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The Prez Sez...

By Nicholas AF6CF



QST QST QST! June is finally here, and you know what this means... Field Day, Field Day and more Field Day. We are as ready as we can be, and our Club members are now ready for the FD class with Professor Tim N6GP. This month we will have a special general meeting date just a week before and will talk about the final preparations, details and schedule. The two co-chairs are going to give the final advice to the membership so we should all be ready for a successful event. The new propane generator is ready to go and now is the food donations turn. Speaking of food, the Food Committee is debating what type and amount of food we should provide for each person

that shows up and helps at least a few hours on Friday. This year we will have a fully functional GOTA station so nobody will go home without operating. We plan to have a Public Relations person to show visitors around, and even some signs so people will not get lost looking for the stations. If you are a visitor and have an FCC license, this is the time to operate and have fun. On the other hand, if you have no license, you still can operate under the watchful eye of one of our team members. There are a few positions open to help in different areas, so hurry up to volunteer. The final result of this effort will depend on the degree of everybody's participation, and there is no doubt in my mind that this year we will do very well and have TONS of FUN in the process. As usual, after the event, we will evaluate our experiences and see how we can improve next time.

Finally, the **Breaking News!** We will now have our meetings **In-Person at the Red Cross building** so please make plans to attend. As usual, I look forward to an eyeball contact with you all at the next General Meeting.

73 DE AF6CF

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

June 17, 2022

19:00 hrs

IN PERSON at the

American Red Cross

**Blood Donation Center,
Santa Ana***

Speaker:

Chip Margelli, K7JA

Presents:

Field Day 2022

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Saturday, July 3, 2022

SPECIAL NOTICE:

**During the COVID-19 pandemic
ALL OCARC Nets will Remain
Active! (See page 2)**

***Also available on Zoom for those
who cannot attend in person.**

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**Monthly Events:****Membership Meetings***

Time: 7:00 PM

When: 3rd Friday of each Month

Red Cross Blood Donation Center, Tustin

*See ZOOM announcement pg. 1

Board Meetings

July 02 at 8:15 AM

Board will handle Club business by

IN-PERSON and ZOOM. See page 13

Field Day

See Announcements in Newsletter

Club Nets (Listen for W6ZE):**10M: 28.375 ± MHz SSB**

Wed- 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Net Control: Corey, KE6YHX

2M: 146.55 MHz Simplex FM

Wed- 8:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Net Control: Corey, KE6YHX

75M 3.883 MHz LSB

Tue @ 8:00 PM

Net Control: Corey, KE6YHX

CATALINA AMATEUR REPEATER ASSOCIATION (CARA)

147.090 MHz (+0.600 MHz) No PL

Monday - Friday

9:00AM and 9:00PM

Prg. Director. Tom W6ETC

OCARC 2022 DUES**Membership period is:**

1 January to 31 December

Individual New or Renewal:	\$30.
Family New or Renewal:	\$45.
Teen New or Renewal:	\$15.

New Member Dues are prorated quarterly and includes a badge:
Additional Badges: • \$ 3.
Use one of our interactive online forms to calculate current prices, join the club and/or order badges:

Online Forms / Dues & Badges

• \$3. plus mailing costs if applicable
Dues are subject to change without notice



IMPORTANT NOTICE

OCARC General Membership Meeting

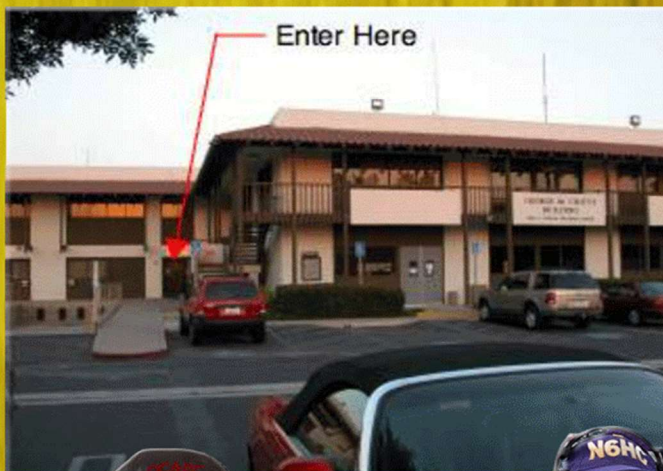
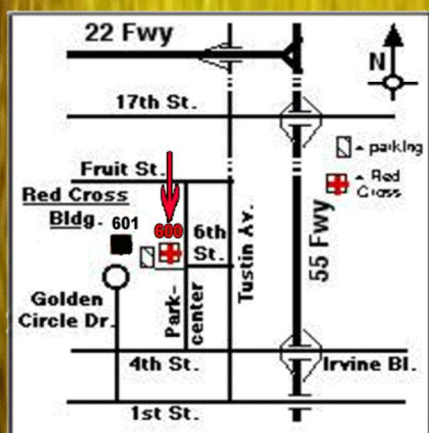
for June 17, 2022 at 19:00 Hrs

