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ORANGE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB VOLUME XLI NO. 8 P.O. BOX 3454, TUSTIN, CA. 92781 August 2000

Web Site [HTTP://www.w6ze.org](http://www.w6ze.org)

Here we are in the summer doldrums. many of our members are on vacation, at the beach, chasing DX, or wherever. Our board meeting was held at the IHOP in Santa Ana and a great deal of enthusiasm was exhibited by the smaller group that attended. We had more than enough for a quorum and proceeded to make a few changes that most members will be happy about.

Beginning with the August meeting, the agenda will be the Pledge to the Flag, the program, a coffee break, the raffle and out. We hope to conclude the meeting as early as possible. Those wishing to remain for conversation (eye-ball QSOs) will be able to do so. This will leave more time for the program if it is interesting.

The exception to this will be meetings such as the one preceding "Field Day" when that business must be covered with the general membership, (perhaps this *can be* the program?) and those meetings of such importance, or promoting a change in the constitution, requiring it to be voted upon by the general membership.

The board was asked to vote on a change in the number of board members. There were a few different suggestions made, but the board decided to leave the number status-quo.

The board was asked to vote on dropping the requirement that officers serve only one term in any particular office, to a policy that would allow all officers, except the treasurer, to be re-elected for a second consecutive term. No officer would be allowed to run for a third consecutive term in the same office. This was put aside for discussion and vote by the general membership because it



requires a constitutional change.

The most contentious change that was brought-up was the change of meeting day. The board was split as to desire. It seemed to be, some liked the idea of keeping the meetings on the third Friday of each month, and others were in favor of changing it to the third Wednesday of the month with "Net News" at the end of the meeting (by tape recorder) for those who wish to stay. The rationale: eliminating Saturday AM Board meetings saved 12 weekends from being clobbered; changing to Wednesday night will save 11 more. We go from approximately 28 weekends per year taken by meetings and five activities (Field day, the Carriage Classic, Baker to Vegas, and a couple of Not so DXpeditions) to five weekends taken. This would leave room for more activities. I brought up the speculation that perhaps we are losing prospective members because Friday night is an unpopular night to many people who prefer to travel, go out for

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2000

President.....	Larry Hoffman.....	K6LDC.....	636-4345
Vice President.....	Bob Buss.....	KD6BWH.....	534-2995
Secretary.....	Bud Barkhurst.....	WA6VPP.....	774-6361
Treasurer.....	Bob Eckweiler.....	AF6C.....	639-5074
Activities.....	Lowell Burnett.....	KQ6JD.....	997-0999
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Publicity.....	Ken Konechy.....	W6HHC.....	744-0217
Technical.....	Larry Beilin.....	K6VDP.....	557-7217
Member at Large.....	Chris Breller.....	KJ6ZH.....	638-7209
Member at Large.....	Jim Winn.....	KE6UCH.....	731-2732

CLUB APPOINTMENTS

Club Historian.....	Bob Evans.....	WB6IXN.....	543-9111
W6ZE Trustee.....	Bob Eckweiler.....	AF6C.....	639-5074
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ARRL Liason.....	Frank Smith.....	WA6VKZ.....	838-3180
ARRL Award Managers...	Larry Beilin....	K6VDP.....	557-7217
	Art Dillon.....	KE6WOX.....	997-2078
RED CROSS Liason.....	Bob Buss.....	KD6BWH.....	534-2995

DUES

Regular Members.....\$20.00 Additional Members.....\$10.00ea
 Teenage Members.....\$10.00 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 the General Meeting

Meeting of July 21, 2000

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM
by President Larry K6LDC.

All board members present except
Jim KE6UCH, Ken W6HHC.

Vice President: Bob introduced
Mike who presented us with a very
interesting program. Does
everyone know what OO is the
symbol for in Amateur Radio?
OO = Official Observer. What is a
OO. To foster a wider knowledge
Better compliance with laws in
regards to Amateur Radio.

Annual Christmas Party will be at
Mimis restaurant on Dec 17th.
Same location as last year.

At present the next board meeting
will be at IHOP on 17th st. Santa
Ana. Across from prior meeting
place, Hometown Buffet.
Still looking for a permanent
location.

Treasurer's Report: \$1506.29

Membership: No change; however
we did have several guests at this
meeting. Tom Kormanh W5ION,
Howard KA6CZI, Art WA6OGO,
Matt KG6BZQ

Secretary: No correspondence

Activities: Pizza Bust on July 26,
also the California Classic
Carriage Race on August 12th.

