

ORANGE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Prez Sez

This is the month that slipped by way too fast. And this is also the month that I haven't seen many of you, as I took a vacation during the club meeting week and I went to San Diego during the Breakfast weekend. I hope you all had as happy a month as I did.

For vacation I went back to North Dakota to be home on the farm. Most of the harvest was already done, but I did get some time in working the fields, combining beans, raking hay, and cutting wood. The weather was awesome. As I stepped off the plane I had to do a double take, as the air temperature was the same as here. The difference was that the air was so clear, you couldn't even see it.

The weather was set to change and we did have a light frost one night. Then the most spectacular Northern Lights greeted us on Tuesday night. The northern horizon was aglow and there were shimmering rays of light going from the north horizon straight south covering 3/4 of the sky. Words just can not do it justice.

The next night we had a thunder storm with cloud to cloud lightning putting on another great show. That night ended up with severe hail in a neighboring town that broke out windows and ruined several crops. Hail was so thick in Lisbon that the payloader came out to clear the streets.

October 3rd and 4th was the annual fund raiser for Multiple Sclerosis. It's called the MS-150 and involves bicycle riders getting pledges to ride either 150 miles or 150 kilometers, starting in Newport Dunes and ending in Mission Bay. It is a two day event with the riders staying in Carlsbad Saturday night and completing the ride Sunday into Mission Bay. This was a record setting event with over 850 riders and much more money raised this year than last. We had several ham operators to watch over the event. I was a shadow to one of the organizers, and operators were in sag wagons, medic vehicles and supply vehicles. Net control had lots of traffic for all of us.

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DUES

Regular Members......\$15.00 Additional Members......\$7.50 each Teenage Members......\$6.00 Optional Club Badge.......\$5.00 each Dues for new members are pro-rated quarterly from January 1st each year. Family members must reside at the address of a regular member. Only one RF is sent per household.





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Coming Meeting Programs:

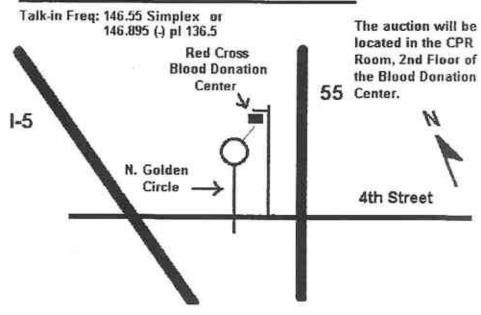
October 16 Annual Club Auction

November 20

Steve Riches, N6SOG, O.C. Sheriff's deputy will present a talk and demonstration of the Magellan GPS 2000XL unit with info on UTM coordinates and GPS to longitudinal coordinates. Those of you that have them, Bring Your GPS units.

Annual Club Christmas Dinner Party at December 12 Mimi's Restaurant, 17th. St. 1 block east of the 55 Freeway in Tustin. 7:00 P.M. until ????? Order from the menu.

Directions to OCARC Auction

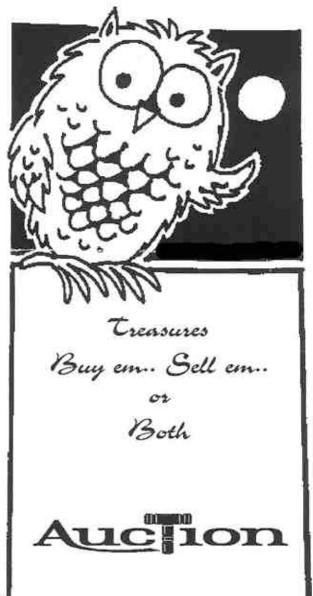


The Wise Old Owl Says...



The Annual W6ZE Club Auction

October 16th
Check-in
begins at
6:30
Dont Missit!!!!!







