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AUCTION
THIS MONTH
OCT. 19th



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OCARC ACTIVITIES

MEETING 3rd Friday of each month at 7:30 at;
Mercury Savings and Loan
1095 Irvine Blvd
Tustin, California

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

BREAKFAST 1st Saturday of each month, 8:30 at;
Manneys Restaurant
17th Street at the Newport Freeway
Santa Ana, California

MEETS IN BACK OF ROOM

CW NET Club station W6ZE meets each Wednesday
evening from 7 to 8 PM on 21.175 MHz.
All amateurs are welcome to check in
for some CW practice.

SSB NET Club station W6ZE meets each Wednesday
evening at 8 PM on 21.375 MHz. All
Amateurs are welcome to chec into this
informal gathering

CALLBOOK SERVICE

The club has copies of the latest callbooks which are available at each meeting. Additionally, addresses can be had at other times by calling Ernie, WA6GXV on Tuesday and Thursday between 7PM and 9PM or during the morning on Sundays.

Deadline for all material to be placed in RF is the 1st of the month. We reserve the right to accept, reject, edit, delete and/or add to any and all copy submitted.

SECOND O.C.A.R.C.
LOCAL WATERS FISHING OUTING

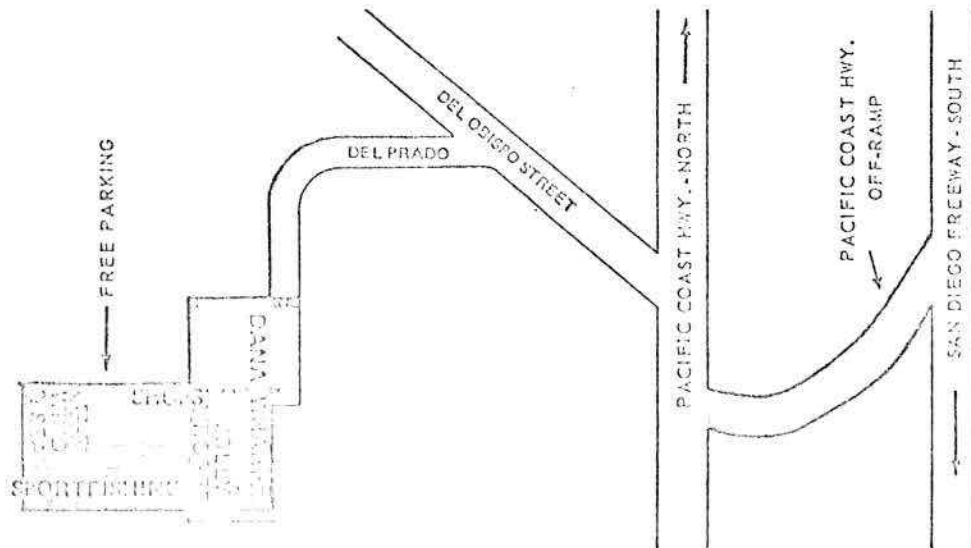
SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 10, 1973. This is an important date to mark on your calendar! It is the big opportunity for those who missed that first fishing trip back in June. Ernie, WA6GXV, has a full day planned for us beginning at 5:30 AM with the departure of the 42 foot 'CYPERLURUS'. You will be taken to various local fishing areas to let us unleash our fishing skills.

The cost of this day of fun-filled adventure is only \$15. This includes boat, pop, and beer. (Someone even said it includes some "San Antone RED") There is room for only about 15 people; so it is FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVE. SO bring yourself and your neighbors and your friends. You will need a salt water fishing license, some fishing gear, and a lunch. The boat should be back in port about 3 PM.

The \$15 should be paid to ernie no later than Nov. 1. If you can not attend a meeting , You can call and mail your check to:

Ernie Fuerte WA6GXV (839-7107)
513 N. Rosita
Santa ana, Cal 92703

Note: If your a real nut, most guys will be having breakfast at MANNY'S resturant at the silly time of 3:30 AM !!!!!



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THE PREZ SEZ

I'm sorry about the beivity of last months paper! September must be a slow time of the year and many people including J couldn't get it together. Since the request for help with the paper appeared last month, several members have offered to assist which is an indication that our paper is used as more than just a reminder of coming meetings.

The OCARC 'happening' at the Newport Dunes was quite a sucess. Those members and their families that turned out enjoyed the live band of the beach party a few yards away as well as the food, drinks and the water. The saddest part was when I left all those 807's in the icebox at home. Only a small part of the group volunteered to go swimming; LHB, HHC, FIT and I found the water not too clod and quite enjoyable. If you missed this event, do plan on attending the next one.

Don't forget the auction this month; details are elsewhere in this issue.

