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### The Prez Sez.....

By Willie N8WP



### Welcome to 2008

This should be a great year for OCARC if 2007 is any indicator. We said goodbye to some friends and made some new ones. We enjoyed a spectacular Field Day: OCARC was #1 west of the east coast!!! We participated in the Orange County Fair. The club hosted excellent speakers at the meetings and celebrated a great Christmas Party. The OCARC raffles are better than ever. Who would have ever thought we would be raffling off such great prizes! Congratulations to Kenan, N6CCE, for winning the grand prize, an ICOM IC-756 PRO III. Dan, N6PEQ, you are incredible!!! I want to extend the club's thanks to all of the sponsors of OCARC.

My 2008 resolution is to continue growing the club. I would like to see more younger hams get bitten by the radio bug. I have been talking with some scout

masters about getting OCARC more involved with scouting. I know that I learned a lot during my time as a boy scout. I know many of you may have trouble believing that I was once a boy scout ☺. I actually learned how to send and receive Morse code with my scout troop.

I intend to plan at least one more field operation to set up somewhere and work the bands. Cheryl, KG6KTT, and I had a good time camping in conjunction with our support of the 2007 Fire Storm. I expect it will be even better if we don't camp in a burned over field. Camping and Amateur Radio go together quite nicely.



The following is a list of new business for 2008 that I will be presenting during upcoming OCARC Board meetings:

Field Day 2008, OCARC Anniversary, OC Fair, Working with Scout Troops, CERT Training, Standard Form Letter for Inquiries, OCARC Campout, Fox Hunt Picnics, 40M Net, Pay Pal Integration with Web Site, Online Member Database

Remember that the Board meetings are open to everyone.

If you'd like to be a committee member for any of the above topics you are most welcome to take part. Any other ideas or projects can also be discussed during any OCARC meeting.

We have a lot to look forward to during this New Year. Let's get together and have some fun!

73, Willie - N8WP

### January Meeting

**Dues for 2008 are due.**  
**You have till the end of March to pay. See you at the January 18th general meeting.**

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The next general meeting will be:

**Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**@ 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. & 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
Rick KF6UEB, 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  
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 mem-  
bers.

\*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.

## THIS JUST IN FROM OCCARO HEADQUARTERS:

OCCARO is looking for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson as of the new elections held. Dino says he will stay on until someone takes the lead, but he has other plans to which he must attend.

As Amateur Radio operators, it should be in your best interest to participate in the planning and future of our clubs and take the lead every once in awhile as the leader of a group. Guidance is needed in OCCARO and I know there are lots of folks out there that can do this organization a great service.

I encourage your support of Amateur Radio and of our clubs. If you are interested, please contact Dino Darling at [dino@k6rix.com](mailto:dino@k6rix.com) for further information.

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## ERRATA

**FOR SALE**, Silherovice, in Czech Republic, \$ 3,000,000-----CHEAP! There is a huge park with a golf course that comes with it, plus a little chateau right on the property. Many antenna possibilities – **FD ??** Inquire within. De W6GMU

 **SPECIÁLNÍ NABÍDKA**



**ZÁMEK ŠILHEŘOVICE**

Okres: Opava, trojkřídový jednopatrový zámek z konce 18. století, který se nachází 20km od Ostravy. Obklopuje jej rozsáhlý krajinná park založený po r. 1820, kde jsou rybníky, zámecké Evelinino jezero, kašna, bazén se sousoším, zámecká oranžerie a Lovecký zámček z konce 19. stol. V anglickém parku je velmi pěkné a upravené golfové hřiště.

RSBs 0116

Cena: 70 000 000,- Kč





## Upcoming OCARC Events!!!

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

### January 18<sup>th</sup> (Friday 7:00pm)

Bill Scholz "W1HIJ" will give a presentation on the historic coast station KPH. The ex-RCA KPH coast communications station, located near Point Reyes, began broadcasting close to the dawn of radio. The station is now preserved by the Maritime Radio Historical Society. This will be a very interesting presentation.

