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## *The PREZ Says:*



Happy New Year! It seems I was not as lucky as Willie, N8WP, and the threat of impeachment is already looming. Most of those rumors just aren't true! I want to thank the 2006 Board and especially our past president, Willie, N8WP, for all of their work last year. It was amazing to see how our club has grown in knowledge, passion of the hobby and in the number of members this past year. I just don't know if I can fill the grand poobah hat as well, but I will try!

This year I would like to continue Willie's quest to see more participation from club members. Our club is involved in many great activities and if there isn't one that interests you, let's start one! We have such a great diversity of interests in our club and I want to encourage all of you to share your knowledge and ideas with all of us! I am looking forward to this year and hope for continued friendship and growth in our club, great band conditions and a lot of fun memories to be made.

Kristin, K6PEQ

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**ORANGE COUNTY  
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
[www.W6ZE.org](http://www.W6ZE.org)



**Club Dues:**

Regular Members...\$20

Family Members\*...\$10

Teenage Members...\$10

Club Badge\*\*...\$3

Dues run from Jan. through Dec. & Are prorated for new members.

\* Additional members in a family of a regular member pay family rate up to \$30 per family

\*\* There is a \$1 charge for the badge being mailed to you.

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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 OCWN  
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

## Dale KB7UB Visits California!!!!

The first weekend of December turned out to be an early Christmas for Kristin & I, as fellow OCARC member Dale Piedfort KB7UB and his wife Dee KC6TIO visited us! Dale & Dee traveled to Orange County to enjoy the sunny weather and to attend the Southern California DX Club's holiday party.



Maybe next time we can get Dale & Dee to come out for an OCARC meeting!

The picture to the left shows Dale, Dee & Kristin enjoying some sort of a decanted alcoholic beverage!

In the photo below, Dale attempts to photograph something. I have no clue what he is photographing. Dale said that this information would be divulged on a need-to-know basis, and that I did not need-to-know.

Dale runs a couple of websites, so who knows where his photos will end up!

Dale donates to our raffles through his company "Hamstore" ([www.hamstore.com](http://www.hamstore.com)).

See you next time Dale!



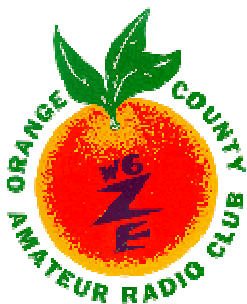


## Renew Your OCARC Membership

It's that time of the year again. Time to renew your OCARC membership for 2007, if you have not already done so.

Help continue to support your growing club. There are many entertaining monthly meetings, speakers and events planned for this year. But it can't happen without your support for OCARC.

Dues can be paid at the monthly club meetings, club breakfasts or via snail mail. Regular dues are only \$26. Additional family members are \$10 (Total). Membership for teenagers is only \$10 as well. What a deal!



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## TechTalk - #54

# A Skype Phonepatch

## Part 1 – Basic Concepts

by  
**Ken Konechy – W6HHC**

There are probably a lot of new hams who have never used a “phonepatch”. So let’s start this article by describing what a phonepatch does.

### PHONEPATCH

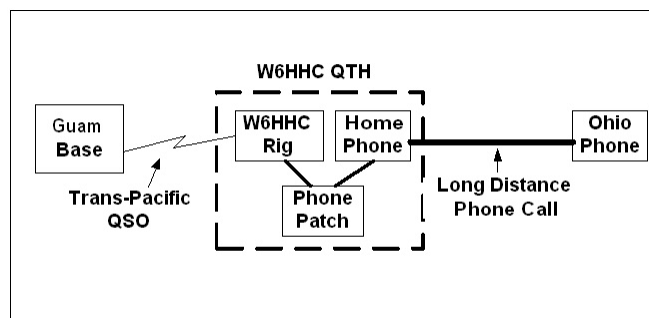
A basic phone patch is a circuit (typically in a “box”) that allows a ham radio operator to connect a telephone-user (typically not a ham) into his radio. With the phonepatch in place, the phone-user can place a telephone call to the ham radio operator’s home phone and then be able to:

- listen to what is being received by the ham rig
- speak on the phone and be transmitted by the ham rig.

