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The Prez Sez.....

By Kristin K6PEQ



The month of Field Day is upon us! So much planning has gone into this Field Day and I want to thank Willie, N8WP, for taking on Field Day captain again and bringing in a lot of excitement and new ideas for Field Day. I am really excited at the amount of people who are planning on attending and I am looking forward to working those individuals who can't make it out to the site on the air. Keep your fingers crossed for great weather and great band conditions!

73,
Kristin, K6PEQ

June Meeting

Gordon West, WB6NOA will present a Field Day Pep Talk. Gordo has so much information regarding Field Day and emergency communications with all of his experiences that he is sure to get you in the mood for Field Day!

OCARC's Days at the Orange County Fair are fast approaching.

Come and stop by or work the booth on Wednesday, July 18th or Saturday, August 4th!

For Field Day: When on the Los Alamitos Base, please observe the 25 MPH speed limit. They really do enforce it and WILL give out tickets to speeders. TNX - Ed.

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The next general meeting will be:

**Friday, June 15th
@ 7:00 PM**

We will be meeting in Room 208
In the east Red Cross Building

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Monthly Events:

General Meeting:

Third Friday of the month
at 7:00 PM
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
Jagerhaus Restaurant
2525 E. Ball Road
(Ball exit off 57-Freeway)
Anaheim, CA

Club Nets (Listen for

W6ZE):

7.086 ± MHz CW **OCWN**
Sun- 9:00 AM – 10 AM
John WA6RND, Net Control

28.375 ± MHz SSB
Wed- 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Bob AF6C, Net Control

146.55 MHz Simplex FM
Wed- 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Bob, WB6IXN, Net Control

VISIT OUR WEB SITE

<http://www.w6ze.org>

for up-to-the-minute club information, the latest membership rosters, special activities, back issues of RF, links to ham-related sites, vendors and manufacturers, pictures of club events and much much more.

Club Dues:

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

Dues run from January thru Dec and are prorated for new members.

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

**There is a \$1 charge if you'd like to have your badge mailed to you.

OCARC FIELD DAY INFORMATION

**Mark June 22nd, 23rd & 24th on Your Calendar
(Friday, Saturday & Sunday)**

The Orange County Amateur Radio Club, OCARC, will once again host Field Day at the Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) in Los Alamitos, CA. Everyone is welcome to attend. Amateur radio operators are encouraged to bring their families. If you're a ham just visiting the area on business or vacation, you're welcome to join us.

Please bring a copy of your ham license to FD to allow you your full license privileges.

Field day Chairman – Willie, N8WP

STATIONS – 6 ALPHA

- 20-Phone Station** – Captain – Dan, N6PEQ
- 20/40 CW Stations** – Captain – Bob, AA6PW
- 40 Phone Station** – Captain – Larry, K6YUI
- 15/80 CW Station** – Captain – Bob, AA6PW & Chip, K7JA
- 15/80 Phone YL Station** – Captain – Kristin, K6PEQ
- GOTA Station – Captain** – Steve, N1AB
- VHF/UHF Station – Captain** – Chip, K7JA
- Food** – Cheryl, KG6KTT and Kristin, K6PEQ

Field Day setup will begin Friday at Noon.

Field Day contest will run from 11 AM on Saturday through 11 AM on Sunday

From the hidden laboratory of Dr. Bob, AF6C, comes the following article:

The Adventures of Carl and Jerry are once again available!

“Who are Carl and Jerry?” you might ask. Carl Anderson and Jerry Bishop are the two main characters in a series of 119 short stories written between the fall of 1954 and late 1964. The stories were published monthly in Popular Electronics and were, at the time, a favorite of young and old electronic hobbyists alike. John T. Frye, W9EGV, who, in the series, gives his W9EGV call to Carl, authored these stories.

Carl and Jerry are high school aged (and later college-aged) electronic experimenters who toy with various projects in the basement “laboratory” in Jerry Bishop’s parents’ home. In the episodes they often become involved in pranks, situations, or in helping out with police and other official problems that they resolve cleverly through the use of electronics. Their designs are often based on electronic principles covered in the then recent past issues of Popular Electronics.