Starting in January we are going to have a simple application for all members to fill out. This will be a means of getting operating and interest data on the entire membership.

Elections are coming up next month so think of who will do a good job in the various offices. There will be a board meeting in early November for prospective board members. If you are interested in running for a position, contact Ken W6HHC or myself and we'll get you the date of the meeting as soon as its decided upon.

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Around the club.....

Another net change!!!! We now meet on Wednesday. See inside front cover for all club activities.

Kei, W6NGO is back from Japan after a FB vacation

Don, W600H will be spending a month in JA-land shortly

Dick. WA6TCB found his way back home after a FB vacation

Ken, W6HHC and Bob, WB6QNU got tired of minimal activity on 15 meters and decided to open up the band on 30 SEP 73. Here are their WAC/15M reports.

<u>WB6QNU</u>		<u>W6HHC</u>
T810G	Europe	EA3XW
5U7BA	Africa	ZS6BLK
HK4CST	S. America	HK4CST
JH1XYB	Asia	JA1EEW
KS6DH	Oceania	ZL1GW
W6HHC	N. Ameriac	WB6QNU

knowledge the use of two-way radio communication for business or convenience.

"It's perfectly all right to radio your husband in his car and tell him to bring home a pound of bacon," Young said, "but you cannot broadcast solely for the fun of being on the air. That's what the amateur radio band is for."

Young said that illegal broadcastists had jammed frequencies in Orange County but that the raid seems to have restored obedience to the rules.

He said the FCC offenders could be fined and their licenses revoked, "but it depends on how they respond to our warnings."

IMPROPER USE **LA TIMES**
9-28-73

**FCC Agents Raid
103 Citizen Band
Radios in County**

BY STEVE EMMONS
Times Staff Writer

Federal agents conducted undercover raids throughout Orange County last week and reported Thursday that they have caught 103 persons using their Citizen Band radios improperly.

The team of special Federal Communications Commission agents,

using radio direction-finding equipment, located the alleged offenders and are visiting their homes this week to inspect equipment.

Jeffrey B. Young, supervisor of the FCC Special Enforcement Facility in Santa Ana, said that word of the raid "has gotten around" and that use of the Citizen Band frequencies has virtually returned to normal.

Young said about 30% of the of-

fenders did not have the required FCC license. Others were using the frequencies for hobby purposes and not identifying themselves as required by law.

Others were exceeding the power or antenna limits for CB equipment. Young said the Citizen Band was created in 1958 to provide the average citizen regardless of technical

The following articles have been sent in by the members to point up the fact that the FCC is very much aware of activities within amateur radio and the Citizens radio service and can act when required to do so. The activities presented can only create more speculation on future rule making by the Commission to further limit amateur operation.

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This first article appeared in the Escondido CA Daily Times-Advocate and was sent by K6QCW via WA6GMS

DISTRESS CALL BRINGS FOCUS

by Bill Cain WA6KQF
ex-W7HKR

That radio distress call from New Mexico, supposedly from a 7-year-old in an overturned camper with his dead father, is now generally believed to have been a hoax.

If so, it was a costly one, considering the man-hours and equipment involved in the search.

It did, however, bring into focus a growing problem, what to do about an increasing abuse of the communications media.

There is no doubt that the airwaves and their audio-visual component, namely television, hold a powerful potential for influencing and controlling mass thought. I have already inveighed against this particular abuse by the news departments of the major networks, particularly the Columbia Broadcasting System, which in the opinion of many has been guilty of deliberately slanting the news. So I won't belabor that issue.

Whether the New Mexico distress call was bogus or not, it must call attention to the can of worms known as the Citizens' Band. It all began some years back, when in an action that has since become clouded with controversy, the Federal communications Commission took away a portion of the short wave dial from the radio amateur 'hams', and handed it over to anyone wishing to communicate via two-way radio.

Whereas the hams had always been required to pass an FCC examination including the Morse code and a technical quiz to proudly earn their licenses and the privilege of radio

communication, now anyone could do so on the new Citizens' Band simply by buying some equipment and paying a license fee. Of course, the hams still retained a majority of frequencies more useful than their old 11-meter band, now the Citizens' band.

Grateful for their hard-earned privileges, the hams had always shown a high degree of responsibility, carefully observing the regulations of the Communications Act, doing their own policing, and often performing acts of heroism in emergency communications.

Soon, to their horror, they began to witness a deterioration of these standards by some CB operators. Worst of all, the hams were being blamed for their offenses. As recently as the New Mexico incident, at least one news wire service was referring to the offender as a ham operator.