Essentially, the phonepatch allows a remote telephone-user to participate in a radio QSO of the ham operator that he called on the phone. The ham that has the phone patch is typically called the “control operator”, because he can control his rig to “allow a guest phone-user to use his microphone”.

**Figure 1** shows a block diagram of a typical phonepatch QSO.

Before satellite telephone repeaters became common and before the Internet occurred, international phone calls were fairly expensive. Think \$1 or \$2 or \$3 per minute. Hams in the US used a lot phonepatch QSOs during the Vietnam War to allow conversations from soldiers across the Pacific back to their families based somewhere in the “States”. Essentially, West-Coast-based hams would establish the QSO with a military base across the Pacific and then telephone the soldier’s family.



**Fig 1 – Typical Ham Phonepatch QSO**

### BASIC VOICE-over-IP (VoIP)

The internet has changed many ways of doing business and hobbies. One impact of the internet has been, as the internet becomes faster and faster, that it was possible to send reasonable-quality digitized-audio and digitized video (known as streaming) over the internet with relative ease. The main breakthrough in streaming has been the shift by internet users away from modems, to “broadband” access such as DSL and cable modem.

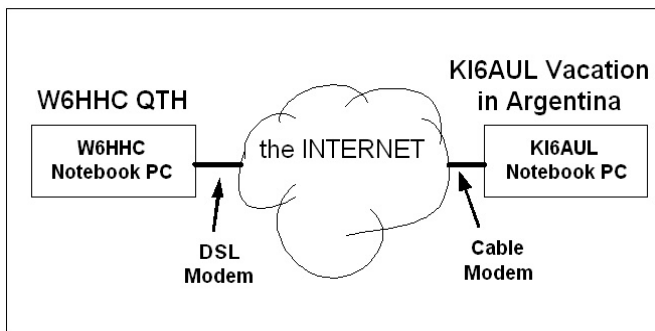
About six years ago, the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) created the internet standards to allow real-time voice transmission using a protocol known as Voice-over-Internet-Protocol or simply VoIP. The VoIP technologies use your PC (or even a Mac) to convert your voice from a microphone into digital ones-and-zeros. The home computer then converts the stream of digitalized voice into “packets” that are then easily sent over the internet to another internet user, by way of an internet “connection”. The remote internet user, can then use his home computer to pull the ones-and-zeros out of the incoming packets, and finally convert the ones-and-zeros into audio tones for the computer’s speaker. The net result is that that VoIP can provide the basic functions of a telephone call using the internet instead of the normal telephone system. **Figure 2** shows the basic diagram of a computer-to-computer VoIP phone call. You could say that this is a “digital phone call over the Internet”.

One key advantage of basic VoIP phone calls is that, as shown in **Fig 2**, they cost nothing to talk

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half-way around the world for one hour using the internet.

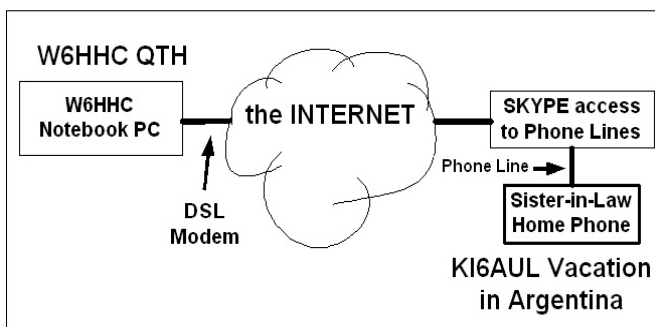


**Fig 2 – Basic VoIP Telephone Call**

## SKYPE DIGITAL PHONE CALLS

It is one thing to have a bunch of software utility programs that allow geeks to use an internet protocol like VoIP. It is a totally different thing to have a company (such as SKYPE) put all of the technical protocols into a user-friendly software package that is easy for your “Aunt Mary” to use. SKYPE is a commercial company where you can download their easy-to-use VoIP phone software for free at [www.SKYPE.com](http://www.SKYPE.com). Then SKYPE allows non-commercial users to make “computer-to-computer” VoIP phone calls at **NO** cost!! Commercial users are charged a fee that is very small compared to normal phone calls. [Note that SKYPE (the company) has been purchased by e-Bay for a lot of money.]