Carl and Jerry meet in the first episode when Carl, who moved in next door the day before, is testing his 75-meter transmitter and his signal is being picked up by Jerry’s phonograph. Carl solves the interference by soldering a “condensor” across the phonograph pickup as Jerry explains the theory behind what the condensor is doing. The boys quickly form a friendship realizing that other than being electronic enthusiasts they are complementary in so many ways. Carl is athletic and energetic, a ham with good test equipment, good with tools and likes building projects, but has no place to work on them; while Jerry is pudgy and lazy, knowledgeable in electronic theory and has a large electronics library; he’s not good with tools, but has a large basement work area.

While a few of the Carl and Jerry stories can be found on the Internet, most were lost to the archives of libraries. However, now that has changed. Copperwood Press (through Lulu, an on-demand Internet publisher) is offering the complete Carl and Jerry series in a five-volume set. The first two volumes are currently available and the third is scheduled to be released this month. The final two volumes should be available later in 2007. Volume I is 208 pages and covers the first 27 stories (October 1954 through December 1956). Volume II is 190 pages and covers the next 24 stories (January 1957 through December 1958). The Volumes contain the original full text and illustrations. The authorized anthologies cost \$15.95 each plus shipping.

Here is a link for more information: <http://www.lulu.com/content/516523>

At the above link you can click on “Preview this Book” and read a typical Carl and Jerry Story. (If you are a no-code ham or favor no-code put yourself in their shoes and see what you would do to get out of this situation without knowledge of Morse code?)

73,
Bob, AF6C

The OCARC Parking Lot looks a lot like a HAMFEST!!!



Photos by Ken – W6HHC



Upcoming OCARC Events!!!

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



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June 22nd, 23rd & 24th
(Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

OCARC'S annual ARRL Field Day effort will be from the Los Alamitos Air Station. Come join us for some fun and friendship! Details on the OCARC website.

OCARC's Days at the OC Fair! Come and stop by or work the booth on Wednesday, July 18th or Saturday, August 4th!



July 20th (Friday 7pm)

Bob, N6OX will be speaking to us about his DXpedition to Burkina Faso, XT2C. Come here about operating at Ouagadougou and the adventures of the expedition!

The Orange County Amateur Radio Club "OCARC"
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O.C. Fair "CowAbunga"



Attention OCARC Club Members

THE ORANGE COUNTY FAIR IS COMING!!!

OCARC has Two Dates
to Staff the Ham Radio Booth
Wednesday July 18
Saturday August 4

We need signups starting

* * * **NOW** * * *

Contact Loran - KD6LRD
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OCARC General Meeting Minutes

2007-05-18

The OCARC General meeting was held at the Red Cross complex in Santa Ana at 7PM on Friday evening, May 18th. There were a total of 29 members and visitors present. All club directors were present except: Cheryl-KG6KTT, Loran-KD6LRD and Willie-N8WP. Therefore, there was a quorum of OCARC Directors present at the meeting.

PROGRAM:

The OCARC May program was presented by Dennis Kidder W6DQ who spoke about the efforts of San Bernardino Microwave Society on use of

**“EME on 40 Meters
and we're not talking 7 MHz”**



Dennis-W6DQ presenting on EME at OCARC

The SBMS uses a microwave observatory dish that is 40 meters in diameter located near Big Pine, CA in the Owens Valley for Earth-Moon-Earth research. More info can be found at

www.ham-radio.com/sbms/ovro



Dennis-W6DQ operating EME at Owens Valley

OLD BIZ:

- Treasurer, Bob-AF6C, reported that the club had \$4247 in the bank.
- Bob-AF6C announced that he is interested in creating a new OCARC QSL for the club call, W6ZE, and club members.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB:

New OCARC member, John N6QQ, has terrible noise in Cerritos on 20M – needs use of a loop antenna to locate source. Can someone help out??

Submitted by Ken W6HHC - Secretary

Here's another fine offering from the literary archives of Bob, AF6C:

Jean Shepherd - Radio Personality, Story Teller, and Radio Ham



Jean Shepherd, K2ORS, was a legend in the world of story telling. Shep, as he was known, passed away in 1999 at the age of 78. You may have heard his work if you listened to public radio in the early eighties, or lived in metropolitan New York in the mid-fifties to the mid-seventies. If you are a fan of the classic 1983 Christmas movie, *A Christmas Story*, it was Jean Shepherd who wrote that story and was the off-camera narrator who told of little Ralphie Parker and his obsession to get a "Red Ryder carbine-action, two hundred shot Range Model BB rifle" for Christmas.

