.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1999

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DUES

Regular Members........$15.00  Additional Members........$7.50ea
Teenage Members........$6.00  Optional Club Badge........$5.00ea

Dues for new members are pro-rated quarterly from January First
each year. Family members must reside at the address of a
regular member. Only one RF is sent per household.
Minutes of General Meeting

Minutes OCARC General Meeting 01/15/99

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President, WA6VPP.

All board members present except KD6BWH.

Minutes for 1/02/99 board meeting approved. Motion: Chris, KJ6ZJ. Seconded: Jim, KE6WIU.

Treasurer's Report: $1302.00 as of 1/15/99. Audit Committee: Bob, BWH, and Tom, PFA, report $3,200.00 in receipts & $3,375.00 in disbursements. Motion to raise dues from $15/year to $20/year. Motion: Ken, W6HHC. Seconded: Art, KE6VOX. Motion passed 1/15/99, 19:1. Motion to be voted on again at February General meeting, prior to speaker, and effective immediately upon passing.

Membership: New member, Gene Brost, KF6TRA.

Vice President: Checked OCARO list for future speakers.

Activities: Compiling schedule of events for the year.

Publicity: Check on the O.C. Register listing of club meeting.

Secretary, Technical & Ad Hoc: No report.

Old Business: Net News to remain as a web site only publication. E-mail notification of RF posting to the web site, and forthcoming meeting, for those members with e-mail capabilities.

New Business: Motion to clarify by-laws regarding dues and breakdown. Motion: Ken, W6HHC. Seconded: Phil, N7PA.

1. Dues are $20/year, 20 years of age or older.
2. 19 years or younger, 50% of base rate.
3. Additional members, at same address, 50% of base rate, to a maximum of 150% of base rate, per address.

Wuof Hong: Start organization committee after next board meeting, 02/06/99.

Baker to Vegas: April 10, 11.
Motion to adjourn made at 9:55 p.m., Motion: Larry, K6LDC. Second: Jim, KE6UCH.

Respectfully submitted,

Coby Terando, KE6WIU
Secretary
Minutes OCARC Board Meeting 02/06/99

Meeting was called to order at 8:58 a.m. by President, Bud WA6VPP

All board members present except, Phil N7PA

Vice President: Speaker for Feb. is Cindy Hughes from the Red Cross to speak on Red Cross communications. The Anaheim room is no longer available for meetings. Bud will investigate Anaheim EOC as alternate meeting place. Call Cindy at Red Cross on Tuesday regarding alternate room.

Secretary: Minutes for 01/02/99 Board Meeting approved.
Motion: Jim, KE6UCH, Seconded. Bob, KD6BWH, unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dues coming in. RF cost reduced by $6-7 last month.
Membership form now available on-line, you must mail a check to the P.O. Box.

Membership: 22 renewals paid as of 02/06/99. Mailed application to Jeffrey Gomez, potential new member.

Activities: Passed around a list to check dates for schedule of events in '99.

Publicity & Technical: No report

Old Business: Audit complete and approved.

New Business: Chris, KJ6ZH is Field Day and Wof Hong chairman.
Wof Hong organizational meeting after today's board meeting.
No field day location as of yet, but, likely candidates is MCAS Tustin & undeveloped lands in Irvine. Field Day is June 26-27.

Good of Club: California Classic is Aug. 7, 1999. Baker to Vegas is seeking operators. Bob, BWH, to take minutes at the 02/19/99 General Meeting. Renew ARRL through the club, and we receive a percentage back. Not-So-DXpition April 23-26 at El Mirage. By-Laws to be posted to the club web site. FCC has revoked 4 extra class licenses in region 3 for fraudulent operation. Maritime no longer requires operators to know CW.

Motion to Adjourn made at 9:41 a.m., Motion: Larry, K6LDC, Second: Lowel, KQ6JD

Respectfully submitted,

Cory Terando, KE6WIU
Secretary
Something to think about -------

Why is the number of Amateur Radio operators declining? (First, the loss is a small fraction of one percent.)

A big reason may be that over most of our recent history there was mandatory military duty. Many were exposed to radio/electronics while in the service, found it interesting, and continued with it for a hobby, career or both.

But now, with a professional (no-draft) military there are just not as many people learning about radio.

Also, there was a day that many of the radio equipment stores would run licensing classes in the evening. Have you heard about such a thing lately?

A great many amateurs will utter the phrase “We've got to get the young people interested into Ham Radio!? Stating the problem is easy.

