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The Prez Sez...

By Dan KI6X



Wow! What a Field Day result again. In this *RF* and in QST, if you get it, you will see that we were #1 in the 5A category by a wide margin. We also excelled in the local area and in the nation. Of course we thank Ron, W6WG, for

being our fearless FD leader and also ALL the band captains, operators, set-up team, and all others that supported in one way or another. It really does "take a village" to make an OCARC style Field Day happen.

We also have our December Holiday Club Dinner planned and are taking reservations now. There is more information on this in this issue of the newsletter. We will have a great dinner, an interesting speaker is planned, quite a cache of raffle prizes, and great camaraderie scheduled.

Back a couple months ago the Board thought they should do something for

the Red Cross to thank them for their support. We did give them cash at the 25-year anniversary of using the facility to hold our meetings, but I wanted to think of something that may be more special (though cash is very important for their operation and I encourage you donate to the OC Red Cross and/or donate blood to their blood drives or at the facility in Santa Ana). I approached them with the idea that we donate a nice flag in a stand for the meeting room since the one that used to be there has been repurposed. The Board approved the expenditure and you can see the presentation in this newsletter (and a snapshot of it to the left). They appreciate it since they will not have to move their one flag around when events happen in the room. I hope you enjoy doing the pledge this month with a nicer flag (and not my little plastic one!). I will regrettably not be able to attend this month's meeting.

In addition, this month's meeting is the election meeting. Please consider running for an Officer position and be there to vote. I do appreciate Nicholas's, AF6CF, and Janet's, KL7MF, efforts contacting many of you to get a slate as they are our Nomination Committee.

Dan Violette, KI6X
President

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

**Scott Bovitz
N6MI**

**Presents
"News Van Turned Ham"**

**November 21st, 2025, at 7pm
at the**

**American Red
Cross**

**Orange County Chapter
Santa Ana, Room 208**

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Saturday, January 3rd, 2026

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
in December.)

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
Alternate Net Control: AJ, KN6WNO
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 2025 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.



RED CROSS FLAG PRESENTATION

The OCARC Board decided to give a donation to the Red Cross to thank them for supporting us through the years. We did give a cash donation at the end of 25 years of using the Red Cross facility for our meetings, but this time I thought maybe something special and decided maybe a flag pole to replace the one that used to be there would be nice. They agreed and that is what we purchased.

Here is the OCARC President, Dan Violette, KI6X, presenting the flag to the American Red Cross of Orange County Executive Director, Becky Firey.

She said that they will use it regularly in the room and will not have to move another flag into the room when one is needed for a group or event. We will use it for our meetings for our Pledge of Allegiance and not have to pull out the small plastic one!

A win-win situation for all.

OCARC Membership Renewal 2026

Membership Renewal for 2026 is now open and can be made online by going to

<https://www.w6ze.org/MemberForms/RenewForm.html#a2rf>

It's Quick and Easy!!!

All club dues info is at: <https://www.w6ze.org/clubdues.html>

November Speaker – J. Scott Bovitz, N6MI

“Lessons Learned: 88 contests and 15 Field Days from a converted television news van / cellular on wheels (2010-2025)”



My name is J. Scott Bovitz. My call sign is N6MI. I am a lawyer and work in downtown Los Angeles. I operate amateur radio (ham radio) contests from multiple California counties and grid squares.

In the 1990s and early 2000s, I operated portable in ham radio contests from a parked pickup truck. I replaced the passenger seat with radios. In addition to a yagi at 30 feet on a push-up mast, I sometimes inflated a commercial blimp to raise a long wire antenna.

On occasion, I was invited to operate from the monster station of N6NB (SK) in Tehachapi, California.

Today, I operate a Yaesu FTdx101D, an ACOM A600S amplifier, an ICOM IC-9700, and an ICOM IC-905 in a van -- a former electronic news gathering (ENG)/cellular on wheels (COW). This van has a 56-foot pneumatic mast, a five-kilowatt generator under the hood, and three large batteries.

With the help of visiting operators, I earned DXCC from the van (including mixed, CW, and phone endorsements) for working hams in more than 100 countries. My current totals are: 1 country on 10 GHz; 2 countries on 1296 MHz; 2 countries on 432 MHz; 2 countries on 2 meters; 8 countries on 6 meters; 128 countries on 10 meters; 157 countries on 15 meters; 149 countries on 20 meters; 119 countries on 40 meters; 35 countries on 80 meters; and 1 country on 160 meters.

The following operators have received their orientation and are qualified to operate from the N6MI van: K6VCR, NB6E, N7DA, AF6O, W6PNG, KN6OGP, WB6HPW, KJ6SSY, KJ6SSU, N6VI, KI6RXX, and K1BTW.

Scott will be presenting his lessons learned from the numerous portable operations he has made over the last 15 years. His presentation will be via Zoom. Please don't miss it Friday November 21 at 7PM.