has **RETURNED TO** the

American Red Cross

600 Parkcenter Drive
Santa Ana, CA 92705
2nd Story, Room 208

IN-PERSON MEETINGS



Graphic by Tom W6ETC

ORANGE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

2022 Field Day

Setup: Friday June 24th

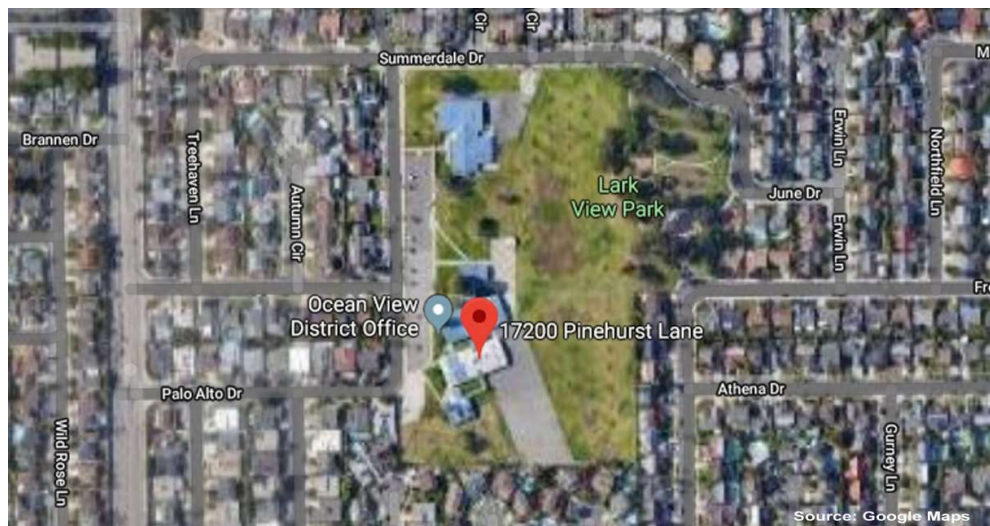
Operations: Saturday-Sunday June 25th & 26th

Takedown: Sunday June 26th



We (The OCARC) will be returning to what is typically call a “normal” Field Day this year. The OCARC Field Day site will be at the following location:

**Ocean View School District Office
17200 Pinehurst Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92647**



Field Day officially runs for 24-hours beginning on Saturday, June 25 at 11:00 AM local time running through the next 24-hours ending at 10:59 on Sunday. Several years ago, the rules changed so that we are now permitted to begin setting up for the exercise the day before so, Friday, June 24 is that set-up day.

The fun of the Field Day operations cannot happen without support in setting up and dismantling of the site. Three work parties are necessary to support the OCARC effort so if you are planning to attend and can help in the set-up, PLEASE advise one of our two Field Day chairmen in advance so they can coordinate everyone's efforts:

Work Party 1 <i>Equipment loading & Transportation</i>	Friday morning June 24 we will load the site equipment into trucks and transport it to the Field Day site. This normally takes approx.. 2 hours
Work Party 2 <i>Unloading/towers and antenna installations. Site setup</i>	Friday early afternoon June 24 the equipment will be on site, and we will erect towers, antennas, and band stations. This effort requires a great deal of help. As an example; raising our 50' towers require approximately 12 members to do it safely. We will have multiple smaller towers to erect plus the individual antennas and popup tents. We will have two large 20'x20' tents with tables and chairs.
Work Party 3 <i>Takedown, loading and returning equipment to storage</i>	Field Day officially ends at 11:00 am Sunday morning and dismantling of the site will begin immediately thereafter. Again, we will need approximately 12 members just to lower the towers. The dismantling of the site and loading the trucks normally finishes by approximately 2:00 pm.

We can't stress enough the need for member support in these efforts.

Please volunteer to help as much as you can with any or all three of the work parties.

Your help is needed!



Special Note: Due to the ongoing Covid19 Pandemic, mask protocols* will be in place to minimize exposure to our band station operators. In this regard, if you would like to operate and work SSB and have a headset, please bring it for your personal use.

Water and coffee and provisions will be available, and plans are in the works to offer food as well. Watch your E-mail for further details.

Hope to see you all there,

Tim, W6TMT Field Day Co-chairman

Nicholas, AF6CF Field Day Co-chairman



COME JOIN US FOR ARRL FIELD DAY

2022



Setup Friday, June 24th (Volunteers needed)
Begins: Saturday, June 25th 1800 UTC (11AM)
Ends: Sunday, June 26th 1800 UTC (11AM)
Takedown begins immediately following End of FD



Where:

**Ocean View School District
17200 Pinehurst Lane in Huntington Beach**

ORANGE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB W6ZE

For more information go to www.W6ZE.org



Upcoming Activities:

June

- ***ARRL June VHF QSO Party:** 1800 UTC Saturday June 11 through 0259 UTC Monday June 13.
- **Kids Day:** 1800 UTC through 2359 UTC Saturday in June 18.
- **Field Day:** 1800 UTC Saturday 25 through 1800 UTC Sunday 26.

July

- **RAC Canada Day Contest:** 0000 UTC through 2359 UTC Wednesday July 1.
- **IARU HF World Championships:** 1200 UTC Saturday July 9 through 1200 UTC Sunday July 10.
- ***CQ WW VHF Contest:** 1800 UTC Saturday July 16 through 2100 UTC Sunday July 17.
- **RSGB IOTA Contest:** 1200 UTC Saturday July 30 through 1200 UTC Sunday July 31.

* Indicates club entries are accepted

** Indicates team entries are accepted

Note: When submitting logs for ARRL Contests indicate your club affiliation as "Orange County ARC"

State QSO Parties:

- **West Virginia QSO Party:** 1600 UTC Saturday June 18 to 0400 UTC Sunday June 19.

