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The PREZ Says:



I cannot believe that it is already the month of October. This year has flown by. I know that this seems to be the month that all schedules start to get busier and busier as we begin to gear up for the holiday season.

I hope that you will all be able to make it to the Auction next week. Willie is leading the auction and I know it will be a lot of fun! I also want to make sure you mark your calendars for the Christmas party on Friday, December 14th. We moved it up a week since the usual meeting day would fall on the weekend right before Christmas.

There is a flyer in the newsletter regarding both the auction and the Christmas party. Make sure to check them out for further details. Dan and I will be at the Pacificon Convention during the October meeting. I hope you all have a great October and I will see you in November! Happy Halloween and remember you are never too old to dress up in costumes! ☺

73,
Kristin, K6PEQ

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Monthly Events:

General Meeting:

Third Friday of the Month

At 7:00 PM

American Red Cross

600 N. Parkcenter Dr.

(near Tustin Ave. & 4th St)

Santa Ana, CA

Club Breakfast:

First Saturday of the month at 8:00 AM at the **Jägerhaus Restaurant**

2525 E. Ball Rd.

(Ball exit west off 57-Fwy)

Anaheim, CA

Club Nets (Listen for W6ZE):

7.086 ± MHz CW **OCWN**

Sun - 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Rick KF6UEB, Net Cntl.

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 December & 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.

**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!

**OCARC Financial Statement
Jul 1, 2007 through Sep 30, 2007**

Income

ARRL Dues:	\$ 0.00
Badges:	6.00
Badge Mailing:	0.00
Dues (Family):	0.00
Dues (Full)	100.00
Dues (Overpayment)	0.00
Donations:	303.00
Monthly Raffle:	523.00
OCCARO	0.00
Web Site	0.00
Field Day	0.00

Total: \$ 932.00

Expenses

ARRL Dues:	\$ 0.00
Badge Cost:	0.00
Badge Mailing:	0.00
Dues Reimbursement:	0.00
Monthly Raffle Expense:	459.60
OCCARO	0.00
OCARC Trifold Brochures	0.00
PO Box Renewal	0.00
Web Site Quarterly Fee:	29.97
Field Day	22.57
Tower Base (FD)	220.00

Total: \$ 732.14

OCARC Checking Account:

Statement Balance (7/1/07)	\$3,201.90
Outstanding check #740	<u>(240.34)</u> (cleared in July)

Beginning Balance (7/1/07): \$ 2,961.56

Income: 7/1 - 9/30	\$ 932.00
Expenses: 7/1 - 9/30	<u>(\$ 732.14)</u>

Ending Balance (9/30/07):	<u>\$ 3,161.42</u>
Pending Deposit	<u>(464.00)</u> (Made Oct 1)
Statement Balance 9/30/07)	\$ 2,697.42

OCARC Savings Account:

Beginning Balance (7/1/07)	\$ 780.89
Interest (3 months):	<u>1.37</u>
Ending Balance (9/30/07):	\$ 782.26

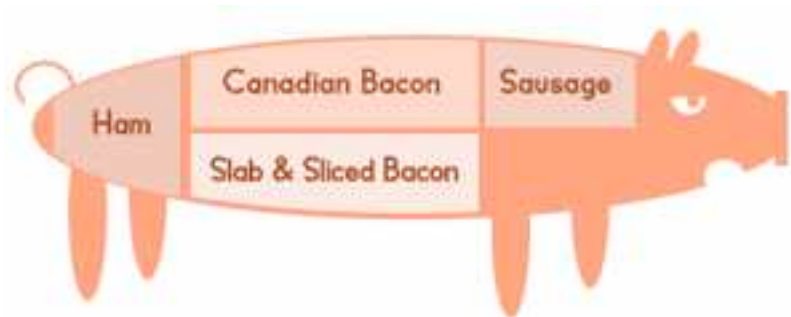
Total Balance (9/30/07):

Checking Account:	\$2,697.42
Pending Deposit (made Oct 1)	464.00
Savings Account:	<u>\$ 782.26</u>
Total:	\$ 3,943.68

R. W. Eckweiler

Bob Eckweiler, AF6C
Treasurer OCARC 2007

Ham Cuisine



*Dan Dankert N6PEQ
n6peq@dxer.com*

Midwestern Delight Ham Sandwich

Ingredients:

6 slices (6 ounces) of thinly sliced ham
4 slices of cheese bread
2 tablespoons of reduced-fat mayonnaise
1/8 cup roasted red peppers

Cooking Directions:

Toast cheese bread. Spread one side of each slice with mayonnaise. Layer ham on two slices of bread. Top with peppers and remaining bread. Cut sandwiches in half and serve. Serves 2.

