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ORANGE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

P.O. BOX 1704, ORANGE, CA 92668

****OCTOBER PROGRAM****

Time to clean out your closets, garages, desk drawers, etc. Our annual club auction will be held this month so come loaded down with stuff to sell and don't forget to bring your wallet either. Remember that one man's junk is very possibly another man's treasure. Doors will open for the sellers at 6:30 P.M. Spread the word as in addition to making it a lot more interesting it will also help the club finances. We can guarantee it's going to be a night of good fun and a lot of bargains.

****NOVEMBER MEETING****

Which direction is the club going to go in 1986????? The time has come once again to elect the Officers who will be at the helm for the year. We need a good turn out for this meeting as it is you the members who will decide whither we go. In addition to the election of Officers, Ken W6HHC will present a short slide program on our endeavors on Field Day this year at Centennial Park in Santa Ana. Hope we have a real big turn out for this one.....

1985 CLUB BOARD of DIRECTORS

President	Bob Eckweiler	AF6C	639-5874
Vice President	Herb Rosenberg	KG6DK	??-???
Secretary	Frank Smith	W4SVKZ	492-7215
Treasurer	Jim Talcott	N6JSV	838-5395
Activities Chairman	Joe Partlow	KB6F2V	542-3122
Membership Chairman	John Meacham	N6LMX	642-4782
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Member At Large	Kei Yamachika	W6NGO	538-6942
Member At Large	Dottie Watts	W6IBP	531-6245

CLUB APPOINTMENTS

Club Historian	Bob Evans	WB6IXN	543-9111
W6ZE Trustee	Bob Eckweiler	AF6C	639-5874
R.F. Editor (Acting)	Bob Eckweiler	AF6C	639-5874
Teen Representative	<open>		

CLUB FUNCTIONS

MONTHLY MEETING: 3rd Friday of each month, 7:30PM at:
MERCURY SAVINGS & LOAN
1095 Irvine Blvd. (4th St becomes Irvine)
Tustin, Ca. Talk-in on 146.55 MHz

Oct 18th
Nov 15th
Dec 20th (Take the 4th St. exit to the 55 FREEWAY
and head east. Continue about two blocks
past Newport Blvd. on the left.)

CLUB BREAKFAST: 1st Saturday of each month, 8:00AM at:
MIMI'S CAFE
17231 17th Street
Tustin, Ca. (714) 544-5522
Dec 7th (55 FREEWAY at 17th Street east.)

CLUB NETS

BAND	MODE	DAY OF WEEK	LOCAL TIME	FREQ MHz
2 Meters	FM	Wednesday	2100 hrs.	146.550
15 Meters	SSB	Wednesday	2000 hrs.	21.375
15 Meters	CW	Sunday	2000 hrs.	21.175

(Listen for W6ZE, net control)

The Prez Sez:

I hope everyone has taken the time to clean out their garages and junk boxes for the upcoming AUCTION. This a good time to pass on some of those items that you never use. They often can be of some value to others. If you're a new novice or looking for a starter rig for the low bands the AUCTION is a good place to shop. Older rigs are quite good on CW and the former owners can be of great help in setting up a station. Prices can be quite reasonable, and when you move-up to a new rig the old rig can be passed on to another new ham with little financial loss.

Speaking of rigs, I just finished fixing the old Heath SB-401 up and it's running 'as good as new' so expect to hear me on the SSB net in the near future. I may even get on the CW net, even though it was during that net that the rig quit in the first place. The problem turned out to be a diode that started leaking as the rig warmed-up, as well as a dirty relay contact that switched the receiver audio.

Elections are coming up in November. The results will mean whether the club can survive or not!!! Please make an effort to participate more actively in the club. Board positions do require effort, but the results can be quite rewarding. I have a good feeling of accomplishment from being editor of "RF" for this year. Joe, KB6FZV is this years election committee chairman. Call him at 542-3122 if you would like to hold a position on the board, or even just help with the election committee.

GET INVOLVED!!

The hounding I've been doing to get people to submit articles is beginning to pay off. Bob, WB6IXN has submitted an article on his experience communicating with Mexico City after the great earthquake. Be sure to read it in this issue of "RF". Also, be sure to bring your QSL card to the next meeting for a special drawing. Hand written QSL's are acceptable. Meanwhile get out the old pen (or wordprocessor) and make your own contribution to "RF".

It looks like I'll be away on business for a few weeks. I hope to be back in time for the auction. This issue of "RF" will be put together by one of the board members. See you soon!