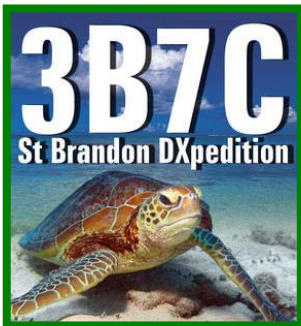


### February 15<sup>th</sup> (Friday 7:00pm)

Bob Farrow "N6OPR" will provide us with a talk on 10-10 International. This is just in time for the coming upswing in the solar cycle. 10 meter propagation is just around the corner

### March 21<sup>st</sup> (Friday 7:00pm)

Jim Day "W6DF" will provide an overview of the W6BH mega-station in Anza. Numerous towers and antennas make this station a dream for virtually any amateur operator. Jim engineered this station. You'll be amazed at the work that went into developing this antenna farm.



### April 18<sup>th</sup> (Friday 7:00pm)

Speaker: Arnie Shatz - N6HC will speak about the 2006 3B7C DXpedition to St. Brandon, located in the Indian Ocean (East of Madagascar)



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## Celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> Year during 2008!

## ZERO SUNSPOT CURE ??

### **Largest 20M SteppIR-Yagi Array In the World!! K9LTN**

Located in Oregon, K9LTN has designed and erected the world's largest 20M array of SteppIR YAGI beams. Six of the SteppIR 4-element 20M YAGIs are arranged in array (4 X 6) sitting on top of a 180 ft tower.



The array of six YAGI beams is constructed with two 66 foot high towers. The picture below shows a 180 foot high crane (maybe higher?) lifting the array assembly into place onto top of the main 180 ft tower.



I have one question..."How do you repair a broken element?? ...Call the crane??"

## **W6ZE IS BORN!**

### **(A History of the OCARC Call Letters)**

#### **BY Bob, WB6IXN**

In the 1950s, W6LRP/W6ZE, Earl Griffin, and his XYL, Mildred, W6PJU, were both members of the OCARC. Mildred worked with Roy Maxson, W6DEY, at the FCC Field Office south of Edinger St., in western Santa Ana.

In April, 1951, Earl Griffin, then W6LRP, was a member of the Dog Patch group. (At this time, the OCARC was meeting (near what is now "The Block" shopping center) at the Orange County Communications Center next to the Dog Pound, thus the name Dog Patch group.) The Club History contains a picture of Earl Griffin and the Dog Patch group taken in June, 1951. Earl Griffin, along with Rehse Mowry, W6OZO, Horace Bates, W6QZQ, and our very first mysterious `RF' editor, Dr. Marinus Conway, WA6UPP, sponsored the first `RF' newsletter publication called, "RF of Western Wireless", becoming `RF' as we know it today with Vol. 2, Number 1, dated Nov. 13, 1954.

Due to their close association, LRP/W6ZE, W6PJU, and W6DEY were steadfast friends! Earl Griffin was employed by the Santa Ana Water Works, and received a new call, W6ZE. Earl died from a heart attack in 1956.

Three years later, Roy Maxson, W6DEY, and Mildred Griffin were married. The Club, under past-president Ted Glick's (K6LJA) urging, moved to have Earl's call, W6ZE, assigned to the OCARC as our Club Call. The position of Roy Maxson, W6DEY, in the FCC was instrumental in acquiring Earl's call for the OCARC.

At the Feb. 18, 1959 meeting, Roy Morris, K6IQ, first Trustee of the W6ZE club license, announced that the call was officially ours! Other trustees of the club call have been Alex Alexander W6RE, Ken Konechy W6HHC, and currently Bob Eckweiler AF6C.

## A HISTORY of OCARC PRESIDENTS

By Ken Konechy W6HHC  
with great assistance from our  
Club Historian, Bob Evans -

### YEAR

2008 Willie Peloquin N8WP  
2007 Kristin Dankert K6PEQ  
2006 Willie Peloquin N8WP  
2005 W6HHC Ken Konechy  
2004 N1AB Steve Brody  
2003 KQ6JD Lowell Burnett  
2002 KE6WIU Cory Terando  
(now AE6GW)  
2001 KD6BWH Bob Buss  
(now KØBWH)  
2000 K6LDC Larry Hoffman  
1999 WA6VPP Bud Barkhurst  
1998 KD6BWH Bob Buss  
(now KØBWH)  
1997 WA6VKZ Frank Smith  
1996 AF6C Bob Eckweiler  
1995 N6XTJ Jim Roberts  
1994 KJ6ZH Chris Breller  
1993 KC6TAM Jane Breller  
1992 WA6VKZ Frank Smith  
1991 W6HHC Ken Konechy  
1990 KJ6ZH Chris Breller  
1989 WA6VKZ Frank Smith  
1988 W6HHC Ken Konechy  
1987 N6JSV Jim Talcott  
1986 WA6VKZ Frank Smith  
1985 AF6C Bob Eckweiler  
1984 KA6IMP Chris Breller  
(now KJ6ZH)  
1983 W6IBR Al Watts  
1982 KA6HNY Robin Hoff  
1981 WA6VKZ Frank Smith  
1980 WA6FOW Ernie Prichard  
1979 WB6IHZ Terry Mathers  
1978 WA6LFF Jim Kingsbury  
1977 WA6WZO Fried Heyn  
1976 WB6PEX Martin Raymond  
1975 WA6LHB Art Sheldon  
(now K7ZE)

