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The Prez Sez.....

by Paul W6GMU



Greetings, fellow ZE-ers,

This year's Auction went quite well again this year! Huge thanks go to our Master Auctioneer Chip K7JA and his blindingly fast rabbit Nicholas AF6CF. They handled the job efficiently and with great vigor (TNX JFK). The Club's net profit was excellent and we finished on time.

This month we elect our Board members for the coming year.

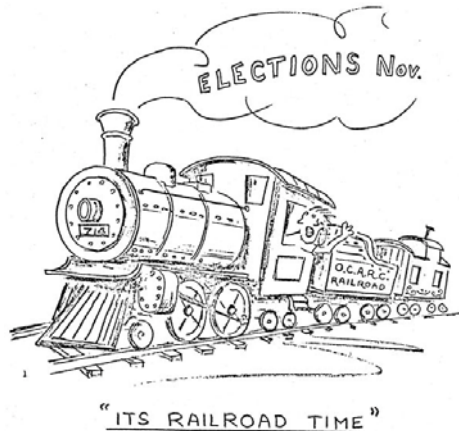
Please consider participating in the Club's management and activities by trying for a "slot" on the Board. Our Club runs best when all participate.

The Club's Holiday Party will happen on December 7, 2012 at The Jaegerhaus. The price is \$26.00 per person, said fee to be collected by our Treasurer Bob AF6C. Pre-payment would be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting. Fun time is nigh!

Be there or be square!

73 de Paul W6GMU
The "Prez"



Next Meeting

Our General Meeting will be held on November 16th, Arnie, N6HC will present a program on the recent

2012 NH8S Swains Island DX-pedition.

The next general meeting will be on:

Friday, November 16th

@ 7:00 PM

As usual, we will be meeting in the east Red Cross Building, Room 208. See you there!

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Monthly Events:

General Meeting:

Third Friday of the month
at 7:00 PM
American Red Cross
600 Parkcenter Drive
(Near Tustin Ave. & 4th St.)
Santa Ana, CA

Club Breakfast:

Second Saturday of every
month at 8:00 AM
Jagerhaus Restaurant
2525 E. Ball Road
(Ball exit off 57-Freeway)
Anaheim, CA

Club Nets (Listen for W6ZE):

28.375 ± MHz SSB
Wed- 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Bob AF6C, Net Control

146.55 MHz Simplex FM
Wed- 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Bob, WB6IXN, Net Control

7.086 ± MHz CW **OCWN**
Sun- 9:00 AM – 10 AM
John WA6RND, Net Control

VISIT OUR WEB SITE

<http://www.w6ze.org>

for up-to-the-minute club information, the latest membership rosters, special activities, back issues of RF, links to ham-related sites, vendors and manufacturers, pictures of club events and much much more.

Club Dues:

Regular Members	...\$20
Family Members*	...\$10
Teenage Members	..\$10
Club Badge**\$3

Dues run from Jan thru Dec and are prorated for new members.

*Additional members in the family of a regular member pay the family rate up to \$30 per family.

**There is a \$1.50 charge if you'd like to have your badge mailed to you.

W6ZE Field Day results

- - provided by Tim, N6GP - -

The ARRL just posted FD results and OCARC, W6ZE, did VERY well:

- 1) In the **5A** class, we ranked **9th** out of 86 nationwide and **second** in CA, behind the Palomar ARC.
- 2) We were **#1** out of 50 entries in the ORG section.
- 3) We were **7th** out of 176 entries in SouthWest Division.

Thanks again to all who made this happen, especially our Chair, **Dee N8UZE!**

Taking a Peek at a GOOGLE Server-Farm

Many hams are very familiar with **Google Search** on the internet at www.GOOGLE.com . Some hams are familiar with the “cloud computing services” that are also offered by Google. I stumbled onto these photos (below) of a **GOOGLE SERVER-FARM**. These are the “count-less” server-computers that power Google Search, Google e-Mail, Google Cloud Services, and several other capabilities.