Repeating Activities:

- **Phone Fry** Every Tuesday night at 0230 UTC to 0300 UTC Wednesday
- **SKCC** Weekend Sprintathon (Straight Key CW) on the first weekend of the month after the 6TH of the month. 1200 Sat. to 2359Z Sunday
- **SKCC** Sprint (Straight Key CW) 0000Z to 0200Z on the 4th Tuesday night (USA) of the month.
- **CWops** Every Wednesday 1300 UTC to 1400 UTC 1900 UTC to 2000 UTC and Thursday 0300 UTC to 0400 UTC
- **K1USN Slow Speed Test:** (CW, 20WPM Max.) Every Friday 2000 UTC to 2100 UTC
Every Sunday night at 0000 UTC to 0100 UTC Monday
- **ICWC Medium Speed Test:** (CW, 25WPM Max. Every Monday 1300 UTC to 1400 UTC 1900 UTC to 2000 UTC and Tuesday 0300 UTC to 0400 UTC

**RadioActivity Continued:
OCARC Club Nets:**

- **75 Meter Net:** Every Tuesday night at 8:00 pm to 8:30 pm Local Time. SSB 3.883 MHz
- **10 Meter Net:** Every Wednesday night at 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm Local Time. SSB 28.375 MHz
- **2 Meter Net:** Every Wednesday night at 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm Local Time. FM Simplex 146.55 MHz

Other Nets:

- **Catalina Amateur Repeater Association (CARA)**
Net@9 Wellness & Support Net
Monday thru Friday
9:00am and 9:00 pm Local Time
147.090 MHz (+600 MHz) No PL
Echolink: *CATALINA* AllStar # 51597
Facebook page: CARA NET@9

Do you have a favorite ham radio related activity that you would like see included into the RadioActivity lineup? Just send an email to Ron W6WG, w6wg@w6ze.org with your comments and suggestions?



Net@9
AMATEUR RADIO WELLNESS & SUPPORT
Catalina
Amateur Repeater Association
COME JOIN US
9 AM & 9 PM Monday – Friday on CARA Repeaters:
2M: 147.090 MHz (+0.600 MHz) No PL and
1.25M: 224.420 MHz (-1.600 MHz) PL 110.9 repeaters.
Also available on EchoLink node *CATALINA*



Image during sunset at Winter Field Day 2022

What in the World Does a Callsign Like LW8DJC/D Mean?

by Tim Goeppinger N6GP

This April I was on 20m FT8, and I spotted a weird callsign scroll by on the decode screen. LW8DJC/D - what is that? Some special event? I had no idea. I did some Google searches that yielded no answers.

So, I went to the FT8/FT4.... group on Facebook, and asked the question: What does this CALLSIGN/D mean? Within a couple of hours, Emiliano Guiterrez, LW6EGE posted the answer, which is specific to his country of Argentina.

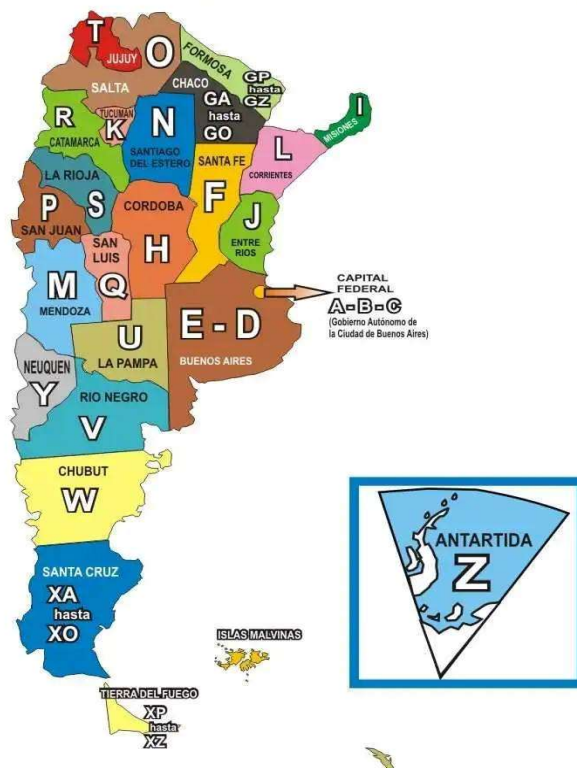
He says that Argentina uses letters for their call areas, not numbers. The numbers are meaningless, with one small exception. Your letter district letter is the first letter after the number (suffix).

There are 23 provinces in Argentina, and the populous Buenos Aires area is assigned 2 letters, D and E. Z is reserved for LU stations in Antarctica. So, the LW8DJC/D was just portable in his own D district, much like I would be N6GP/6. Emiliano says that the portable designator is not required by the government regulators, but that some ops just prefer to use it.

The only number that has any meaning in the Argentine calls is zero. They are special purpose calls that are only issued during emergencies. What about the LT0H callsign? That was a special exemption a few years ago and has since been revoked.

For you paper chasers, the Radio Club Argentino has the “Toda La Republica Argentina” (worked all Argentina) award for stations working all 24 areas. Maybe you have already earned it – check your QSLs. Link: <https://www.lu4aa.org/wp/awards-program/>

SUFijos DE LA REPUBLICA ARGENTINA



Changes at ARRL Sixth District QSL Bureau

From the 6th Area QSL Bureau Site <http://www.qslbureau.org/>

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of our Sixth District QSL Bureau General Manager [Bob, KC6AWX](#) in March. He will be missed.

His passing will result in a delay in the next mailing to the Bureau Segment Sorters and therefore a delay in mailings to account holders here. Please bear with us and check back for updates.

Update 11 May 2022 --- NOTE NEW ADDRESS now in Stockton.

Our new Bureau Managers are John, NZ6Q and Annie, N6ACL. They are getting things organized and back up to speed. Shipments to the Sorters are being prepared. Stay tuned for more updates. Thank you for your patience.

New Bureau Address: PO Box 7488, Stockton, CA 95267-0488



Image above is from our May 2022 speaker, Clint Bradford, K6LCS

His topic was:
“How to Work Amateur Satellites with Your HT”

His website is chocked full of **How-To** for working with **ham satellites**.

www.work-sat.com

OCARC BOARD MEETING MINUTES 2022-06-04

Due to the waning pandemic, the sixth Board Meeting of the year was in-person, and two Board members attended via Zoom on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at Tom W6ETC's QTH in Tustin.

