

ORANGE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Web Site Http://www.w6ze.org

The Prez Sez:

A fine turnout by participating club members at the California Classic Combined Driving Event in the City of Rolling Hills Estates, the weekend of Aug. 7th, 1999

This event has been organized by one of our long standing members. To wit

Bob Tegel KD6XO. Bob is the driving force to get Amateurs to handle the communications for the event.

There were six hazards to be manned and other strategic locations. The main reason for radio communications was for the health of the drivers and the

horses. It would be an instant command to Control for a Medic or Vet to be despatched to the scene of an accident.

All in all this years event was accident free except for a wheel breaking off the Carriage as it started to enter Hazard #3. No one hurt, as with the horse.

Please note on your calendar that the Wouff Hong needs volunteers and anyone who wants to be an actor. This is on the Queen Mary October 2 and time to rehearse and get the costumes, sets and everything ship shape is getting close. Don't be shy, step up to the plate and help.

73 de Bud WA6VPP

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CLUB APPOINTMENTS

Club HistorianBob E	vans	.WB6IXN	543-9111
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DUES

Regular Members......\$20.00 Additional Members......\$10.00ea
Teenage Members......\$10.00 Optional Club Badge......\$5.00ea
Dues for new members are pro-rated quarterly from January First
each year. Family members must reside at the address of a
regular member. Only one RF is sent per household.

Minutes OCARC General Meeting 7/16/99

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President, WA6VPP.

All board members present except N7PA.

Minutes for 6/18/99 meeting approved & Passed

Vice President: Wouff Hong rehearsals and parts to be scheduled at board meeting. Queen Mary has about 200 rooms at \$74.00. Possible speakers for August are Riley Hollingswortth, FCC enforcement or Art WX6D Vice Director ARRL.

Treasurer's Report: Donations for Field Day expenses \$173.00. As of 7/16/99 Total Income: \$1763.62 Total Expenses \$1522.16. Total Field Day expenses \$380.99. Curent Balance \$1543.62.

Membership: KA6QJU Michael McCullough, Guest.

Secretary: WCARC news letter, World Radio, Mouser Electronics.

Activities: General Raffel discussion.

Technical: No Report.

Publicity: Not Present.

Old Business: Fair Booth Awards. Red: Theme, Blue: Interaction, Personel, Education. Best of show also awarded.

New Business: California Classic on August 7. Talk in 146.895- PL 136.5, Simplex 144.310. Board meeting on Sunday August 8 at Ken, HHC's QTH. Coco's has been notified about board meeting.

Good of Club: Discussion regarding club shirts. Short sleeve w/ pocket & club logo. Heavy weight \$28.00, light weight \$16.50. + \$2.00 for name & call. Small - X-large. \$135.00, one time, set-up fee for digitizing of club logo. Motion for club to pay the fee: Frank, WA6VKZ, Second: Larry, K6LDC. Passed 9 to 6. NewsLine needs money. Motion to donate \$100.00 to NewsLine. Motion Ken, W6HHC. Second: Bob, WB6IXN. Passed. "Hat" was passed around for NewsLine. Field Day photos are up on the website, www.w6ze.org.

Motion to adjourn made at 9:32, motion: Art, WOX. Second: Lowell, KQ6JD

Respectfully submitted,

Cory Terando, KE6WIU Secretary

Minutes OCARC Board Meeting 8/8/99

Meeting was called to order at 2:00p.m. by President, WA6VPP (Board was called because of the California Classic that was held on Saturday. Most all board members participated) Meeting was held at Ken's QTH w6hhc. Thanks to Ken for hosting the board

Board Members present were: wa6pfa,kj6zh,kq6jd,w6hhc,wa6vpp,kd6bwh

Minutes for last meeting were not read.

Vice President: Agenda items were dismissed in favor of the production of Wouff Hong.

Treasurers Report: Not read

Membership: Not read

Secretary: No report

Activities: Tom wa6pfa, discussed the Wouff Hong along with other's on The board. Chris took center stage and outlined some of the Things that need to be done ASAP. They are - Room Setup, Tickets to 3.00ea, costumes 350-400(this cost will come out Of the convention proceeds), other items are the scenery, e.g., Lighting, curtains, decorations and Rehearsal

All Wouff Hong participants were requested to be at the Recording of the actor's lines. Thursday Aug 12,1999
E-mail was sent to all with location of the studio doing the Recording.
If we are to make this a success we need lots of dedicated help. So, jump in.

A tour of the Queen Mary for location info is scheduled.

Monthly breakfast is at Coco's starting at 7:30a.m. Oct 2 and then on to the Queen Mary.

Xmas dinner at Mimi's second week of Dec. (Tentative).

Speaker for Aug., will be Art Goddard with a fine travel pic. Don't miss it.

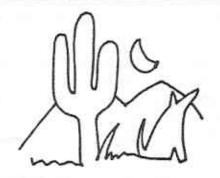
Meeting adjourned at 3:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Standing in for Cory, Bud wa6vpp Secretary

Field Day at the Silicon Valley

It wasn't the Silicon Valley we normally think of, not the gold field south of the bay. It was however, a valley full of silicon, the sandy kind under foot, we're not complaining! We were happy to have a place to put our skywires and vertical RF plumbing.



We all know that since the Marine Corps. so ignominiously threw us out of the Helicopter Station in Tustin, we've been scrambling for a location, and to no avail. Bob Buss, KD6BWH and his in-laws saved the day (Field Day that is) for us. They generously invited us to use their approximate five acres near Yucca Valley for our effort. We accepted!