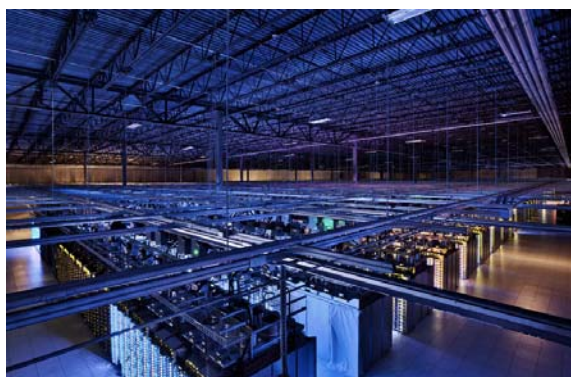


Figure 1 – “Endless” racks and aisles of server-computers at a Google Server-Farm

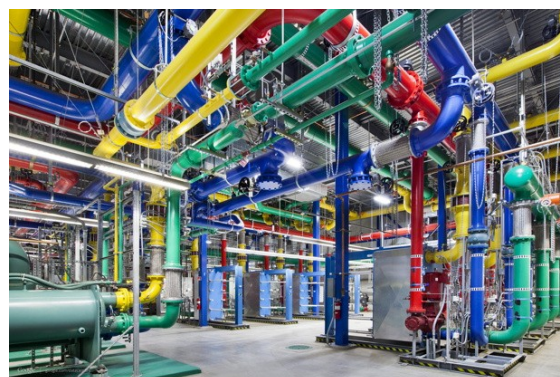


Figure 2 – It requires “endless” pipes to remove heat and to supply electricity at a Google Server Farm

OCARC Elections

Report from Nomination Committee

LIST OF THOSE NOMINATED FOR THE 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Others can be nominated to the list at the November General meeting.

More than one person can run for any position on the board.

1	PRESIDENT	— Nicholas AF6CF
2	VICE PRESIDENT	— Tim Goepfinger N6GP
3	TREASURER	— Ken W6HHC
4	SECRETARY	— Tim Millard KJ6NGF
5	ACTIVITIES	— Doug W6FKX
6	MEMBERSHIP	— Robbie KB6CJZ
7	PUBLICITY	— Bob AF6C
8	TECHNICAL	— Kenan KJ6R
9	DIRECTOR AT LARGE	— Paul W6GMU
10	DIRECTOR AT LARGE	— Jay KI6WZU

This list of nominated names is not final or “all inclusive” and it is subject to change at or before the November 16th Elections. As stated earlier, members can be nominated from the floor during the election...and also members are allowed to nominate themselves.

If you want to run for a position on the OCARC Board of Directors, please contact the Nomination Committee Chair Nicholas AF6CF (AF6CF@W6ZE.org).





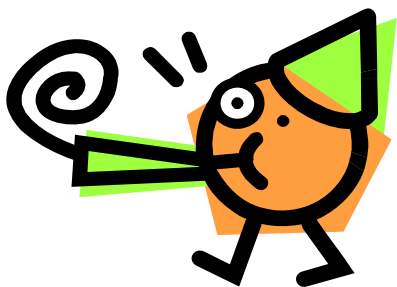
OCARC 2012 Holiday Party

Friday evening, December 7th - 7:00 pm

RAFFLE

We are going to have a great December Raffle! There are a lot of great prizes and tickets are only a dollar. What a deal! Also, there will be a special raffle for just the ladies. These tickets will not be sold but will be given just for coming. We hope that you will be able to come and share in our fun event!

It's Time to Party!



ALL THE INFO!

WHEN: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th

TIME: 7 p.m.

COST: \$26 per ticket

WHAT: Dinner, beverage, Dessert, Tax and Tip included in ticket price plus 1 raffle ticket.

WHO: Everyone!

WHERE: Jagerhaus Restaurant in Anaheim, CA

RSVP: Reserve your spot today at the meeting or email Bob AF6C at AF6C@w6ze.org.

2012 OCARC Radio Auction

Lots of Fun!!! Great Success!!!