The meeting was called to order by club president, Nicholas Haban AF6CF at 8:29 AM PDT. All ten (10) directors were present for a quorum, including the two who attended by Zoom. We had one visitor, Jim KB6TKA. There were seventeen (17) topics brought to the Board this morning, including four (4) Director Reports and thirteen (13) agenda items. One (1) motion was carried, adjournment.



Fig 1 – All ten (10) Board Directors were present.
Two directors attended by Zoom, and one guest in-person.

Director Reports

Nicholas AF6CF calls for director reports.

-Treasurer: Ken W6HHC reports our income since the beginning of the year totals \$2,607. We have outflows totaling \$342, for a net increase of \$2,264 [See page 18 - editor]. Storage facility rental is discussed.

-Activities: Ron W6WG reports we have the room at the American Red Cross reserved for the rest of the year.

-Publicity: Tom W6ETC has the flyers at HRO, but they are not the standard trifold. An acrylic trifold holder is available online. A label to identify the holder as club property would be needed.

-Director-at-Large: Tim M. N6TMT reports we need a GOTA Captain for this year's ARRL Field Day.

Old Business**•Newsletter Editors**

June: Steve N1BKB
July: Tom W6ETC
August: Tim G. N6GP

September: Tim M. N6TMT
October: Corey KE6YHX (Updated 6/14/22)

•General Meeting Programs

June: Chip Margelli K7JA talks about Field Day 2022
July: —to be determined—
August: —to be determined—

September: Edison Fong WB6IQN presents: "J-Pole Antennas"
October: —to be determined—

•PayPal Account Ownership

This item is tabled for next month.

•Continuation of Zoom Hybrid Meetings

It is advantageous for us to continue to include Zoom in the General Meetings. Details regarding Internet access and large-screen use at the ARC location are planned.

•Old Generator Plans

Bob AF6C reports the generator maintenance is in-progress.

•Summer Field Day 2022 Plans

-Field Day Co-Chair Tim M. N6TMT reports the details of Field Day were mostly worked-out at the Field Day Planning Meeting in May. We need a GOTA Captain, and an LMR feed-line is needed. A board member can provide the feed-line. Meals are discussed.

-The (club's) generator has been prepared (for FD).

-A budget of \$600 plus food was agreed upon at the May 7, Board Meeting.

•Tower Base Repair

Tim M. N6TMT reports the tower base repair has been completed, but some hardware is needed. The Board agrees Atlee N2CNC is to be renewed as an Honorary Member for 2023.

•Equipment Donations/Tower Donation

-Bob AF6C reports the tower recovered from the SK donation last month is on a trailer at a member's QTH. It is to be advertised and put up for sale.

•Ken W6HHC's Workload - Status

There are more tasks on Ken's OCARC plate currently than he has time to accomplish and still live a normal life. He wants to have members take over most of these OCARC responsibilities.

Ken has now offloaded six of his OCARC duties as listed below:

- 1) ~~Webmaster~~ – Dan KI6X (Ken recommends Dan for the position to the president at the board meeting)
- 2) ~~Publishing RF to Website~~ – DONE - Corey KE6YHX
- 3) ~~Managing Editor of RF Newsletter~~ – DONE - Tom W6ETC
- 4) ~~Converting Newsletter to PDF~~ – Tom W6ETC and Corey KE6YHX are both willing - DONE
- 5) ~~Publishing RF Newsletter by e-mail to membership~~ - DONE - Secretary
- 6) ~~Responsible for group emails to membership~~ - DONE – Secretary Corey KE6HKX
- 7) Drop "heavy duty" board positions after December 2022.

- Dan Violette KI6X is appointed Web Master by the president.
- Corey Miller KE6YHX has accepted duties two (2), four (4), five (5), and six (6).

New Business

•American Red Cross Meeting Location, Zoom Access

Ron W6WG reports we have the American Red Cross room for our General Meetings for the rest of the year.

•In-Person Board Meetings

Unless otherwise advised, Board Meetings to continue to be held at Tom W6ETC QTH for remainder of this year. An alternate meeting location will be looked into. The Board agrees Tom W6ETC should be reimbursed for his expenses.

•Newsletter Managing Editor

The prevailing opinion of the Board is that there is value in the title of "Managing Editor."

Show-and-Tell/Good of the Club

-Ron W6WG built an "ultra-sharp-receive filter for 40m phone." Testing for further production for the club is a good prospect.

-Nicholas AF6CF built an advanced battery-box.

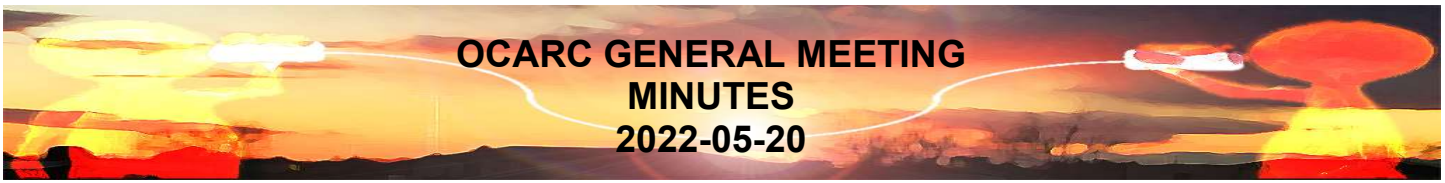
-Tim G. N6GP reports the ARRL VHF Contest is this weekend, and the ARRL is trying a new FT8/FT4 contest, today.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn is made, seconded, and carried at 10:26 AM PDT.

--Respectfully submitted by Corey KE6YHX, OCARC Secretary





Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the fifth General Meeting of the year was via Zoom* on Friday, May 20, 2022. The meeting was called to order by (its) club president, Nicholas Haban AF6CF at 7:00 PM PDT.

