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## *The PREZ Says:*



Hello OCARC!

It is hard to believe that the summer is almost over! I guess I get to spend all my extra radio money on my air conditioning bill! August is a very busy month for OCARC. After winding down from the Orange County Fair, the PEQ's will be getting ready to host the annual OCARC Pot Luck at their house. Bring something yummy to share and get together for what is sure to be a great party!

I would like to take a few moments to congratulate Kristin for doing an outstanding job organizing the Amateur Radio booth at the OC Fair. Kristin and Dan put in an enormous effort bringing the word of ham radio to the public. The Amateur Radio booth won 1st prize and Best of Show awards, Boo Yaah. OCARC also had a great showing at the booth. My thanks go out to all OCARC members who helped to support amateur radio and promote OCARC.

73,  
Willie, N8WP

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**THE ORANGE  
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**Club Dues:**

Regular Members...\$20  
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Teenage Members...\$10  
Club Badge\*\*...\$3

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**MONTHLY EVENTS:**

**General Meeting:**

Third Friday of the month  
at 7:00 P.M.  
**AMERICAN RED CROSS**  
601 N. Golden Circle Dr.  
(Near Tustin Ave. & 4th St.)  
Santa Ana, CA

**Club Breakfast:**

First Saturday of the month  
at 8:00 am  
**Jaugerhaus**  
2525 E. Ball Road  
(Ball exit off 57 freeway)  
Anaheim, CA

**Club Nets (W6ZE):**

7.086 ± MHz CW OCNW  
Sunday 9-10 a.m.  
Rick KF6UEB, Net Control

28.375 ± MHz USB  
Wednesday 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
Bob AF6C, Net Control

146.55 MHz Simplex FM  
Wednesday 8:30-9:30 p.m.  
Bob, WB6IXN, Net Control

## SUBMIT AN ARTICLE

Do you have an idea for a newsletter article? Maybe you have acquired a new piece of equipment, designed or constructed a new antenna, took a trip focused around ham radio, want to share an amateur radio related experience or discuss a technical topic. Why not write an article for the monthly RF newsletter? The article can be short or long, simple or elaborate, and can even include pictures! The RF newsletter relies on articles from our members. So why not give it try? Write an article and send it to the newsletter editor. It's fun, and at the same time, your contribution helps support our club and hobby!



## FULLERTON AIRPORT "OPEN HOUSE"

QST QST QST ATTENTION: ALL Amateur Radio Operators

**WHEN:** Saturday - September 16, 2006

**TIME:** 10:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Fullerton Airport

**NEEDED:** 12 to 15 Amateur Radio Operators



We are seven (5) weeks to this event and so Please Call me now!  
Our hours are from 7 a.m. until it is over (around 4p.m.) 714-680-4258.

Gene Thorpe, KB6CMO  
FRC Public Service Event Coordinator



## OVER THE YEARS...

By: Bob, WB6IXN, Club Historian

The Orange County Amateur Radio Club has sponsored many Nets. The Club call, W6ZE, was not used until the OCARC applied for, and received, past president & Silent Key, Earl Griffin's call as our present Club call. Below, is a listing of Club Nets from 1955-1995:

March, 1955 - The on-again-off-again '2m Square Table Net met on 145.3 MHz on Sat. nights at 7:30 pm. Squares checking in were: GPG, IBY, IKB, W6LH, BQP, JAN, EEL, AWT, AAG, HJG, HMY, IMP, DGB, HVO, and AOB.

Sept. 1956 - A 6m Net was organized and met at 2100 hrs Sept. 11, 1956, with 13 check-ins on 50.160 MHz.

By Nov. 1971, the 15m Net was meeting every Thursday eve. at 8:00 pm on 21.375 MHz.

November 1974 'RF' shows that the Club had a 15m CW Net meeting on Wed. eve. at 7:00 pm.

By 1978, OCARC had nets meeting on:

Tues. 7:30 pm, 10m SSB, 28.375 MHz.

Wed. 7:00 pm, CW Net, 21.175 MHz.

Wed. 8:00 pm, 15m SSB, 21.375 MHz.

