

## Kiyoshi "Kei" Yamachika W6NGO History and Accomplishments



- W6NGO since Spring 1936:  
RFD (Rural Free Delivery) 1,  
W. Orangethorpe St., Buena Park, Calif.
- Pre-war and post-war OCARC Member.  
([http://www.w6ze.org/OCARC\\_History\\_Series/OCARC-History\\_Part03.pdf](http://www.w6ze.org/OCARC_History_Series/OCARC-History_Part03.pdf))
- First archive roster appearance was in  
September 1969.
- Good of the Club Award Recipient for:  
1979 (on record)

•Kei (Kiyoshi) Yamachika W6NGO was an early member of the OCARC. While still in high school, Kei and his brother, Masami W6LXF (later KF6TST), joined the OCARC during the mid-1930's. Kei (pronounced "K") really enjoyed ham radio in the 1930's. He built his own radio equipment and antennas, like many early hams. Then came WW2 and ham radio stopped. Kei W6NGO enlisted in the "hard fighting" Japanese-American 442nd Combat Team. His ham radio skills were put to use and he served as a radio operator during fighting in Germany and Italy. After the war, Kei turned his attentions to building up a farming business. Farming kept him off the air for quite a few years. Around 1965 he sold his farm and then he bought some Yaesu ham equipment and got back on the air.

Finally, in 1968, [Ken Konechy] met Kei on the air and reacquainted Kei with the OCARC and invited him to a meeting. Then Kei W6NGO got hooked on OCARC Field Days. Kei was active in the OCARC. He was on the OCARC board of directors almost continuously from about 1970 until 1996.

(<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF-Newsletter-2017-05.pdf>)

### Field Day Activity of Kei Yamachika

- 1986: The Club finally (after years of building a "generator fund") purchased its first FD generator which remained under the care of Kei Yamachika. Field Day was held June 27-28 at Centennial Park.

([http://www.w6ze.org/OCARC\\_History\\_Series/OCARC-History\\_part10.pdf](http://www.w6ze.org/OCARC_History_Series/OCARC-History_part10.pdf))

- 1990: Field Day was held in Prospect Park in Tustin. In June, the Club thanked Kei Yamachika W6NGO, for tower, generator, and antenna storage.

- 1991: Kei, W6NGO donated a beam antenna to the Club for use in Field Day.

([http://www.w6ze.org/OCARC\\_History\\_Series/O](http://www.w6ze.org/OCARC_History_Series/O)



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- 1995: Kei, W6NGO is 15m Band Captain.  
(<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF-Newsletter-1995-05.pdf>)
- 1996: Kei "...masterminded the club's Field Day infrastructure,  
and kept the generator running for a solid 24 plus hours."  
(<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF-Newsletter-1996-07.pdf>)

#### Board Positions held by Kei Yamachika

Activities Chairman 2 times, Membership Chairman 1 time, TVI Chairman 5 times,  
Member-at-Large 7 times, a total of 15 times.

- Activities: 1972, 1986
- Membership: 1976
- TVI Chairman: 1970, 1974, 1978, 1980, 1988
- Member-at-Large: 1973, 1975, 1977, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1996

•Nov 1953: Start of Records

- TVI Chairman 1970 (<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF-Newsletter-1970-12.pdf>)
- Activity Chairman 1972 (<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF197206.pdf>)
- Member-at-Large 1973 (<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF197305.pdf>)
- TVI Chairman 1974 (<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF197406.pdf>)
- Member-at-Large 1975 (<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF197510.pdf>)
- Membership Chairman 1976 (<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF197603.pdf>)
- Member-at-Large 1977 (<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF197705.pdf>)
- TVI Chairman 1978 (<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF197811.pdf>)
- TVI Chairman 1980 (<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF198001.pdf>)
- Member-at-Large 1985 (<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF-Newsletter-1985-06.pdf>)
- Activities Chairman 1986 (<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF198606.pdf>)
- Member-at-Large 1987 (<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF198706.pdf>)
- TVI Chairman 1988 (<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF198809.pdf>)
- Member-at-Large 1989 (<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF198903.pdf>)
- Member-at-Large 1996 (<http://www.w6ze.org/officers1996.html>)

#### Misc of Search for "NGO"

- "Know Your Club Officers Kei Yamachika W6NGO TVI Chairman"  
(<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF197408.pdf>)
- <http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF198702.pdf>
- <http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF-Newsletter-1987-08.pdf>

#### In Memoriam

- Passed away July 12th, 1997, at the age of 79.  
(<http://www.w6ze.org/Events2013.html>)  
(<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF-Newsletter-2017-05.pdf>)
- In 1997, The "Good of the Club Award" was dedicated to the memory of  
Kei Yamachika - W6NGO, for his year-after-year contributions in support of  
our club's activities.  
(<http://www.w6ze.org/XMAS/XMAS1998pics/XMAS1998Portfolio.html>)

- His widow, Ida Yamachika, set up The Kei Yamachika Trust Fund with the proceeds from the sale of his station.  
(<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF-Newsletter-2009-05.pdf>)  
(<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF-Newsletter-2017-05.pdf>)