There were twenty-four (24) members, guests and visitors present*, including our speaker.

Pledge of Allegiance

Nicholas plays a video to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01 PM PDT.

Meeting Presentation

Nicholas AF6CF turns the meeting over to club vice president Tim Goeppinger N6GP. Tim introduces Clint Bradford K6LCS, who presents "How to Work Amateur Satellites with Your HT."

•Questions and Answers

Clint K6LCS takes questions from the audience.

Four members have questions for Clint. Clint provides detailed explanations and references. He concludes with a mention of the international goodwill on the International Space Station and a recommendation for Field Day 2022.

Tim N6GP and the attendees appreciate Clint's humorous, informative and inspiring presentation and Tim calls for a round of applause. Thanks again from the Orange County Amateur Radio Club.

Business Meeting

Club president, Nicholas AF6CF starts the business meeting at 8:31 PM PDT. There were nine (9) Board members present for a quorum. Our treasurer was absent. Four (4) topics were brought to the Board tonight, including two (2) Director Reports and two (2) discussions. One (1) motion was carried, adjournment.

•Director Reports

Nicholas AF6CF starts the Director Reports.

-Technical: Steve N1BKB asks if we are keeping the SK donation of a Kenwood 930S transceiver. The recommendation is to keep it for Field Day and as a club loaner. The Henry 2KD5 Amplifier is up for sale. Contact Steve N1BKB n1bkb@aol.com if you are interested.

-Membership: Bob AF6C reports our membership is now at 92 members.

•Field Day 2022

Field Day Co-Chairman Tim M. N6TMT announces the next Field Day Planning Meeting on Wednesday, May 25th. Field Day is on June 25th and 26th of this year. Operators can fill-in occasionally during breaks. We need hands to help with setup on Friday the 24th, operating on Saturday, then teardown on Sunday afternoon.

Field Day Co-Chairman Nicholas AF6CF recommends volunteer operators coordinate with the band captains. Nicholas also mentions generator maintenance, and the needed tools should be available with it.

A Field Day University is planned if enough people are interested.

Plywood, carpet, AstroTurf, and cardboard to lay on the grass under the chairs and equipment are considered, as well as wearing masks in the tents.

•**SK Tower Move:** Bob AF6C brings up the plans for the tower-move on Saturday. The equipment for the move seems adequate, and the time has been moved to 11:00 AM PDT.

Ask the Elmer/Good of the Club

There are no items for Ask the Elmer or the Good of the Club.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried at 9:07 PM PDT.

--Respectfully submitted by Corey KE6YHX OCARC Secretary



Volunteer now to:

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Volunteer now to:

Help Set-Up (24th)

Operate (25th-26th)

Take Down (26th)

**Contact the Field Day Co-Chairmen
and Let Us Know if...**

You Plan to Assist & Attend

A Battery Box For Field Day and Beyond

by Nicholas AF6CF

During the past years, several Club members have made “battery boxes” to use during emergencies as well as the annual ARRL Field Day. Most of these designs were made with a standard LiFePO4 battery into an “ammo case” and a battery charger. These work very well for QRP operations and as a source of emergency power to charge your phone, tablet or any other small device.

Based on this concept, I decided to try design something a little bigger that can be used around the house or in the field to power a 100W radio, or maybe a small fridge when you go camping.

The base elements were an Apache 3800 case and a pure sine wave inverter, coupled with a 40AH LiFePO4 battery and charger that I had.

The idea was to make a device that will be both powerful and portable, so it was decided that a solar charge controller was not necessary. If we want to charge the battery with a solar panel, it's a simple matter to use an external charge controller.



Finished Battery Box

Devices:

- 1) 40 AH LiFePO4 battery.
- 2) 10 AH 120 VAC charger
- 3) 300W Pure Sine Wave Inverter
- 4) 12V Battery voltmeter
- 5) 120V AC voltmeter
- 6) Temperature indicator

Connections:

- 1) 120 VAC line input
- 2) 120 VAC outlets x2 (one each side)
- 3) 40A Power Pole (top)
- 4) 20A Dual Power Poles on upper side
- 5) 12V Cigarette lighter socket on upper side
- 6) USB charger (2 outlets)

There are two switches on the top of the case, one is a 50A battery cutoff switch and the other one is the inverter ON/OFF. A pushbutton is provided to read battery volts.

