

Orange County Amateur Radio Club

A HISTORY OF THE ORANGE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - Part 12

by Bob - WB6IXN, Club Historian

*** THE MODERN ERA – cont'd ***

1990

In 1990, Chris Breller, KJ6ZH, received the president's gavel for a second time. Past President Dave Hollander W6COJ lost his tower in the Santa Ana Winds. At February Club meeting, David WA6TWF, gave a presentation about 'Repeaters & Advanced Remote Base Stations'.

In Feb., Club OPs helped out with the 'TET Festival' in Westminster. Ted, K6LJA, a past President and responsible for helping the OCARC reorganize in the 1950's, becomes a Silent Key in February. Later, the Ted Glick K6LJA estate donated \$200 from the sale of his radio station, to OCARC!

Some Club OPs enjoy THE CONDOR CONNECTION on 224 MHz. The March Club meeting featured packet radio, and May's meeting found the YAESU folks telling us what was new!

In June, Ken W6HHC presented his annual slide show on past OCARC Field Days activities. Field Day was held in Prospect Park in Tustin. We had 1,657 contacts for 3,454 points in the Contest. The Club thanked Jane Breller NØNE for good FD food, and thanked Kei Yamachika W6NGO, for tower, generator, and antenna storage.

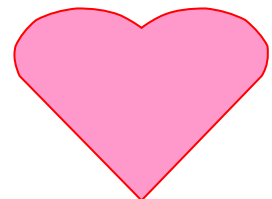
The Club started a SWAP TABLE at the July Club meeting. The 'RF' newsletter announced a Club Pizza Bust for July 21, at Roma D'Italia Ristorante in Tustin. W6RE, Ralph (Alex), was airing the Newsline Tapes on the OCARC weekly nets.

The OCARC Historian, Bob WB6IXN, received copies of old 'NARSMEN' newsletters from Larry, K6VDP, which have been filed for reference. The Newport Amateur Radio Society (NARS) formed in the early 1950s, by hams that worked for the Helipot Division of Beckman Instruments, then located in Newport Beach. NARS folded in 1974 and a lot of NARSMEN members migrated into the OCARC.

In October, OCARC members provided communications for a very successful California Classic Carriage Driving event. Ten Club members participated under the leadership of Bob Tegel KD6XO included: W6RE, KJ6ZH, N6XQR, KC6DLA, AF6C, W6HHC, WA6VKZ, WA6PFA, and KB6WLO.

The Club Holiday Banquet was held on Sunday, Dec. 9th, at the Black Angus Restaurant in Garden Grove.

The FCC announced a no-code Tech. Class License on Dec. 13, 1990!



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President Ken Konechy, W6HHC, took control of the OCARC gavel for a third time in 1991. The Club lost its meeting room at Security Pacific Bank in January - March. Finally, April found the OCARC meeting in (now gone) Republic Federal Savings Bank then located at 17th Street and the 55 FWY, in Santa Ana.

Jane Breller, NØNE, passed her codeless Tech License and in early April becomes KC6TAM. Jane lost no time and checked into the OCARC 2M Net on April 3! Kei, W6NGO donated a beam antenna to the Club for use in Field Day. The Heels & Wheels (horse) Driving Club donated \$100 to the Club for past participation in the California Classic Carriage Driving event. In 1991, Charter Member Shelley Trotter W6BAM had moved to Firebaugh, CA.

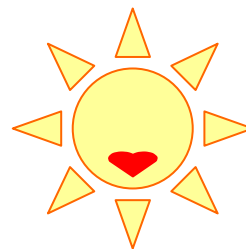
Field Day was held on June 22-23 at the USMC Air Station (H) in Tustin with Frank WA6VKZ as Field Day Chair. Don, KC6ONZ, was Food Chair, and no one went away hungry! FD scores were the 2nd best for the Club to date: 2,626 QSO's for 7,828 points! OCARC, Class 6A, placed 2nd in California for FD.

The OCARC Christmas Party was held on Dec 8, at the Officers Club at the Marine Corp Lighter-Than-Air Base in Tustin, with a gift exchange.

On Dec. 13 & 14, the Club sponsored the 'Icebreaker Contest' during the ARRL 10M Contest. Purpose: To give new hams a chance to get some contest experience. A Novice/Tech station & a General/Advanced/ Extra station were set up. The stations operated under Don Hughes' call, KC6ONZ. K6VDP was station captain for the G/A/E station, and the novice station captain was KC6ONZ. The parking lot behind the Electronic Times store housed the stations. Besides those already mentioned, 20 other OPs visited & operated. The Novice/Tech station contacted 22 states, and the G/A/E station made about 200 contacts, a very successful Club event!

(To be continued next month
...Bob Evans, WB6IXN, Club Historian)

A SUNSPOT



A Sunspot was spotted this week, but unfortunately it is an old Solar Cycle 23 spot. Down near the Sun's equator, sunspot 1012 has been seen the last few days but this area is typical for spots from a previous cycle. So, we are still out of luck for any activity from the new Solar Cycle 24. Of course we are not going to complain and we will enjoy the one we have but it looks like we are going to have to stay patient and keep waiting for the sunspots to spot and the propagation to boom!