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The Prez Sez...

By Dan KI6X



October 2026 – Prez Sez

Time for “The Auction” at our October meeting this Friday. We have not heard of any auction that is bigger in the area. We have a great volume of items for sale and are trying hard to get the word out to get a large number of buyers to attend and get some bargains. Bring cash/check and go home with some items probably at a very low price!

It is also getting toward the end of the year. We have our Holiday Party in December so only one regular meeting left this year in November. We have our elections in November and many positions are “termed out.”

Our nominating committee is working hard in getting a slate together and have made some great progress. Please volunteer to seek a Board position, say yes if contacted, or help the club where you are able. I wrote up the information about each position a couple year’s back and I can give you the references if you need (you might see them in another article?).

My picture this month I think I might have used before or you may have seen in the RF before, but... Nicholas is coming back to visit as our Auctioneer at the OCARC Auction. I am still deciding if I need to borrow the staff again or not? I think Nicholas has settled down some now that he is a Texan! He actually had us clean out his storage unit for him (Tom Sawyer scam?) for the auction. So, many of the items being auctioned by him for the club’s till used to be his treasures (i.e., stuff).

Few final pleas for the end of the year: Come to the auction, consider running for an office, watch for the holiday dinner brochure to sign-up.

Dan Violette, KI6X President

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

OCARC

**Presents
“Our Annual Club
Auction”**

**October 16th, 2026, at 7pm
at the**

**American Red
Cross**

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

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Saturday, November 7th, 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

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 2026 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 LIVE AUCTION TO BUY & SELL
NEW/USED HAM RADIO EQUIPMENT**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16th, 2026

7:00 PM

Doors Open for Registration at 6:00PM

Held at the



American Red Cross

600 Parkcenter Drive

Santa Ana, CA

Second Floor Rm #208

→ SELLERS/BUYERS CAN REGISTER AT 6:00PM

FOR RULES & INSTRUCTIONS GO TO WWW.W6ZE.ORG

Some of the proceeds benefit the Orange County Amateur Radio Club

www.w6ze.org



Friday October 16, 2026 OCARC Radio/Electronics Auction

AUCTION RULES

The room will open at 6:00 PM to allow registration, set-up, and viewing. All buyers and sellers are welcome.

The following rules for the 2026 OCARC auction will be in effect:

1. Only ham radio or electronic equipment / items will be allowed.
2. Sellers and Buyers should register to receive a bid number. The bid number is also the Seller's number. **Registration is Free***.
3. Sellers should tag each item in their lot. The tag should be identified with the Seller's number, a dash and a sequential number starting at 1 for each item to be auctioned. The tag should also indicate a minimum bid or "No Minimum Bid" and, if needed, a short item description.
4. Only 3 items from a Seller's lot will be auctioned during each turn and then the auctioneer will move on to the next lot. Once all lots have been offered the auctioneer will start the second round of auctioning with the next 3 items starting with Lot #1.
5. Auction bidding will take place as follows:
 - (a) \$0.00-to-\$5.00 bidding will take place in \$0.50 increments.
 - (b) Over-\$5.00-to-\$50.00 bidding will take place in \$1.00 increments.
 - (c) Over-\$50.00-to-\$100.00 bidding will take place in \$5.00 increments.
 - (d) Over-\$100.00 bidding will take place in \$10.00 increments.
6. Rules 4 and 5 may be changed at the auctioneer's discretion to expedite the auction.
7. Payments for purchased items are due at the end of the auction and shall be by cash or check with the appropriate ID. No two-party checks or credit cards are allowed. **Disbursements to the Sellers will be only by OCARC check.**
8. *** Sellers will be charged 10% of the selling price for items sold by OCARC.**
9. A special table will be set up for items donated to the OCARC. Proceeds from the sale of donated items will go into OCARC operational funds.

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Items coming to the October auction

**Yaesu YO-301 monitor scope, part of an estate, fully functional when last used approx. 5 years ago. Manual.
No cables other than power. eBay lists for \$135-250**



Collection of Field Day shirts from over the years, to sell individually.