NETNEKS by WB6IXN

9/2 10m Phone Net - AF6C is busy launching a new aircraft at Boeing. so HHC. Ken. takes over NC duties! HHC checks in LDC. VDP. JD. FOX. IXN. PFA. LEX/m. TWA. & RE. HHC is getting packed fer vacation time. and LDC asks OPs to give him sig rpts on the loop vs the vertical ant VDP copies Larry S9 on the loop/S8 on the vertical. VDP will be at the Club Bfast Sat., and Larry copies a 'lil DX on 10 & 17m, some frm Havana, Cuba! JD and IXN copy LDC better on the vert, ant., and Lowell tells IXN he got a QSL frm the Venango Mike & Ke; Club in Oil City, PA. WOX & IXN note a slight drift upward in freq. on HHC's sigs., and PFA tries different mike arrangements, etc., on the rig, asking OPs to report the results. Some OPs note TV QRM in the background, IXN rpts excellent S9 sigs for PFA when mike is full range and no speech compression! Some OPs report Tom's voice is raspy wid other mike/rig arrangements. LEX/m helps a friend move bk into his home after the Santiago Cyn fire moves on. TWA gives LDC a 5/6 on the loop, and a 5/9 on the vertical. Charles says LEX/m has FB sigs, and TWA enjoys an ocean freshet blowing up the Santa Ana River Bed! RE gets all the ants, hooked bk up after this afternoon's thunder storm, and Alex busies himself working wid the HMO.

9/2 2m Phone Net - W6ZE/IXN checks in SCV, BWH, RE, VDP, WOX, UBK, TWA. ZH. and SMY. SCV buys TWA's TS-520, and now Mike tries to keep the 'Tennessee Valley Indians' out of the TV & phone lines! Mike wil. be boating to Santa Cruz Is. next week. BWH experiences underground problems' wid a water leak, and 'overhead problems' wid sparking tree limbs in the SCE high lines. And Bob airs Newsline #1098, inwhich we hear that a mail-delivering Pac Bell Robot assults a female employee. (Let's hope the grocery chain newspapers don't get hold of this one!) RE works the air conditioners overtime in the hot WX, and Alex can't copy the ARRL bulletins in the heavy QRN. VDP only needs Deleware fer a WAS on 6m! And thru Art Goddard, VDP lends a helping hand to a 90 yr old ham wid a new rig, and Larry may bring him to a Club meeting! WOX gets the new roof on the house just in time for today's rain! And Art will attend the Club Bfast Sat. UBK raises the new J-pole ant. and asks OPs fer sig rpts. TWA is still enjoying the `Santa Ana Rive; breeze', and Charles misses SCV's call just after Net. TAM gets her stitches out this week, and is ambulatory now. ZH, wid vy successful physical therapy, may not hve to undergo surgery fer a torn knee ligament! SMY, Stefanie, checked into Net frm an unknown location!

9/7 10m Phone Net - W6ZE/AF6C checks in LDC, LEX, JD, VDP, WOX, RND, IXN, TWA, and RE. AF6C turns NC duties over to HHC as Bob is off to the maiden flight of the 717, and communications repairs near Yuma, AZ. Also, AF6C says Masami Yamachika, a pre-WW2 OCARC member, is relicensing and will attend Club meetings! LDC announces the next VE session at EDS Unigraphics will take place this Sat. And WOX helps LDC put up the beam ant., which is doing a FB job fer Larry's sigs tonite! LEX prepares fer an industry trade show in Las Vegas, and Chris says he heard Fla. on 10m. JD hears LDC well but says IXN is weaker tonite. VDP, experiencing QRN tonite, says Rolf, formerly

KK6QW, will make contact wid Larry on 7720 KHz or 14.295 MHz tomorrow eve. And Larry hears 4UlWB, the World Bank in Wash. B.C. kOX gives directions to the VE session on Sat., and RND falls frm his bike, injuring his elbow which requires surgery, plus, John has eye surgery fer a cataract. Eye surgery complications requires a 2nd attempt tomorrow! All OPs wish John ell. IXN goes fer a lower GI next Tues., and Bob hears all OPs tonite widout the RF amplifier! TWA fights the mice and lizards at the QTH, and Charles runs to check another mouse trap as the XYL reports the accompanying snap! RE busies himself wid house chores, but Alex gives a sunspot report of 167 high vs 128 low fer the week of Sept. 2.