Wed. 9:00 pm, 2m FM Net, 146.55 MHz. simplex

In April, 1980, the 15m CW Net moves to 80m at 3.737 MHz.

In Sept., 1980, the 80m CW Net moved to 15m at 21.175 MHz from 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

In June, 1984, the 15m CW Net changed to Sunday at 8:00 pm.

By Apr. 1989, the Club had a 2m Packet Net meeting on 145.090 MHz, along with the 15m SSB, 15m CW, and 2m Nets.

By Aug., 1989, the Packet Net ends!

In June, 1992, the 15m CW Net moves to 40m at 7.141 MHz at 8:00 pm, Net time later changed to 7:30 pm...

In Dec., 1995, the 40m CW Net is discontinued!

Bob, WB6IXN, Club Historian



# NEXT ON-FOOT TRANSMITTER HUNT

## AUGUST 26/27



Our next direction-finding practice session will be the last in a series of local events leading up to the ARDF World Championships [Amateur Radio Direction Finding] in mid-September.

This session will be open to anyone of any age, with or without a ham radio license. The ARDF courses will be "advanced" level, about the same length as typical national championship courses, with five transmitters. Although this is intended as training for experienced radio-orientees, it can be completed by beginners who are capable of walking or running at high elevation for at least 5 kilometers. There will not be any short-range "beginner" transmitters. Course-setter Marvin Johnston KE6HTS will be on hand to teach the techniques of on-foot direction-finding.

You may participate either or both days. Saturday will be a 5-fox event on 80 meters in the morning, followed by fox-oring on 80 meters after lunch. (What's fox-oring? Come and find out!) We'll gather for dinner at the Sizzler in Gorman at 6 PM. On Sunday morning, there will be a 5-fox two-meter course to try.

Mount Pinos terrain is mostly runnable forest, the air is clear, and there is no poison oak. Be sure to bring your own water. Scoring will be electronic. If you have an "e-stick," be sure to bring it; if not, you can rent one. There will be a \$5 per person charge for the use of Los Angeles Orienteering Club's scoring equipment.

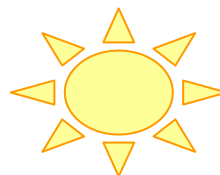
Please be on time for this event. The radio-O group will meet at the McGill Campground day-use parking lot at 9:30 each day and carpool to the starting point. We'll try to monitor 146.52 MHz simplex for ham operators, but may not be able to hear you if you're not close by. If you don't find the group at the this parking lot, check the campground bulletin board for notes or instructions.

Directions: From Interstate 5, take Frazier Park exit and go west on Frazier Mountain Park Road. Continue 8 miles, passing Frazier Park and Lockwood Valley Road (which is your last chance for supplies and water). Four miles beyond the Lockwood Valley turnoff, stay left at the fork onto Mt Pinos Road. (If you reach Pine Mountain Club, turn around.) Go another five climbing, winding, miles to McGill Camp on your right. As you enter the campground, the day parking lot is on your right just before the road goes out to the campsites.

Overnight camping is available for \$12 per campsite on a first-come-first-served basis at McGill Campground. The campground is dry, so bring your own water. There are motels at Gorman and at the Frazier Park exit of I-5.

Questions? Send e-mail to [marvin@rain.org](mailto:marvin@rain.org).

73,  
Joe Moell K0OV



# 2006 ARRL Southwestern Division Amateur Radio Convention

September 22, 23 & 24

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Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Kids Adults Call Sign Name (please print)

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Pre Registration June 1, to Aug. 22, 2006 \$17.50 @ \_\_\_\_\_ ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

At Door Registration \$20.00 @ \_\_\_\_\_ ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanied kids under 16 year Free

DX Breakfast \$20.00 @ \_\_\_\_\_ ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Tickets Dinner ☐ Beef ☐ Chicken \$40.00 @ \_\_\_\_\_ ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Speaker: Gordon West WB6NOA

Convention Lunch \$23.00 @ \_\_\_\_\_ ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Speaker: Bob Heil K9EID

2006 Convention Pins \$ 5.00 @ \_\_\_\_\_ ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2002 Convention Pins \$ 5.00 @ \_\_\_\_\_ ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**SANDARC Convention**