Serving Suggestions:

A ham sandwich with the unexpected flavor of roast peppers and cheese bread. Serve with potato salad and baby carrots.

Thanks to "The Other White Meat" website for this tasty recipe!

2007 Contest Schedule

OCTOBER:

8-9 School Club Round Up
26-28 CQWW DX Phone Contest

NOVEMBER:

3-5 ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)
17-19 ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone)
30-12/2 ARRL 160-Meter Contest

DECEMBER:

8-9 ARRL 10 Meter Contest

DXpedition to VP5 OCARC Member KB7UB Will Participate!

*Bob, K0OK and Dale, KB7UB, will be active as VP5/K0OK and
VP5/KB7UB
from Providenciales (NA-002), Turks and Caicos Islands from December 6th
thru December 11th 2007*

*Look for activity on 6 through 160 meters CW and SSB. They will be operating
in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest as VP5E (K0OK) and VP5UB (KB7UB).*

*QSL via home calls. Online logs will be available at
<http://www.dxer.com/dxlogs/>;
All QSOs will be uploaded to LOTW.*

**OCARC
General Meeting Minutes
2007-09-21**

The OCARC General meeting was held at the Red Cross complex in Santa Ana at 7PM on Friday evening, September 21st. There were a total of 41 members and visitors present. All club directors were present except: Steve-N1AB. Therefore, there was a quorum of OCARC Directors present at the meeting.

PROGRAM:

The OCARC September program was presented by Dave Doody with the Jet Propulsion Labs (JPL) who spoke on:

“Cassini spacecraft in orbit around Saturn”



Dave Doody of JPL Explains Capability of Cassini Spacecraft

Dave Doody showed an interesting slide show that included descriptions of the Cassini spacecraft, close up photos of Saturn’s moons and many rings, and the Deep Space Network (DSN). The DSN constantly monitors and controls 38 current space missions from three locations on earth. More details and photos can be on the internet at:

www.Saturn.JPL.NASA.gov

OLD BIZ:

- **Field Day** – Kristin-K6PEQ and Dan-N6PEQ handed out a “Certificate of Appreciation” to Bob Harrington-AA6PW who worked so hard to make Field Day such a success.



Dave brought a Scale Model of Cassini Spacecraft from JPL

- **Club Auction in October** – Kristin K6PEQ reminded everyone to clean out their closets and their attics. The OCARC yearly ham radio auction will be held instead of the normal meeting in October.
- **OCARC Elections** – OCARC elections for 2008 officers will be held at the November meeting. Nomination Committee Chair, Nicholas AF6C, asked members interested in holding an office to contact him...or for members to suggest their choices to him.

New BIZ:

- **Donation from W6NGO Trust Fund** – Bob AF6C, a co-trustee of “The Kei Yamachika W6NGO Trust Fund”, presented president Kristin-K6PEQ with a donation check for \$300. Kei W6NGO was a long-time member of the OCARC who died in 1997 [see article in this issue of the newsletter].



Bob-AF6C presents OCARC President with a Donation Check from W6NGO Trust Fund

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- **December Christmas Dinner** – Kristin confirmed that the December Christmas party is planned for Friday, Dec 14, at the Jagerhaus Restaurant. Dan N6PEQ reported that the Grand Prize at this year's dinner will be an ICOM 756 PRO III transceiver!!!

GOOD OF CLUB:

- **VMAD Emergency Drill** – Ken-W6HHC reported that at least 6 members of OCARC participated in the recent county-wide Volunteer Mutual Aid Drill.
- **OES Julian Fire Support** – Willie-N8WP reported that the California Office-of-Emergency-Services (OES) finally shut down OES provided communications support at the Angel Fire in Julian, CA. OES deployed on Monday, Sept 17th. The site was staffed by OES 24 hours a day until Thursday. Cheryl KG6KTT and Willie traveled to Julian to help demobilize the communications equipment Thursday afternoon.

