Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
NEW 1973 OFFICERS!!!!!!

Your new club officers were elected last month at the November meeting. These fellow club members and hams look like a very capable team to help the ORANGE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB retain its reputation as THE best radio club in Orange county. GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT !!!!!!!

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OCARC ACTIVITIES

MEETING 3rd Friday each month, 7:30 p.m. AT the Mercury Savings and Loan, 1095 Irvine (4th) Blvd. in Tustin. Guests welcome.

BREAKFAST 1st Saturday each month, 8:30 am at Mannys Restaurant, 17th Street near Newport Freeway, Santa Ana. Meets in back of room.

15 M NET Club Station W6ZE, meets every Thursday at 21,375 (+ QRM) MHz, at 8:00 p.m. All amateurs welcome to check in. Club and ARRL Bulletins read.
DONT MISS THE

O.C.A.R.C.

CHRISTMAS DINNER &

PARTY

THE 4TH FRIDAY - DEC. 22

THE DINNER THIS YEAR WILL ONCE AGAIN BE AT THE

HORN O' PLENTY
2414 S. FAIRVEIW (just south of Warner)
SANTA ANA

CALL RON - WA6FIT --- 897-8059 for arrangements
* DINNERS $3.15
* FREE DINNERS FOR CHILDREN (under 13)
FREE GIFTS FOR CHILDREN
* GIFT EXCHANGE (under $2) FOR MEMBERS AND WIVES
... PLEASE MARK GIFTS FOR OM OR XYL

Don't Forget ....

NO MEETING ON THE
3RD FRIDAY
THE DX COLUMN --by Bob, WB6QNU

Working a new DX station is always a thrill whether it is your first or you 300th country. However, until you have that QSL hanging on the wall the contact is not complete. Some people say they don't care if they get a QSL from a new or rare country, however the card is the basis for most awards you may wish to obtain. It also gives you a feeling of accomplishment and you can show it to others. Tell someone that you talked to King Hussein and they are likely to smile and ask if you speak to the gods in the shower too? ....but show them the QSL and suddenly they learn a part of what HAM radio is all about!!!!

To obtain a QSL from that elusive country, sometimes takes more skill than the actual contact. The time to start getting the card is BEFORE the contact. When first hearing the DX station, listen for him to give his QSL information. Many stations have QSL managers in the US or foreign countries....others request that you QSL direct or to a special address. When a DX station requests you to mail direct or via some means other than his manager, he usually has a reason. Write down this information.

If the station doesn't give his QSL information before you work him, then mention during your QSO that you would like to QSL and will be listening during the next series of contacts for this info. Usually the DX operator will give the info right away, but sometimes he will wait a few more contacts before he gives it out. It gets to be pretty boring for a DX-pedition to keep repeating his QSL information every contact, especially if it is an address instead of a manager's call.

When you work a new country a fail to get the QSL info, there are other courses available. The Callbook has a list of addresses and QSL managers listed in the back. Be sure to look in both the US and Foreign manager sections. QSL information for DX managers is also published monthly in the DX sections of both CQ and QST. A check through back issues could uncover the necessary address or manager. If you are an avid DX'er, there is a QSL manager bulletin that is published and you can subscribe to it for a few dollars a year. If your still at a loss, ask other DX'er's at the club or on the air. Very often this brings the lead you were looking for.

If no other QSL information can be found, but the station is listed in the Callbook, then send your card direct.

Next month I will discuss the mailing of cards and how to get a response for your efforts. Until then....GOOD DX'ING....BOB

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HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

***** SEE YOU AT THE XMAS DINNER *************
ERNIE - WA6GXF
Ernie just got a new tri-bander beam up .... and what a difference!!!!!
Ernie checked into the O.C.A.R.C. net the other evening and really boomed in. He says something about the DX not having a chance now. Good luck Ernie and let the club know how it works out.

BOB - WB6QNU
Bob (our new president) has just left to go on a business trip back to the frozen wastelands of Rochester, NY. With the exception of a week back at New Years, Bob will not be back until the Feb. meeting. If Bob can get his hands on a rig while he is back in 2-land, Bob will probably return with stories of how the DX sounds from the east coast.

ORANGE COUNTY FIELD DAY PLAQUE
I understand that the last meeting of the Orange County Council of Amateur Radio Clubs resulted in NO club being awarded the plaque for 1972!!!!!!!
As you may know, the Fullerton ARC had claimed best field day scores for this year with the Orange County ARC coming in second. However, when the November QST was published, the Fullerton club’s score was not printed. W6ZE was listed as the TOP SCORING W6 STATION in her class!!!!!!!!!
To avoid contravency (remember last year ?) the council withheld the award this year and promised to clarify the rules for next year.

DON - W6OOH
Don (arownt member from 9-land) has finally got his trusty old beam up in the sky. After months of fighting problems with his rig and suffering the pains of a vertical, Don says he is finally ready to get down to some serious DX-ing (W6 STYLE). Good luck, Don and don’t forget to share your DX with the club.

TWO METER RAFFLE
Don’t forget that the TEMPO 2-meter FM transceiver is going to be raffled away at the Christmas party. Your last chance to buy tickets will be at the party to be held on December 22.

One of these days I’m going to get myself a mobile power supply.
...what I like most about Field day is roughing it.

How big is your club station and do we get "DX-breaks"?