

Carl Flint - N8AE SK



Sad news from Michigan. Former club member Carl Flint - N8AE passed away on September 8th at the young age of 68. The cause of death was not given.

Carl, and his wife Dee - N8UZE were only club members for a few years, but they made a big impact on the club and its activities. Dee, who had moved from Michigan to Tustin, CA, to work for the Fisker automotive company, joined the club at the August 20, 2010, meeting. Carl remained employed in Michigan until he joined Dee in early 2011, in time to volunteer with Dee as Field Day co-band captains for 80-meter phone, CW and digital modes.

Carl and Dee participated at the April 23RD club event Portables-in-the-Park. Carl provided an 80 meter dipole which they would use for field day that year. During the 2011 field day Carl spent some time helping Steve - N1AB in the GOTA tent. When he returned to 80 meters he had two GOTA graduates in tow, and let them get some experience on 80 phone with the "big-boys" (**Figure 1**).



Figure 1

Carl and Dee remained very active in the club attending board meetings and club activities



Figure 2

with enthusiasm. In November Carl was elected club vice president for 2012. He and Dee were also recipients of the coveted OCARC Good of the Club Award for 2011 (**Figure 2**).

Tim - N6GP reports that *“Carl was the first one in our club to talk about us entering in Winter Field Day - way before the event grew in popularity.”* (Jan board meeting under Good of the Club). At the first general meeting with Carl as VP, our president was missing and Carl jumped in and took the reins.

In March, Dee announced that Carl had to resign his VP, as well as his FD Co-chair position due to his new job that required a lot of travel. Dee filled in for Carl as FD chair.

Besides amateur radio, Carl enjoyed photography, he was an avid outdoorsman and combined photography with his walks. He often visited the wildlife preserve in Bolsa Chica and would display some fantastic images. **Figure 3** is a favorite.

Carl and Dee rejoined for 2013. However, business had not been going well at Fisker, and Dee’s position in CA closed and she and Carl returned to Clinton Township, Michigan. At the 80TH club reunion they checked in on Skype from their midwest digs. Though they were only members for a few years, they were sorely missed by all who got to know them. **Figure 3** is just a sample of Carl’s photographic skills. More are on his QRZ page.

73, from AF6C