Submitted by Ken W6HHC - Secretary

RF ENGINEERS NEEDED!

NextPhase Wireless is a connectivity company that specializes in delivering integrated Internet, voice and data communication solutions to our customers. Leveraging the expertise and experience gained from designing, deploying and operating our own wireless wide area networks (WWAN) since 1999, we also provide connectivity solutions to businesses and municipalities.

We operate as a Wireless Internet Service Provider (WISP) from our Wireless Network Operations Center (WNOC) in Anaheim, CA. providing tiered wireless Internet connectivity services to our business and residential subscribers. We are extending our wireless "footprint" by negotiating deployment of network repeaters at strategic geographic locations, and plan to expand further through selective acquisitions. We also leverage our expertise and experience to design, build, deploy and operate large-scale NextZone™ and NextMetro™ networks in conjunction with or on behalf of our clients (e.g. property developers, municipalities).

To properly facilitate our growth, we will be expanding our technical staff by adding expert RF Engineering and IT staff. Working knowledge and experience in Licensed Spectrum and the 5.8 GHz, 4.9 GHz and 2.4 GHz spectrum and the ability to interact with other staff and support sales efforts in an overlay role are required.

Full time employees are offered health, dental, vision and life insurance benefits as well as a 401K and stock options. In addition to full-time status employment, we also have occasional need for contract work and consultants.

Salary commensurate with experience. If interested please contact Mark.

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Upcoming OCARC Events!!!

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



October 19th

(Friday 7:00pm)

Annual Ham Radio Auction ...Bring your gear to sell! Spread the word. Bring your friends! This is always a FUN event. Check the club website for a map and auction rules.



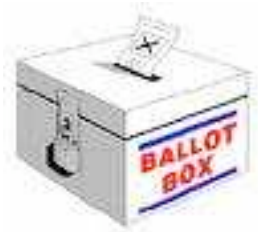
November 17th (Friday 7:00pm)

Speaker: Willie Peloquin - N8WP.



Willie will discuss and demonstrate the fun digital mode "PSK". Willie has quite a knowledge of digital communications and computers.

Annual club elections after presentation. Are you a member of OCARC and thought about running for the board of directors? Here's your chance to help OCARC continue to grow and improve!



December 14th (Friday 7:00pm)

OCARC annual holiday party! Held at the Jaegerhaus Restaurant at 2525 East Ball Road in Anaheim (Located on Ball Road just West off of the 57-Freeway). Purchase your dinner tickets from Cheryl-KG6KTT at an OCARC general meeting, breakfast meeting or request tickets by e-mail at cpeloqui@gmail.com We will have a raffle after dinner. Grand prize is a brand-new Icom IC-756Pro3 transceiver. Last year's raffle featured about \$3500 worth of prizes!!!



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OCARC Board Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 08:10.

Meeting attendees: Kristin K6PEQ, Cheryl KG6KTT, Willie N8WP, Loran K6LFD, Steve N1AB, Bob AF6C, Nicholas AF6CF and Paul W6GMU

Upcoming Meetings:

October - Club Auction, November - PSK31, Club Elections, December - Christmas Party, January - Bill Schultz, February – 10-10 Check website for up to date information!

Christmas Party:

Party date has been moved back 1 week – December 14th

Some prizes so far: 4 starter antennas from M2, ICOM IC-756 PRO III

Need to reserve and buy tickets ahead of time from Cheryl – We are going to keep a list instead of handing out tickets. Your name will be checked on the list when you enter to confirm seating, payment, etc.

Reports:

Membership Report: 71 Members

Technical Chairman: Nothing to report.

Treasurer Report: Financial reports have been sent to Board members. Reports will be posted in the RF. IRS Form 990-EZ must be filled out and submitted. The club insurance bill has arrived. It contains an incorrect number of members. The insurance bill is ready to be paid. The board accepted the questioner for renewal.

RF Newsletter:

Kristin K6PEQ - October, Ken W6HHC - November and Ken did not object to becoming the RF Editor for the next 15 years.

Club Auction:

Willie, N8WP, to be auctioneer. Accounting will move to front of room. Doors will open at 18:00 PST. Move accounting to front of room.