Technical: No Report

Publicity: The local cable TV
crew made a short tape of the
Field Day activities. Will try to get
a copy of the tape. Also the local
newspaper ran a short blurb. Field
Day contacts rounded out 1888.

Old Business: Bob presented
the new badges. Excellent design
cost of badge to members is
estimated at \$3.00 or less. The
back will be used for Web Site
Location, weekly nets, meeting
dates and club P.O. box.

General discussion on the
condition of the rest rooms at the
Field day site. To say the least
they were horrible. Several
complaints about trying to use
them at 3:am were not the
smartest. A complaint to the park
commission should be made.
A straw vote was taken to go back
To the park, most everyone in
favor.

Bob (AF6C) & Ken (W6HHC) will
look into the condition of the old
generator and advise what will be
needed to spruce up for selling.
A semi-permanent location for the
new generator to be located.

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dinner or in the case of younger, single Hams, it is "date night," and the night that many schools have events and people have parties.

As most of you know, I and others in the club function as Volunteer Examiners. In the past two years that I have been involved, I have, and I am certain that **Larry, K6VDP** and **Art, KE6WOX** who volunteered with me, have also attempted to solicit many Hams (new and/or upgraded) for membership from these test sessions. They were usually somewhat enthusiastic, but rarely did one make an appearance at a meeting.

We have very good programs, a great group of enthusiastic members, without the usual cliques that form in most clubs. We have a high mutual respect for each other, as well as for Amateur Radio, and the rules and regs of the FCC.

My *personal opinion* is that the combination of long, drawn out meetings on an unpopular night are a major cause of low new membership. Most of those solicited have never shown for a meeting, therefore; my conclusion is the night of the week is probably at fault and not the popular notions that it's because we haven't a repeater or that there aren't many new Amateurs coming into the hobby.

Think about all of the above! We will probably be making a **constitutional change** during the August or the September meeting.

73 Larry, K6LDC

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New Business: Phil sent a proposal to reduce the board from 10 to 5 or 7.

New Business (Cont.)

Item one to eliminate Board Meeting on Saturday morning.
Item two start regular meeting at 7:00pm for Board Meeting and General Meeting at 8:00to9: 00pm
If the Saturday Board meeting is Eliminated then consider a different General Meeting night. A discussion by several members with no real solution.

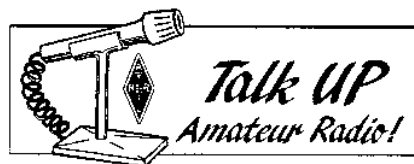
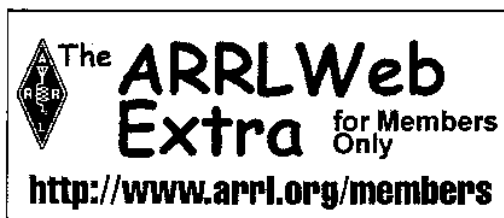
OCARO will meet at the Anaheim EOC on Aug 15, at 7:00pm

The video tape of Field Day taken by Larry (K6LDC) will be given to BOB (WB6IXN) to hold till next year field day.

Motion to adjourn made at 9:46pm by Chris (FJ6ZH) seconded by Bob (AF6C).

Respectively submitted

Bud (WA6VPP)
Secretary



Minutes of the Board Meeting

Board Meeting Aug. 5, 2000

Meeting called to order at 8:20am by President Larry K6LDC. This is the second meeting held at IHOP in Santa Ana. Still looking for a permanent place.

All Board members present.

Vice President: No Report

Treasurer's Report: No change

Membership: No change

Secretary: No correspondence

Activities: On Aug 12 don't forget the California Classic Carriage Race in Palos Verdes.

Technical: No Report

Publicity: No Report

Old Business: Major discussion on the new board changes and meeting nights. On thing that was set was the club's Business. All business except that dealing with major expenditures and constitutional changes is conducted primarily at the board meeting. The second item is that the board meeting be held on the first week of the month that the board decides to meet. Other items were of discussion.

To list all the changes that were discussed can not be listed here.

New Business: Entire meeting was taken up discussing the changes.

Good of the club: Nothing brought up

Motion To Adjoin at 9:335am

Respectively submitted

Bud WA6VPP
Secretary

Ham radio fans to converge on Garden Grove Park

This weekend amateur radio operators will be gathering at Garden Grove Park on Saturday, June 24, for their annual Field Day exercise.