OCARC W6ZE Field Day History

Note for 2025:

#1 5A class, #1 SW Division, #1 Orange Section

Orange County (California) ARC FD Results - 2002 - 2025																
W6ZE																
YEAR	SCORE	# QSOs	CLASS	FINISH			FINISH			FINISH			FINISH			
				FIELD DAY OVERALL			SOUTHWEST DIV.			IN OUR CLASS			ORANGE SECTION			
				POS.	OUT OF	%	POS.	OUT OF	%	POS.	OUT OF	%	POS.	OUT OF	%	
2025	12,119	3,328	5A	20	4,373	0.5%	1	286	1st	1	72	1st	1	42	1st	
2024	19,409	5,717	6A	8	4,319	0.2%	1	304	1st	2	44	4.5%	1	52	1st	
2023 ³	16,441	4,747	5A	10	4,447	0.2%	1	310	1st	1	88	1st	1	61	1st	
2022 ²	14,092	4,333	6A	10	4,929	0.2%	1	335	1st	2	33	6.1%	1	62	1st	
2021	11,220	3,706	5A	22	5,878	0.4%	1	447	1st	3	66	4.5%	1	103	1st	
2020 ¹	Due to COVID pandemic stations operated from home															
2019	8,686	2,246	6A	50	3,112	1.6%	4	228	1.8%	3	37	8.1%	1	39	1st	
2018	12,746	3,928	7A	19	2,902	0.7%	1	202	1st	2	20	10.0%	1	52	1st	
2017	8,236	2,582	5A	81	2,965	2.7%	4	207	1.9%	8	75	10.7%	1	47	1st	
2016	6,242	1,874	4A	139	2,697	5.2%	7	195	3.6%	18	132	13.6%	1	41	1st	
2015	10,150	3,391	6A	47	2,720	1.7%	4	197	2.0%	6	42	14.3%	1	44	1st	
2014	17,970	5,429	7A	6	2,686	0.2%	1	193	1st	1	17	1st	1	48	1st	
2013	21,258	6,859	12A	2	2,548	0.1%	1	170	1st	1	2	1st	1	47	1st	
2012	7,684	2,264	5A	118	2,617	4.5%	7	176	4.0%	9	86	10.5%	1	50	1st	
2011	6,504	2,110	6A	159	2,632	6.0%	9	179	5.0%	5	37	13.5%	5	49	10.2%	
2010	5,936	1,878	4A	175	2,617	6.7%	14	182	7.7%	17	155	11.0%	4	50	8.0%	
2009	19,304	5,925	9A	3	2,603	0.1%	1	175	1st	1	9	1st	1	45	1st	
2008	11,316	3,265	9A	28	2,409	1.2%	1	161	1st	3	6	50.0%	1	44	1st	
2007	20,246	6,217	9A	2	2,331	0.1%	1	157	1st	1	6	1st	1	42	1st	
2006	6,278	1,836	4A	161	2,169	7.4%	7	153	4.6%	13	127	10.2%	2	43	4.7%	
2005	6,742	1,938	3A	128	2,199	5.8%	11	172	6.4%	22	261	8.4%	2	32	6.3%	
2004	5,666	1,792	4A	207	2,242	9.2%	16	152	10.5%	18	129	14.0%	4	41	9.8%	
2003	3,350	946	4A	426	2,079	20.5%	29	150	19.3%	36	114	31.6%	6	32	18.8%	
2002	4,928	1,517	4A	303	2,099	14.4%	20	139	14.4%	33	139	23.7%	4	42	9.5%	
NOTES: 1) Club totals are not available in database.																
2) Updated 5/1/2023																
3) Updated 11/5/2024																
de AF6C																
11/5/2025																

Using an Amateur Radio Antenna to Watch the World Series

By Tim Goeppinger, N6GP



Figure 1 Existing Rooftop Antenna

I am one of those frugal people who watches broadcast TV with an antenna, and it works perfectly most of the time. Just before the World Series game 1 started, the tuner on my big TV in the family room started having problems pulling in channel 11 (FOX) that the World Series was being broadcast on. You know the problem with pixilation and stuttering. My little UHF TV antenna on the roof just wasn't cutting it. I attempted to stream Fox via their app, but that is reserved only for cable / satellite subscribers.

I did some research, and found out that in L.A., digital channel 11 is mapped to RF Channel 13, which goes from 210 to 216 MHz. I thought, hey that's right next to the 222 MHz ham band, and I have a 5 element yagi that band! I devised a plan to put my 222 Yagi up outside my family room in a similar way that I do my VHF

roving. I knew I had to convert the PL-259 connector to F-type connectors for the 75-ohm coax. I ordered the coax adapter, and 25 feet of TV coax from Amazon, and I knew that it would arrive just before World Series game 3 started.

After I arrived home from work that Monday, I opened the Amazon package, and put it all together. I had to run the coax thru a vent in the side of my house. To save time, I left the antenna in vertical polarization, knowing full well that the TV transmission is horizontal. The polarization mis-match did not matter. The reception was perfectly clear, without any glitches. I bit my nails thru all 18 innings of that Game 3, until almost midnight! Yeah, Freddy Freeman and the Dodgers!

This story has a twist. The next morning, I switched back to my rooftop antenna, so that I could watch all the other channels. Channel 11 was working on my rooftop antenna again! From the best I could determine was that my connection at the back of my TV must have been a little loose, and I must have lost a few dB for channel 11 in the connector. This whole exercise was for nothing. But – I guess it was a learning experience.



Figure 2 222 MHz Beam Setup

What is Kiwix and why I have it installed on my POTA computer?


