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The Prez Sez... By Nicholas AF6CF



This way to the new year...

Ho Ho Ho! We are finally in Dec and the last month of the year is when we pause to look back and reflect on what we accomplished in the last twelve months as a Club and make plans and dream for a better future.

We had one of the best Field Day events in the Club's history, a great many speakers for meetings, and a fantastic auction. But also, this is the month to celebrate and party. With lots of opportunity drawing prizes, our Club this year had a great turnout for the dinner event. As expected, the party was a GREAT event and those who helped to make it happen did a very good job.

Congratulations to Janet Margelli KL7MF for winning a well deserved

OCARC Good of the Club Award for her outstanding job helping the Club with program speakers.

A BIG thank you to Bob AF6C for again doing the Club badges and certificates. Many thanks also to all of those that helped the Club for a successful Winter Field Day.

Many thanks too to those companies and individuals who donated prizes to make sure that almost everyone left the dinner party event happy.

Now is the time to focus on the New Year, with Winter Field Day next month. We hope to keep dominating the event scores like in the past few years. So HAPPY HOLIDAYS to everybody and we'll see you next year.

73 DE AF6CF



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

OCARC Guest speaker:

Charlie Spetnagel - W6KK
a member of So. CA DX Club
and No. CA DX Foundation
will speak on the:

**2012 NH8S Swains Island
DXpedition**

**Jan 19th, 2024, at 7PM
at the**

**American Red Cross
600 Parkcenter Drive
Room 208 Santa Ana**

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Saturday, January 6th, 2024

Streamliner Lounge & Cafe

See www.w6ze.org for more info

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Monthly Events

Membership Meetings*

Time: 7:00 PM
When: 3rd Friday of each Month
Red Cross Orange County, Room 208
600 N Parkcenter Dr, Santa Ana
(Replaced by the Christmas Party
on December 8th)

Board Meetings

First Saturday of each Month
*Board will handle Club business now
IN-PERSON.*

Club Nets (Listen for W6ZE)

10M ~ 28.375 MHz SSB

Wed- 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Net Control: Corey, KE6YHX
Alternate Net Control: AJ, KN6WNO

2M ~ 146.55 MHz Simplex FM

Wed- 8:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Net Control: Corey, KE6YHX
Echolink Node: KK6TRC-L

75M ~ 3.883 MHz LSB

Tue @ 8:00 PM
Net Control: Corey, KE6YHX

Other Nets

**Catalina Amateur
Repeater Association (CARA)**
147.090 MHz (+0.600 MHz) No PL
Monday - Friday
9:00AM & 9:00PM
Prg. Director. Tom W6ETC
COME JOIN US

OCARC 2024 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 Badges¹ \$3

Use one of our interactive online forms
to calculate current prices, join, renew, or
order badges:

<https://www.w6ze.org/FormsShortcut.html>

¹ \$3 or less + mailing. See form.

OCARC December Dinner Party

Photo Collection



Guests gathered early at Mimi's Café. This is one of two tables at the packed attendance this year.



Guests and members also filled a second table. The choice of four entrees ensured everyone had a tasty dinner.



Our Guest Speaker was Arnie Shatz N6HC, speaking on "What it takes to be part of the team on a DX-pedition".



El Presidente, Nicholas Haban AF6CF, introduced the new Board of Officers for 2024



The OCARC officers for 2024 – (L-R) Prez Nicholas AF6CF, Secretary Tim N6TMT, D-A-L Ken W6HHC, Publicity AJ KN6WNO, Membership Corey KE6YHX, Treasurer Tim N6GP, VP Janet KL7MF, Technical Ron W6WG, D-A-L Joe KM6SVV



There were two Grand-Prizes this year. Tom Culhane KA9FRH (center) was the winner of the Solar-Grand-Prize. The solar kit included a folding 100W solar panel, a 20Ah LiFePO4 battery w/ charger, and a 30A solar charging controller for LiFePO4 batteries.



The winner of the Grand-Radio-Prize is Tim Millard N6TMT. The rig is from TYT model TH-9800 28/50/144/430 MHz quad-band for mobile or base operations. (L) Tom W6ETC, the club Activities chair organized the prizes for the December Dinner Party.



In 2023, this club award was presented to Janet KL7MF. The "Good of the Club Award" is presented annually to the OCARC club member who has made the most significant contribution to the club for the year. In 1997, this annual award was then dedicated to the memory of Kei Yamachika - W6NGO, for his year-after-year contributions in support of our club's activities.

Photo courtesy of Bob AF6C

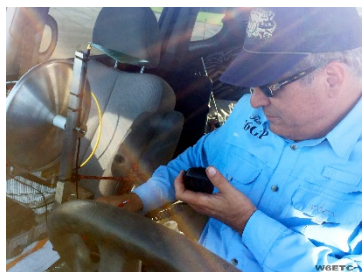


Help Continue the **WINTER FIELD DAY** Tradition in 2024

As you read this December 13, 2023 RF another year is winding down leaving only the holidays to be celebrated along with New Year's Eve and the singing of Auld Lang Syne while remembering the past year. However, don't be too downhearted, the new year brings an opportunity to again enjoy the traditions and friendships of the past.

The first event of the new year, that is truly becoming an OCARC tradition, is Winter Field Day. WFD 2024 will be the ninth time that our club has participated in this event. Our first attempt at WFD was in 2016 where we setup at Prado Regional Park, operating as 1O, one transmitter outdoors. We had three operators, **Doug K6PGH**, **Tim N6GP** and **Ron W6WG**.

Our results weren't much to brag about, 122 contacts and 3,098 points. WFD 2017 was at the same location, but we had dropped to two operators **Tim N6GP** and **Ron W6WG**. Points were a little better that year at 8,480 and we finished 15 out of 182 entries, things were looking up.