Chip KJ6JA was a terrific Auctioneer,
shown here with assistant Nicholas AF6CF

First, a BIG CONGRATS to the Club's super salesman, **Chip K7JA**. There were 54 items for sale, and Chip expertly sold off 47 items during the AUCTION! MNY TNX!

Here are the first-pass financial numbers from the auction.....

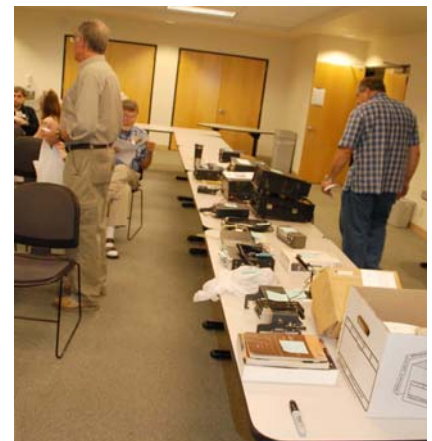
Auction Sales amounted to	\$1,076
Auction Payouts and expenses totaled	\$407

Auction NET PROFIT	\$669
(The auction NET PROFIT included \$623 from donations!!)	

The two highest selling items were a Viking-Nye 2KW antenna tuner in mint condition for \$200...and a Bird Watt Meter (with slugs) for \$165. The OCARC says a special thanks to all who donated equipment to the club auction!



You can see the "SOLD" items piling up
behind our auctioneer



[Next On-foot Transmitter Hunt Nov 10th at Griffith Park](#)

Sat Nov 3, 2012 5:20 pm (PDT) . Posted by: "homingin73"

The next southern California on-foot transmitter hunting session will be Saturday, November 10, 2012 at Griffith Park in Los Angeles. A ham radio license and knowledge of radio equipment are not required. Experts will be on hand to teach you the basic techniques of on-foot radio direction-finding (RDF). Bring the kids and grandkids, then go out on the course with them!

If you are a beginner, there will be entry-level two-meter fox transmitters, set by Joe Moell K0OV. For advanced radio-orientees, there will be a 5-fox two-meter course with international- rules timing (60 seconds per transmitter in sequence), set by Marvin Johnston KE6HTS. One or two optional 80-meter fox transmitters may also be on the air.

If you have receivers, scanners, directional antennas, attenuators, or other equipment suitable for on-foot RDF, be sure to bring it. Make sure all batteries are fresh. A limited amount of RDF gear will be available for loan.

For those who want to build RDF gear for use with their own two-meter hand-held radios or scanners, Marvin will have kits for measuring-tape yagis and active attenuators. Also available is an assembled and tested assembly that includes the power switch, BNC connector, housing and battery, ready to install as the tape measure beam is built. There will be tools and soldering stations for building. If you're not an electronic technician, don't worry because there will be experts to help you. We want you to succeed! Send e-mail to Marvin (marvin@west.net) to pre-register and get more information about equipment. The building session will only take place if there are sufficient advance registrations. If you already have equipment and just want to hunt transmitters, you don't need to pre-register.

If it takes place, the building session will start at 9:30 AM. Please be prompt. Beginner transmitters will be on the air at that time. The main 5-fox hunt will start about 10:30 AM. Hunters may start the courses at any time until 1 PM. Courses close at 3 PM.

For the advanced 2-meter course, electronic scoring will be used. If you have an "e-stick," be sure to bring it. A \$5 donation is requested for the advanced course to cover expenses related to the use of Los Angeles Orienteering Club's e-punch equipment and maps. The beginner course and the 80-meter transmitter hunt are free of charge and e-punch is not required for them.

Trails are primitive in some areas of the park, so wear sturdy shoes. All ages are welcome, but young children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

This event begins in the Mineral Wells picnic area in the northeast part of Griffith Park, nearby to "Travel Town." Look for signs and an orange-and-white orienteering flag at the starting site.

From the 134 freeway eastbound or westbound, take the Forest Lawn Drive exit and go south. Turn left into park area on Zoo Drive towards Travel Town. At the entrance to Travel Town, turn right (south) onto Griffith Park Drive and follow it straight past Mt. Hollywood Drive (gated) on right and then a quarry on the left. You will soon see the picnic grounds (starting area) on your right. If you see the driving range, you have gone too far.