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**Santee, CA 92071**

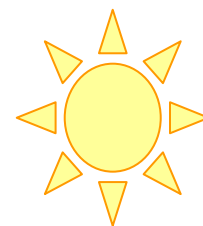
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**Other** \_\_\_\_\_

# Multiple Sclerosis 150 Bay to Bay Bike Tour

Oct 7 & 8, 2006 are the dates for the Multiple Sclerosis 150 Bay to Bay Bike Tour. Amateur Radio plays a key role providing SAG drivers and Communicators and Rest Stop Communicators. I am looking for 15-20 SAGS and approx. 8 Rest Stops on Sat and 2 on Sunday. We spend Saturday Evening in Carlsbad. You have to provide your own hotel room. However, the MS staff feeds us very well during the event. David Mofford, W7KTS, an OCARC member and Chairman of Coastal Amateur Radio Emergency Services is in charge of Communications for this event. You can call him at 714-508-6434 or 714 785-1760 or e-mail at davidmofford@hotmail.com.

73,  
David Mofford, W7KTS



## 2006 CONTEST LIST



|           |         |                                   |
|-----------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| August    | 5 - 6   | ARRL UHF Contest                  |
|           | 19 - 20 | ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest        |
| September | 9 - 11  | ARRL September VHF QSO Party      |
|           | 16 - 17 | ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest        |
| November  | 4 - 6   | ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)    |
|           | 18 - 20 | ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone) |
| December  | 1 - 3   | ARRL 160 Meter Contest            |
|           | 9 - 10  | ARRL 10 Meter Contest             |



# General Meeting Minutes

The OCARC June General Meeting was held at the Red Cross complex in Santa Ana at 7PM on Friday evening, July 21st. There were a total of 39 members and visitors present. All club directors were present, except Tom-K6CCD and Kenan - N6CCE, to provide a quorum.



## **Program:**



An outstanding program was presented by Catherine Deaton of the Los Angeles FCC Office. She spoke on Federal Communications Commission - "the Enforcement Bureau"



## **Old Biz:**

- \* Willie-N8WP gave a wrap-up report on the very successful Field Day event.
- \* Ken-W6HHC reported that Field Day pictures were now available on the OCARC WEB site at [www.W6ZE.org](http://www.W6ZE.org) <<http://www.w6ze.org/>>

\* Dan-N6PEQ reported that the OCARC Potluck was planned for Aug 26.

### Good of the Club:

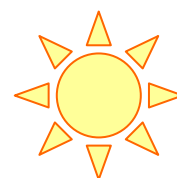
\* Kristin-K6PEQ reported the ham radio booth at the Orange County Fair took first place and best of show. Four more people were needed for the booth on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

\* A cake was presented to help Dan-N6PEQ and Kristin-K6PEQ celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary.

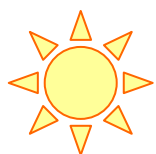


Submitted by: Ken Konechy, W6HHC - Secretary

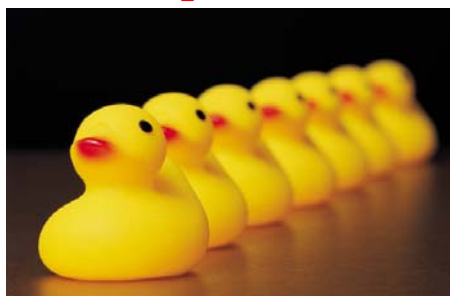
## Question of the Month

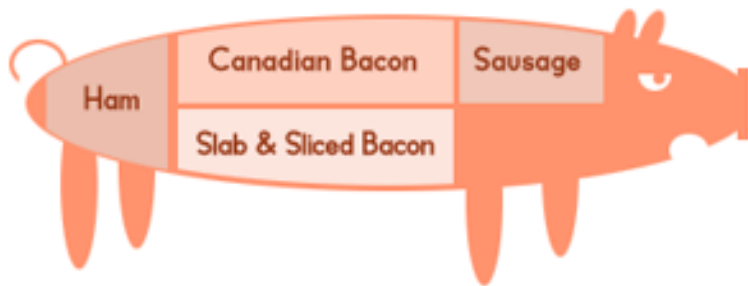


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**Answer: On your hand held.**





## Ham Cuisine

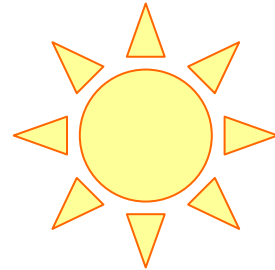
*By Kristin Dankert, k6peq*

The following recipe for "Arkansas Slow-smoked Ham" was found on "The Other White Meat" website. This dish was inspired by one of our members living in Arkansas.