Not only can SKYPE implement the functions that are shown in Fig 2, but it can even allow you to dial a real (ordinary) phone number at the remote end. **Figure 3** shows you that variation of VoIP phone calls.

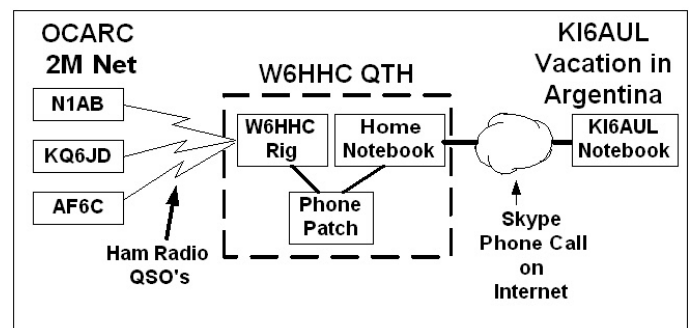


**Fig 3 – SKYPE Variation talking to “Real” Telephone**

This variation shown in **Fig 3** is available thru SKYPE at a rate of only about 2 cents/per minute....pretty cheap for an international phone call...to someone who has does not have an internet computer!!

## SKYPE PHONEPATCH

The interesting part about SKYPE for ham radio is that you could use the SKYPE phone call to connect to a ham radio QSO. The circuits are different than shown in **Fig 1**, because you are connecting the rig to a computer.....not to a analog telephone line. So if a club member is traveling on business or vacation, they could check in to the club's local net by placing a Skype phone call to one of the members who can connect the computer to his rig. **Figure 4** shows how someone on vacation could talk to the OCARC 2M net using SKYPE.



**Fig 4 – SKYPE PhonePatch Ties a VoIP Telephone Call to OCARC 2M Net**

**Fig 4** contains an international Skype telephone call between two notebook computers, one in California at the QTH of W6HHC and one notebook in Argentina. A Skype phonepatch at that QTH can connect the phone call audio into the 2M rig during the OCARC weekly net. KI6AUL in Argentina can hear everyone talking on the OCARC 2M net via the receiver of W6HHC's rig. The control operator, W6HHC, can allow KI6AUL to speak into the microphone input of the rig to transmit to the OCARC 2M net. The internet surely allows interesting activities to become available.

The second-part of this TechTalk series will describe how to build a simple Skype Phonepatch.



## Upcoming OCARC Events!!!

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

### January 19<sup>th</sup> (Friday 7:00pm)

Bob Heil K9EID & Chip Margelli K7JA of Heil Sound will give a presentation on Heil Sound products. You've used their microphones and headsets over the years. Now is your chance to ask the audio experts questions! Bob & Chip are knowledgeable, fun and entertaining! You are sure to enjoy this evening. Don't miss this excellent opportunity!



### February 16<sup>th</sup> (Friday 7:00pm)

Carl Gardenias WU6D, our ARRL Orange section manager, will join us for a presentation on what it takes to grow and re-energize a club's membership base. Carl is always upbeat and leads an in-depth, motivating and compelling discussion.



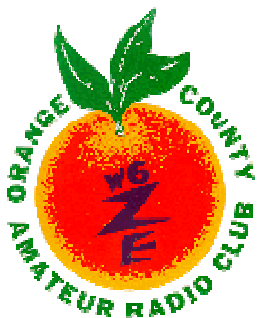
### March 16<sup>th</sup> (Friday 7:00pm)

Mick Stwertnik KB6JVT of NCG Company will give a presentation on the latest and greatest products from NCG, Comet Antenna, Maldol & Daiwa. Here is your opportunity to ask Mick questions regarding his great line of products!



### April 20<sup>th</sup> (Friday 7:00pm)

April Moell WA6OPS of the Hospital Disaster Support Communications System is scheduled to give a presentation. Details to come!