Hams are often blamed for interfering with neighbors radio and television programs, when the culprit is a misadjusted or overpowered CB transmitter. It has been estimated that more than half the CBers now on the air haven't even bought a license. Many are resentful of any FCC control or regulation.

The specified power limit for CB stations is a meager five watts input. Yet many CBers, eager to be the loudest on the air, have blossomed out with amplifiers, illegally boosting their power, often into the thousand-watt range.

On such amplifying equipment you may find a 'copout' to the effect that it is to be used only on the 10-meter amateur band. Yet there is no doubt that its intended use is on the 11-meter

Citizens' Band and that the manufacturers are cynically abetting the breaking of the law.

Not all CBers are scoundrels. Most are in the manner of hams, responsible. Unfortunately, however, there has been a spillover of the worst features of CB operating into the ham bands. Long-time ham operators, weaned on the operating amenities and accustomed to technical small talk, are shocked and scandalized at the controversy, profanity and malicious 'jamming' of channels now going on.

Examples may occasionally be heard on the message handling WESCARS network on the 40-meter ham band. But a more flagrant and intriguing example may be heard nightly on the 75-meter band. It is on this spot on the dial that a group known as the 'Free Thinkers' holds forth, from supper time to midnight. As you listen, you note that its members, who take turns speaking, are at various Southland locations. You also note that the ringleader, a Bakerfield resident, is an ex-Baptist minister, and that understandably his pitch is atheism and left wing politics. Nightly with evangelistic fervor, you'll hear him denounce, to the delight of his followers: the Nixon administration as 'the most corrupt in history;' or organized religion and Christianity as 'the worst crimes ever perpetrated on mankind;' those who disagree as 'stupid, illiterate, beer-guzzling slob;' etc.

Many tuners-in disagree, naturally, and they are allowed to join the discussion as long as they identify themselves and observe the traditional operating decorum. However, honest dissidents invariably wind up branded as 'uninformed, reactionary, bigoted,' etc.

This was my fate when I ventured to check in. I wished to challenge the assertion that: 'Nixon, Billy Graham and the Pope are in cahoots with the Mafia. After all, Nixon has entertained Frank Sinatra, a well-known underworld figure, at the White House'. I countered that all this says is 'Where there's smoke there's fire,' and that using such an approach, one might also impute a Leninist slant to the Free Thinkers' own tactics.

I was aware that there is nothing to prohibit such a group from editorial-

izing freely on amateur radio (as I am doing now in these pages), as long as it hews to the regulations. However, my journalistic objectivity had been offended and I was bound to suggest that the cards were stacked against honest dissent, that the group really didn't want to hear diverse opinions and that the name 'Free Thinkers' was a misnomer.

Not all dissenters identify themselves with names and call letters as I did. Nightly the discussions are interrupted anonymously by derogatory remarks, snide comments and profanity. Also the channel is jammed regularly by unidentified stations, with loud music and noise drowning out the proceedings.

There is no doubt that these inexcusable deplorable actions are those of CBers, operating illegally outside their designated channels. It also has been suggested that some of the interference is being done by the Free Thinkers themselves, to make their opponents look bad.

Disturbed by this state of affairs, I went to the horse's mouth and contacted the FCC office in San Diego. A spokesman informed me that agency is only too aware of the CB situation. A team of investigators has been monitoring illegal broadcasting for two months now he said, and the culprits have been identified. Some arrests already have been made, and more indictments are forthcoming.

As for the Free Thinkers, they too have been under scrutiny, he said. However, he intimated that even if grounds for action were found, the FCC would probably think twice, to avoid loud screams of 'infringement of freedom of speech.'

Thus, although the boom is being lowered on the offending CBers, the so-called Free Thinkers-and, alas, the TV news-will still be with us.

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What we desperately need are standards-for a balance of opinion, and a return to individual responsibility, honor and mutual respect

OCTOBER MEETING AUCTION

The next meeting of the OCARC will be held on Friday, October 19 at Mercury Savings (see inside front cover). The doors will be open at 7:15 to give everyone a little extra time to set up for the auction.

This auction is the perfect time to empty your garage of those valuable electronic devices that you have been hoarding and make room for those that you can get at OCARC auction rates!

The following rules will apply to all sales:

1. The items must be limited to those that are electronic in nature
2. Identify each item you wish to have auctioned with your call and the minimum bid.
3. Do not expect individual resistor and transistors to be auctioned...sell in lots!
4. Large and heavy items will be auctioned first in the parking lot.
5. Donation to the club treasury will be 15% of the selling price up to \$50.00. More expensive items donate \$7.50 plus 10% of the amount over \$50.00

DON'T MISS THIS BIG OCARC ANNUAL EVENT...SEE YOU AT THE MEETING

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