By Dave N3BKV




I always thought it would be good to have information resources on my computer that aren't internet dependent. What if I'm out in the field doing a POTA and need a reference manual or some medical information? Or my cable modem goes out and I really need to look up an OCARC newsletter from 2016?

Kiwix is an app for offline reading on the go, remote areas, emergencies, or independent knowledge access. It is a program you can install on your Raspberry Pi, Windows or Mac computer that gives you offline access to resources like Wikipedia, TED, Stack Exchange, or your favorite website (via Zimit) so you can have a library of manuals or other reference materials specific to your needs.


Let's install Kiwix – to download the program go to <https://kiwix.org/en/applications/>




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Compatible With Older Versions (Windows XP, Vista, Etc.)

Kiwix JS is a smaller alternative. It can be used as an offline-first Progressive Web App in your browser. There is also Windows Store (UWP) version for Windows 10 or 11 tablets, phones, PC and Xbox, and an Electron app compatible with all Windows (XP, Vista, Win7/8/10/11) .


Progressive Web App


Get it from Microsoft


Electron

Kiwix for iOS and macOS

We actively develop and maintain Kiwix for the 3 most recent major versions of iOS and macOS. If you are on Mac and want a direct install, you can also pick up the .dmg file.

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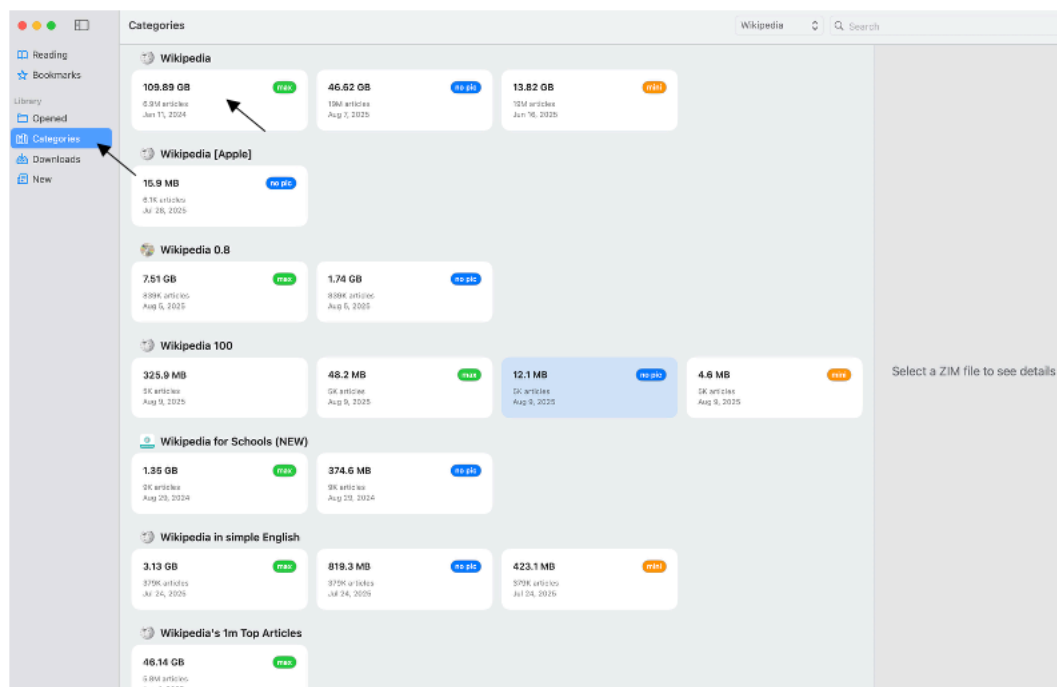
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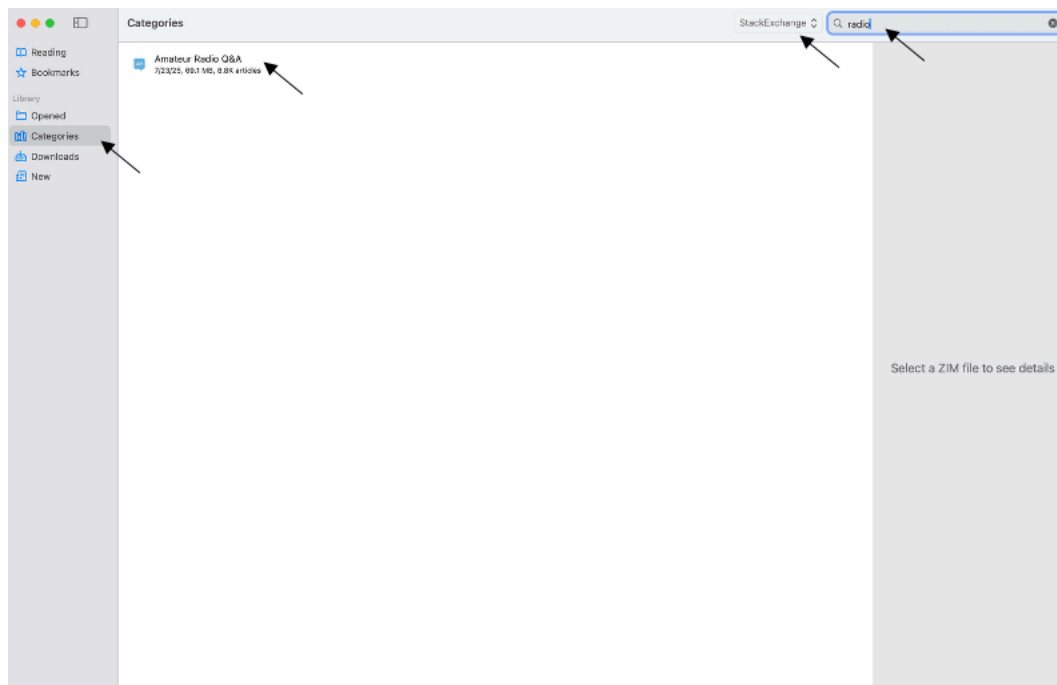
Source code available [on Github](#).