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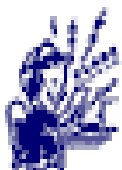
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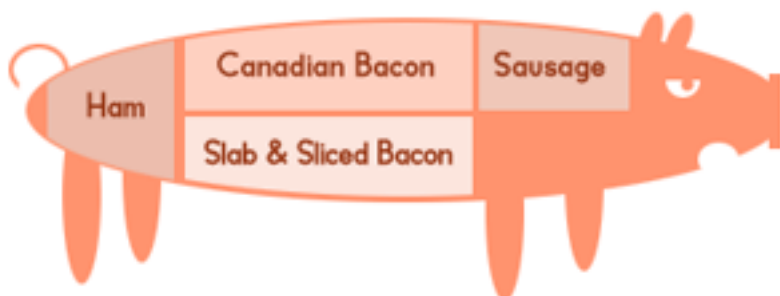
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of OCARC when you order from them, or when you see  
them at a convention!







## Ham Cuisine

*Dan Dankert N6PEQ  
n6peq@dxer.com*

### German-Style Ham Sandwiches

#### Ingredients:

6 slices (6 ounces) Westphalian or Black Forest ham, thinly sliced  
1/4 cup apple butter (May substitute with Mango Chutney)  
1 tablespoon stone-ground mustard  
2 Kaiser rolls, split  
4 ounces sliced Emmental or other Swiss cheese  
1 small cucumber, very thinly sliced  
Bibb or Boston lettuce leaves

#### Cooking Directions:

In a small bowl, stir together apple butter and mustard. Spread apple butter mixture on cut surfaces of Kaiser rolls. Fill Kaiser rolls with ham, Emmental cheese, cucumber slices, and lettuce leaves. Serves 2.

**Nutritional values:** Who cares?!?!

**Beverage pairing:** A cold European beer compliments this meal nicely.

# SUBMIT AN ARTICLE



You don't need to write like William "Bill" Shakespeare in order to write an article for the RF Newsletter. In fact, we prefer articles without the words "Thy", "Whilst", "'Tis" and "Oft".

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!



## 2007 INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION

APRIL 27, 28, 29, 2007  
HOLIDAY INN, VISALIA, CA

### YOUR REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

All HF, low-band, and DX oriented forums and technical sessions; the traditional Convention Patch; Hosted Cocktail Parties; Saturday Night Banquet, and DX oriented program with a well-known speaker; Sunday Morning Breakfast Buffet, with more great programs. Pre-registration Drawing for a Super Prize; only for those who pre-register by the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2007.

Registration includes Saturday lunch served by the Hotel. Remember to bring the YL's. We are Planning a great (optional) "Saturday Tour." Get your reservations in early so you can participate in the pre-registration drawing.

### NEW THIS YEAR:

**EVENTS FOR NEW DXERS:** Special Programs and events designed to help new DXers.

**ADVANCE RAFFLE TICKET SALES:** Book of 11 raffle tickets for \$10 when purchased with your pre-reg.

**YOUNG HAM REWARDS RETURNS THIS YEAR:** Pre-register a Young Ham, under 21, with your pre-registration. When you and the young ham, with FCC Ticket and proof of age in hand, come to the Convention Registration Desk to pick up your Registration Packets you will be eligible for a Reward of \$30.00 in convention raffle tickets. Bring as many young Hams as you like, but the reward is only for the 1st one. The young Ham's admission to the exhibits and technical sessions is free, convention meals (Saturday Lunch & Banquet and Sunday Brunch) are \$60.00. *Students and Hams under 21 are free.* Just show your ID and get a FREE Saturday Day Pass good for exhibits and technical sessions.

**POPULAR EVENT RETURNS:** The very popular "Vendor New Product Showcase" will be held again this year from 9:00 to 10:00 AM, Saturday in the Convention Hall.

**BANQUET THEME: "Elmering New DXers is Job 1"** Old Timers; Strike up a conversation with new DXers and share DXing tips or swap "war stories" about favorite DX contact. Maybe, whet their appetite by sharing one of your rare QSL's.

**CONVENTION SHIRTS:** High quality Polo Shirt with collar, embroidered logo above shirt pocket, Name, and call sign will be opposite pocket side of shirt. Color of shirt will be white. Be sure to order your shirt when you Pre-Register.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT ON FRIDAY** (Contact Don Bostrom, [n6ic@scdxc.org](mailto:n6ic@scdxc.org))

**"THE SATURDAY TOUR":** Tour will be Saturday, April 28, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For more info keep checking our web site: [www.dxconvention.org](http://www.dxconvention.org)

**CARD CHECKING:** DXCC Card Checking for 3 Hrs on Saturday.

**RV PARKING: (DRY)** RV Parking (DRY) is available in the parking lot behind the Holiday Inn at a cost of \$35 per vehicle. Contact the Holiday Inn at (559) 651-5000 or via internet at [www.visalia.holiday-inn.com](http://www.visalia.holiday-inn.com).