Good of the Club:

Nicholas, AF6CF distributed 100 brochures at TRW. Bob, AF6C, began a discussion on club 75th Anniversary QSL cards. He will meet with Dan, N6PEQ on this matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 08:54

Respectfully submitted by William George Peloquin, ARS N8WP
Secretarial Temp, 08:30 EST, October 10, 2007.

Attention Members!!!



Do you know a fellow ham that would be interested in joining OCARC? Do you have a friend that is curious about ham radio and wants to learn more about our hobby? Why not invite him or her to one of our exciting monthly meetings?!?! The meetings are fun, informative and entertaining. Check out the upcoming events page in this newsletter to see the exciting speakers we have lined up for the next couple of months. Don't forget about the great raffle prizes too. So bring a visitor to one of our meetings, and

help **your** club expand! Make sure to inform your friends of our club's website, which is always kept up to date. Information on club meetings, activities and our newsletter archive make it a worthwhile site to surf! <http://www.w6ze.org>

POSTCARD FROM W6HHC



Currently sailing through Gibraltar Strait... Wish you were here!

-De Ken, W6HHC

Who was Kei Yamachika W6NGO?

By
Ken Konechy – W6HHC

At the September General Meeting, the OCARC received a \$300 donation from “The Kei Yamachika W6NGO Trust Fund”. This was the tenth check from the trust fund where the donations to OCARC over the years now total \$3,450.

But, who was Kei Yamachika W6NGO??



Kei Yamachika – W6NGO in 1997 at his
50th Wedding Anniversary

Kei (Kiyoshi) W6NGO was an early member of the OCARC. While still in high school. Kei and his brother, Masami W6LXF (now KF6TST), joined the OCARC during the mid-1930's. The club was small back then and typically held meetings in homes of members. Kei (pronounced “K”) really enjoyed ham radio in the 1930's. He built his own radio equipment and antennas, like many early hams. I remember him proudly

showing me his call letters in a 1937 issue of QST...essentially an SWL report listing calls that had been heard in China.

A Pause In Ham Radio

Then came WW2 and ham radio stopped. Kei W6NGO enlisted in the “hard fighting” Japanese-American 442nd Combat Team. His ham radio skills were put to use and he served as a radio operator during fighting in Germany and Italy. After the war, Kei turned his attentions to building up a farming business. Farming kept him off the air for quite a few years. Around 1965 he sold his farm, then he bought some Yaesu ham equipment and got back on the air.

Finally, in 1968, I met Kei on the air and reacquainted Kei with the OCARC and invited him to a meeting. Then Kei W6NGO really got hooked on OCARC Field Days. He enjoyed the FD operating, the contest competitiveness, and “rag chewing” with the many members and visitors who always gather at our field day operations. In early Field Days he would just bring some snacks for all the operators to enjoy. Later, he would build Yagi antennas and crank-up towers for the club to use so that our scores would improve.



Kei-W6NGO (L) and Bob-(now) AF6C had
towed the borrowed generator to OCARC FD
in 1970 or 1971

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I have three fond memories of Kei W6NGO and ham Radio:

(1) He taught me that if you took a lead pencil and held it close to the plate cap of a final amplifier tube with the key down....you could tell your power by how long of an arc you draw off the plate.

(2) His first Quad antenna (either three or four elements) on a long boom lasted only one Santa Ana wind. You should have seen how the boom wrapped around the mast from the wind...it was a total wreck. Kei learned that a long boom had to be strengthened with "side-struts" in OC. And that was the way he strengthened all his "big gun" antennas in the future. He never lost another antenna in those big OC winds.

(3) It seemed like any weekend that I would drop by his shack around 3 PM...he would be in a deep QSO with a friend in Japan.



Kei-W6NGO is shown 2nd from right in 1977. Every year, Kei stored club equipment at his QTH. Members (L-R Bob-AF6C, Art-K7ZE, and Ken-W6HHC) would go out on FD morning to help finish loading FD supplies.

Kei was active in the OCARC. He was on the OCARC board of directors almost continuously from about 1970 until 1996. He worked hard to make the club a better club and a fun club...and as I said before, Kei was really hooked on OCARC FD.