Field Day is part of a nationwide emergency preparedness exercise that radio operators participate in to demonstrate and test their skills for communicating under emergency conditions. Members of the Orange County Amateur Radio Club invite local residents to drop in on the event and witness some of their unique

activities this weekend.

Club members will begin Saturday morning erecting temporary antennas, two-way radio stations and generators to power their equipment. Shortly before noon they will begin establishing contact with other radio operators participating across America and Canada.

Several members of the Orange County Amateur Radio Club are associated with the Orange County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Subj: ARLB034 NCVEC advances revised Morse testing standards
Date: 7/27/00 2:43:47 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: memberlist@www.arrl.org (ARRL Members Only Web site)

SB QST @ ARL SARLB034
ARLB034 NCVEC advances revised Morse testing standards

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QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 34 ARLB034
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT July 27, 2000
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB034
ARLB034 NCVEC advances revised Morse testing standards

The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators has voted to set up revised standards for the administration of Morse code examinations in the US.

Under the revised standards, examinees would have to show 25 character-count solid copy on test sheets or successfully answer seven out of ten questions of a fill-in-the-blank quiz on the sent text. The plan would bar multiple choice tests for Morse code testing.

Morse examinations would specify use of a Farnsworth "character speed" in the range of 13 to 15 WPM. Morse code audio pitch would have to be between 700 and 1000 Hz. Standard 5 WPM tests with 5 WPM character speed could be administered only as a special accommodation.

The new Morse testing standards are to be in effect by next July 1, but VECs may implement them sooner.

The NCVEC vote came July 21 during a meeting of VECs in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

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ORANGE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
W6ZE - FIELD DAY - 2000
Sorted by Call then Band

BAND BY BAND SUMMARY

80 meter CW	19 contact(s)
80 meter Phone	20 contact(s)
40 meter CW	88 contact(s)
40 meter Phone	91 contact(s)
20 meter Phone	625 contact(s)
15 meter Phone	793 contact(s)
10 meter Phone	121 contact(s)
6 meter Phone	36 contact(s)
2 meter Phone	72 contact(s)
2 meter Phone Satellite	1 contact(s)
220 MHz Phone	7 contact(s)
440 MHz Phone	15 contact(s)
CW QSOs	107 contacts.
Digital QSOs	0 contacts.
Phone QSOs	1781 contacts.
Novice CW QSOs	0 contacts.
Novice Digital QSOs	0 contacts.
Novice Phone QSOs	0 contacts.
Total CW QSOs	107 contacts.
Total Digital QSOs	0 contacts.
Total Phone QSOs	1781 contacts.
Total one point QSOs	1781 contacts.
Total two point QSOs	107 contacts.
Total contacts	1888 contacts.
Total contact points	1995 points.
Duplicate contacts removed ...	26 contact(s).

CLUB NETS

Band	Mode	Day	Local Time	Freq. MHZ	Net Control
10 Meters	SSB	Wednesday	7.30 P.M	28.375*	AF6C
2 Meters	FM	Wednesday	8.30 P.M	146.550	WB6IXN

(Listen for W6ZE, Net Control) *Plus or Minus QRM

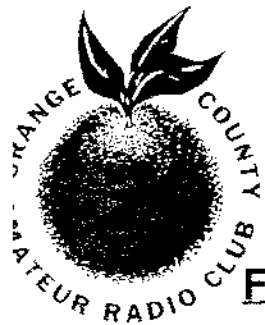
General Meeting General Meeting is the third Friday of each month, 7.30P.M.
AMERICAN RED CROSS facilities.

Aug 18th
Sept 15th
Oct 20th Major cross streets: Fourth Street and Tustin Ave.
Talk-in frequency is 146.550 MHZ, simplex.

Board Breakfast Board Meeting is the first Saturday of each month, 8.00 A.M.
To 9:30 A.M.

Sept 2nd
Oct 7th Hometown Buffet 1008 East 17th St. West of the 55 Fwy and
East of the 5 Fwy close to Grand Ave in Santa Ana

Nov 4th The Board meeting at Hometown Buffet has been moved to IHOP across
the street. Still at 8:00am on the first Saturday of the month in Santa Ana.



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Coming Events

Please do not miss this month's
Meeting - bring a friend.