**RV PARKING: (WITH HOOK UPS):** If you want parking with hook ups please check the website: [www.visitvisalia.org](http://www.visitvisalia.org) and click on the link for Recreation

**PRE-REGISTRATION ENDS MARCH 15, 2007**

Sponsored this year by the NCDXC [www.ncdxc.org](http://www.ncdxc.org) or [www.dxconvention.org](http://www.dxconvention.org)

(See Next Page for Pre-registration Form)

## INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION 2007

### PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

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**REGISTER NOW!**

Are You A Newcomer: Yes No

Golf Tournament: Yes No

Circle Choices Below

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip (Mail) Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**All Pre-Registrations Must Be Postmarked On, Or Before, March 15, 2007**

Individual Pre-Registration:	\$80.00 per _____ Person(s)	Total \$ _____
Pre-Registration for Non-Ham YL/XYL (with meals)	\$60.00 per _____ Person(s)	Total \$ _____
Pre-Registration for Young Ham<21 (with meals)	\$60.00 per _____ Person(s)	Total \$ _____
Pre-Registration for young Ham<21 (Without meals)	\$ 0.00 per _____ Person(s)	Total \$ _____
Individual Pre-Registration (without meals)	\$35.00 per _____ Person(s)	Total \$ _____
Late Registration (Postmarked After 03/15/07):	\$90.00 per _____ Person(s)	Total \$ _____
Saturday Tour (Saturday, April 28, 2007):	\$30.00 per _____ Person(s)	Total \$ _____
Embroidered Convention Polo Shirts:	\$37.00 per _____ Shirt(s)	Total \$ _____
Advance sale raffle tickets (Book of 11):	\$10.00 per _____ Book(s)	Total \$ _____
Make Checks Payable to: NCDXC Convention 07 (No Cash PLEASE)	Grand Total \$ _____	

**Send This Form with Check or Money Order to: Dick Letrich, W6KM; 3686 Kirk Rd, San Jose, CA 95124-3816**



# W6YDX Special Event Station!!!

March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007



Celebrate the essence of **Daylight Savings Time** by contacting the Yamon DX Federation "W6YDX" Daylight Saving Time special event station in Tustin, California (DM13). This salute to an exciting tradition will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 during the hours of 0500z and 1300z. Anticipated SSB operating frequencies will be 3.850 MHz, 7.250 MHz & 14.250 MHz. CW will be on 7.040 MHz. Other possible frequencies include 50.135 MHz SSB, 144.210 MHz SSB & 146.550 MHz FM.

A special commemorative full-color photo QSL card will be issued for this event! We look forward to working you on March 11<sup>th</sup>!

One lucky QSL recipient will receive a clock as a gift!

Please send QSL requests to:

The Yamon DX Federation  
c/o Dan Dankert N6PEQ  
13672 Fairmont Way  
Tustin, CA 92780-1811 USA

Please also include a SASE.

For more information, please contact the Yamon DX Federation via email at [w6ydx@yamon.org](mailto:w6ydx@yamon.org) or visit us on the web at <http://www.yamon.org>

We will be reachable via email during the event.

**Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on this special night!**

## For Sale:

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Box, Manuals, VS-2 (Voice Synthesizer Unit),  
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Factory Stock Kenwood CW &  
SSB filters, plus three  
additional Inrad filters  
(125 Hz CW, 250 Hz CW & 1.8  
KHz SSB)

Price is \$2395

Contact:

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## **QST QST QST ATTENTION: ALL AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS**

Please set aside the following Dates...Feburary 3, 4, 10 and 11, 2007  
for the 2007

Fullerton Jr. Tennis Tournament. Approx. 1,500 players and 10  
different sites. Sites are in North O.C. Times are from 8am to 5ish.  
HT's will work at some sites but most need a mobile radio in case of  
conditions changing. Everything is subject to change, at anytime.