73, de AF6C

ORANGE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB ROSTER

OCTOBER 1985

Alphabetically By Call

Call	Name	Street	City	St Zip	Phone
	Watts	Jane	Tustin	CA 92680	M
WB6AJV	Maier	Bob	Irvine	CA 92714	M
KA6ASD	Quinn	Chuck	Westminster	CA 92683	M
WA6BPX	Berry	Wyatt	Garden Grove	CA 92643	M
AF6C	Eckweiler	Bob	Orange	CA 92669	B
KA6CZ1	Atwell	Howard	Anaheim	CA 92807	M
N6ETK	Champion	Leland	Midway City	CA 92655	M
KB6EZS	Talcott	Jeanie	Santa Ana	CA 92785	F
KB6EZT	Steele	Ron	Anaheim	CA 92802	M
KB6EZU	Mauer	John	Buena Park	CA 92620	M
KB6F2V	Partlow	Joe	Santa Ana	CA 92706	B
KB6GFT	Rosenberg	David	Irvine	CA 92714	F
KA6GJI	Alonso	Oscar	Fullerton	CA 92631	M
W6HHC	Konechy	Ken	Santa Ana	CA 92701	B
W6IBP	Watts	Dorothy	Westminster	CA 92683	B
W6ISR	Watts	Albert	Westminster	CA 92683	B
WB6IHZ	Mathers	Terry	Garden Grove	CA 92643	M
KA6IMP	Breller	Aian	Imperial Beach	CA 92032	M
WB6IXN	Evans	Bob	Santa Ana	CA 92701	M
N6JSV	Talcott	Jim	Santa Ana	CA 92705	B
KG6JW	Diomantich	Bob	Irvine	CA 92714	M
N6KRY	Read	Gordon	Mission Viejo	CA 92691	M
K6LJA	Glick	Ted	Santa Ana	CA 92786	M
N6LNX	Meachum	John	Westminster	CA 92683	B
W6MIL	MacInnis	Stewart	Seal Beach	CA 90704	M
W6NGO	Yamachika	Kei	Orange	CA 92669	B
KG6OK	Rosenberg	Herb	Irvine	CA 92714	B
KA6QVU	Smith	Suzie	San Clemente	CA 92672	F
W6RE	Alexander	Ralph	Tustin	CA 92680	H
K6SR	Thompson	Lee	Tustin	CA 92680	M
N6UC	Hollander	Jack	Tustin	CA 92680	M
WB6ULU	Harwood	Lloyd	Orange	CA 92667	M
WA6VKZ	Smith	Frank	San Clemente	CA 92672	B
N66W	Townsend	Jim	Irvine	CA 92714	M
KD6XO	Tegel	Bob	Westminster	CA 92683	M
WA6YKH	Myatt	Bill	Tustin	CA 92680	M
WA6ZSS	Montgomery	William	Laguna Beach	CA 92651	M

*Addresses
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*Phone Nos,
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We'd like to keep this roster up to date and correct as possible. Please send any corrections to AF6C at the Post Office Box, or call me by phone. I'll have a master copy at the meetings for any inputs.

*** AN 8.1 Disaster ***

It was around 8:30 pm on Sept. 21, when I played back the recordings on the telephone answering service. Sister Cecelia, a Franciscan nun from St. Frances Rest Home in Santa Ana, had requested that I call her. She had heard through the church choir, that I was a radio amateur. She requested that I try to communicate with the mother home in Mexico City to determine the health & welfare of the nuns there. They were especially concerned about nuns who might have been trapped in collapsed hospitals after the recent off-coast 8.1 magnitude earthquake, and the accompanying aftershocks, which severely damaged the central section of Mexico City.

The Sisters requested health & welfare information on Madre Imelda Maria, Superior General, Franciscan Sisters; Ramon & Sofia Torres, relations of Mother Clara Mata; and Señor Cándido Mendoza, Mother Clara's brother, all with accompanying phone numbers.

I immediately fired up my trusty little 100 watts with great expectations...OH WOW! ... was I in for a surprising shock! 20 meters was overcrowded with OMs waiting for their turn with the high power boys handling the XE contacts in Mexico City! My little 100 watts was useless (with a capital U) in the pile ups!

I don't know how many hours XE1FWY had been in operation already, but I do know that he must have handled hundreds of calls, taking them about 30 at a time, calling the parties in Mexico City, and relaying info. back to the waiting hams here! .

And then, there was the case of XE1HHT, Peter, in Mexico City, who did a superior job with backed up calls. I can't remember which one of the above operators attempted an emergency phone patch only to have it interrupted by a high power OM requesting routine health & welfare info!! I swear that some OMs must be deaf, have all the power in their voices, and none between their ears!!

I then called the Red Cross to see how long it would take D.W.I. requests to be delivered. They told me that no messages would be handled through ordinary channels for 6 days!

