



## Mike Abreu – K6KAA S.K.

Former club member Mike Abreu - K7KAA passed away on October 2018 from complications associated with Parkinson's disease. He was 77 years old. Mike joined the club in 1989 and was a former vice-president of OCARC (1991). Mike, a VHF / UHF enthusiast was also involved with the club in the mid-to-late 70's, after moving to Tustin, just a few blocks away from where our meetings were then held (Mercury Savings & Loan).

Here is Mike's autobiography that was published in the June 1991 issue of RF Page 5.

### Autobiography of the Vice Prez

by Mike Abreu, K6KAA

First licensed in 1957 as a novice KN6KAA. I obtained my general class license K6KAA in 1958 and upgraded to advanced class in 1990. I held a 1st Class Commercial Radio Telephone license from 1959 to 1969. Active on all amateur bands from 80 meters through 225 Mhz. All of this mobile and capable of at least 100 watts.

Six Meters is kind of my favorite band, kind of like snipe hunting. standing out in the field waiting for the snipes to nun in the sack or listening to static for hours on end. When a contact is made on six meters, it brings back the excitement of some of my first contacts as a novice and also reminders of some of the frustrations.

I have been associated with the Orange County Amateur Radio Club for just over 2 years. Last year's Field Day with the club kind of reminded me of my first Field Day in 1957.

I currently am net control for ARES district 3 for which Frank, WA6VKZ is the EC. If you check into a net. be careful if you ask who is net control. I did that very thing for the ARES district 3 net; the response was "You're it!"

I am one of those native Californians, and have been outside the state only some 2 months. You may have heard me remark about needing a passport to leave California, I know you need one to get back in.

Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo is where I started college in 1959 and finally finished by BSEE (Electronics) 10 years later at Cal Poly Pomona after getting married and my first daughter and starting work for North American Aviation from 1962 through my graduation in 1968. Not having enough of school. I went back for more of the same and acquired a Master of Science in Engineering at Cal Poly Pomona, while working for Burroughs Corporation, now UNISYS, and a second daughter.

Some of my other activities include working for Unisys as a Senior Systems Specialist, but sitting down all day and typing seems more like a programmer. In my spare time I take care of my rental property in Bakersfield and Santa Maria.