Please E-mail /or Call me if you are available to work this event,  
very soon.

Gene Thorpe KB6CMO      KB6CMO@ARRL.net      714-680-4258

## OCARC Member Spotlight



In this month's Member Spotlight, we are featuring a short Q&A session with your new president of OCARC, Kristin, K6PEQ.

**RF:** What year were you licensed as a ham, and how old were you at the time?

**K6PEQ:** I was licensed in 2002 and was 23 years old at the time.

**RF:** What were your previous call signs (if any), and in what years did you hold these previous call signs?

**K6PEQ:** My first call was KG6NKK but I applied for a vanity call of K6PEQ as soon as I was able to.

**RF:** How did you originally get interested in amateur radio?

**K6PEQ:** I had never really heard of amateur radio before I met Dan. He took me to TRW on our 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> date to see if I could handle it. As I learned more about it, I grew to love the hobby and look forward to field days and continuing to work on my DXCC.

**RF:** Did you have any Elmers? If so, who were they?

**K6PEQ:** Obviously, Dan was an Elmer to me. I think I was and am lucky that a lot of our close friends are hams and they are all encouraging and helpful in the hobby.

**RF:** What is your favorite band and why?

**K6PEQ:** 10 and 20 because that is where most of my experience has been so far. Ask me in a year!

**RF:** Do you prefer CW, SSB or Digital?

**K6PEQ:** I have to go with SSB, as I am not much of a CW operator, and haven't made a CW contact yet. The key word is yet. I did pass my morse code test and I do want to practice more and become more active in CW because I think it is an important aspect in amateur radio.

**RF:** What aspects of amateur radio do you most enjoy and have a passion for, and why?

**K6PEQ:** I truly am a behind the scenes kind of person. I like to help plan things and promote amateur radio. I have been on the committee for the OC fair and some conventions as well as field day. I want to bring younger people to the hobby and continue to inform people about amateur radio and it's importance in every day life beyond the fun aspects of the hobby.

**RF: Tell us about your most memorable or favorite QSO that you have had.**

**K6PEQ: The most memorable would have to be when I worked my first DX station in the Cayman islands and he signed off right after we spoke and I heard later that he died in a motorcycle accident on the island a few hours later and I was his last contact on the air. I stayed away from DX'ing awhile after that but no one has died since talking to me DX so I guess it is safe now.**

**RF: Have you ever received an "OO" notice?**

**K6PEQ: I have never received an "OO" notice but I know someone who has....You can hear that person on 19 meters.**

**RF: What persuaded you to join OCARC?**

**K6PEQ: Dan and I visited a few years ago and there was a LOUD discussion during the meeting and we felt strongly about some of the issues and decided to join and get involved. Change doesn't happen by itself, you have to get involved.**

**RF: What radio equipment and antennas do you currently use?**

**K6PEQ: The station currently consists of an IC-7800, Alpha 87A Amplifier, TS-950SDX, Alpha 77SX amplifier, TS-2000X, FT-897, FT-817, IC-7000 & FT-100D. The tower and the antennas are in the midst of change. If you drive by our house you can't miss the antenna farm with the tower and many dipoles sprouting across the roof.**

**RF: What do you do for a living?**

**K6PEQ: I work for a construction testing lab and do a little bit of everything there from A/R to managing projects billing to data entry. It keeps me busy and I am never bored. Each day brings new tasks and new adventures.**

**RF: What is your favorite QSL card that you have obtained?**

**K6PEQ: K7JA and KL7MF, Chip and Janet, sent me a clam shell from one of their trips as a QSL card with all of the information written on it. I love it!**

**RF: How many DXCC countries have you worked?**

**K6PEQ: I have worked around 40 countries but I have not been able to confirm all of those yet. I am still working on it!**



# OCARC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## 1/6/2007

The OCARC Board meeting was held at the JagerHaus Restaurant at 8AM on Saturday, 2007-01-06. There were a total of 10 members and visitors. There was a quorum present with the following directors absent: Cheryl-KG6KTT, and Willie-N8WP

### DIRECTOR REPORTS:

- **Activities** – Dan-N6PEQ confirmed that our January meeting will be Chip Margelli, K7JA and Bob Heil, K9EID from Heil Sound.
- **Treasurer** – Bob-AF6C reported that the financial audit was not yet completed.
- **Secretary** – nothing to report.
- **Publicity** – Rich-KE6WWK ask the board to consider using pencils, pens, and other “give-aways” containing OCARC info to increase club awareness.
- **Membership** – nothing to report.
- **Technical** – nothing to report.
- **Members @ Large** – nothing to report.