Tim suggested, in the future we find a location in Orange County where it would be more likely to attract more OCARC members. Taking Tim's suggestion, a new site for WFD 2018 was found and this is when a new OCARC tradition really begins.

My daughter-in-law happened to be working at the Ocean View School District's office in Huntington Beach. The District office site "fit the bill" and was exactly what we needed. Participation for WFD 2018 was up with **Bob AF6C, Clem W0MEC, Doug K6PGH, Greg W6ATB, Jim AF6N, Rodger (AI6WV) N6GMT, Tim N6GP, Tom W6ETC, Jeff KK6TRC, Vijay (KM6IZO) NA6VJ, Tom KA9FRH, Endaf N6UTC** and myself **Ron W6WG**, by either operating or providing logistical support.



With this added effort W6ZE's score rose to 30,869 points and placed us 5th out of 220 entries.

The years from 2019 to 2023 were all-out efforts with the likes of **Chip K7JA (SK), Bob AA6PW, Arnie N6HC, Dan KI6X, Neil N6VHF** and many others who have now become regular participants in WFD. We have posted some of the highest scores for each of the celebrated WFD events for the past five years.

There have been **rule changes for WFD 2024** which could affect how OCARC members participate. For example;

1) There isn't a "Club" class where members running as single ops can combine their scores with other OCARC members. You need to be at the W6ZE site to contribute to a winning W6ZE score.

2) There are **NO** bonus points. Total scores are based on QSO points (phone contacts = 1 point, CW and digital contacts = 2 points) x Power Output Multipliers (100W maximum=1, QRP=2) x Band/Mode Multiplier.



The Band/Mode Multiplier becomes a very important factor in the equation.

Tim N6GP has in the past done an excellent job of working the bands by focusing on and seeking out multipliers, which is one of the secrets of our success. And I'll let you in on another secret. It's the teamwork and support of OCARC Board of Directors, it's membership and efforts of our operators and help to put us over the top.



As the title of this article reads, **please help continue** the WINTER FIELD DAY tradition in 2024!

73, Ron W6WG

THANK YOU TO THE 2023 OCARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR YOUR SELFLESS SERVICE

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by Tom W6ETC

RadioActivity December 2023

Upcoming Activities:

DECEMBER

- ***ARRL 10 Meter Contest:** 0000Z Saturday Dec. 9 through 2359Z Sunday Dec. 10.
- **ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW:** 1800Z to 2359Z Sunday Dec. 17.

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- **Straight Key Night:** 0000Z – 2359Z January 1
- **ARRL Kids Day:** 1800Z – 2359Z Sat. January 6
- **ARRL RTTY Roundup:** 1800Z Saturday January 6 to 2359Z Sunday January 7.
- ****North American QSO Party / CW:** 1800Z Saturday January 13 to 0559Z Sun. January 14.
- ***ARRL January VHF Contest:** 1900 UTC Saturday Jan 20 to 0359 UTC Mon. January 22.
- ****North American QSO Party / SSB:** 1800Z Saturday January 20 to 0559Z Sun. January 21.
- ***CQ 160 Meter Contest/ CW:** 2200Z Friday January 26 to 2200Z Sunday January 28.
- ***Winter Field Day: 1900Z Sat. Jan. 27 to 1900Z Sun. January 28.**

* 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"

Repeating Activities:

- **Phone Fry:** Every Tuesday night at 0230Z to 0300Z.
- **SKCC:** Weekend Sprintathon (Straight Key CW) on the first weekend of the month after the 6TH of the month. 1200Z Sat. to 2359Z Sunday.
- **SKCC:** Sprint (Straight Key CW) 0000Z to 0200Z on the 4th Tuesday night (USA) of the month.
- **CWops:** Every Wednesday 1300Z to 1400Z, 1900Z to 2000Z and Thursday 0300Z to 0400Z.
- **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

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:

- **Net-AT-9:** Wellness & Support Monday thru Friday 9:00 am and 9:00 pm Local Time 147.090 MHz (+600 MHz) No PL

Send an email to Ron W6WG, w6wg@w6ze.org to have your favorite activity or your recent RadioActivity listed in next month's column.



OCARC Cash Flow

1/1/2023 through 11/30/2023

Category	1/1/2023- 11/30/2023
INFLOWS	
Auction In	1,765.00
Badge Income	3.00
Badge Income (PayPal)	3.00
Christmas Dinner Ticket Sales	475.80
Donation	2,200.00
Donations - FD	30.00
Donations - FD Food	590.00
Dues, Membership (PayPal) 2023	1,410.00
Dues, Membership (Paypal) 2024	360.00
Dues, Membership 2023	697.50
Dues, Membership 2024	60.00
Food Snacks Donations	213.00
Opportunity Drawing -Monthly	417.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	8,224.30
OUTFLOWS	
Anniversary Party Food	207.80
Auction Payout	918.90
Christmas Drawing Prizes	229.50
Field Day - Propane	38.66
Field Day Food	875.31
Field Day Rental - Tent	215.00
Guest Speaker Meal - Exp	196.52
Historian Expenses	289.33
Insurance Expense	300.00
Opportunity Drwg - Monthly Exp	348.37
PayPal Fee	107.12
PO Box Rental	166.00
Propane Tank	61.30
Refreshments Expense	84.82
Secretary of State	5.00
Storage of Equipment - Ann Millard	250.00
Web Site Hosting	278.99
WFD - Propane	47.39
WFD Flowers	30.00
WFD Rental - Tent	150.00
Xmas Party Expense	300.00
ZOOM subscription	-44.97
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	5,055.04
OVERALL TOTAL	3,169.26



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