### Arkansas Slow-smoked Ham

#### Ingredients:

1 6- to 7-pound cooked bone-in ham  
1-cup ketchup  
1/3 cup finely chopped onion  
1/3-cup honey  
1/3-cup cider vinegar  
1/4-cup bourbon or water  
2 tablespoons yellow mustard  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1 teaspoon dried thyme, crushed  
1 teaspoon minced garlic  
1/2-teaspoon red pepper flakes  
3 cups wood chips (use hickory or oak chips for the best flavor)



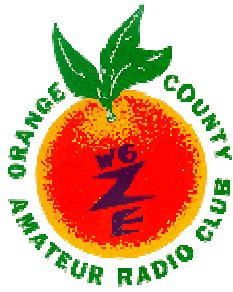
#### Cooking Directions:

##### Sauce:

In medium saucepan combine ketchup, onion, honey, vinegar, bourbon or water, mustard, lemon juice, thyme, garlic and red pepper flakes. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 10-15 minutes or until desired consistency, stirring frequently. Divide sauce into two portions; set aside.

##### Ham:

At least 1 hour before grilling, soak wood chips in enough water to cover; drain before using. In charcoal grill with cover, place preheated coals around a drip pan for medium-low indirect heat. Sprinkle half of the wood chips over the coals. Place ham on the grill rack over drip pan. Cover and grill for 2 to 2 1/2 hours, until internal temperature (measured with a meat thermometer) is 140 degrees F., basting with one portion of sauce the last 15 minutes. Add more preheated coals (use a hibachi or a metal chimney starter to preheat coals) and wood chips halfway through grilling. Remove ham from grill. Cover and let rest for 15 minutes before slicing. Reheat second portion of sauce and serve with ham.



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year again for the  
OCARC Potluck!!!

**Open to all OCARC members!!!**

**Location:** Dan (N6PEQ) and Kristin's (K6PEQ) QTH  
13672 Fairmont Way, Tustin  
Talk-In on 144.310 MHz Simplex (103.5 CTCSS)

**When:** Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 Noon until?

**What to Bring:** You, your spouse and a food item. We will have signups at the O.C.A.R.C. general meetings and breakfasts in July and August. If you are unable to attend a meeting but would like to attend the potluck, please email Dan-N6PEQ at [n6peq@comcast.net](mailto:n6peq@comcast.net) or call 714-544-9846.

*We will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs and drinks. We hope you will be able to come and have fun!*



# OCARC BOARD MINUTES

## 2006-08-05

The OCARC Board meeting was held at the JagerHaus Restaurant at 8AM on Saturday, 2006-08-05. There were a total of 12 members and visitors at the gathering. All directors were present, except for Bob-AF6C, Tom-K6CCD, and Kenan-N6CCE.

### Officer Reports:



\* **Vice Prez**, Kristin-K6PEQ, reported that the program at the August meeting will be about the 3Y0X DXpedition to Peters I Island. The September meeting program will be on PowerPole connectors. The club radio Auction will be in October.

\* **OCARC Treasurer**, Cheryl-KG6KTT, reported that the club currently has \$2,218 in the bank.

\* Cheryl-KG6KTT also reported that the room for the December Christmas Party had been reserved at the JagerHaus Restaurant for Friday evening, Dec 15.

\* **Secretary**, Ken-W6HHC, reported that OCARC had received membership applications for three more new members:

- Larry Mallek - K6YUI
- George Jacob - N6VNI
- Kristine Jacob - KC6TOD

\* **Activities**, Dan-N6PEQ reported that the OCARC Potluck was scheduled for Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.