Fluke 117 Multimeter with cables.



Micronta 22-211 multimeter. Test cables, but no power cable



20-25w dummy load, probably DC to UHF. Female N and female BNC connectors



Swivel riveter kit, complete.



Alinco DM-340MW 30A heavy-duty power supply. Excellent working condition.



Step Up and Make a Difference: Volunteer for the Club Board

Our club thrives because of our members' dedication and energy. As our next board election approaches, we are inviting all members to consider stepping into a leadership role. Serving on the board is an incredible opportunity to shape our club's direction, bring new ideas to life, and give back to the ham radio community we all enjoy.

Board members help plan events, support activities, and ensure that the club continues to run smoothly. It's a chance to develop leadership skills, work closely with other passionate members, and make a positive impact.

If you've ever thought about getting more involved, now is the perfect time. Nominate yourself or a fellow member and help guide our club into an exciting new year!

Together, we can keep our club strong and vibrant. Your voice matters—step up and volunteer today!

Janet Margelli, KL7MF
OCARC Secretary

**New OCARC Members
2026****JANUARY**

KJ6ZEY Chris Chubbuck AA6RC Morgan Fine KK6OYR Gregorio Valdivia
K6QQP Randy Poth N6IRN Sepehr Sahraian KM6RTE Scott MacGillivray KO6LJY Josh Berk

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KO6DUT Debra Campbell

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KO6MZU Bijan Ghofranian KO6MMM Brian Langley

JUNE

K6AJY Bryan Turner KO6MRX Jamieson Hopkins

JULY

KO6OAH David Nicholes KO6JSL John Garza

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SEPTEMBER

N2RAT Richard Thomas KO6PFM Scott Markowitz



Ron W6WG, membership@w6ze.org
OCARC Membership Director

RadioActivity

October 2026

Upcoming Activities:

October

- ***10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint:** 0001 UTC to 2359 UTC Sunday Oct. 10.
- **Oceania DX Contest, CW:** 0600 UTC Saturday Oct. 10 to 0600 UTC Sunday Oct 11.
- ***CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest:** 0000 UTC Saturday Oct. 24 to 2359 UTC Sunday Oct. 25.

November

- ***ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW:** 2100 UTC Saturday Nov. 7 to 0300 UTC Monday Nov. 9.
- ***10-10 Int. Fall Contest, Digital:** 0001 UTC Saturday Nov. 14 to 2359 UTC Sunday Nov. 15.
- ***ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB:** 2100 UTC Saturday Nov. 21 to 0300 UTC Monday Nov. 23.
- ***CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW:** 0000 UTC Saturday Nov. 28 to 2359 UTC Monday Nov. 29.

* 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:

- **Arizona QSO Party:** 1500 UTC Saturday October 10 to 0500 UTC Sunday Oct. 11.
- **Pennsylvania QSO Party:** 1600 UTC Oct. 10 to 0400 Oct. 11 and 1300 UTC to 2200 Sunday Oct. 11.
- **South Dakota QSO Party:** 1800 UTC Saturday Oct. 10 through 1800 UTC Sunday Oct 11.
- **New York QSO Party:** 1400 UTC Saturday Oct. 17 through 0200 UTC Sunday Oct. 18.
- **Illinois QSO Party:** 1700 UTC Sunday Oct. 18 through 0100 UTC Monday Oct. 19.



Repeating Activities:

- **CWops Mini-CWT:** Every Wednesday at 1300 to 1400 UTC, 1900 to 2000 UTC and every 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 Links:

- [ARRL 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

OCARC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 9/18/26

General Meeting held at the American Red Cross, 600 N Park Center Dr, Santa Ana, CA was called to order at 7:00 PM by President, Dan KI6X. After the Pledge of Allegiance, introductions were held. 33 people were in attendance, including a visitor who just passed his Technician Class license tonight before the meeting.