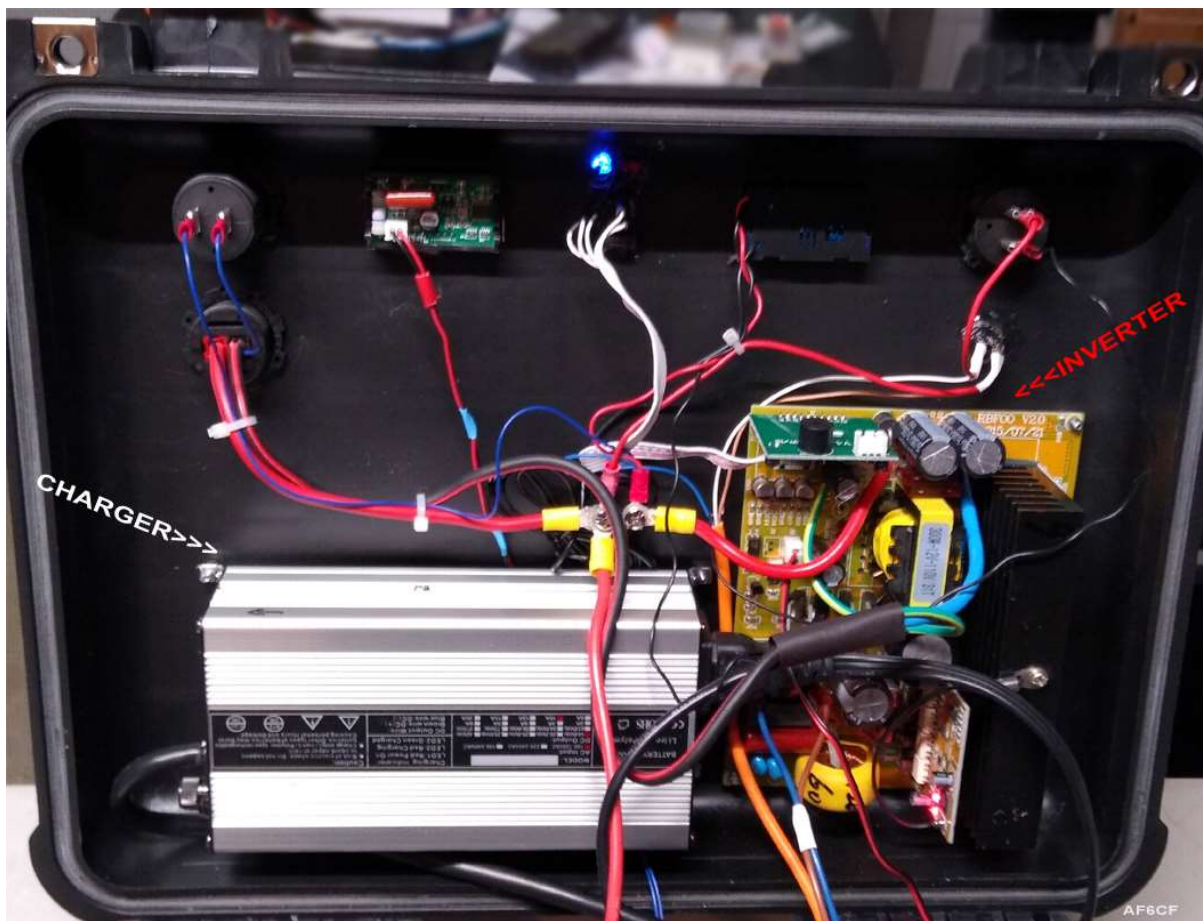
The 300W inverter had a big enclosure, but the board inside was of a smaller size so it fits in.



Operation:

When you leave a charger and/or an inverter permanently connected to your battery, there is a small current drawn by these devices, so if you leave them connected, after a few weeks the battery will be totally drained. Not a good thing for a device intended for emergency operations, where you have NO power.

To solve this, I installed a 50A battery disconnect switch (big red object in the first picture) and two relays (K1 and K2 in the schematic). The purpose of the first relay is to isolate the charger from the battery and the second one turns on the voltmeter to have a charge status indication (14.6 is full). Refer to the schematic diagram for additional details.



The 10A charger is on the left side and the Inverter to the right

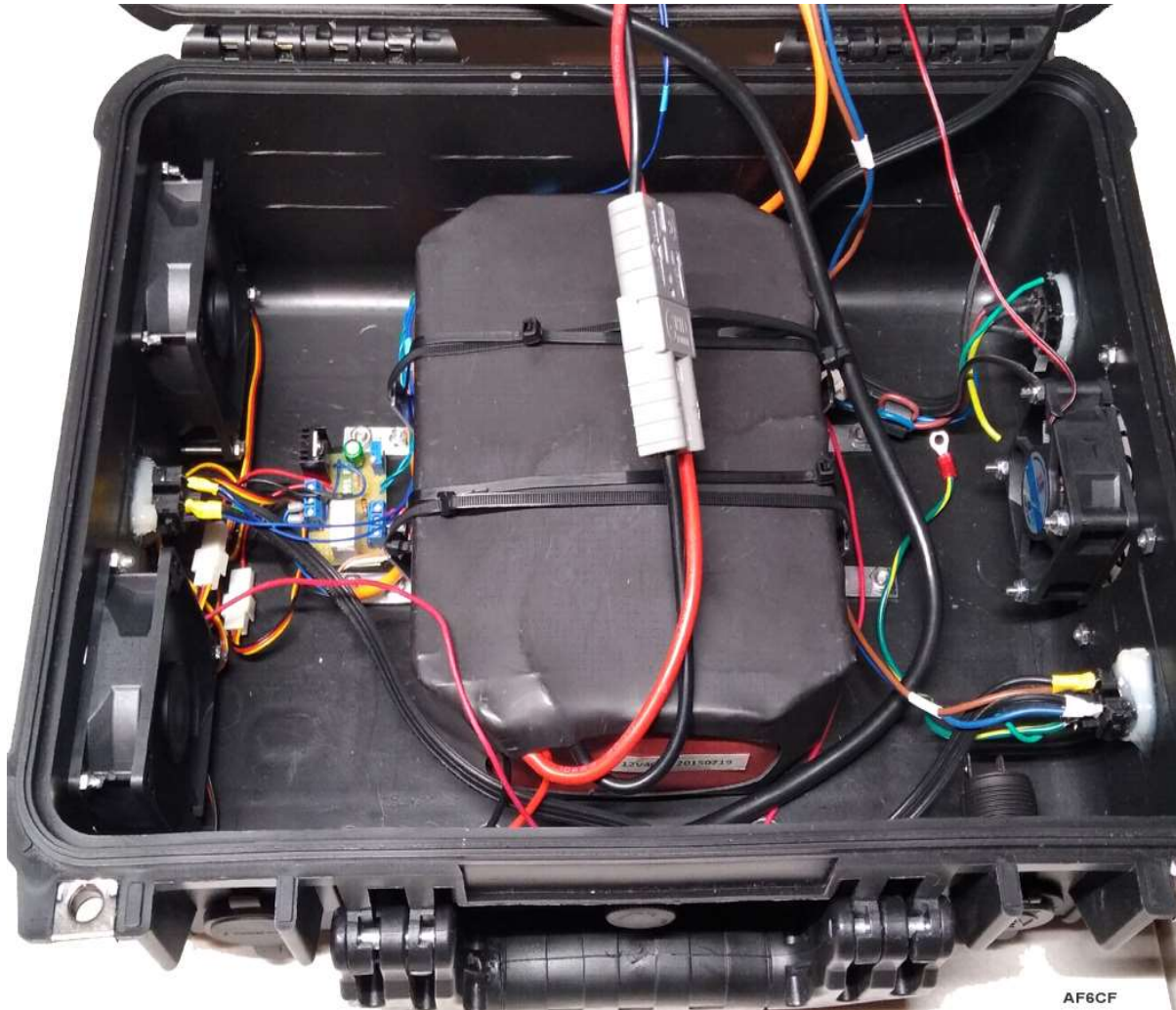
Against better judgment and popular belief, I decided NOT to put a fuse in series with the battery this time because in case of an internal or external short, the BMS (Battery Management System) inside the battery will take over and shut it down.