### YEAR

1974 W6HHC Ken Konechy  
1973 WB6QNU Bob Eckweiler  
(now AF6C)  
1972 WA6FIT Ron Cade  
(now W6ZQ)  
1971 WB6CQR Billy Hall  
(now N6EDY)  
1970 WB6UDC Jack Hollander  
(now N6UC)  
1969 WA6ROF Jerry VerDuft  
(now ADØA)  
1968 W6COJ Dave Hollander  
1967 WB6GPK Jim Hill  
1966 WA6YWN Jack Shaw  
1965 K6KTX Rolland Miller  
1964 W6WRJ Ralph Alexander  
(now W6RE)  
1963 W6DEY Roy Maxson  
1962 K6LJA Ted Glick  
1961 K6IQ Roy Morriss  
1960 K6TXS Charles(Ed)Edwards  
1959 W6BVI Ken Kesel  
1958 W6BVI Ken Kesel  
1957 - CLUB DISBANDED -  
1956 W6HIL Bob Swenson  
1955 W6BVI Ken Kesel  
1954 W6UPP Marinus Conway  
1953 Probably only informal  
meetings, no officers?  
1952 W6QZQ Horace Bates  
1951 W6LDJ Sam(Mac) McNeal  
1950 Probably only informal  
meetings, no officers?  
1949 W6CGF Chuck Lunder  
1948 W6BWO Dale Bose  
1947 W6ALO Tommy Gentges  
1946 W6DEY Roy Maxson  
1945 W6DEY Roy Maxson  
1944 - **ALL OFF TO WAR!!**  
1943 - **ALL OFF TO WAR!!**  
1942 W6IBN Roy Cumpston  
1941 W6BAM Shelley Trotter  
1940 W6KLU Harold Christensen  
1939 Probably only informal  
meetings, no officers?  
1938 W6NSA Les Gates  
1938 W6ADT Noral Evans

### YEAR

1937 W6LYN Noral Evans  
(Also reissued W6ADT)  
1936 W6LYN Noral Evans  
(Also reissued W6ADT)  
1935 - CLUB DISBANDED!!  
1934 W6IGO Earl Moore  
1933 W6IGO Earl Moore

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## OCARC 2007 Christmas Party Was a Great Success

The OCARC end-of-the-year dinner was another great success. We had what may be our greatest turn out of club members, spouses, and visitors for the holiday party!! And what tremendous prizes we had for both ladies and the die-hard radio operators!!



**Fig 1 – OCARC had 51 Members, Spouses, Friends and Visitors attend the Holiday Party**

This year's event was again held at the Jagerhaus Restaurant on Ball Road with fine German food and good German beer. Kristin-K6PEQ reported that 51 people attended the 2007 OCARC dinner. This year the Grand Prize for the raffle was the best ever...an ICOM 756-Pro3 transceiver!!! The raffle earned more than \$1,400 profit for the club.