As I listened across the bands, I heard one XE operator say that the Mexican Govt. had forbidden any long distance calls from Mexico City! Even the Mexican Embassy in Mexico City was using amateur operators to pass traffic to the Washington, D.C. Embassy!

In desperation, I called an experienced W6ZE standby, Alex W6RE. I passed the traffic to Alex. He didn't promise anything, but he promised to pump up the 800 watts and give it a try!

The next morning, Alex overheard Ted, K6LJA, passing traffic to KB5Z for relay to Alex, XE1MAG, in Mexico City. Alex, RE, with LJA on the side, passed my traffic to K5BZ for relay. And voila!! Around 2 hours later, word was relayed back that Sr. Mendoza, and Ramon & Sofia Torres, were all well! Madre Imelda Maria did not answer the phone. She and the other nuns from the mother home were undoubtedly involved in emergency operations. Besides, the mother home is located in an area not reported as suffering heavy damage. Also, their telephone prefix was not one listed on Alex, RE's, list of phone prefixes where lines were down.

Besides thanking Alex and me for our efforts, Sister Cecelia had to announce the successful contacts to the whole choir the following Tuesday evening. It was good to see the relief on her face! (Tnx Alex & Ted)

I have always taught young people entering amateur radio the importance of the rules & regulations of Section 97, but nothing takes the place of a real emergency to stress the fact that we owe our existence as Amateurs to this Section!! Read it...and you'll realize that the FCC just has to be right!

(P.S. N5DVY, Harold, in Texas, also did a monumental service for amateur radio in traffic handling. If you have the pleasure of meeting XE1FWY, WE1HHT, K5BZ or N5DVY on the air, thank them for the hapiness and relief they brought to so many!!
And why not write a little blurp for "RF" about your "earthquake" operations?!!)

DE Bob, WB6IXN

September 16, 1985

To all amateur radio clubs:

I will pay ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS CASH (\$100.00) to the person or persons locating and assisting in the prosecution to the fullest extent of the law, of the person deliberately causing QRM on the 146.895 repeater. This offer is valid for thirty days from this date.
Signed: Ted Glick K6LJA

****VOLUNTEER EXAM SCHEDULE****

The next examinations will be given at St. Jude's Hospital in Fullerton on Saturday November 16, 1985. This exam will be for all licenses from Novice thru Extra Class. The CW receiving test will be given at 8:00 A.M. and the written exam at 9:30A.M. For further information regarding the exmaination contact Bob Reitzel, KD6DA, 1836 Skywood Street, Brea, Ca. 92621 or phone 213-691-1514. For written information please include a SASE. Our thanks for this important tidbit to Lloyd WB6ULU.....

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AUCTION RULES
&
INFORMATION

PROCEDURES:

BUYERS:

register
receive bidder's card
show card when bidding

SELLERS

register
receive seller's tags
pay entrance fee
indicate minimum bid

AUCTION

items for auction will be offered in numerical
sequence of sellers up to five items at a time
per seller.

FEES

BUYERS

None

SELLERS

\$3.00 entrance fee
10% of item to a max of \$8.00 per item

MISCELLANEOUS

Minimum bid is \$1.00, if item is not worth \$1.00 please
make a "grab bag" of several items.
Sellers wishing to describe item please do so on a suitable
sized paper, taped to the item in order to aid the
auctioneer in selling your item.
Personal checks accepted at the option of the seller.

LOCATION

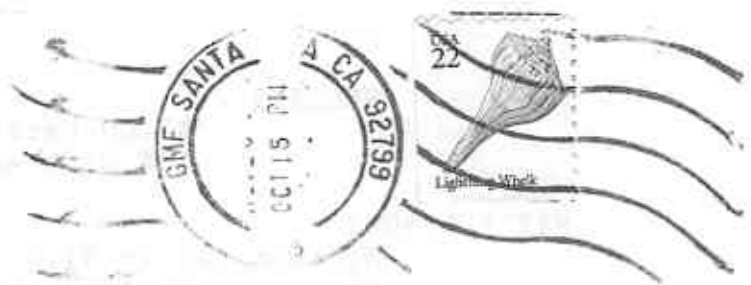
Mercury Savings & Loan Building
1095 Irvine Blvd
(100 yards East of intersection of Newport Blvd & Irvine Blvd)

ADDITIONAL INFO 639-5074

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CLUB AUCTION: The yearly OCARC auction will be held in place of the October meeting this year. Now is the time to start cleaning out your junk box and getting your stuff together. With the cancellation of the Catalina HamFest in September we are looking for a good sized turnout. Be sure to get there early if you have items for the block. Our Auctioneer this year will be Ken, W6HHC; whom, it is reported, is tuning up his vocal cords and exercising his lungs! Auction rules are in this issue of RF.

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