9/9 2m Phone Net - W6ZE/IXN checked in ZH, SMY, AF6C, UBK, LDC, VDP, and BWH. BWH helps a neighbor wid a garage door problem and checks in Bob also airs Newsline and IXN comments on digitizing at Net's end. voice communications. ZH spends a quiet Labor Day weekend, and Chris contemplates a web page on QSL.NET. And ZH has a flexible knee brace at present; the doc deciding if Chris must hve knee surgery in the near future. SMV gets off work in time to attend a group meeting, and AF6C awaits a check-in frm his working partner, KD6NOT. And Bob will be working wid the phone co. on problems at the work place. UBK gets gud reports on his J-pole at the apartment in Anaheim. LDC gets the beam up fer HF... Now fer the rotor! And Larry & AF6C discuss the new Boeing 717 aircraft. LDC will enjoy a day of fishing off San Diego tomorrow, and plans to administer VE exams this Sat. VDP says KK6QW's new call is KK7LX fer those that may try to hear Rolf on 40 or 20m tomorrow night.

9/16 10m Phone Net - W6ZE/AF6C checks in JD, LDC, VDP, WOX, IXN, LEX/m, and COJ. AF6C says that Mark, KD6NOT, may check in on the 2m Net tonite, and Bob moves the Net up a couple of KCs to avoid QRM. AF6C asks LDC to give a quick run-down on the Club program fer Fri. meeting. Then IXN & AF6C discuss Bob's new 60 mm Tasco refractor telescope. JD hears LEX/m FB tonite. And Lowell plans to attend Meeting Fri. eve., and 'lightens his wallet' paying a few bills tonite. LDC & VDP tell AF6C that Masami Y, passed his code but not the theory part of his exam. LDC says LEX/m is 'in and out' in the And VDP works Kuwait, a new zone & a new country for him! hears nothing abt RND's medical progress, and all OPs hope that John Art had to work last nite, but got home early enuf to work And AF6C and WOX discuss telephone/microwave links. COJ may soon leave the area to move to N. CA. to be near his daughter, unless Dave can find a person to 'cook fer him or sleep in his bed', or both! And LEX/m works the Miss America special event station...wid all OPs vy curious abt Chris' QSL card frm the station!

9/16 2m Net - W6ZE/IXN checks in LDC, VDP, WOX, UBK, LKS, SMY/m, TWA, and BWH. LDC says last Sat.'s VE session was vy successful. And Larry tells OPs that Nov. Club meeting topic will be GPS, and that OPs shud bring their Magellan units wid them! VDP describes his mike to IXN after Bob notes slight clipping on VDP's spoken words. And Larry will attend the new swapmeet in Pomona this weekend...He'll bring a map to meeting Fri. eve. VDP & IXN note that the new roster reflects the same errors as the last roster, & that new members hve not been

added to the new roster. OPs welcome KF6LKS, Dan, to the Net. Dan uses a Radio Shack HTX-202, and a J-pole ant. up ant 20 ft. LKS' QTH is near Beach Blvd. & the 22 Fwy, and we hope to eyeball wid Dan at Meeting! SMY doesn't hear many OPs tonite, as Stephanie is mobile in a poor reception area for a HT. TkA comes dwn wid a new 'bug' last ked. Although Charles & XYL went to Laughlin last Sun, to hear Kenny Rogers, tonite is the first nite that Charles has felt better! BWH airs Newsline. We hear that Canadian Hams performed well, handling emergency communications for the downed Swiss airliner! UBK has one harmonic down', and one to go, as Del tells OPs that he has finished his ant, wiring at the QTH.