Pick the correct version for your computer and install the program.

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Let's look for some Amateur Radio content – I searched all the categories and found a database in StackExchange, then searched for “radio”.



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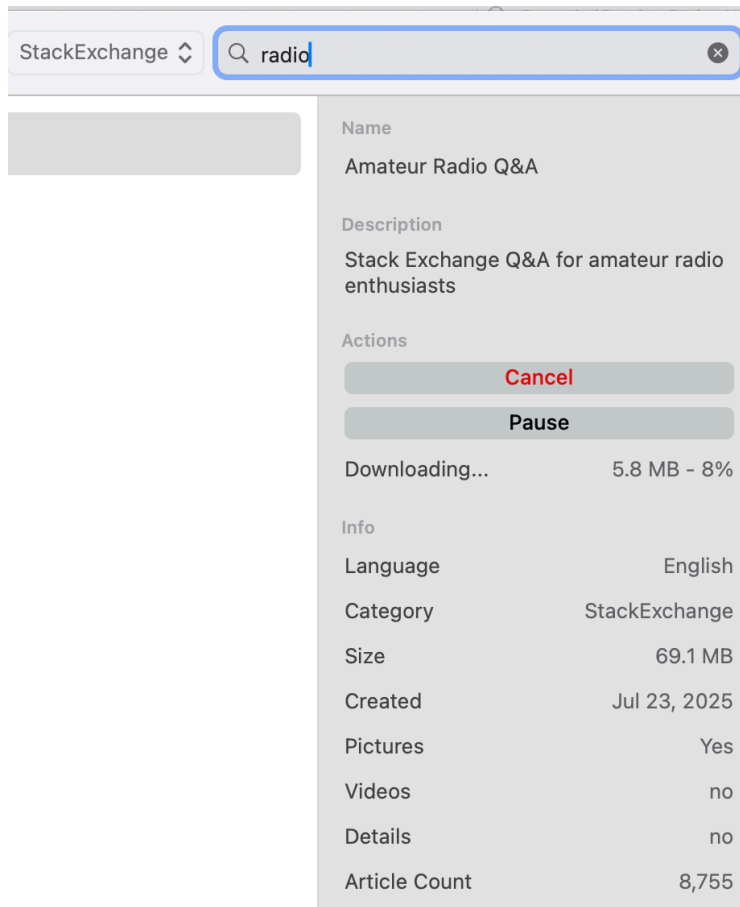
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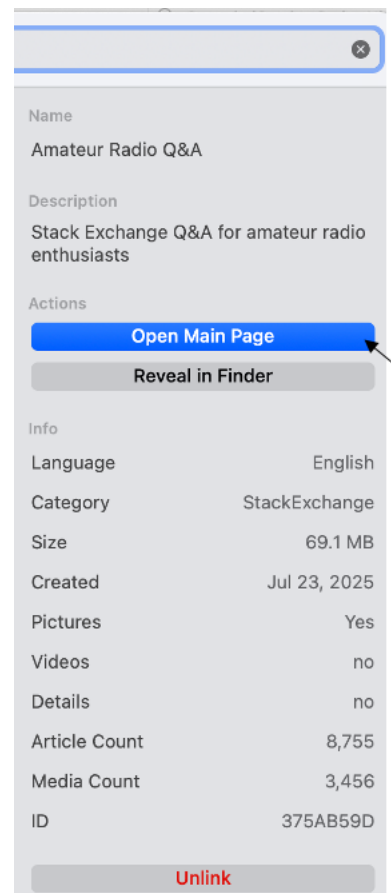
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Why do people still use Morse code? What are its advantages over newer voice or data communication modes?
asked Oct 22 '13 at 23:07
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2,376 ● 2 ● 26 ● 40

52 votes
5 answers
united-kingdom emergency frequency procedure
How do I report an emergency using ham radio?
If I'm in the wilderness with ham equipment but no phone signal, how would I report an emergency? Is there a particular frequency I would use, a particular protocol or suchlike?
asked Oct 22 '13 at 20:29
berry120
1,764 ● 2 ● 18 ● 25

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7 answers
antenna wire-antenna balun
Using a balun with a resonant dipole
I am preparing to construct a resonant, center-fed, horizontal dipole. I have seen people use baluns at the feedpoint of the antenna, and some people swear by them, but I have never gotten a satisfactory answer on why you would use/need a balun. All...
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W5VO
1,941 ● 1 ● 13 ● 24