**Fig 2 – The OCARC Christmas Party is always a time when Friends Gather to Relax**



**Fig 3 – A View of this Year's Raffle Prizes Organized by Dan N6PEQ....including the ICOM 756Pro3.**



**Fig 4 – This Year's Women's Raffle Prizes were Organized by Bev KI6APH**

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

At the party, Dan N6PEQ announced that a donation was received from the US Sensor Company in Anaheim (owned by the Dan's father, Roger-N6EGC). The donation check for \$250 was presented to club Treasurer, Bob-AF6C. Christmas Party – Cont'd on Pg 09



## Christmas Party – Cont'd from Pg 08



**Fig 5 – Kristin announced OCARC "2007 W6NGO-For-the-Good-of-the-Club Award" winners are Bev-KI6APH & Rich-KE6WWK.**



**Fig 6 - Ken-W6HHC (L) and Bob-AF6C were awarded with "Special Recognition" plaques for their long-term work behind the scenes.**



**Fig 7 – Club VP Cheryl-KG6KTT presents our out-going President, Kristin K6PEQ, with a plaque from the club for a job "Well Done".**

Our new president for 2008, Willie N8WP, not only accepted the gavel for next year...but also received back the "Grand Poohba Hat" to really show his authority in the club. This stylish hat is seen in Figure 8.



**Fig 8 – President for 2008, Willie N8WP, gets to wear the special "Grand Poohba Hat" for another Year.**



**Fig 9 - "...and the Winner is...." Kenan N6CCE was the lucky club member to win the grand prize at the 2007 Christmas Raffle.....an ICOM IC-756Pro3 HF-to-6M rig!**

Here follows an article written by Arend, PA2AWU. He is a member of PA6Z, a Dutch HF Contest Club:

### **Orange County Amateur Radio Club - W6ZE**

#### **This is The Netherlands calling.....**

Your new Treasurer, Paul Gussow W6GMU, invited me to write an article for the RF Newsletter. Hmm, what can be of interest to you; what do those Californians want to know about what we are doing over here, on the other side of the Atlantic. I first took a look at the Orange County Amateur Radio Club web-site. Some mouse clicks further, I read:

#### **Welcome:**

*The Orange County Amateur radio Club is a general purpose radio club. Our members vary in interest and talents and share their talents with other members interested in similar aspects of the hobby of amateur radio.*

*Dues are very reasonable (we don't have a repeater to support). Meetings are held monthly, and guests interested in visiting our club are welcome. Some of our members are active in Emergency Services including local police communications groups, ARES, RACES and The Red Cross.*

*The club has technically oriented members who can help you with your radio problems and questions. It also has people familiar with Mac and Windows computers.*

I got a smile on my face. Is there a difference between HAMS in California and The Netherlands? Well, there will be, but not found in these above written lines; let me explain.

I'm living in Zutphen, situated north of Arnhem and about 30 km (20 miles) from the German border. A couple of years ago a group of 6 hams started the "**HF-contest group PA6Z**". Just for fun! The group has grown to ten guys with different ambitions. Par example: Marcel, PA9M, likes taking care of QSL cards and contest strategy; Herman, the eldest, is our technician. Frans, PA5CA, is the computer hard- and software-specialist. Jelmer PA5R is our chairman and strategy developer. Peter, PA2PKZ is our CW specialist; Dick PA4VHF is our medium-wave pirate watcher and 160 + 80 meter specialist. I like designing and developing/building big HF antennas using share-ware software: 4nec2 and MMANA-GAL. We all contribute to having fun in contesting as a group; we like to grow in every aspect (that is necessary) to step up our final contest scores.

Here are some pictures of the farmer's shed we renovated and turned into our clup operating station. It even has a bathroom (not shown)!



CQWW SSB 2007 PA6Z

Starting this year we do not have to pay a fee for our HAM license. Probably the Gov't's administration costs are no longer worth the fees collected. But there are other changes. Repeater licenses are now much more expensive. These days the Dutch repeaters are less in use than they used to be. So when a club does not have any repeater support, the reason for this is quite understandable to us now.

**Here's what can happen when Murphy and Low-tech combine forces ( by Arend, PA2AWU ) :****Piece of cake!**

Yesterday evening, I decided I needed a centre ceiling light in my bedroom, situated on the second floor of my house. Only two wires, fifteen cm (six inches) with a piece of tape wrapped around them were hanging from the ceiling. I've just moved and till now I didn't need any light in my bedroom ☺. So I went to the storage room and found in a junk box a fitting. There was no short piece of wire attached to it so first I made that, with good light to see, because my eyes are getting older. I needed ten minutes to find the 2-wire connector. With a fitting screwdriver and a small potato knife I went upstairs. It was dark there, but some spare light from my shack came in. So I went down again to fetch my rewindable light. Standing on my bed, I just could reach the two wires. I put the rechargeable light in such a position on my head that it lighted the ceiling above the 2-wire connector and I could see what I was doing. Keeping my head still, I reached out to remove carefully the tape. Simple. The thick wires were quite bowed so I bent them till they were straight. The small copper wire-ends shorted and **Flash!!** I twitched in surprise and shook my head. The rechargeable light fell on my bed and all the lights in my shack (on the same floor) and also the lights on the first floor went dark. My screwdriver fell between the wall and my bed. I then turned off the voltage and, laying on my stomach, retrieved the screwdriver. Some dust remained on my clothes... (sigh)