By the same token, there is no need to place the Anderson connectors or the lighter socket behind the main switch. This way, if all you need is 12 volts, it's always available without extra drain from the inverter, USB, etc. Also, the solar charge controller would be connected to the Power Poles.

Battery:

The battery is rather heavy, so I used a metal plate attached to the case by screws holding four “L” brackets that are used to keep the battery in place via zip-ties.

The metal plate sits between the battery and the case, providing more strength to the case. The battery came with both the large grey power poles and the small 45A ones.



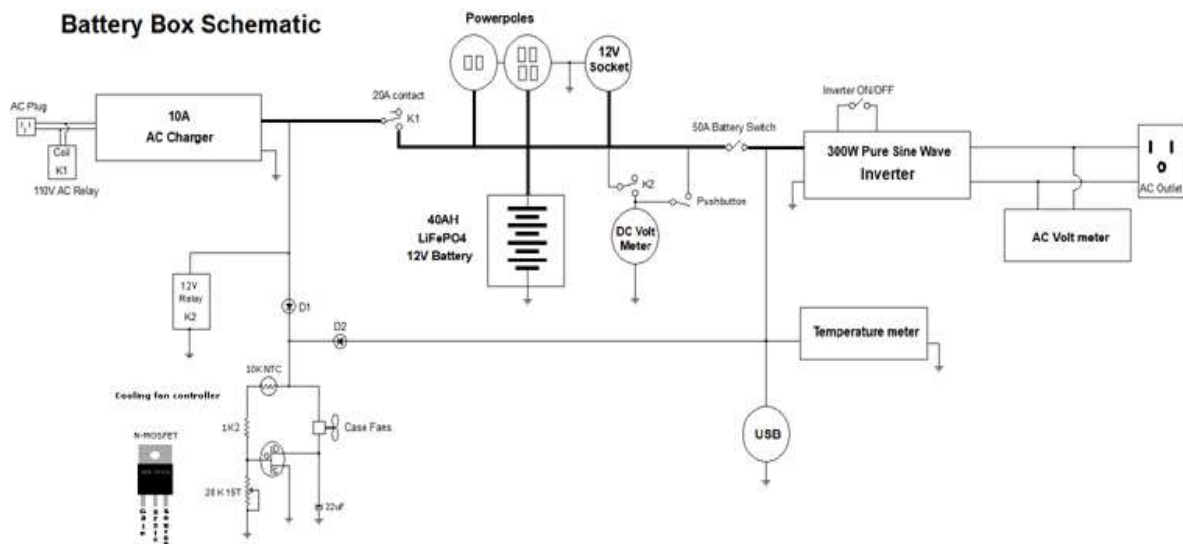
Ventilation:

The inverter had its own temperature-controlled fan (right one in the picture) but when the charger or the inverter is on, the temperature inside the case can be too hot and could melt the plastic, so it was decided to add two more fans on the opposite side to cool down the unit if necessary.

The fan controller is the small circuit board to the left of the battery. It will be powered when either the charger or the inverter are “ON”.

Construction:

This is not a construction article, just a description of what can be made with a bunch of parts and spare time. If you want to build one, contact me and I can provide some guidance and technical support and even some parts.



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- ✓ All parts are standard and there are no critical values or components.
- ✓ The thick lines indicate heavy wire (10 AWG).
- ✓ I used standard 100V 1A rectifier diodes (Schottky would be better).
- ✓ Any N-Channel MOSFET will work (I used a IRFZ44).
- ✓ The 12V relay is the smallest you can get.
- ✓ The 110VAC relay has to have at least 10A contacts.
- ✓ The trimpot is adjusted to stop the fans at or below 72F.

Sources:

- Apache 3800: Harbor Freight
- 40AH LiFePO4: Bioenno Tech
- 300W Inverter: eBay or Amazon
- 50A Battery switch: Amazon
- Relays: eBay and/or Digi-Key
- Power Poles: HAM Radio Outlet
- 12V socket: Amazon
- Temperature meter: Amazon
- Small components: Junk-box & eBay

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OCARC Cash Flow - Year to Date

1/1/2022 through 6/2/2022

Category	1/1/2022- 6/2/2022
INFLOWS	
Dues, Family (PayPal)	128.82
Dues, Membership	330.00
Dues, Membership (PayPal)	2,148.48
TOTAL INFLOWS	2,607.30
OUTFLOWS	
Web Site Hosting	104.95
WFD	26.68
WFD - Food	17.90
WFD - Propane	43.06
WFD Rental - Tent	150.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	342.59
OVERALL TOTAL	2,264.71



Photo by N6GP: Colorful Night life at the OCARC June 2021 FD
(Front to Rear) - Wayne KH6WZ's decorated tent and the CW behind followed by the PHONE tent to the rear.

