

A HISTORY OF THE ORANGE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - Part 5

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A NEW ERA

In 1959, Ken Kesek, W6BVI, was elected president, with Roy Morris, K6IQ, as vice president, and the Club began meeting in the Santa Ana Register Building on Grand Ave., Santa Ana.

Earl Griffin, W6ZE, and Mildred Griffin, W6PJJ, were members of the Club in the '50s. Mildred also worked for Roy Maxson, W6DEY, at the FCC. This, plus their association with amateur radio and the Club led to a lasting friendship for the three. Earl previously held the call W6KFI. He worked for the Santa Ana Water Works. Earl died from a heart attack in 1956. Three years later, Roy & Mildred were married. The Club, under Ted Glick's urging, moved to have Earl's W6ZE, assigned to the OCARC. Roy Maxson, who returned from an FCC assignment in Alexandria, VA., in 1960, was instrumental in acquiring the call, W6ZE, for us. At the Feb. 18, 1959 meeting, Roy Morris, K6IQ, 1st custodian of W6ZE, announced that the call was officially ours!

In 1960, C.L. Edwards, K6TXS, was elected president; vice president Roy Morris, IQ; secretary Ted Glick, K6LJA; treasurer Frank Clements, GZI; activities chmn. John Roberts, TDC; publicity chmn. Frank Gelinis, AFM; TVI chmn. Roy Maxson, DEY; member-at-large Shelley Trotter, BAM.

OCARC Incorporates

THIS BOARD BECAME CHARTER MEMBERS OF OCARC, INC., for this was the year of incorporation! In 1960, a local lawyer, Bob Neeland, helped Ted Glick and other Club members, incorporate the Club. The 1st constitution of the Club was written by Ted Glick, Roy Morris, Ken Kesel, and lawyer Neeland. Other charter members of the Club were:

John Adkins, K6LEM	Steve Cullings, WA6CFA
LeRoy Sparks, W6SYC	Joe Gillmaker, W6HGU
Tom Jones, WA6KRW	Lee Jones, WA6BAE
Russ Pistone, WA6JDM	Ted Wall, WV6ARU
Louis White, W6WLY	John R. Martin, K6MY
Mildred Maxson, W6PJJ	R. L. Fossett, W6PTA

Horace Bates, K6EAB	Jon Westfield, W6TEL
Sam Reed, WA6OMR	Al Spencer, K6IL
R. F. Krist, W6KTE(?)	Charles Hurley, W6YGE
Reuvon Baskin	Jim Gravage, W6VMG
Tom Marble, K6EEL	Jim Ramsey, K6BGX
Jack Farrington, W6DGF	Ethel Cook, WA6LZW
Bill Hart, W6QAT	Al Robinson, W6PM
Howard Weed, K6KLB	Dave Whitmer, WA6IYF
Fred Washburn, WA6FJJ	Les Pollard, KV6GVF
Charles Shown, WA6ISN	Hoss Bullock, K6AOU

The above were mentioned on the papers of incorporation dated Aug. 4, 1960.

First ARRL Convention in OC

In 1961, Roy Morris, K6IQ, became president. Also in the spring of 1961, the ARRL held a Board meeting at the Disneyland Hotel. Here the plans were approved to hold the 1962 ARRL SW Division Convention at Disneyland Hotel. A first for Orange County!

In 1962, Ted Glick, K6LJA, was elected president. At this time, the Fullerton Club, the Newport Club, and the OCARC banded together to sponsor the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention at Disneyland. Ted Glick was the general chairman. There were over 10,000 people in attendance. And each club netted \$3,000 from the proceeds of the Convention! (At this time, Ted Glick was the oldest dues-paying member of the Club since its reformation in 1958).

In 1963, Max, W6DEY, began proceedings to create our own ARRL Section; the Orange Section. In 1964, Alex Alexander, W6WRJ/W6RE was elected president. A highlight of the 1964 meetings occurred when, during a laser demonstration, the laser beam missed the target and burned a hole in a Register blackboard!

Birth of Orange Section

In 1965, Roland Miller, K6KTX, was elected president.(now a Silent Key) In January, we changed our meeting location to the Lincoln Savings & Loan Bldg. at 17th & Bristol in Santa Ana. And on March 1, 1965, the hard work of Max, DEY, and others paid off!...**the creation of the Orange Section is announced!** A meeting of the Orange County Council of Amateur Radio Organizations was held at Ted Glick's home in Santa Ana, where Max, DEY, is named the first SCM for the Orange Section, thus ending any further connections with the San Diego Section.

(to be continued next month

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