Armed with the potato knife, I now could, without much danger, remove the insulation of the two wires on the ceiling. I did this in dark, easily feeling where to cut the insulation of the wire. I then mounted the 2-wire connector and screwed it on. Piece of cake! Then I wanted to put the first flexible copper wire in the other end. The thick wire was obstructing this idea so I had to loosen this one again. Of course I loosened the other one also. Being wary on this ☺ I discovered that I hadn't taken a bulb with me. So I went down, putting the light switches of the first floor on. Downstairs was the cupboard with the four mains fuses. With the weak light, I couldn't see which fuse had blown. I needed my re-windable lamp, so I went up and down again. Still I couldn't see which one had blown. Well, easy, turn those four switches off: number one: oops, the CD player in the living room stopped. That's not it ☺. Next: light in the kitchen goes off. Ok. Number three: nothing happens. That could be him. Looked for the box with fuses. There it is! Unscrewed the ceramic holder and put a fuse in it. Nothing happened, so I went to the first floor to turn all the switches on. Nothing. Down again. Number four off, nothing happens again. Well, that must be the villain! Changed the fuse and YES, light was coming from upstairs!

I go to the second floor and turned on the bedroom light: NOTHING. ☹ In the dark, standing still with my light on my head, checked the 2-wire connector...is OK. Could it then be the bulb?

Went down and up again getting another one. Tested it in my shack: OK. Installed it in the fitting: NOTHING. Went downstairs to check the fuse board. All switches are on!

Where is my screwdriver with neon bulb in it? Found it finally in my toolbox; on the bottom, of course, under a saw and hammer. Left all the tools out and went upstairs again, turned on light switch: NOTHING!!. Went to bed! The next day, I decided, when the sun would then be shining into my bedroom, I'd try again.

Next day: After inspection, I saw, at a glance, that one thick copper wire was broken inside its insulation. Whew!!!!

## 2 Meter DX Activity Night

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Join us for a 2 Meter Single Sideband DX Activity night, Thursday Nights at 7:30 PM on 144.230 MHz Upper Sideband.

Activity Night Facilitators: W6CRO, Chuck, and KI6FF, David.

### *The purpose of this radio get together is:*

- ❖ To increase activity.
- ❖ Provide the first 2 meter DX contacts for new operators.
- ❖ Continued DX challenges for all operators.
- ❖ To provide a forum and discussion for station improvement.
- ❖ To develop a network of friends who have a common interest and are willing to help one another.
- ❖ To have a lot of fun with our Ham radio hobby.

You need an all-mode radio capable of SSB operation on 2 meters. Most of the newer multi-band radios with HF, VHF, or UHF capability like the IC 706 or the FT 100 are suitable. To get started, use any antenna that will give acceptable SWR on the lower end of the 2 meter band.

*Come and check-in and plan on participating every week.*

### *A reminder for those used to working FM:*

- ❖ Remember to set the correct mode, USB.
- ❖ Turn off repeater offset and PLL tones.
- ❖ Center or turn off any RIT or XIT you might have turned on.
- ❖ Turn off or minimize speech compression.
- ❖ Set the tuning to the slowest (smallest frequency change per rotation).
- ❖ Tune to 144.230 MHz and tune slowly with the main tuning knob only until voices are natural sounding.



**OCARC****Board Meeting Minutes****2008-01-05**

The OCARC Board meeting was held at the JagerHaus Restaurant in Anaheim at 8:30AM on Saturday, 2008-01-05. There were a total of 15 members and visitors attending. There was a quorum of directors present, with only Bob-AF6C being absent on vacation.

**DIRECTOR REPORTS:**

- **Treasurer** – There was no report with last year's treasurer, Bob-AF6C, still on vacation.
- **Publicity** – Rich-KE6WWK advised that he wants to have a board discussion of how much publicity/recruiting the OCARC wants to do this year. Do we want to grow the membership...or just status quo?? Because of the long agenda, the topic will held for discussion until next month's board meeting.