### FD WRAP-UP:

\* Dan-N6PEQ reported that he had stored a good amount of the FD equipment in his garage.

\* Willie-N8WP reported that he had obtained a large piece of aluminum plate that will be used to make a base plate for the new tower.

\* Willie-N8WP said he wanted to replace the fuel tank on the new club generator with a pair of marine gas tanks.

\* Willie-N8WP reported that he would weatherproof the sliding joints on the new tower before the rains come.

### Good of the Club:

\* Kristin-K6PEQ reported on the results of the ham radio booth at the Orange County Fair. Not only did the radio booth take first place...it also was awarded a "Best in Show" for a non-government booth. Everyone agreed that the booth really attracted a lot of visitors.

\* Ken-W6HHC reported that Frank Smith - WA6VKZ was out here in OC from the East Coast and planning on visiting Tustin for a few months.

Submitted by:  
Ken Konechy, W6HHC





## Upcoming OCARC Events!!!

(Check the club website for updates and additions  
<http://www.w6ze.org>)



**August 18<sup>th</sup>** (Friday 7:00pm) General Meeting: Bob Grimmick N6OX tells about his experiences on the 3Y0X DXpedition to Peter One Island. Sure to be a "cool" presentation!

**August 26<sup>th</sup>** (Saturday @ Noon): "Members Only" Potluck BBQ at QTH of Dan N6PEQ & Kristin K6PEQ in Tustin. Food, Fun and more Food!

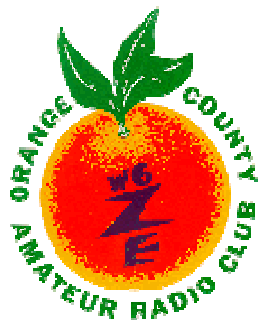


**September 15<sup>th</sup>** (Friday 7:00pm) General Meeting: Larry McDavid W6FUB will give a technical presentation titled "The Terminator: PowerPoles and Crimps", which deals with examples of PowerPole hardware, the various PowerPole crimp terminals, general crimp methods and the means of evaluating the reliability of crimp connections. Larry has many years of professional design experience in electrical interconnection by crimping, when he worked as engineering manager for Molex and TRW Automotive Electronics.



**October 20<sup>th</sup>** (Friday 7:00pm)

Annual Club Auction ...Bring your gear to sell! Spread the word. Tell your friends!



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Web: <http://www.w6ze.org>  
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## Dayton 2006

Jim Shryne, N6DHZ

Jim@n6dhz.com



Dayton, OH? Why would you want to go there? That's the question I heard for several months leading up to the Dayton Hamvention. Unless of course the person I was talking to was a Ham and then it was either me too! or I've always wanted to do that. Well I've also always wanted to do that, so way back at the International DX Convention (IDXC) in April of 2005 the decision was made, while sitting in the lounge with Dan, N6PEQ; Kristin, K6PEQ; Willie, N8WP; Cheryl, KG6KTT and Linda (my XYL). Between solving the world's problems and DX issues of the day it was agreed that 2006 was the year to go to Dayton.

None of us had ever been to Dayton except Willie so it was going to be a new adventure for most of us. The first order of business was where to stay, after a few questions to some veterans of Dayton it was decided we would stay at the Crown Plaza. Now that we knew where we would sleep the next decision was how are we going to get there. Everyone decided to fly but Linda and I thought we needed a long vacation for a change and decided we would take a couple of weeks and drive out. Lot's of sightseeing, visiting friends and museums for a couple of weeks would be just the ticket. So the plans were made and reservations done and we were finished.

I was extremely busy in late 2006 and up through April of 2006 with the duties of being the prize chairman for the 2006 IDXC. While this is a lot of fun and I was able to get to know some very fine people in the Ham radio industry, it was also a lot of work. Many late nights and weekends were spent on the project. So much so Linda began to think Visalia was another woman. Lucky for me Linda is very understanding and went along with me filling her living room with boxes full of prizes for about 3 months. Now if that was not enough I was also in the process of expanding a new business that was also hatched at the 2005 IDXC, oh and working a full time regular job. Definitely a major case of overload.