Kei-W6NGO in the white shirt on the right would bring his tractor (1996 is shown here) to dig tower base-holes at FD. "How many supervisors are needed to dig a hole?"

Kei W6NGO died in 1997 at the age of 79. His widow, Ida Yamachika, took the proceeds from the sale of his radio station and set up a trust fund for the benefit of the OCARC.

To answer the earlier question...I would say:
Kei Yamachika – W6NGO

- was a long time OCARC member
- really enjoyed ham radio
- really enjoyed OCARC Field Day
- really enjoyed OCARC

By Ken W6HHC
co-trustee "The Kei Yamachika Trust Fund"

Q: Why was the skeleton afraid to cross the road?

A: It had no guts!

Q: What kind of streets do zombies like best?

A. Dead Ends!





OCARC Holiday Party Raffle Grand Prize!!!!

Come to the OCARC holiday party and enter the raffle. The grand prize is a brand new **Icom IC-756Pro3** HF/50 MHz transceiver! Experience the advantage of extraordinary DSP filtering technology!



There will be many more prizes too! You must be present to claim a raffle prize. Don't miss out. See Cheryl "K6KTT" at an OCARC general meeting or OCARC club breakfast, or contact her at **714-318-4047** or via email at **cpeloqui@gmail.com** to arrange purchasing your holiday party dinner tickets! Remember to

bring your spouse and friends too! Dinner tickets are only \$23 per person. See the club website for more details (<http://www.w6ze.org>)

Mark the date on your calendar!
Friday night, December 14th at 7:00pm.

Location: Jagerhaus Restaurant
2525 East Ball Road , Anaheim, CA 92806
Located on Ball Road, just west of the 57-Freeway.
www.jagerhaus.net 714-520-9500



**See Kristin "K6PEQ" at the party to purchase your raffle tickets.
The tickets are only \$1 each!**

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Emergency Mutual Aid Drill (VMAD) was held Sept 15 and 16

by Ken Konechy – W6HHC

The county-wide VMAD emergency drills (Volunteer Mutual Aid Drill) were organized by County RACES, city RACES, and the OC California Citizen Corps Council (OCCCCC). The purpose of the drill was to facilitate the mutual-aid concept in the time of disaster and utilize all affiliated volunteers belonging to a Citizen Corps program such as CERT, VIPS, Neighborhood Watch, Fire Corps, Medical Reserve Corps, and RACES or affiliated program.

The drills were held over two days, Saturday Sept 15 and Sunday Sept 16. More than 400 volunteers participated in a series of drills, a little over 200 volunteers participated on Saturday and a different group participated on Sunday. OCRACES Chief Radio Operator Ken Bourne W6HK recruited about seventy ham radio operators who participated as communicators over the two days. [Note that Ken W6HK is also an OCARC member.]

The drills were held at the OC Sheriff's Training Center on Katella Ave near "The Pond". This location was ideal for providing two important ingredients: a mock village and professional training classrooms. The mock village consisted of several streets that contained simulated stores, a bar, a bank, gas station, fast-food, houses, etc. The mock village added realism and complication to search-and-rescue and other emergency scenarios. The classrooms were important for providing the training of all the volunteers on two basic emergency classes:

- NIMS / SEMS, the National Incident Management System and the Standardized Emergency Management System course.
- ICS, the Incident Command System course

The OC staff provided a tremendous amount of planning to make the series of drills meaningful and a learning experience for the volunteers. Some of the aspects of VMAD included:

- Registration and issuing of photo badges to the volunteers, identifying them as authorized "first responders"
- Classes for each day's volunteers on NIMS/SEMS/ICS training
- Creating 16 teams (8 teams each day) of responders consisting of 11 people and 1 communicator.
- Creating a medical treatment area with Red Cross and HDSCS
- Incident Command Post
- Mobile Communication Center
- Logistic Supply Center
- Food and Cold Water for Volunteers
- Etc.

A Team of Volunteer "First Responders" assessing a "Search and Rescue" effort needed for a "Mock House"

Photo by Linda Marie – KE6SPT





**Ham Radio Operator (in orange vest)
Communicates Back to
Communications Center for a Team of
“First Responders”**

Photo by Linda Marie – KE6SPT

Most emergency drills “bubble up” problems that can be improved upon...and that is a good situation. Better to find problems in a drill, than in a real emergency. The VMAD drill bringing strangers together from almost all the cities in OC was no exception. The thank you letter below, from Ken W6HK of OCRACES to the many ham radio operators, outlines some of the accomplishments of the VMAD event and some “lessons learned”.