9/23 10m Phone Net - W6ZE/AF6C checks in WNG. TWA, LDC, PFA, WOX, LEX, RND, JD, IXN, HHC, RE, and ZH...Great check-in. OPs! AF6C finally gets the auto running after a perplexing mechanical problem! joins us before din-din, and IXN & TWA think Daniel may have had the speech processer turned on...He had vy narrow-peaked audio sigs. gets over his mysterious. flu-like illness & feels much better after a trip to Laughlin, even though a tire blew apart on the trip! a routine physical tomorrow, and IXN will soon see a surgeon abt a hernia. LDC says BWH is in the Dakotas on vacation, and Larry said no overhead proj., no telephone, and no NAH refreshments cramped PA's presentation on 'the Internet'. PFA's rig puts out great sigs, and Tom heard Nairobi, JAs, and CU3AU in Portugal today on 10m. Then Tom pulls the switch before 8 pm to keep Tennessee Valley Indians out of the XYL's TV! WOX visits the vampires at the RC and donates a 'lil blood. And Art enjoys the new swapmeet in Pomona last Sat. And WOX works on a 2 element beam tonite. And LEX picnics wid another group of Hams, wid gud openings on 10m during festivities. RND is mending well, wid x-rays of the elbow coming Mon. And John hopes the Angels win tonite...Alas!...They didn't! And RND strokes the guitar widout any wrist bend! HHC comments on LDC's fine sigs at the QTH. And PFA overloads HHC's xcvr, forcing Ken to attenuate Tom's sigs for clarity. And HHC just got bk frm a trip to Greece, Turkey, Malta, Italy & the Meditterean, wid Ken commenting on the funny log periodic ant. at the Vatican! RE & XYL are busy wid physical exams. And Alex reads ARRL bull. # 74 which says that the FCC has adopted universal licensing which will introduce a Form 605, instead of the Form 610! RE also reports a sunspot high of 134, and a low of 111 for Sept. 10-16. ZH has weak sigs at IXN's QTH as Chris switches frm the vertical to the beam. ZH has had a couple of inquiries on the Club towers, and Chris tells AF6C to check his E-mail fer particulars tomorrow morning. JD is glad to hear RND tonite, and Lowell is copying all OPs well. And JD's work hours hve been changed ... (You know the old saying, Lowell, early to bed and early to rise!....)

9/23 2m Phone Net - W6ZE/IXN checks in TL, AF6C, KFW, UBK, ZH, LDC, VDP, RE, TWA, and SMY. BWH gives Newsline chores to TL, and Bob airs Newsline wid excellent sigs! AF6C, on the phone wid HHC, heard ZH well on 10m tonite. And UBK tells OPs abt the 'old boat anchors' his father-in-law has. And LDC & IXN both tell Del abt the old mutual conductance tube testers. IXN still has such a tester in gud working condition. ZH, at the Doc on Mon, tells OPs that it will be another 6 wks before a surgery decision is made...Gud luck, Chris! And ZH tells

OPs that he has received offers on the Club towers via the Internet & packet clusters. LDC, WOX, and VDP enjoy the new Swapmeet at Cal Poly Pamona. VDP says they have gud parking, wid food prices up a 'lil. Larry picked up an old electronic keyer wid paddle. And Larry says Cory, WIU, wants to build a 2m, 3-element beam. RE tells IXN that he & the XYL are bk wid Secure Horizons, and Alex tells OPs abt the FCC adopting universal licensing. IXN's tomatoes are wilting in the autumn winds, and TWA has 4 robust Champion plants loaded wid tomatoes! SMY was busy at work today, and now it is a radio meeting.

9/30 10m Phone Net - W6ZE/AF6C checks in LDC, WOX, JD, RND, FMX, LEX, TWA. IXN. HHC, and BWH. LDC hears all OPs well tonite, and Larry prepares fer a trip tomorrow to the Anza-Borrego desert to search fer campsites fer a motorbike trip. Also, LDC firms up auctioneers fer this month's Club auction, namely, ZH, HHC, and AF6C. Chores fer the XYL, football games wid the harmonic, and a new tire fer the auto keeps WOX busy the last week. And Art has a book fer LDC on a vert. ant. JD and AF6C discuss a project at work, and Lowell has to rise early tomorrow morning to meet a 5:30 am work date. RND & OPs all say band condx. are gud tonite. John requests confirmation of the Sat. Bfast at Cocos, and RND tells OPs that the elbow is doing FB, as he recuperates watching the baseball playoffs. FMX cleans rain gutters, repairs ants. and roof, as Paul gets ready fer the Fall WX onslaught! And FMX goes thru the shack & junkbox looking fer items fer the Oct. auction. LEX says the Japanese version of CQ magazine shows Yaesu gear being advertised simultaneously wid Standard gear! TWA catches up on house chores, and Charles says RND's sigs are a 'lil weak, while FMX's sigs are strong. IXN has an upcoming date wid a surgeon to repair a hernia. And, HHC didn't miss AF6C last nite...Ken wasn't there....HM!...Who left the mysterious water puddle in AF6C's driveway?! BWH will miss the Club bfast Sat. Bob will be working the Multiple Sclerosis event.