If we really wanted to get young people interested in this great avocation here is what would happen.

Every city in the U.S. has an orphanage, sometimes called children home. Some are funded by the Optimist's Club or the Masons. The youngsters may be there for many years.

They would certainly appreciate someone showing interest in them. The institution would make available a meeting room for the weekly chasses.

I doesn't take much effort to merely state a problem. I does take commitment and dedication to solve a problem.

In every city there should be some amateurs who remember when an extra hand went out to them in their youth. It's time to pay something back.

Excerpt from World Radio
--Armond, N6WR

On the Lighter Side -----

- When I'm not in my right mind, my left mind gets pretty crowded.
- Many people quit looking for work when they find a job.
- If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
- I couldn't repair your radio, so I took all the knobs off.
Orange County Amateur Radio Club
PO Box 3454
Tustin, CA 92781
1999 Application / Renewal

Date: ____________

Name: ___________________  Call: ___________________

Class: Novice  Tech  Tech Plus  General  Advanced  Extra

Address: ____________________________________

Phone: ___________________  OK to Publish in Roster?  Yes  No

Are you an ARRL Member?  Yes  No

Dues: (Prorated Quarterly from January for New Members only)

Member ($15.00/YR. .................  $ _____________
Family Member ($7.50/YR. .............  $ _____________
Name: _________________________
Call: ________________________
Class: ________________________

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Total Dues: ..............................  $ _____________
ARRL Membership  .......................  $ _____________

Badge ($5.00)  .........................  $ _____________

Total Amount Paid ...............  $ _____________

Treasurer Processed ______  Membership Processed ______

On-line Address: ____________________________________
Club Activities Planned for 1999

Get out your calendar and reserve the dates for the following activities:

April 10, 11. **Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay Race.**

Approximately 210 running teams from law enforcement agencies nation wide will participate in this 120 mile relay race through the California and Nevada Desert. The race begins 18 miles north of Baker and proceeds north over Ibex Pass to Shoshone then on to Pahump Nevada. up the mountains through Mountain springs and down to Las Vegas, ending at the Rac Resort and Casino. The race is broken up into 20 legs, varying in length from 4.5 to 7.1 miles. As amateurs, we provide course wide communications with fm radios, packet radios and GPS APRS displays.

April 23-26 **The Not So Dx-pedition, El Mirage Dry Lake.**

This is a fun camp out where we bring our radios, antennas, masts etc. Set up a station of choice and operate to your hearts desire. Enjoy the group meals and top it all off with a camp fire get together before you crawl into the sleeping bag.

June 26, 27 **Annual Amateur Radio Field Day.**

Hams throughout US and Canada set up temporary stations operating under emergency conditions, many using emergency power. The goal of Field Day is to contact as many stations as possible during the 24 hour period. It prepares you for the day when disaster strikes and you are called on to do your part as a ham.

July 9-25 **Orange County Fair**

Each year we help operate an amateur booth at the Fair. The purpose is to acquaint the public with what we do and encourage them to develop an interest in ham radio.

August 7 **Annual California Classic.**

California Classic is an equestrian event that takes place at Enrique Howlett Park in Palos Verdes Hills. It is a driving event with entries from the western part of the US. Hams are needed to provide communications throughout the course to report accidents and injuries to drivers or horses.

October 15 **Club Auction**

Our October meeting is an Auction where members and guests can bring their pre-owned goodies to exchange for cash to the highest bidder.

November 13 **La Palma Days Parade**

Hams provide communications along the parade route to help Que up the floats and report any spectator problems.

December **Annual Christmas Dinner**

A family affair. We go to a local restaurant for an evening meal, presentation of awards and installation of the officers for the coming year.
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(Listen for W6ZE, Net Control) *Plus or Minus QRM

General Meeting
General Meeting is the third Friday of each month, 7.30 P.M.
AMERICAN RED CROSS facilities.

February 19
March 19
April 16

Board Breakfast
Board Meeting is the first Saturday of each month, 8.00 A.M.
COCO'S RESTURANT.......Members are urged to attend and
Visitors are welcome.

March 6
April 3
May 1

Exit the 55 FWY at Lincoln Ave., West to Tustin Ave., Left on
Tustin, Restaurant is on the East Side. (Across from Ford Agcy)

Orange County Amateur Radio Club Inc.
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First Class Mail

To:
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BOB EVANS
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CA

COMING EVENTS
February 19, Regular Meeting
Speaker – Cindy Hughes
Red Cross Radio Specialist