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jargon
Why do hams often conclude messages with "73"?
Looking at amateur radio forums and email threads, oftentimes amateur radio operators will use "73" or "73s" where one might otherwise expect to find "Sincerely" or "Regards". Why?
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What's the difference between national calling frequency and national simplex calling frequency in the 2m and 70cm band
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...CW signals on a typical HF transceiver? A: It may be possible to... In our filter sub asked Mar 10 '15 at 00:59 Deyoon 263 2 5 16 votes
6 answers Where can one find recordings of Morse code, generated by humans and not machines? I need some recordings of CW / Morse code for use in a project. Most of what I find is either nonsense (I just listen for the "sound of CW", but doesn't contain a message) or is generated by a computer. Where can I find some audio of real CW... cw asked Jul 31 '16 at 10...

bizzare CW on 2m

Wiring a CW paddle

CW contact content

FT-818 - no xmit in CW

CW "training" recordings

Hearing Impairment and CW?

Configuring an SDR for CW?

Coherent CW synchronization?

CW speaker and volume control

CW on phone band

...on phone band Jan 31 '16 at 21:45 Kevin first K6NDY 25,080 7 66 106 asked Jan 31 '16 at 20:48 Wayne Conrad K7Q8A 670 1 & 11 answered 6 Since we are talking about the United States, the "phone" portions of each band are clearly described as phone, CW & image. So it's not new topic, but it's perfectly acceptable to specify CW in that portion of the band. Contact rules generally confer connectors to the CW-only portion of the band making the rest of the band a viable option during CW at...

Low parts count CW HF receiver?

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I'm currently in Kershaw, SC. Yesterday an automated signal popped up on a 2m simplex freq (147.455 MHz) and has been running since. It sounds like Morse, but it is random letters that don't seem to have any repeating pattern. After every seeming CW letter there's a kerchunk like a repeater tx closing. Online I find no 2m beacons above 144.xxx and no repeaters on this freq. The signal has a very wide bandwidth. My 2m handheld picks it up from 147.450-147.465 and my scanner picks it up well below that and into the 148.xxx range.

I think all that is cool, but here's where things can get interesting. You can also download entire websites to have them at you fingertips by using Zimit (<https://zimit.kiwix.org/>). Fill in the website and your email. The reason why they need your email is if you close the window you'll lose the download link. They will send you a link so you can access the file for a week. You can even build your own Zim server, if you want to do everything yourself.

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Want an offline version of a website? Just ZIM it!

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Your e-mail to receive a download link. Address not kept