### OLD BIZ:

- **Christmas Party** - Kristin-K6PEQ reported that the club made over \$1,000 in profit from the Christmas Party raffle. Bob-AF6C agreed that he would prepare “Thank-You Certificates” for all our generous donors.
- **Audit Committee** – Ken-W6HHC reported that the financial audit for 2006 was delayed until after January 11.

### NEW BIZ:

- **Field Day** – Kristin-K6PEQ reported that Willie-N8WP was organizing the first FD meeting at the Los Alamitos base...to allow participants to see the location for planning.
- **Equipment Storage** – Four of the wooden boxes holding club masts (8ft x 6 in x 8 in) are still being stored outside in the elements...and the rains are coming. The club is ideally looking for someone to store these boxes inside. Ken-W6HHC may be able to get permission to store them in Irvine. Ken will also put out an e-mail asking any member to help with this storage problem.
- **Club Survey?** – The board discussed if there was a need to take another survey of club members. It was agreed that the 2006 survey basically indicated that the club was on a good course. It was decided to wait another year or two to conduct the next survey.
- **Club Repeater?** – Steve-N1AB asked if there was any interest in providing a club repeater? Dan-N6PEQ was interested in the possibility of setting up a D-Star repeater. It was agreed that operating costs might be an issue and the resource level needed to perform repairs might be an issue.

## OCARC Board Minutes - continued

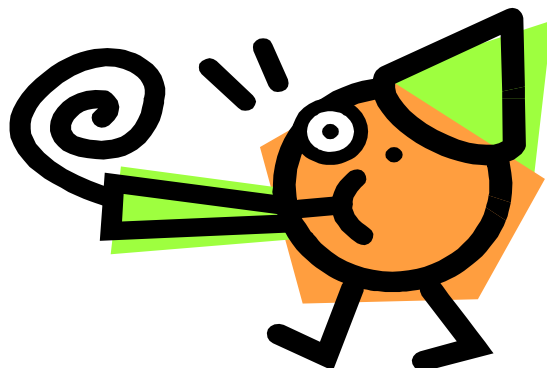
### GOOD-OF-CLUB:

- **Baker-to-Vegas** – Rich-KE6WWK announced that the B2V race would be conducted the weekend of April 21-22. The city of Orange RACES, COAR, is looking for operators to set-up and provide communications during the race.
- **SKYPE PhonePatch** – Ken W6HHC reported that Bob Buss KØBWH had been checking into the club 2M net via SKYPE phone patch.

Submitted by Ken W6HHC - - Secretary

## OCARC General MEETING MINUTES 12/15/2006

No general meeting was held due to the holiday party. Please see the next page for a great article on the holiday party!



# OCARC 2006 Christmas Party Was a Great Success

The OCARC end-of-the-year dinner was a great success. What a great turn out of club members, spouses, and visitors!! And what great prizes we had for both ladies and die-hard radio operators!!



This year's dinner was held at the JagerHaus Restaurant on Ball Rd in Anaheim. This view is only part of the great turn out of members, spouses, and visitors.

Cheryl-KG6KTT who promoted the pre-sale of tickets for the OCARC dinner reported more than 45 people attended this year's event. In addition, the raffle earned more than \$1,000 profit for the club.



Jim-N6DHZ greets the visiting ARRL Section Manager, Carl-WU6D (on Right)



Beverly-KI6APH organized a terrific variety of gift-baskets that were raffled off to the ladies attending the dinner.



Receiving the OCARC "2006 W6NGO-For-the-Good-of-the-Club Award" is Dan-N6PEQ (right) from the 2006 Prez, Willie-N8WP.



"...and the Winner is...."  
Dan-N6PEQ was the lucky club member to win the grand prize at the 2006 Christmas Raffle.....an ICOM IC-7000 HF-to-UHF rig!

# AMATEUR RADIO WORD SEARCH

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