As soon as the 2006 IDXC was over I noticed something had happened to the gas prices. Now I did notice they had went up before then but I was busy and did not pay that much attention to them. But now that I was looking at driving some 4500 miles round trip and about 10 additional nights in hotels... Linda where is the calculator?... Hey Linda! What would you think about flying to Dayton? Yep we flew, flying was going to be a new adventure since the best I can remember the last time I was on an airplane was in 1972 or thereabouts. Not only was it pre 911 but pre modern times in the view of some (aka Kristin). For Linda it had only been about 12 years, a little better.

The party flight left bright and early the Thursday before Dayton, Dan, Kristin, Linda and I on the same plane. We left John Wayne airport for Dallas where we would meet Dale, KB7UB and then head to Dayton. Unfortunately Willie could not make it at the last minute so he and Cheryl were not able to join us. Everything went great and I really liked those new machines for printing you boarding pass etc. Okay they were new to me since they didn't have them in the 70s. Now this being our first time to Dayton (except Dale) I decided to splurge and surprise my traveling companions. So I arranged for a Limousine to meet us at the airport and take us to the hotel. Well has it turned out Dan, Kristin and Dale all had to go to an Icom function that evening and Icom had a shuttle pick them up at the airport so it ended up Linda and I in a 10 passenger Limousine. Kind of lonesome in the back all by ourselves but fun none the less.

The Crown Plaza has a very nice restaurant and lounge at the top of the hotel with a great view in all directions so we had a nice quiet dinner Thursday with Bob, N6OX and got to bed early, we were set for the adventure to begin in the morning. As it turned out we had a nice quiet room, unlike Dan & Kristin who ended up by a hospitality suite and were awake most of the night. They were also treated to a drunken serenade of *Take me out to the ball game* at about 3:30am.

Friday started as a beautiful no rain, mild temperature and low humidity, just perfect. Judging by the stories we have been told we were very fortunate with the weather. It was a little stormy on Thursday but was perfect the entire weekend, not the norm for Dayton in May. We hit the arena about 10:00am and spent the better part of the day walking the aisles and visiting with people we knew and people I had talked to before but never meet. I can confirm that all you have heard about Dayton is true anything and everything you can imagine was there. All the big guns of the industry were there, as well as the one man shows. It was said attendance seemed to be down but I also heard that because of the nice weather that more people were walking around outside in the flea market.



Carol Maher, W4CLM had an excellent display of classic gear at the Yaesu booth while Chip, K7JA was showing the new Yaesu FT-2000. Every time I went buy he had a line of people checking it out and asking questions. Dan had the same problem over at his Icom booth where he was showing off their offerings for the DXer. Kenwood? Well they had their no 6-year-old state of the art TS-2000.

The Hamvention also had an assortment of characters with ATV helmets, towers on their heads and a couple in space suites. Not to mention the usual assortment of “shack on the belts” One word of caution if you are planning on going to Dayton. The Organizers have these electric 3-wheel carts for rent to let people get around easier. I’m sure it was a great idea while you at a planning meeting but in practice? Lets just say I wish you had to have some training to rent one and watch out at all times lest you loose a foot or shin.

Friday night we attended the Southwest Ohio DX Association, DX Diner and heard a very entertaining presentation from Harvey Laidman, W8DX about some of his years in DX and has editor of the So. Ca. DX Club newsletter. Harvey is a very accomplished TV director (Magnum PI, Matlock, JAG, 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven etc.) and a great writer. The diner did run a little long with all the awards and raffle prize drawing but it was a fun night.

Saturday Linda and I figured we’d head over to the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB in the morning and back over to the Hamvention later in the afternoon. Linda had read in a tour book that the museum would take about 4 hours. The only thing I can figure is that it must have been a very old book. If you move really fast you can probably see one building of the 3 buildings in 4 hours, not to mention the outside displays. So we ended up spending the entire day at the museum and never did make it back to the Hamvention. We did make it back to the hotel for happy hour so not all was lost.