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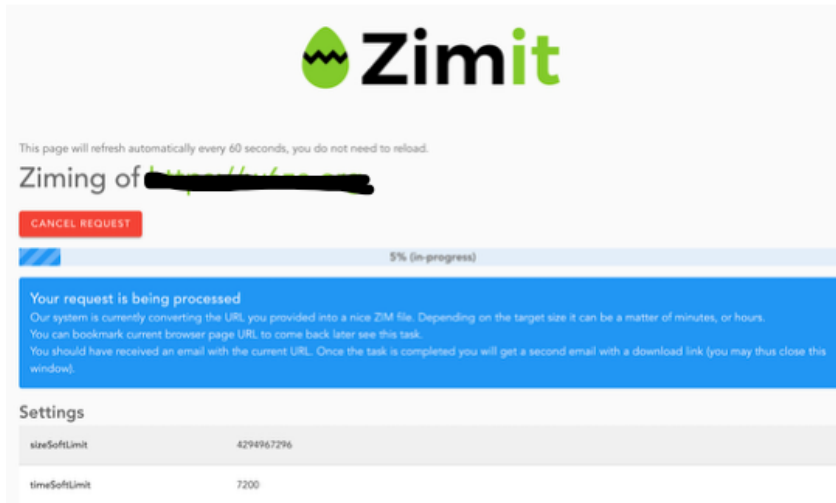
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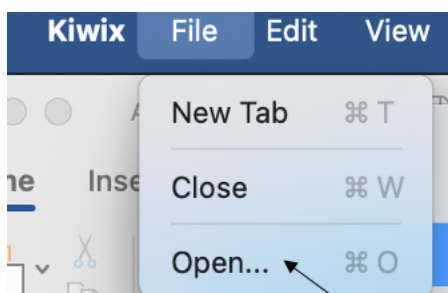
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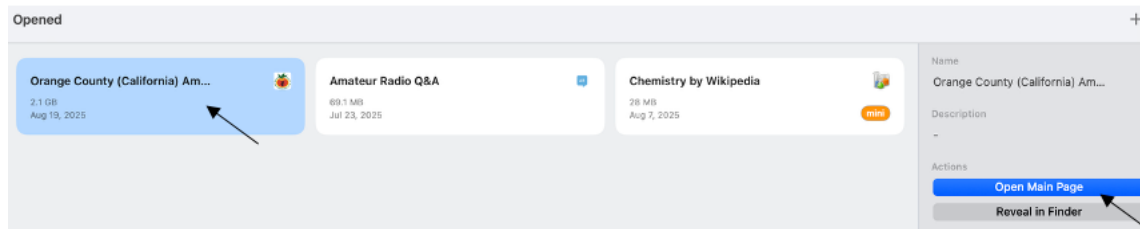
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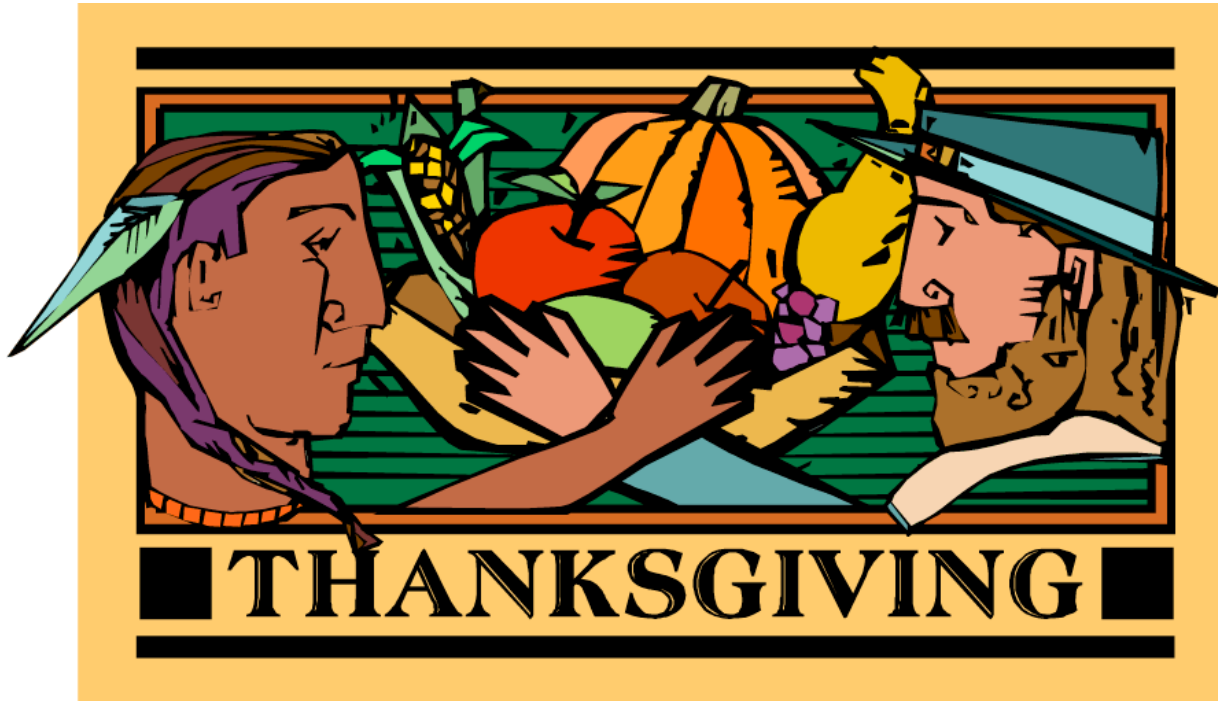
When it's complete, open the **.zim** file you downloaded in Kiwix.



Next, select it and then press Open Main Page.



That's all there is to it! I found some sites online with equipment manuals and used Zimit to download them so I can have them on my computer. It's great to have a full manual set when you're out in the field.





Holiday Party

Where: Mimi's Café

17231 17th St., Tustin, CA 92870

When: Friday, December 5th, 5:30 PM

All are welcome.

Dinner is \$35 which includes an Entrée & Dessert from the Menu listed below.

The link: <https://w6ze.org/XMAS/Christmas-Paypal.html> to pay and also is on our web site, www.w6ze.org.

If you are paying in-person at the OCARC Holiday Dinner, Please RSVP your seats by Friday night Nov. 28 by e-mailing Corey M. KE6YHX ke6yhx@w6ze.org and bring cash or a check. Dinner tickets are \$35 per person.

RSVP or pay online by: Friday, November 28, 2025

Holiday Party: Friday, December 5, 2025



Magnifique Dinner

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Served with your choice of coffee (0 Cal), tea (0 Cal), lemonade (120 Cal) or soft drinks (0-150 Cal).

ENTRÉES

Served with House Salad (190 Cal), Caesar Salad (220 Cal) or a Cup of Soup (200-240 Cal).

Grilled Strip Steak*
28-day aged 10 oz. USDA Choice New York Strip. House-made herbes de Provence butter (100 Cal) available upon request. Served with mashed potatoes and broccoli. (990 Cal)

Grilled Atlantic Salmon*
Grilled to perfection. Served with mashed potatoes and broccoli. (560 Cal)

French Pot Roast
A classique! Slowly braised and simmered with carrots, celery and onions. Served on a bed of mashed potatoes. (510 Cal)

Tuscan Style Grilled Chicken*
Grilled chicken, mashed potatoes, sautéed vegetables and artichoke hearts served in a savory sauce. (610 Cal)

Dessert

Molten Lava Cake
Hot molten cake served with a scoop of vanilla ice cream and garnished with a drizzle of chocolate and a fresh strawberry. (510 Cal)

Bread Pudding
Made from scratch bread pudding with raisins topped with whiskey sauce and whipped cream. (1060 Cal)