At 7:07 PM Vice President, Tim N6GP, introduced the evening's speaker, Wayne Yoshida KH6WZ, who entertained us with an interesting Power Supply Adventure. Wayne demonstrated the ease with which something like an old Heathkit power supply can be restored and updated inexpensively since service manuals are available online. Lightweight boxes are available for inside a larger case, and isolated power supplies can be made to connect in series or series and parallel. Jameco can be a source, and Astron sells parts that can be used to repair broken parts of other supplies. Wayne also included information about Maker Faire and encouraged participation since exhibitors get in free and there are so many projects there related to RF technology. The presentation ended at 7:50 PM for questions, and a break was called at 7:55 PM.

Meeting resumed at 8:15 PM with roll call: President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity, Technical, Activities directors all present. Membership and both Directors-at-Large not present.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Vice-President, Tim N6GP, reminded all of the Auction in October, and stressed the need for buyers. Page four (4) of the RF newsletter includes the rules, and flyers were distributed to HRO.

Activities Director, Corey KE6YHX, reminded everyone of the Holiday Party December 4, currently scheduled at Mimi's in Tustin. The menu will be decided at the Board meeting in November. Presently no entertainment for the party is scheduled and all suggestions are welcome for the party.

VEC Coordinator, Ken WA6KOS, advises two new Technicians passed the test.

ASK THE ELMER:

An inquiry was raised about the law regarding using ham radio on the air while driving and discussed. As long as only one ear is covered, operation should be legal. Something like Shokz open-ear, bone-on-bone headsets were mentioned.

Tim N6GP spoke of a problem he was having with his van during VHF roving, whereby he blows fuses when using the accy plug. During discussion, Corey KE6YHX suggested timed circuit breakers that reset be used in the fuse holder.

Harry KN6HL mentioned problems he was having with a 20m dipole, which is placed too low to the ground. Since NVIS is not viable on 20m, his poor results are from ground wave and recommendation was to raise the dipole.

Everyone was reminded of the opportunity drawing following the meeting.

With no further business being heard, meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Submitted by OCARC Secretary, Janet Margelli KL7MF

OCARC BOARD MEETING MINUTES 10/7/26

Meeting held via Zoom owing to conflicts with original scheduled date for same, and called to order by President, Dan KI6X, at 5:30 PM. All Board members present except for Publicity Chairman, Michael KO6FAR, and Director-at-Large AJ W6OTO. Bob AF6C was present as a visitor.

No pertinent reports relative to positions were made by Vice-President, Secretary, Publicity, or Technical.

Treasurer, Tim N6TMT, reports formatting issues have delayed Treasurer's report, but will have the information available for the RF Newsletter.

Membership Chairman, Ron W6WG, announced club membership is now up to 120 and growing. Activities Director, Corey KE6YHX, provided an update on the Mimi's venue reservation for the Holiday Dinner Party. Menus for the event should be forthcoming via email. Corey also provided updates as club historian, storing the Disney paraphernalia from that presentation to the club earlier in the year, and cataloging Beasley comics left to the club.

Director-at-Large, Dave N3BKV, announced a new member, Steve AG6YC, has been set up on the remote station. Dave continues to send license expiration updates to the Board, and Corey agreed to CC Dave only when sending the out notifications to the applicable members.

MONTHLY PLANNER REVIEW:

Discussion followed re preparations for the auction. Corey KE6YHX, will arrive by 5:00 PM for the early bird 6:00 PM sign up, and will be numbering and distributing cards for participants. #99 will be assigned to Club items. Tim N6TMT, is designated check signer, with other Board members present as back up if necessary.

OLD BUSINESS:

Newsletter Editors: October, Corey KE6YHX (who started on it this morning); November, Ron W6WG; December, Tom AK6GR.

Entertainment: October will be the Annual Auction. November is still not confirmed but many options are being considered, including N6WT and the DX Marathon, or N6GP doing Anacapa Island. Ron W6WG mentioned his AI search for programs included several pages of information which he will share. Entertainment for the December dinner has not yet been determined.

Custom W6ZE Shirts: Ron W6WG will be ordering a dozen shirts of various sizes to evaluate the quality before potentially ordering more. He should be able to recoup his initial payment for the same with sales to club members.

