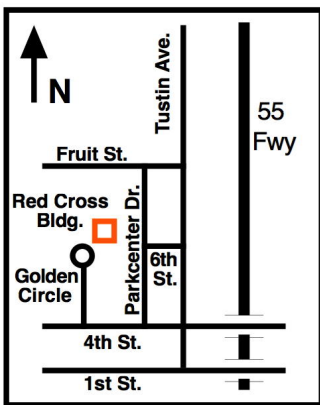


Meetings: (MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING)

OCARC meetings are normally held on the third Friday of each month, except December, at the American Red Cross building, 600 N. Parkcenter Drive, in Santa Ana, CA (Near Tustin Ave. and 6th St.) The meeting starts at 7:00 PM sharp. A conflict may affect the meeting week, so check our website.

The program or guest speaker is presented near the beginning of the meeting, followed by announcements, then a break where members and guests can chat. Following the break, there is usually a short business meeting and, on occasion, an opportunity drawing.



Jan. 2025 Meeting: Riley Hollingsworth - K4ZDH, retired FCC Special Council, FCC Enforcement Bureau was our guest speaker via Zoom©.

Breakfast: (MONTHLY BOARD MEETING)

The OCARC holds a club breakfast and board meeting on the first Saturday of the month. While this is a **business meeting** and not a social event, members and guests are invited to attend. See our website for location.

Amateur Radio Exam Sessions:

Before each club meeting, OCARC makes available a license testing session courtesy of an ARRL Examiner Team. Whether your interest is in becoming a new ham and getting your Technician Class License, or you wish to upgrade your current license to the next level, contact our ARRL Liaison examiner at VETesting@w6ze.org. Tests are given monthly, except December, at 5:30 PM on the night of our general meeting at the Red Cross building in Santa Ana, off Tustin Ave. and 6th St. Meetings are generally on the third Friday of the month, but check our website for the latest information as they can change.

Radio Nets:

OCARC sponsors weekly nets in the Orange County area. These nets are informal and nonmembers are welcome to check-in and rag-chew with members:

Ten Meter SSB Net: This net meets on **28.375** MHz (Plus or minus QRM) at **7:30** PM local time Wednesdays (03:30Z Thursday - 02:30Z during daylight saving period). Net control is W6ZE. This frequency is available for Technician Class licensees, and they are encouraged to check in.

Two Meter FM Net: This net meets on **146.550** MHz simplex at **8:30 PM** local time Wednesdays (0430Z Thursday - 0330Z during daylight saving period). Net control is W6ZE.

Seventy-Five Meter Net: This net meets on **3.883** MHz at **8:00 PM** local time on Tuesdays (0400Z Wednesday - 0300Z during daylight saving period) Net Control is W6ZE

Digital Nets: Echolink and other digital modes being tested.

Feel free to check into our nets to learn more about our club. More net info at <https://www.w6ze.org/nets.html>.

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An ARRL Special Services Club

Welcome:

The Orange County Amateur Radio Club is a general purpose radio club. Our members vary in interest and talents and share their talents with other members interested in similar aspects of the hobby of amateur radio.

Dues are very reasonable (we don't have a repeater to support). Meetings are held monthly, and guests interested in visiting our club are welcome.

Some of our members are active in Emergency Services including local police communications groups, ARES, RACES and The Red Cross.

The club has technically oriented members who can help you with your radio problems and questions. It also has people familiar with Mac and Windows computers. Visit our web site for photos from many of our events:

Activities:

OCARC holds many events each year:

In late January we participate in Winter Field Day operating in an outdoor class, and the club has finished first place overall numerous times.



Remainder of OCARC's ARRL Field Day Group, after Sunday teardown. KL7MF

Our biggest event is the yearly **ARRL Field Day** held each June. Since 2007 the club has been a contender, often winning the ORG section, the SW division and appearing in the top ten overall.

In October the club holds an open **auction** for selling and buying amateur radio and amateur radio related items:



Lots of goodies and bidders at the 2024 annual October auction. AF6C

October also means the California QSO party. The club participates individually, and as a group, handing out QSOs to other participants around the country.

In December there is the yearly club **Holiday Dinner Party**:



Club members gather for the 2024 Holiday Dinner Party. N6TMT

...and lots more!

RF: (OUR NEWSLETTER)

The OCARC publishes a monthly newsletter titled **RF**. It is delivered as a PDF via email to our members and select others. In recent years the newsletter has contained product reviews, technical articles for the average ham, construction projects, humorous stories, and of course it covers club activity and business. It is the home of the Heathkit of the Month articles.



The first issue of **RF** was published in November 1953. The newsletter has come a long way since then thanks to computers, home publishing and our club editors and authors. Recently we've been adding additional issues from the mid 50's.

Check out early and recent issues of **RF**, on our web site: <https://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF-Index.html>.