9/30 2m Phone Net - W6ZE/IXN checks in LDC, VDP, TWA, BWH, KFW, SMY, and UBK. LDC tells OPs not to forget the `Not-so-DXpedition' Oct. 30, 31, and Nov. 1, and, all Club officers shud attend Sat. Bfast to firm up auction details, etc. VDP & LDC discuss action taken on misplaced paperwork at the last VE session, and VDP is under the WX wid a gall bladder problem... Now fer the test results! VDP & IXN didn't hear any sigs frm Rolf last week, and TWA has picked his 2nd winter tomato already! BWH gets bk frm his vacation 'on the farm', and IXN and BWH talk abt farm problems today. Also BWH is treated to a fine display of the Northern Lights (aurora borealis). BWH then airs Newsline #2,102, which tells us that the FCC's universal licensing program is a go! The old Form 610 will be replaced bay the new Form 605. KFW, bk frm his trip to PA., tells OPs he phoned W7ZE, Art, while in Las Vegas. Art is doing well frm his recent heart surgery, but is stil a 'lil weak and tires easily. SMY has gud sigs at IXN's QTH, and Stephanie says IXN has a 'lil hum on his sigs tonite. UBK has harmonic-made QRN' wid his sigs tonite, which will be replaced by other strange QRN noises as the harmonic ages!..(HI)

Board Meeting 10-3-98

Meeting was called to order at 8:07 am at Coco's restaurant in Orange by Larry K6LDC Board Members absent were Bob, KD6BWH and Steve, KE6NAH Phil, N7PA will undertake making a new membership roster for the next meeting.

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: Phil. N7PA reported \$1404.04 in the treasury.

Membership John WA6RND reported 56 paid members.

Publicity: Ken. W6HHC announced that the club equipment for sale was now on the web site.

Technical No report

Larry, K6LDC reminded the club about the "Not so DX-pedition" which will be at the El Mirage Dry Lake the weekend of October 30th, 31st & Nov. 1. After discussion on the club Auction, Ken WSHFC and Bob AF6C will be auctioneers for the evening. Chris, KJ6ZH presented the Early-Bird registration forms for the convention next year and also mentioned that preparations should start soon for the Wouff Hong presentation. It has been a year since the club decided to move the 15 meter net to 10 meters on a trial basis. Everyone agreed that the net should stay on 10 meters, the board will poll itself to decide on the NGO award recipient.

nominations for the 1999 officers were officially opened and all members are encouraged to make suggestions or make a nomination for the November election. Proposed nominations so far are:

President Steve, KE6NAH
Vice, Pres Chris, KJ6ZH
Secretary Cory, KE6WIU
Treasurer Ken, W6HHC
Activities: Larry, K6VDP
Refreshments Art KE6WOX
Publicity: Phil, N7PA
Membership: Lowel, KQ6G
Technical: Elmer, WA6PFA
Member at Large: Larry, K6LDC
Member at Large: Bob, KD6BWH

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim, KE6UCH and was seconded by Corv. KE6WIU.

Respectfully submitted.

Jim Winn, KE6UCH Secretary

Funny Jokes

Stock up and save. Limit one

Illiterate? Write today for free help.

3-year old teacher needed for pre-school. Experience preferred

Dog for sale, eats anything and is fond of children.

Don't Miss the Fun!

The 4th Bi-Annual

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Corner!