Auction Planning: Confirmed details include: Auctioneer: Nicholas AF6CF, Finance: Tim N6TMT, Tim N6GP, Corey KE6YHX, Logistic Assistants: Dan KI6X, Bob AF6C, Janet KL7MF. Michael KO6FAR will provide a laptop with updated spreadsheets. As mentioned in the Monthly Planner, Corey KE6YHX, will arrive early and prepare and hand out pre-numbered auction cards, with articles noted as #99 belonging to the club.

Nominating Committee Report: Ron W6WG, presented the committee's slate of candidates for board positions. President: Tim N6GP; Vice-President under review with two potentials, Ken KR6J or Ron W6WG; Secretary: Harold W6HAR; Treasurer: potentially Bijan KO6MZU; Activities: Tim N6TMT; Membership: Corey KE6YHX; Publicity: Michael KO6FAR; Technical: Tom AK6GR; Directors at Large: Dan KI6X and Janet KL7MF. Information about board

positions will be included in the next newsletter to encourage additional candidates to come forward at the November meeting.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion followed regarding improvement of Zoom meetings. Ron W6WG will bring to the meeting a donated laptop that can be designated for Zoom use only. Tim N6GP and Dave N3BKV were researching speakers and a mixer, and Tim N6GP suggested several Bluetooth speakers distributed throughout the meeting room with a controller. The investigation will continue. Ron W6WG, reports his efforts to secure a storage container or classroom for the club at the school used for Field Day was unsuccessful.

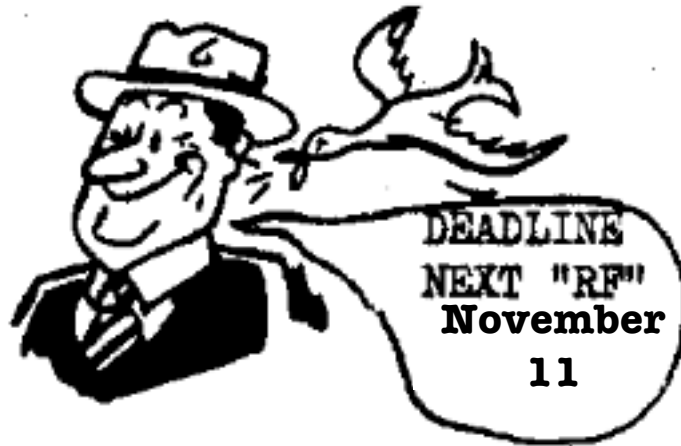
GOOD OF THE CLUB: Bob AF6C, provided an update on his new test equipment set-up, which is not quite ready yet to test the club's triplexer. Bob also has a Memorex wireless mic system to donate to the club for use as a PA system.

Tim N6GP and Arnie N6HC conducted a ham radio demo at Cal State Fullerton for a media history class and planned to invite the professor to speak at an upcoming meeting or event. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 PM.

Submitted by OCARC Secretary, Janet Margelli KL7MF



Cash Flow	1/1/2026- 9/30/2026
INFLOWS	
Badge Income	5.00
Donation	5,869.75
Dues 2026	727.50
Dues 2027	60.00
Dues, PayPal 2026	1,560.00
Dues, PayPal 2027	150.00
Equipment Sales	350.00
Interest Inc	513.20
Opp Drwg Income	187.00
Refreshments Income	238.37
TOTAL INFLOWS	9,660.8
OUTFLOWS	
Archive Supply	63.91
Auction Flyers	81.90
Field Day – Tent	285.00
Field Day – Equip	467.58
Field Day – Flowers	38.50
Laser Pointer	35.55
P.O. Box Rent	194.00
PayPal Fees	80.67
Prize Expense	391.54
Refreshments Expense	395.44
Statement of Info Fee	20.00
Software License	77.88
Speakers Meal Reimbursement	49.06
Storage	325.00
Website	339.65
WFD Food	130.00
WFD Gift	22.00
WFD Propane	77.65
WFD Tent Rental	220.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	3,295.33
OVERALL TOTAL	6365.49



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