Jean told his stories on the radio, most notably on the powerful New York station **WOR**. There he hosted a mostly live 45-minute program five days a week and a two-hour Saturday evening show. His story telling quickly got him a lot of fans, and occasionally into trouble! He also performed live at New York City's *Lime Light*. These performances were also broadcast by **WOR**.

Shep became interested in radio as a young kid. Many of his stories tell about the early family days around the console radio, and of his father who was a DX listener. He talks about his early radio projects, crystal sets and even things like Colpitt's oscillators and other things that were so esoteric to the average listener. Shep could knit these into his story and still keep his listeners on the edge of their seats. He also talked a lot about his ham radio days and getting his license, about radio bootleggers and a lot more. Of course radio was just one of the many topics he based his stories on.

Luckily much of Shep's works have been saved and are available on the Internet for downloading or streaming. Included are many of his short public radio's *American Scene* spots, full length **WOR** shows, commercials (including the **Rheingold Beer** ads), audio from some of his Dayton **Hamvention** presentations (1980 and 1985), and many many more (over 1,500 programs on line). If you search you can also find his readings of many of the Robert Service poems. (*The Shooting of Dan McGrew*, to mention just one).

To get started you might want to listen to a few of the shorts on the first page. Then do searched on "radio", "ham", and other similar terms and enjoy our hobby in a new way! Here's one clue about listening. Usually there is a lot of material before Shep gets to the 'title' material on the longer shows.

A site that has a large collection of Jean Shepherd's works in mP3 form for streaming or download is:

<http://shep-archives.com/netjuke/search.php?do=search&col=ar.name&val=jean+shepherd>

In the far left column are three symbols. The musical note symbol will play the selection in whatever streaming audio player you have set up. I have been using either *Quicktime* or *iTunes*. The downward arrow symbol downloads the audio to your drive so you may play it at your leisure. The question mark gives you technical information on the file.

Here are couple of other sites that feature Jean Shepherd:

<http://www.flicklives.com/>

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/99/1022/>

In future issues of *RF* I'll give links to some of my favorite Jean Shepherd stories. To get you started, let me suggest *Laying Wire*, which is found on page three of the link above. While not a ham radio story, it does discuss a form of communications. I'll let Shep relate what this is all about!

Have fun listening to Shep on those nights when the band is dead.

And to quote a common expression of Shep:
Excelsior!

de Bob, AF6C

Bob, WB6IXN found the following amusing ditty in an ancient "RF" issue:

IT'S SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPIALIDOCIOUS!

A special Field Day event happened during the 1985 OCARC June campout at the USMCAS in Tustin. The Event was reported in the June 1986 edition of 'RF', the front page of this edition adorned with the title above. Capt. Chris Breller, USMC, WA6IMP/KJ6ZH, in the 20m trailer, was operating phone with Bob, IXN, doing the logging. The novices, in the novice tent nearby, all had little hats with 'green horns' sewn on them! The jingle that follows tells the rest of the story!:

***** 'Twas PORTA-POTTY INTERFERENCE *****

'Twas 0900 Zulu this unique Field Day
With W6ZE at the Marine Corps Base.
The 'Greenhorns' (novices) all housed in their tent
Had little idea what 'interference' meant!

IMP on 20 with IXN logging
Recorded our QSO's barely pausing.
When over in the porta-potty there rose CQ clatter,
We sprang from our chairs to see what was the matter!

We threw open the door, but all was silent.
We looked for a gremlin hidden nearby us.
The 'crapper' now quiet in stark sanitation
Defied us to find a 'CQ' explanation!

"CQ contest"...Chris decoded the sentence.
'CQ' in CW boomed the stool of repentance!
Once more we rushed to this QRN toilet
To find the source of this chatter and foil it!

And what did our wondering ears now detect?
A wall socket breaker causing this defect!
We rushed from our trailer to the 'Greenhorns' next door
In hopes of finding the 'PPI' source.