**OLD BIZ:**

- **RF NewsLetter "Rotating" Editors**
  - January is Paul W6GMU
  - February is Loran KD6LRD
  - March is Bob AF6C
  - April is Nicholas AF6CF
- **Christmas Party**
  - Dan N6PEQ reported that the raffle netted over \$1,400 profit. More towers for the club...yeah!!
  - The winners of the Good-of-the-Club award plaque were Rich-KE6WWK and his wife Bev-KI6APH.
  - Bob-AF6C and Ken-W6HHC were awarded with "Special Recognition" plaques for their long-term work behind the scenes.
  - Winner of the Grand Prize IC-756Pro3 was Kenan-N6CCE.
- **Financial Audit Report**
  - Ken reported that an audit committee was appointed in 2007, and will start work as soon as last years treasurer returns from vacation.
  - A motion was passed to remove Kristin-K6PEQ and Cheryl-KG6KTT from the bank check signature files and add Paul-W6GMU and Willie-N8WP to the bank's

signature files for OCARC checks.

- **OCARC 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

- OCARC had it's beginnings in 1933. Willie-N8WP appointed Nicholas-AF6CF to be Chairman for "anniversary events and efforts" for the club. Dan-N6PEQ will help.
- One discussion was to get a "special event" call for the club to use for an outing or a contest.

- **OC Fair Ham Booth**

- There was general discussion that OCCARO is need of a person (or committee) to head-up the Ham Booth at the OC Fair this year. Kristin-K6PEQ explained that it can be a lot of work for one person...unless the duties are shared by more than one person.
- Willie-N8WP expressed his desire for the OCARC to be a "notable force" in Orange County events...and his desire for someone within OCARC to take up the challenge for the OC Fair. No one at the meeting volunteered.
- A motion was passed to put out a plea for an OC Fair Ham Booth director at the next club general meeting.
- It was agreed that the club would again staff two days of booth-duty at the fair.

- **Working with Scout Troops**

- Willie-N8WP expressed a strong desire for the OCARC to get involved with a local Boy Scout or Girl Scout Troop this year.
- Perhaps we could take over being counselors for a ham radio related merit badge?

- **Standard Form Letter for Inquiries**

- Willie-N8WP described that it took him an hour in order to respond to Tom - KI6LRQ e-mail looking for info about classes for emergency communications and what to look for in hand-held radios. Willie is looking for some standard responses that can be grabbed and sent in a quicker fashion.
- WEB master, Ken-W6HHC, said he would obtain a copy of Willie's response and add it to our existing "new to ham radio" WEB page.

- **Pay Pal for WEB Site**

- The board passed a motion for Willie-

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N8WP to pursue integrating Pay Pal with our membership form on the WEB site.

- **Online Membership Database**

- The board approved a motion for Willie to add an online membership database to the club's WEB site.
- Ken will provide Willie with the WEB site control passwords and FTP passwords.

- **OCARC Campout**

- Willie-N8WP headed a discussion for interest in holding one or two campouts where we can "play ham radio" too. There was general interest to schedule the first one after winter passes.

- **New 40M Net??**

- Willie-N8WP expressed a desire to create a new club 40M net that would allow further communications distances than the 10M net (like to Salton Sea - to hear Frank WF1A).
- There was general agreement that the club would NOT drop the current 10M net since it caters to Technician class licensees.
- The board passed a motion that we would ask about forming a new 40M net at the next club meeting.

- **ARRL Special Service Club Recognition**

- Dan-N6PEQ pointed out that the club's ARRL Special Service Club recognition had expired.
- Ken-W6HHC confirmed that he was peeved with the ARRL because they provided NO warning that are two-year recognition was going to expire.
- Ken will re-submit a new application.

- **Other New Biz Topics**

The following topics were also discussed with no action taken:

- CERT Training
- Fox Hunt Picnics

**GOOD OF CLUB:**

- Dave – K5FMT, from Lake Forest, joined the club at the breakfast meeting to become our first new member for 2008. Dave had discovered OCARC via our WEB site.
- Loran-KD6LRD reported that OCCARO (the local organization for ham clubs) is looking for a President and for a Director for the OC Fair Ham Booth for 2008.

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OCARC Secretary

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