2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice, but calorie needs vary. Additional nutrition information is available upon request.
*THESE ITEMS ARE COOKED TO ORDER AND MAY BE SERVED RAW OR UNDERCOOKED OR MAY CONTAIN RAW OR UNDERCOOKED INGREDIENTS. CONSUMING RAW OR UNDERCOOKED MEATS, POULTRY, SEAFOOD, SHELLFISH, OR EGGS MAY INCREASE YOUR RISK OF FOODBORNE ILLNESS. - MimisCafe.com

- Start 5:30pm
- Dinner Orders 6:00-6:20pm
- Presentation 6:30-7:30pm
- Dinner is Served 7:00pm
- Entertainment and New Board 8:00-8:30pm
- Raffle 8:30-8:45pm
- (\$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5)
- Closing 9:00pm



RadioActivity

November 2025

Upcoming Activities:

NOVEMBER

- ***ARRL Sweepstakes CW:** 2100 UTC Saturday Nov.1 through 0300 UTC Monday Nov. 3.
- **WAE DX Contest, RTTY:** 0000 UTC Saturday Nov. 8 through 2359 UTC Sunday Nov. 9.
- **10-10 Fall Contest, Digital:** 0001 UTC Saturday Nov. 8 through 2359 UTC Sunday Nov. 9.
- **Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, CW:** 2300 Saturday Nov. 16 through 0100 UTC Sunday Nov. 17
- ***ARRL Sweepstakes SSB:** 2100 UTC Saturday Nov. 15 through 0300 UTC Monday Nov. 17.
- ***CQ World Wide DX / CW:** 0000 UTC Saturday Nov. 29 through 2259 UTC Sunday Nov. 30.

DECEMBER

- ***ARRL 160 Meter Contest:** 2200 UTC Friday Dec. 5 through 1600 UTC Monday Dec. 7.
- **FT Challenge, FT8/FT4:** 1800 UTC Saturday Dec. 6 through 2359 UTC Sunday Dec. 7.
- ***ARRL 10 Meter Contest:** 0000 UTC Saturday Dec. 13 through 2359 UTC Sunday Dec. 14.
- **QRP ARCI Holiday Sprints Homebrew Sprint/CW:** 2000 UTC through 2300 UTC Sunday Dec. 14.
- **4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint:** 0100 UTC through 0300 UTC Sunday Dec. 15.
- **RAC Canada Winter Contest:** 0000 UTC through 2359 UTC Saturday Dec.20.

* Indicates club entries are accepted

** Indicates team entries are accepted

Repeating Activities:

- **Phone Weekly Test:** Every Tuesday night at 0230Z to 0300Z.
- **CWops Mini-CWT:** Every Wednesday at 1300 to 1400 UTC, 1900-2000 UTD and Thursday 0300-0400 UTC.
- **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.

- **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

Other Links:

- [ARRL Contest Calendar](#)
- [WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#)
- [VOACAP Online for Ham Radio](#)

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

73, Ron W6WG



2026 Winter Field Day January 24th and 25th, 2026

We will be needing **operators and support volunteers**. If you are interested and need more information contact Ron, W6WG, by email, W6WG@W6ZE.ORG

Belonging to OCARC and joining in on our two major events, Winter Field Day and the ARRL Field Day in June, is the BEST way to become “RadioActive.”

Download (and read) the latest version of the WFD Rules here:

<https://winterfieldday.org/downloads/2026-rules-v3.pdf>

New OCARC Members 2025

JANUARY

AK6AT Michael Porteous
W6VLN Daphne Tsao

FEBRUARY

NC6M Anatoly Ananovsky
N6MG Milton Garb
K6MKL Michael Berchtold
W6NVI Carolyn Berchtold
KN6WPB Thom Belford

MARCH

KN6NXJ Harry Long

APRIL

KO6ION Phil Sallaway

MAY

N6GTQ John Gabler
KO6JES Arshia Attar

JUNE

KO6JOB Jon Hoover
KG6LHK Robert Stone

JULY

KO6FKD Robert Wellington
N6YZ Adam Ehrheart

AUGUST

K6MFK Mike Klewer

OCTOBER

W6KIC Mike O'Sullivan

NOVEMBER

-none- ☺

OCARC Membership Director

Ron W6WG, membership@w6ze.org

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



General Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2025

OCARC 2025 October Auction Notes

(No regular membership meeting in October)

- Joyce Rodman KN6UKJ read the Auction Rules
- Auctioneer: Nicholas Haben AF6CF
- Auctioneer Helpers:
 - Ron Mudry W6WG
 - Sheri Millard N6ASM
- Money Guys:
 - Tim Goeppinger N6GP – Lead
 - Tim Millard N6TMT
 - Corey Miller KE6YHX
- The Auction ran very smoothly this year with only one “scare” regarding the money tracking spreadsheet when the computer power dropped out.
- There were \$1607.50 in sales and after seller payouts the club netted \$633.50



A big thank you to all that participated!



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes November 8, 2025

The OCARC board meeting was held at the Streamliner Lounge, 186 Atchison St., Orange, and was called to order by President Dan KI6X at 8:15 am. A quorum of board members were present. Dave Ginsberg, N3BKB, Visitor.