The 'Greenhorns' all nestled unique at their station;
Two green horns were sewn on each cap of distinction!
On Ron, EZT, and John, EZU, and Jim, EZV
They had just loaded a whip antenna on eigh-ty.

The trio were sending 'CQ' with great care
Unaware of the PPI located there!
Kay Nelson & Joe Partlow, awaiting their tickets
Watched Chris at the rig attempt to adjust it.

The SWR was found to be high
A 10 to 1 ratio brought a chorus of sighs.
The mis-match removed renews novice commitment
And quiets the throne of relief & contentment!

de WB6IXN

Field Day 2006 - of the Region One (European) Variety

It was the opportunity of a lifetime - to be the sole CW op for the Dutch radio club PI4WNO, which operates from the town of Woerden in the Netherlands.

Prior to start of the contest (first weekend in June), the weather had, for the prior 2 weeks, been less than wonderful: 50 degrees, cloudy and windy with cold rain every 20-50 minutes all day, every day. On the Saturday of the contest, the temp went up to 73 degrees, the skies cleared, the wind diminished, a few antennas were strung up (only a G5RV for HF) and the HF (FT-990) & VHF stations were set up in the "shack"....a 40 foot shipping container, as evidenced below left. The red wall to my left is the back wall of the container, so no breeze & no windows...hi hi. Below-right is a GOTA station being operated by my long-time friend, Ton, PAØPIM, President of the radio club. We scored 3rd in country, first in single op.

The club members were resourceful, hardworking & top-notch! We began as strangers and wound up as friends through the magic of Amateur Radio. Ya gotta love this hobby!! de Paul W6GMU

Now THIS is fun!!!!!!!

Prospective Ham taking it all in



Jan Sander, PA3GON



Antenna raising, Dutch style

OCARC**Board Meeting Minutes****2007-06-02**

The OCARC Board meeting was held at the JagerHaus Restaurant at 8AM on Saturday, 2007-06-02. There were a total of 10 members and visitors attending. There was a quorum of directors present, with only Dan-N6PEQ, Rich-KE6WWK, and Willie-N8WP absent.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

- **Treasurer**
 - Bob-AF6C reported the club had \$4,492 in the treasury.
 - The club PO box rent has paid for one year.
- **Secretary** – The minutes of the May Board meeting (as published in RF) were approved by the board.
- **Activities** – Dan N6PEQ reported that Gordo WA6NOA would be speaking on FD at the June meeting, since Chip-K7JA has a business conflict.
- **Membership** – Steve N1AB reported that the club now had about 63 members.
- **Publicity** – Rich KE6WWK has completed a write-up to send to local newsletters about the forthcoming Field Day event.

OLD BIZ:

- **RF NewsLetter “Rotating” Editors**
 - June is Paul W6GMU
 - July is Cheryl KG6KTT
 - August is Nicholas AF6CF
 - September is Bob AF6C
- **Field Day Plans**
 - A Boy Scout Troop from Redondo Beach will be attending the OCARC

FD this year. About 10 scouts are expected to attend.

- The next FD planning meeting is planned for June 9 at Los Alamitos JFTB.
 - Cheryl KG6KTT will assure that a list of the planned FD meals are published in RF, so that members know what the food plans are.
 - The costs of the generator rental are being paid by visiting WARA members. There will be power cable junction boxes brought near each station.
 - Nicholas AF6CF reminded the club that he is storing four 40-ft stackable military masts in his storage unit. If they are required for FD this year, he will need to a few days warning. He has no moving vehicle,
 - The new base plate for the new aluminum tower is still being planned.
- **OCARC QSL Cards**
 - Bob AF6C explained that he will launch a “QSL design contest” for a new OCARC QSL card that could be available to club members and used by W6ZE.
 - The cost will be approximately \$65/1000 cards.

NEW BIZ:

The board discussed planning a **club picnic** in August to possibly be held in Yorba Linda Regional Park, near the Santa Ana River in the Santa Ana canyon. The suggested date is Saturday, August 18....from 10 AM until ????. Nicholas will investigate reserving a gazebo through the County of Orange.

Submitted by Ken W6HHC - Secretary

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