**These are OCRACES people in front of
the mobile Emergency Comm Center,
from left to right, Chuck Dolan-KG6UJC,
Radio Officer Scott Byington-KC6MMF,
Martin La Rocque-N6NTH, Radio Officer
Harvey Packard-KM6BV, and OCSD
Emergency Communications Coordinator
Marten Miller-KF6ZLQ.**

Photo by Ken Bourne – W6HK



**From: Ken Bourne W6HK [w6hk@ocraces.org]
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2007 5:26 PM
To: VMAD-Saturday; VMAD-Sunday
Subject: Thanks for Participating in VMAD**

To all participants in the Citizen Corps Volunteer Mutual Aid Drill (VMAD), a great big thank you! I have been receiving comments from the drill leaders that you communicators did an absolutely outstanding job.

We learned a lot from this drill. Some communicators were not given clear assignments, especially on Saturday, but we improved that on Sunday. The amount of traffic was overwhelming to net control operations during the scenarios, so we will add more frequencies and net control operators (and external operating positions) next time. We are also improving our message forms, probably going to the ICS 213 form, which we started using on

Sunday. Thanks to Scott Byington and those who assisted him, we had Winlink running, providing printed messages to the ICP and Logistics. Thanks also to Scott and assistants, the OCRACES van was in great shape for the drill. Ralph Sbragia displayed his personal communications trailer in the display area, and functioned as an alternate net control. We appreciate the City and County RACES personnel who assisted so ably with net control duties. Special thanks too to Jack Barth and Martin! La Rocque from OCRACES and Gordon West and Ken Leake from Red Cross for the great ATV coverage. Also thanks to HDSCS for providing three members each day for communications at the Medical Treatment Area, and to Dr. Julia Heng from Huntington Beach RACES for assisting in that area.

I wish I had room in this message to name and thank each of the almost 70 communications participants. Each one of you was a significant contributor to the success of this drill. However, I will at least proudly mention each of the organizations that provided participants: Brea RACES, Buena Park RACES, City of Orange Amateur Radio (COAR), Costa Mesa RACES (MESAC), Fountain Valley RACES, Fullerton RACES, Hospital Disaster Support Communications System (HDSCS), Huntington Beach RACES, Irvine Disaster Emergency Communications (IDEC), Laguna Beach RACES, Laguna Niguel ACS, Mission Viejo RACES, Newport Beach RACES, County of Orange RACES, Laguna Niguel ACS, Los Alamitos RACES, Orange County SKYWARN, Placentia RACES American Red Cross/Orange County, Seal Beach RACES, and Westminster RACES.

We will schedule a meeting for reviewing VMAD, and hope you can all attend. I will e-mail you with the time, date, and location of the meeting. We might combine it with a review of the next City/County RACES & MOU ACS Drill, which will be from 9 to 11 AM on Saturday, October 6th. I hope you can all participate. The scenario is a breach of the Prado Dam, which would put many Orange County cities under water. We will practice handling messages that request or offer resources for such an emergency.

Thanks again for being such great communicators at VMAD.

**Ken Bourne, W6HK
Chief Radio Officer
County of Orange RACES
OCSD/Communications**

*Q. What is a ghoul's favorite flavor?
A. Lemon-slime!*

*Q. What kind of car does a ghost drive?
A. A boo-ick!*

*Q. What does a child monster call his parents?
A. Mummy and Deady!*



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It's that time of year again. The OCARC annual ham radio auction is Friday, October 19th at 7:00pm.

Bring your gear to sell. Come bid on other equipment.

This is always a fun event. Bring your ham radio friends too!!!

Please visit the OCARC website (www.w6ze.org) for a map and auction rules.