[Next On-foot Transmitter Hunt Nov 10th at Griffith Park \(cont'd\)](#)

From I-5 northbound, exit at "Griffith Park." Turn right (north) on Crystal Springs Drive and continue past the Ranger station on your right and the large picnic areas on your left. At the stop, turn left on Griffith Park Drive and head past the golf clubhouse and driving range to the Mineral Wells picnic area on your left.

A map to the site is at www.homingin.com. If rain is forecasted, check that site for possible cancellation. Call K0OV on 146.52 MHz simplex if you have trouble finding the gathering area within the park.

73,

Joe Moell K0OV

Here follows a current events Item of Interest found on the Web:

HAMRADIOWOW.tv

Episode 31: Hurricane Sandy Follow-Up

Hurricane Sandy is gone. What did Ham Radio do? What did we learn?

In this episode, Southern New Jersey ARRL SEC **John Zaruba K2ZA** returns, and is joined by ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager **Mike Corey KI1U** to discuss how it went, and what we learned to do even better next time.

You may watch this episode at this web site, www.HamRadioNow.tv.

OCARC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

2012-10-13

The OCARC Board meeting was held at the JägerHaus Restaurant, 2525 East Ball Road, Anaheim, on Saturday Oct 13, at 8:15 AM. There were a total of 10 members and visitors attending. A quorum of club officers were present with only W6UX and K6PEQ absent.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

- **VP** – Robbie KB6CJZ reported that the following club programs are planned:
 - Oct – Radio Auction
 - Nov – Arnie N8HC on NH8S Swain Isle
 - OCARC elections for 2013
 - Dec 7 – OCARC Christmas Party
- **Treasurer** – Bob AF6C reported that the club had \$5,465 in its bank accounts.

OLD BIZ:

- **Newsletter Editors**
 - Nov – Paul W6GMU
 - Dec – Nicholas AF6CF
 - Jan – Bob AF6C
- **Field Day 2013** – George N6VNI has spoken to the school district for reserving the Walter Knott Education site for FD in 2013.
- **Nomination Committee** – Nicholas AF6CF reported that all current board members are willing to serve in some capacity next year: except Jeff W6UX (with a brand new job) and Kristin K6PEQ. Nicholas is planning to phone other members to confirm interests.
- **AUCTION** – Tim N6GP reported that he had distributed more Auction flyers at HRO. Ken W6HHC has published a partial list of equipment in the newsletter. All preparations seemed ready.
- **Calif QSO Party** – Tim N6GP reported that at least five club members participated in the CQP and turned in their scores for OCARC.

- **OCCARO** – Paul W6GMU reported that he attended the Orange County Council of Amateur Radio Organizations meeting on Oct 9. The main focus was “bringing young people into ham radio”. There were discussions of making BSA JOTA a major effort in OC next year. There was club discussion of making presentations at local High Schools.
- **Beach Party** – Doug W6FKX and Tim N6GP reported that the club turn out for the OCARC Beach Party at Huntington Beach on Sept 23 was poor. But, a great enjoyable time was had by those who came.

NEW BIZ:

- **OCARC 80th Anniversary** – 2013 marks the 80th year since the founding of the OCARC back in 1933. Discussions included designing and ordering coffee mugs and T-shirts for the occasion and also organizing an 80th Club Reunion of members and former-members.
- **OCARC FACEBOOK** – Tim N6GP volunteered to become a co-administrator of the club’s Facebook account. He explained that he can then “play up” the coming club events and plans.

Good-of-the-Club:

- **APRS Tracker Tests** – Nicholas AF6CF reported that his new combo GPS APRS Tracker (with transmitter), the Byonics Micro-Trak AIO (All In One), worked very well on his recent trip to Colorado and back. OC locals could follow his progress (including when he stopped to eat some lunch along the way).

Respectfully submitted by:
Ken Konechy W6HHC, Secretary