To make up for missing the Hamvention Saturday we decided to get a good steak dinner. Now how do you find a good steakhouse when you don’t know the town? Simple ask the cab driver and ours did not steer us wrong (pun intended). Both Dan and I agree we had one of the best steaks either of us had had in a long time. The Pine Club is not a large place or a fancy one but for a great steak that is the place. We did have one surprise though, when we went to pay the bill we found out they don’t accept credit cards. We were told we could pay by cash, check or we could open an account. How cool is that an account, I can just see the 2007 dinner at the Pine Club, “please put it on my account”. Saturday ended with a visit to a couple of hospitality suites for some harmless fun.

Back at the Hamvention on Sunday morning and we were actually able to say hello to some friends like Gordon West, WB6NOA and Bob Heil, K9EID both of whom had them lined up about 10 deep on Saturday but by Sunday afternoon the crowd had thinned enough to say hello. We rounded out Sunday with a nice quiet dinner with Dan, Kristin, Chip, K7JA; and Janet, KL7MF. It was a perfect end to a fun weekend.



Our flight left very early on Monday and the car picked us up at the hotel at 5:00am. Now this is normal time for Dan and Kristin to be up but a little early for Linda and I. The flights home were uneventful except that I learned that chivalry is dead or at least as far as the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is concerned. When in line in Dayton for our security check Linda's hands were full and so I held here boarding pass/ticket, that was the wrong thing to do. I was rudely informed that you have to hold your own ticket. I'm now looking for a family that will let me borrow an infant so I can go on a flight and have a teething baby hold their own ticket and chew and slobber all over it. Then when they complain I can explain it may not be readable and the magnetic strip will not work because it has been chewed up but at least the baby was holding their own ticket. In the real world there is a name for people like that but in the context of air travel the Government has made them omnipotent so you can't tell them what they are.

Bottom-line, stop putting the trip to Dayton off and pack you bags and go. It is something every Ham needs to do at least once in the life. Okay maybe twice.

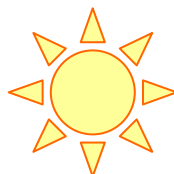


Oh one other thing I did not mention was that on the flight from Dallas to Dayton Dale and I discovered the Sky Mall catalog. After thumbing through a few pages we stumbled on a very cool item that we felt Dan and Kristin just had to have. What was it you ask? Well that is a subject for another article.

## OCCARO Representative Needed!

I have now been the OCCARO representative for our club for two years. It has been a busy two years with OCCARO because I stepped in as OCCARO Chairman and Chairman of the OC fair this year. With my work schedule of 40+ hours a week, OCARC's board and other commitments I would like to relinquish my duties as OCCARO representative. The OCCARO representative's duties are to show up to the OCCARO meetings, which are every other month on a Tuesday in Anaheim at 7:30 p.m., and to carry information back and forth between OCCARO and our club. The next OCCARO meeting is in October and I would like to be able to take my replacement with me to that meeting to introduce them and show them the ropes. If you would be able to fill this position please let me know. I would like to keep representation at the OCCARO meetings to keep up to date with other things that are happening in our surrounding areas and clubs.

Thanks,  
Kristin Dankert, K6PEQ





## Orange County Fair 2006

The Orange County fair has just ended and what an amazing experience. This year I was able to help orchestrate the Amateur Radio booth at the OC Fair. It is amazing all of the background work that goes into an event of that size. Beyond the planning of the booth in regards to equipment, layout, and décor there were the demands of the fair for paperwork, copies of handouts, volunteer forms, etc. as well as the major responsibility of being able to staff the booth for 21 days.

Of course there were some glitches along the way but overall the fair was a huge success. Over 3,000 CW certificates were given out to kids and adults who sent their name in morse code. Over 300 hams signed in to the visitor log at the booth. I was excited to see all of the interest that the booth was generating for the hobby.

I want to thank all of the O.C.A.R.C. members who helped with the fair. We had OCARC members at booth set-up, OCARC members donated items and money for the decoration of the booth, OCARC took two days at the fair and staffed both of them and OCARC members also helped fill other days when staffing was low. No one person made this fair happen, it was the contributions of all of the clubs and all of the members. Thank you for all of your help and support!

In case you were not able to make it to the OC Fair, Russ Gowin sent me these great pictures of the booth. Enjoy!



