

**A HISTORY OF THE ORANGE COUNTY
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - Part 17****by Bob - WB6IXN, Club Historian******* THE MODERN ERA – cont'd *******2000**

Larry Hoffman, K6LDC, became our Y2K president! Finding an accelerant at the fire scene, firemen suspected arson as the cause of the Candy Store (HRO) fire in Anaheim! The Club moved the Saturday Breakfast to the Azteca Restaurant, located at the old Wildflower Restaurant site on Grand Avenue in SA. Later in April, the Club Saturday Breakfast moved again, this time to the Hometown Buffet, 17th St. in Santa Ana.

Five OCARC members: Gene, KF6TRA; Larry, K6LDC; Cindy, KC6OPI; Don, KC6ONZ; and Roy, W5RT, all picked up their Red Cross Certification Cards as Disaster Relief Communicators. In January, 2000, the monthly 'NETNEWS' blog moved to the Club WEB site, and no longer appeared in the hard copy of the 'RF' Club paper. Ida, the widow of Kei-W6NGO, presented a check for \$450 to the Club from The Kei Yamachika Trust Fund.

May 5-7, 2000, found the Club 'Not-so-DXpedition' on private land owned by a friend of Art-KE6WOX in Aguanga (near Temecula). Jim-KE6UCH (now AE6UC) & Cory-KE6WIU (now AE6GW) got lost, but thanks to 146.55 & GPS, they soon arrived at the site. K6VDP, K6LDC and KE6WOX arrived early, followed by KE6UCH, KE6WIU, WA6PFA, and WA6VPP, with the OPs scoring DX in Italy, Croatia, British Columbia, and Chile, among others!

To escape the blistering heat of Yucca Valley for FD, the OCARC Field Day site was moved back to civilization at the Garden Grove Park on Atlantis Way in GG. Larry Beilin, K6VDP, was Field Day Chairman and Frank Smith, WA6VKZ was Field Day Chief Cook & Bottle Washer! The Club operated 3A with a Field Score: 2,260 QSOs for 4,734 points. Field Day was taped for cable TV viewing by the local Time-Warner Affiliate. It aired on cable Channel 3 in Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, and Westminster.

OCARC participated for the 14th year (and final time) in the Heel & Wheels Driving Club 3-day horse carriage event that benefits the 'Ride to Fly' equine therapeutic program for the disabled on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. There are carriages with sometimes as many as 4 horses pulling them, according to Bob, KD6XO. The Club provided 22 hams to help with the Marathon on August 12, providing OPs at various locations on the course to keep officials in touch with any emergency that occurred. See

the OCARC Photo Gallery on WEB site for the pictures of the event in 2000. The yearly horse carriage event permanently moved to Northern California in 2001.

The Club garnered \$137 profit from Auction proceeds. The annual OCARC Christmas Party was held at Mimi's Café in Fountain Valley. Bud Barkhurst, WA6VPP, received the "W6NGO-For the Good of the Club" award. Bob Tegel, KD6XO, on behalf of Heels & Wheels Carriage Club, presented OCARC with a donation check for \$500 as thanks for many years of communications help! The club approved the decision to convert the RF Newsletter to WEB distribution (instead of paper) beginning in 2001.

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