EFHW Antenna Update**“Hoist it up the Flagpole”
or is it...****“Raise it up the Chimney”****by Ken Konechy W6HHC**

I just finished re-doing my **End-Fed-Half-Wave (EFHW) wire-antenna installation for 20M/10M** for a third time on Monday, June 6.

1) “Flag-Pole” pulley rope

The rope pulley-system on the chimney was changed to a Flag-Pole system (one rope goes up - one rope goes down). The pulley system work much more "positively" now. No more “gravity feed” to lower the wire anymore.

2) Larger Ferrite Toroid

The old impedance-transformer that I used for my EFHW antenna from **VIBROPLEX.com** was rated at 1KW (on SSB). But my key-down tests (at 150W) for SWR measurements would heat up the internal ferrite core to the point in five seconds that I could see the SWR changing. Ferrite toroid's lose current-handling inductance performance at higher temperatures.



I installed a larger impedance-transformer that had a larger core and better ferrite-materials from **MyAntennas.com** (model **MEF-330-2K-Plus** rated at 2 KW) that works perfectly. The Impedance is still normal and there is no more overheating with the larger toroid.

3) Fine-Tuning the Resonance

I slightly shortened the wire length to change the resonance point from 13.967 MHz to 14.070 MHz in order to optimize FT-8 operations on 20M.

Since I **DO NOT** climb ladders or climb roofs anymore, I used the services of Mike Cleary AI6WE (aka the "tower monkey") to install this antenna revision for me.

Mike AI6WE always does fast and reasonably priced work for me.

If you live locally and need help with your installation Mike AI6WE can be reached at (951) 764-7534 (QTH near Murrieta, California).

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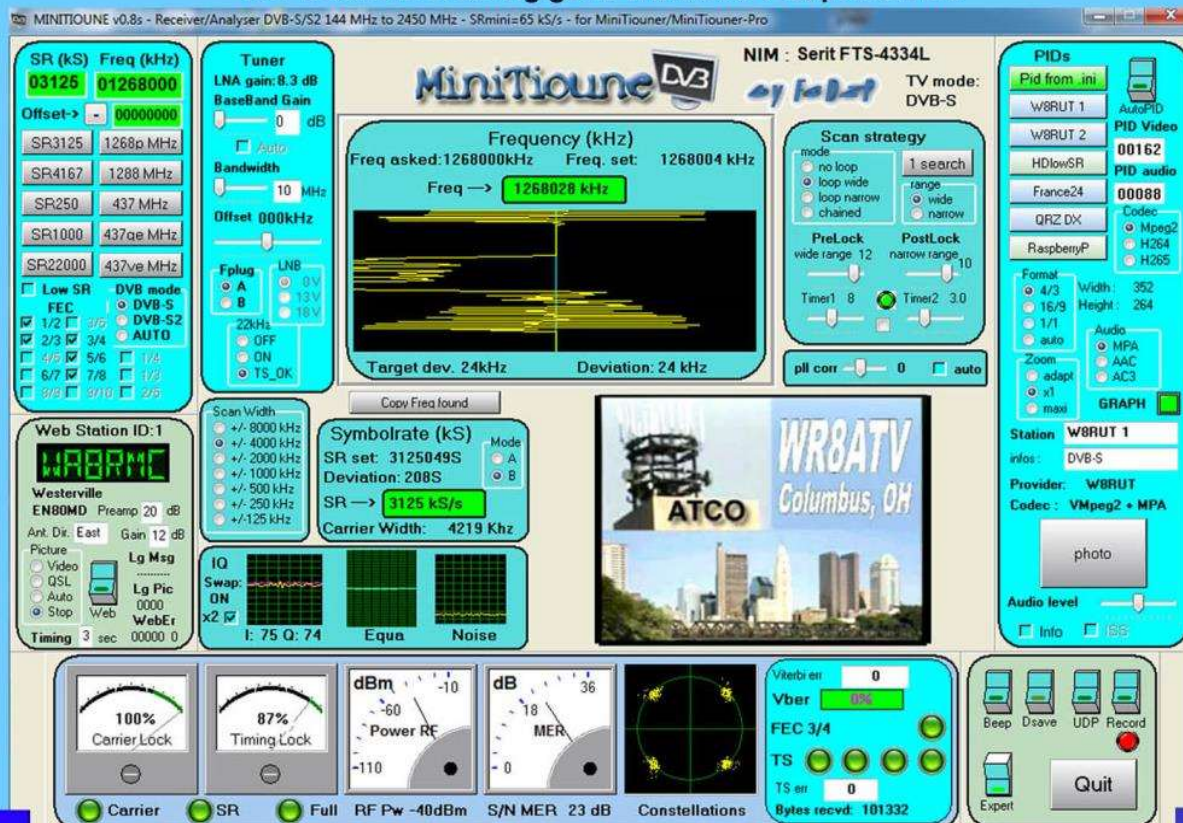
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- Operates with Windows PC using free MiniTioune software from Jean-Pierre F6DZP
- Smaller than a stack of 2 decks of cards (picture above is full size)
- Two independent simultaneous RF inputs with internal preamps
- High sensitivity -100dBm @1288MHz – at 1/2 FEC
- Fully assembled/tested in aluminum enclosure
- Covers 144-2420MHz (ideal for Space Station DATV reception)
- Symbol rates from 75 KSymb/s to >20 MSymbols/sec
- Uses external 8-24VDC supply or +5V from USB-3 port (with small modification)
- Real time signal modulation constellation & dBm signal strength display
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(MiniTioune display above is the ATCO 1268MHz DVB-S repeater signal at WA8RMC QTH 15 miles away).