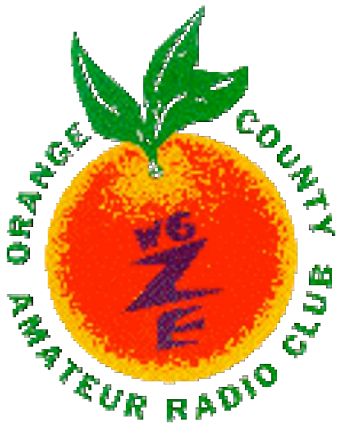
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La Palma Days Parade

Saturday, November 10, 2007

**We looking for 25 hams this year to help us.
ANY NET CONTROL OUT THERE?? HELP**

Calling all Hams:

Please mark Saturday, November 10, 2007 for the La Palma Days Parade. We have supported this parade for many many years and the City is very grateful to us. Your help and support is both needed and greatly appreciated. Please confirm your availability as soon as possible. We will have a coordination meeting on Thursday, Nov 8th at 6:00 PM at Central Park. Details to follow. Looking forward to seeing you bright and early in the parking lot just north of city hall at 7:00 AM on Saturday, November 10th.

All the best,
Larry (KE6AKE)
ltichauer@sbcglobal.net

Topband: Dxpediton to J5 Guinea-Bissau, W-Africa JAN 2008

A number of ops mostly from the January 2007 XT2C DXpedition team will be QRV from Guinea-Bissau this coming January. They will activate J5C from Bubaque Island (AF-020) from January 10th to 21st. Team members include F4AJQ, F6AML, F5JSD, F5VHQ, F8BJI, F9IE, F2VX, F2JD, F8BUI, F4TTR, F5PED, F5TVG, N2WB, N6OX and OE8KOK. Plans are to have 5 stations, with 4 amplifiers QRV 24 hours a day. Activity is expected on all bands on CW, SSB, digital modes and SSTV plus 29 MHz FM. They will be using verticals on 80 and 160 meters and beams on the other bands. QSL this operation via F5TVG.

DXpedition to Madeira

Have Some Madeira M' Dear?

How many of you remember the song "Have Some Madeira, M' Dear?" by the Limelickers? Well, never mind, but here's your chance to have some Madeira for yourselves. Local DX-peditioner Art Goddard, W6XD, is headed to the island of Madeira for the CQ WorldWide DX Contest that's going to be held October 26-28. Art says he and his team will do their best to work as many OCARCs as possible.

OK, so how do you work Art? Well, first of all, this is a phone contest, so don't worry about needing Morse Code skills. Next, the callsign to listen for is CQ9K, "Charlie-Quebec-Niner-Kilowatt. So far, so good, but what frequency do you listen on? Well, this is a contest operation, so CQ9K may change frequencies occasionally. The best thing to do is check the DX spotting networks such as DX Summit:

<http://oh2aq.kolumbus.com/dxs/> There you will see CQ9K's most recently spotted frequencies.

OK, so what bands do you use? Well, we can rule out 2 Meter FM right away. But what you can do is use a free propagation prediction program such as W6EL Prop which you can download at: <http://www.qsl.net/w6elprop/> Or, just use the table below. One last thing - if you have a directional antenna, point it at about 60-degrees. Rejoice, those of you who have verticals, your antenna's already pointed in the right direction.

Does this procedure seem a bit complicated? If so, just ask one of the DXers in the club for help. Remember, that's one reason why you joined OCARC, to get a bit of help when needed.

73, and see you on the air!

Art W6XD

See the propagation chart for OC to Madeira on the next page..

Propagation Prediction: Orange County -to- Madeira
October 26-28, 2007 Solar Flux = 66

UTC	80M	40M	20M	15M	10M
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0200		X			
0400	X	X			
0600	X	X			
0800		X			
1000					
1200					
1400					
1600			X		
1800			X	X	
2000			X	X	
2200					

OCARC Challenge from W6XD:

Just thought I'd make an offer related to my upcoming trip to Madeira, CQ9K. Here's the offer: If there are 20 or more contacts by OCARC members with CQ9K during the contest period, I'll come out of retirement and do a CQ9K program at one of your meetings. The 20 contacts could be 5 different stations on 4 bands, 20 different stations on 1 band, or any other combination of stations and bands that counts as legitimate contacts (no dupes, etc).

Proof of the pudding will be sending me the log extracts that I can compare to CQ9K log.

Hey, I made the same offer to SOARA, so I'm wondering which club(s) will make the grade.
(Hopefully both will)

73, Art W6XD