Just



El Mirage Dry

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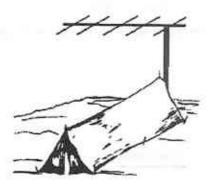
Only Weeks Away!

Be There!

the Weekend of October 30th, 31st & November 1

Directions: Take Hwy. I-15 north to Hwy. 395(as you come out of the Cajon Pass). Go north to the town of Adelanto (less than 10 miles) and turn left (west) on Crippen St. Proceed to the end of Crippen and turn right (north) and follow it a short distance to the end and turn left (west). Proceed about 7 miles to the dirt road entrance to the El Mirage Dry Lake Off Highway Vehicle Rec. Area on the right (north) side. Go north about 1/2 mile until you see a sign that indicates Lake access. Turn left (west) and drive onto the dry lake bed (its like concrete so don't be concerned). Follow the north (right side) edge of the dry lake for about 500 yards and look for us. W6ZE talk-in on 146.55 mhz. or listen on other bands.

- No digging holes required!!!
- Wire antennas are good.
- No real organization.
- You can sleep-in mornings.
- You can operate all night.



 Tents, campers, trailers, motorhomes are acceptable.

Need Info?

Telephone Larry K6LDC at (714) 636-4345 or Art KE6WOX at (714) 997-2078

**** NOTICE ****

ORANGE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

ANNUAL ACTION OCT 16, 1998

Auction Rules

The OCARC Annual Auction will take place on Friday, October 18, 1995 at 7:00 PM at the American Red Cross facility located at 601 N. Golden Circle Drive. Santa Ana. CA (see map on back). All buyers and sellers are welcome. The following rules for the auction will be in effect:

- Only Ham Radio or electronic equipment / items shall be auctioned. (i.e. no fishing gear but if your radio is classified as a boat anchor, it is welcome.)
- 2. Buyers and Sellers must register at the door with the club treasurer.

Only 3 items from a sellers lot will be auctioned after which the auctioneer will move on to the next lot. Sellers should number their items in the order they want them auctioned and indicate a minimum bid on the form which will be provided when they register at the door. After the first items of all lots have been offered for bidding, the auctioneer will go back to the first lot, auction the next three items and move on to the next lot.

- 4. Auction bidding will take place as follows:
 - a. \$0.00 to \$5.00 bidding will take place in \$.50 increments.
 - b. Over \$5.00 and up to \$50.00 bidding will be in \$1.00 increments.
 - c. Over \$50.00 and up to \$100.00 bidding will be in \$5.00 increments.
 - d. Over \$100.00 bidding will be in \$10.00 increments.
- 5. Payments for items are due by the end of the auction and shall be by cash or check with the appropriate ID. No two party checks are allowed. Disbursements to sellers will be by check only. Sellers will be charged 10% of the selling price for items sold by the OCARC.
- A special table will be set up for donated items. The profits of donated sales will go to the OCARC.

/e welcome all buyers and sellers and hope they will have an enjoyable and profitable time.

**** NOTICE ****

Club Nets

Band 10 Meters 2 Meters Mode SSB FM <u>Day</u> Wednesday Wednesday 7:30 P.M. 8:30 P.M. Freq., MHZ 28.375* 146.550 AF6C WB6IXN

Simplex

(Listen for W6ZE, Net Control)

*Plus or Minus QRM

General Meeting

General Meeting is the third Friday of each month, 7:30 P.M.,

AMERICAN RED CROSS facilities.

Oct 16th Nov 20th 601 N. Golden Circle Dr., Santa Ana, Ca.

Major cross streets: Fourth Street and Tustin Ave. Talk-in frequency 146.550 MHZ, simplex.

Dec 18th

Board Meeting is the first Saturday of each month, 8:00 A.M.

COCO's Restaurant ---- Members and Visitors are welcome.

Nov 7th Dec 5th Jan 2nd

Board Breakfast

2585 N. Tustin Ave., Orange, Ca.

Exit the 55 FWY at Lincoln Ave., West to Tustin Ave., Left on Tustin,

Restaurant on the East side. (Across from Ford Agency)



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COMING EVENTS

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