The Morse code was a huge success. Hams and non-hams had fun sending.



Posters of different clubs were hung to promote the different aspects of the hobby.

Literature from various radio club was placed out for anyone who was interested in learning more about the clubs in their area. The OCARC went through more than 200 brochures.



# CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Thank you for outstanding support and staffing  
at the Orange County Fair, 2006.

## O.C.A.R.C.



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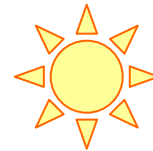
# ELECTRONICS ARE NOW HAZARDOUS WASTE

Hazardous waste regulations changed on February 9, 2006 and now require that most electronic items be recycled or be brought to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HHWCC). The significant change is that all items with printed circuit boards or batteries can no longer be discarded as trash.

HHWCC previously accepted TVs and computer monitors but not radios and computer CPUs with motherboards; now, these items are accepted free of charge and must not be placed in trash cans as landfill waste.

The expanded list of electronic items now accepted at no cost at HHWCC includes:

- Flat panel TVs and TV monitors
- Any item containing a CRT or printed circuit board
- Computer CPUs, keyboards and disk drives
- Cell and cordless phones
- Stereos and game consoles
- Microwave ovens



Batteries of all kinds and sizes and even novelty items containing batteries such as singing greeting cards and flashing athletic shoes must be brought to a HHWCC.

Fluorescent lamps (tubes and newer compact high-efficiency lamps), mercury thermometers, mercury thermostats and mercury switches all must be brought to a HHWCC.

The above items are new to the list of hazardous waste since February. Other hazardous waste includes motor oil, household cleaners, solvents, paints, stains, insecticides, garden chemicals and partially-used aerosol cans.

Some local cities have free HHWCC. The Anaheim HHWCC is located at 1071 N. Blue Gum Street (between the 91 and 57 freeways at the corner of La Palma and Blue Gum) and accepts hazardous waste from all Orange County residential households free of charge; business waste is not accepted. This HHWCC is open Tuesday through Saturday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The Anaheim HHWCC is co-located with the recycling center for aluminum cans and glass and plastic bottles; but, follow the signs around the building for the HHWCC and stay in your car! You will be required to complete a simple form and the HHWCC personnel will remove the hazardous waste from your car or truck. Did I say it is FREE?

The Anaheim HHWCC separates still-usable cleaners, paints and garden chemicals and provides them free-of-charge for your further use. Visit their well-organized re-distribution center and help yourself!

You can get more information about household hazardous waste and find other HHWCC at [www.oclandfills.com/hhwcc.asp](http://www.oclandfills.com/hhwcc.asp) or call 714-834-6752.

So, don't throw your old ham radios with circuit boards and batteries into you trash can! Instead, find and use your local HHWCC.

Larry McDavid W6FUB



# August Raffle

*We are going to have a great raffle this upcoming meeting, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are 3 for a dollar, 18 tickets for 5 dollars. Here are some of the great prizes that will be available!*

- ❖ *180 watt soldering gun with light and extra tips*
- ❖ *1500 watt heat gun*
- ❖ *Mobile trunk mount kit*
- ❖ *Samlex 3.5 amp power supply*
- ❖ *And much more....*

*We are also having a grand prize. The ticket will be chosen at the beginning of the raffle and put to the side while the rest of the prizes are chosen. We will then reveal the winner of the grand prize. The grand prize is a Kenwood TH-K2AT 2-Meter Handheld. So you want to make sure that you are able to make the meeting and hear a great speaker and take part in a great raffle!*

## Navajo Code Talkers Day

The father of Herb Goodluck, N7HG, of Window Rock, Arizona was one of the Navajo Code Talkers during WWII. Using their native Navajo language as a basis, they developed a "shorthand" verbal code which was never broken through WWII and used heavily by the US Marines.

Each year Herb works to promote and commemorate the Navajo Code Talkers Day, August 14. The 3rd annual event is Aug 13-Aug 14, 1400Z-2359Z daily, on 14.265 and 7.265 ± .

Herb wants to meet you all on the air.

Send questions to < n7hg@citlink.net >

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