We met at the home of Ida Yamachika, to get the generator loaded into a pick-up truck, but alas, it wouldn't fit. The wheel to wheel distance was too wide. Bob, KD6XO, agreed to tow it as long as it had its own little wheels and off we went. First stop was chow, of course. we patronized our breakfast meeting hangout, Coco's in Orange.

After we refueled ourselves, we hit the road. Stay alive at 55 (MPH that is) was our motto. Fearing for the bearings in that small wheeled trailer, we actually stayed legal and held it to 55 mph. Rest stop and regroup on I-10 and we were set for the end leg of the journey.

We turned off of I-10 at SR 62 and proceeded into Joshua Tree. Most topped off their tanks, grabbed a cold drink and exclaimed, "My God Its As Hot As H---l Out Here!!! Actually it was the cooler day. The temperature hovered around 101° Fahrenheit, and as we Californians love to say, "but it was dry heat."



At this point Bob, BWH took over the lead and

Map to the Field Day Site brought us into the area. All I can say is that its a good thing we didn't have to rely on the maps. There was no way the maps would work.

Upon arrival, we decided our layout and it was time to unpack, set-up camp and the skywires. There was no real problem get-

ting them up. We finished during daylight. Of course the hardest part was Frank, VKZ's, green monster canopy that took nearly the entire crew to assemble. Its a good thing we did! Eating in the hot sun wouldn't have been too appetizing.

Shades of darkness befell us, it actually cooled off and became pleasant. Dinner was served, Chef Frank at Chez VKZ did another of his fabulous dinners.

Morning arrived, getting hot at the crack of dawn, Chez VKZ served the ritual chloresterol jolt, breakfast and off we went to make our final antenna hoisting and tune-ups. Starting time arrived and off we went. Most of the bands, except 20 meters, were not too good. 10 was only good for six contacts initially, VHF was almost unheard of, 15 was OK and 40 was poor but do-able.

We worked through the night on most bands, SSB, CW, FM and we would have used a megaphone if someone would answer. Chris, ZH, got the field day



message taken care of, but we had difficulty with the satellite rig. As usual, the club generator didn't function quite up-to-snuff. The breakers wouldn't carry the load. Frank's new Honda generator came on line and it worked like a champ.

We had our evening repast at the Chez VKZ. The gourmet selection was once again the infamous Five-alarm, Fire-house Chili. Each plate came with a written caveat stating that each person eating such chili must take the fire extinguisher into the outhouse with them. If there would be any indication that the walls were seared or had bulged out, the perpetrator would be in deep doo-doo (literally), assuming he or she survived the chili.

The time had come and gone. It was Sunday noon and time to pack it up. Down came the antennas, everything packed and we were ready for the journey home. Points? we did OK! 4,122 points overall, less than previous years, but we did make 2,099 QSOs, more than last year, but a good showing under our trying circumstances. We also must take into account that we operated 3A this year instead of 4A. All in all, deserving of a pat on the back.



I ate too much



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We left, met a the Jack-in-the Box

in Yucca Valley, lunch, and then home. Tired, sweaty, but none the worse for wear. Thanks to all of the Ops that participated.

Book Review - by Tim Goeppinger k6gep

The Victorian Internet
The Remarkable Story of the Telegraph and the Nineteenth Century's
On-line Pioneers

By Tom Standage
Published by Walker Publishing Corp.
ISBN 0-8027-1342-4

I think its safe to say that many of you are on the internet. If not, do you use a FAX, or

how about a telephone? All of the above have their "roots" in the telegraph, which was

the on-line revolution of the 1800's. Even if you are not a CW op, the "Victorian Internet"

is a must read.

Author Tom Standage writes an informative, yet easy to read book that tells the story of

the various pioneers that developed the telegraph at every step. The journey begins with

French scientist Jean-Antoine Nollet, who made a shocking discovery in 1746, with the

help of 200 monks, 1 mile of wire, and a battery. All the way through the book, you will

be enlightened with fascinating information. For example, did you know that optical

telegraph systems were set up in Europe in the 1790's? Messages were passed from

hilltop to hilltop (in good weather).

This book follows a cast of characters, many of whom you have heard of. There is

Samuel F.B. Morse, of course, also his lesser known British counterpart William Cooke.

Learn what roles that Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison, Joseph Henry,

and Charles Wheatstone (of the Wheatstone Bridge fame) had in wiring our (Continued next month)

NO QUESTION POOL CHANGES—

The Amateur Radio examination question pools remain in a holding pattern pending an announcement from the FCC on license restructuring. No question pools or questions have changed for any license class.

Last September, the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators' Question Pool Committee announced that all question pool updates were being put on hold until after the FCC had acted on Amateur Radio restructuring (officially known as the Part 97 Biennial Review). Until the September NCVEC QPC announcement, the Advanced class question pool had been scheduled to expire at midnight on June 30.

Current examination questions and ARRL study materials remain valid until further notice. The NCVEC already has postponed its annual meeting and says it won't set a new meeting date until the FCC drops the other shoe on Amateur Radio restructuring. NCVEC members were to meet July 9 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The FCC's action is expected to have a substantial impact on the content of amateur examinations.



FIELD DAY SUMMARY FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY AWATEUR RADIO CLUB - W6ZE

BY: Ken/W6HHC & Bob/AF6C

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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.

Aug 20th Sept 17th Oct 15th 601 N. Golden Circle Dr., Santa Ana, Ca.

Major cross streets: Fourth Street and Tustin Ave.

Talk-in frequency 146.550 MHZ, simplex.

Board Breakfast

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

Sept 4th Oct 2nd Nov 6th COCO's Restaurant ----- Members and Visitors are welcome. 2585 N. Tustin Ave., Orange, Ca.

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

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