Meetings:  (MONTHLY GEN’L MEETING)

The OCARC holds its meetings on the third Friday of each month, except December, at the American Red Cross building, 600 N. Parkcenter Drive, in Santa Ana, CA (Near Tustin Ave. and 4th St.) The meeting starts at 7:00 PM sharp.

The program or guest speaker for the meeting is presented near the beginning of the program, followed by announcements, a break where members and guests can chat (snacks, coffee and sodas are available). Following the break, there is usually a short business meeting and an opportunity drawing.

Radio Nets:

OCARC sponsors weekly nets in the Orange County area. These nets are informal and nonmembers are welcome to check-in and rag-chew with members. Currently there are three weekly nets:

Ten Meter SSB Net: This net meets on 28.375 MHz (Plus or minus QRM) at 7:30 to 8:30 PM local time Wednesdays. (03:30Z Thursday - 02:30Z during daylight savings period). Net control is W6ZE.

Two Meter FM Net: This net meets on 146.550 MHz simplex at 8:30 PM local time Wednesdays. (0430Z Thursday - 0330Z during daylight savings period). Net control is W6ZE. The ARRL Audio News, when available, are broadcast after the net.

Forty Meter CW Net: This net is run in affiliation with The Orange County Wireless Net (OCWN) and meets on 7.086 MHz. Sundays at 9:00 AM local time. The net gives you a good chance to practice your CW and improve your code speed. Net control will answer you at your speed.

Please check our web site (http://www.w6ze.org) for the latest net information.

Net News: Each month a short synopsis of what was discussed on the nets is published on our web site.

Feel free to check into our nets to learn more about our club.

Breakfast:  (MONTHLY BOARD MEETING)

The OCARC holds a club breakfast on the first Saturday of each month. A club board meeting follows the breakfast. Members, guests and visitors are welcome. Check our web site for the current time and location.

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Welcome:
The Orange County Amateur radio Club is a general purpose radio club. Our members vary in interest and talents and share their talents with other members interested in similar aspects of the hobby of amateur radio. Dues are very reasonable (we don’t have a repeater to support). Meetings are held monthly, and guests interested in visiting our club are welcome. Some of our members are active in Emergency Services including local police communications groups, ARES, RACES and The Red Cross. The club has technically oriented members who can help you with your radio problems and questions. It also has people familiar with Mac and Windows computers.

Activities:
OCARC holds many events each year. Among them: Each Spring many members support the Baker-to-Vegas Law Enforcement 20-leg, 120-mile desert relay race. Our biggest event is the yearly ARRL Field Day held each June. In 2007 and 2013 the club won its class and placed 2nd overall. In 2009 we placed third overall. In October the club holds an open auction for selling and buying amateur radio and amateur radio related items:

OCARC 2013 Field Day Group placed 2nd overall with 6,859 QSOs

Over the past years we’ve held: Not So DX-peditions (radio camping trips), Deep Sea Fishing trips, A Reunion of former club members, Club Picnics (Radios in the Park), Beach and Pool Parties, Pizza Get-Togethers, Pot-Luck Parties, Project Construction, Support of Public Service Events, Antenna Raising, and much much more!

Visit our web site for photos from many of our events:

RF: (OUR NEWSLETTER)
The OCARC publishes a monthly newsletter. It is emailed to our members, and recent visitors. In recent years the newsletter has contained product reviews, technical articles for the average ham, construction projects, humorous stories, and of course club business. It usually runs eight pages minimum and often many more. The newsletter is delivered as a PDF via email to our members and select others.

The first issue of RF was published in November 1953. The newsletter has come a long way since then thanks to computers, home publishing and our club editors.

Check out issue #1 and our recent issues of RF, as well as many back issues, at our web site: http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF_Index.html