Directors Report

Treasurer Tim, N6TMT, reports:

Total Inflows: \$4,926.00

Total Outflows: \$3,435.94

Overall Total: \$1,435.94

Membership Ron, W6WG, reports we have a total of 114 members with 3 Honorary members. Ron reports renewals for 2026 will start in November.

Activities Corey, KE6YHX, reports he has obtained some new items for the next raffle. Corey, who is our Historian for the club as well, asked the board to approve \$239.21 to purchase equipment to maintain the archives with a BluRay DVD writer. This was not approved by the Board.

December Christmas party preparations are in place, Corey will send out the plans in the newsletter. Janet KL7MF is planning to present as the speaker for the party.

Old Business

Newsletter Editors: November: Dan KI6X, December: Tim N6TMT, January: Tom AK6GR

Speakers/Entertainment: November: Scott N6MI, December: Janet KL7MF, January: Dave N6HHR

December Dinner Planning

Final Head Count due by November 28, 2025

\$35.00 per meal for attendees (club covering tax/tip/PayPal fees). PayPal will be set up on the website.

Doors open at 5:30, dinner orders 6-6:20pm, free raffle tickets passed out to each attendee, additional tickets \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5. Presentation: 6:30-7:30, Dinner served at 7 pm, entertainment and New Board announced 8-8:30, then closed with a raffle. Clear out by 9pm.

Nominations expected for next year's Board Members

Janet KL7MF reports Michael KO6FAR may accept the position of Publicity,

Tim N6GP- Vice-President

Tim N6TMT- Treasurer

Ron W6WG - Membership

Joe KM6SVV - Technical

Corey KE6YHX- Activities

Directors at Large, Dan KI6X -(automatic position as outgoing Pres), Janet KL7MF

Positions for President, Secretary, and Publicity still open. Janet KL7MF and Nicholas AF6CF continue to work on a full slate of positions. Voting to take place November 21, 2025 at our monthly club meeting.

OCARC Remote Station Plan

Nicholas AF6CF reports they are waiting for the new radio and hope to have it all in place by the end of the year so their existing radio can be moved to this effort.

New Business

VE team asked for new Amazon Fire Tablets (7 inch Kids) to meet the new VE requirements, the board approved the purchase of 5 new tablets of a cost of \$290.00.

Winter Field Day - Ron W6WG asks that we add Winter Field Day parameters to the newsletter.

Good of the Club

VE sessions for amateur radio licensing continues to be held prior to our monthly club meetings at 5:30pm under the guidance of Ken W6KOS.

Red Cross Donation - After discussing a donation to the Red Cross which provides the rooms for our monthly meetings, as well as monthly VE sessions, the board approved purchasing a flagpole for our meeting room, and Dan KI6X will present this on November 11, 2025.

Good of the Club - President Dan KI6X asked that nominations for the Good of the Club award be emailed to him and he will select a winner and give the name to Bob for certificate printing.

Next Board Meeting - The board approved that there will be no Board meeting to be held in December. Next Board meeting to be January 3, 2026.

Adjournment

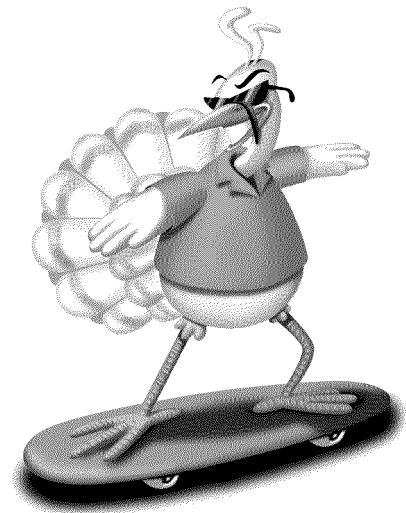
An adjournment was voted on and agreed at 9:22am.

Submitted by Joyce KN6UKJ, Secretary.

BREAKING NEWS:

The proposed slate for the 2026 election from the Nominating Committee as of 11-13-2025

Dan KI6X – President
Tim N6GP- Vice-President
OPEN - Secretary
Tim N6TMT- Treasurer
Ron W6WG - Membership
Joe KM6SVV - Technical
Michael KO6FAR - Publicity
Corey KE6YHX- Activities
Directors at Large: Janet KL7MF & Dave N3BKV



Tim Millard, N6TMT, OCARC Treasurer Report

Cash Flow 1/1/2025-
10/31/2025

INFLOWS

Auction Income	1,607.50
Badge	6.00
Donation	112.00
Dues 2025	682.50
Dues 2026	30.00
Dues, PayPal 2025	1,746.75
Interest Inc	228.25
Opp Drwg Income	339.00
Refreshments Income	174.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	4,926.00

OUTFLOWS

Activities Supplies	87.22
Auction Expense	973.80
Auction Flyers	59.26
Badge Expense	158.17
Field Day - Equip	26.92
Field Day - Flowers	36.50
Field Day - Oil	7.51
Field Day - Propane	55.14
Field Day Rental - Tent	325.00
P.O. Box Rent	188.00
PayPal Fees	89.59
Printing Brochures	265.80
Prize Expense	104.80
Refreshments Expense	352.78
Software License	59.88
Speakers Meal Reimburse	29.29
Storage	325.00
Website	345.40
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	3,490.06

OVERALL TOTAL 1,435.94





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