

# ORCA NewsLetter August 2, 2003

Meetings are normally held on the first Saturday of each month at **9:00 AM** in the media room of **Oakland Fire Station 1**; 1605 Martin Luther King at 17th St. The next meeting is Saturday, August 2, 9 AM.

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## President's Corner **Jim Tiemstra, K6JAT**



Whew!! A lot of activities for the club seem to have just flown by with Field Day, 4th of July Fire Patrols, a Board of Directors' meeting and Don Street's (**K6EHQ**) Memorial Service. The rest of the summer promises to keep up a fairly blistering pace with the annual membership meeting of O.R.C.A. on August 2 with the first election of a post-merger Board of Directors, a report on the proposed restructuring of Oakland's Emergency Management Board and Doug's (**N6TQS**) tales of DXpeditioning to exotic locales (just before he leaves for Mali as part of TZ6RD).

The Board of Directors has been working hard to cover a long agenda of projects, goals and responsibilities. I've noticed a great deal of enthusiasm for and interest in the club's activities that hopefully will rub off on all of us. We look forward to presenting you with a slate of, at least 9, proposed directors to carry the club forward. If any of you are interested in serving, please make your interest known to any one of the current officers or other board members. New by-laws have been adopted to

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address all of the post-merger issues we could think of. This should help facilitate a smooth running organization.

Finally, I would like to note that our principal liaison with the Office of Emergency Services, Kim Shunk, has taken a leave of absence to move to Florida for family reasons. Kim has been a tremendous supporter of the ARES/RACES mission of our organization over the past couple of years and will be missed. We hope to be able to welcome her back in the future. In the meantime, Coleen Bell continues in her supportive role and we look forward to working with Kim's successor.

C U On-the-Air ! 73, Jim

### Calendar:

- August 2, Sat. 0900 ORCA monthly meeting.
  - Program: DXing with N6TQS
  - Annual meeting elections
- August 6, Wed. Noon Siren net 146.88
- September 3, Noon Siren net 146.88
- September 6, Sat. 0900 ORCA monthly meeting, Media Room, Fire Station 1
- October 1, Wed. Noon Siren net 146.88
- October ? SET (drill)
- October 17, 18, 19 Pacificon
  - 18<sup>th</sup> Technician License class and exam
- October 26 VE Exams sponsored by ORCA
  - 1950 Franklin St., Kaiser Center, Oakland
- November 1, Sat. 0900 ORCA monthly meeting
  - Speaker ? Chabot Space & SC radios
- November 5, Noon Siren net 146.88
- December 3, Noon Siren net 146.88
- December 6, Sat. 0900 ORCA monthly meeting
- December Annual Holiday Party

## Field Day at the EOC



Vail **KE6WPJ**

FD=FIELD DAY. FP = FIRE PATROL

JULY 2003 ACTIVITIES		FD	FP
TOTALS FOR>>>>>>>>		21	16
Call	Name		
KE6HKY	Adele	1	1
WA6CUY	Herbert	1	1
W6UAB	Mike	1	1
W6BUR	George	1	1
KG6GTR	Dave	1	1
N6TQS	Doug	1	1
KE6IUE	Robert	1	
KO6TI	Richard	1	
KD6OAQ	Robin		1
KF6VOG	Bill	1	1
KD6OCW	Charles		1
KG6DER	Michael	1	1
WB6BYA	John		1
W6THD	Art	1	1
WB6NER	David	1	1
KG6ECM	Dave	1	
KE6WPJ	Vail	1	1
KE6MQW	Chris	1	
KF6GTT	Margery	1	1
K6JAT	James	1	

## Field Day at Sequoia Arena



Bob **KE6IUE**

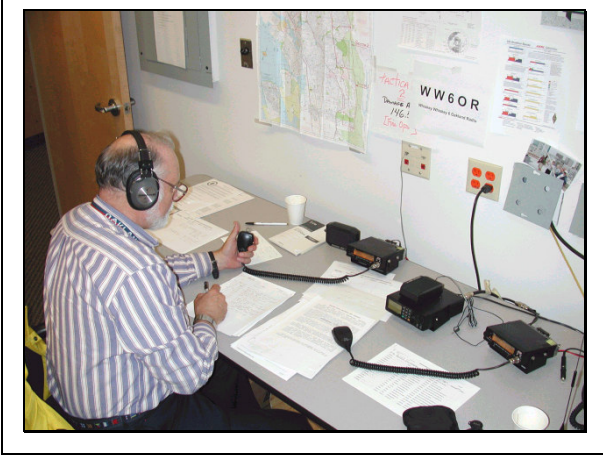
Twenty-one brave operators devoted their extended weekend of June 27-29 [Fri-Sun] to participate in one or both of the Field Day efforts sponsored by ORCA. Alan, **KQ6TW**, headed up a successful effort with participation of others at the Oakland EOC while David, **WB6NER**, and Jim **K6JAT** were principal operators as **WW6OR** at the Sequoia Arena with the generous support of many other operators. The Sequoia Arena effort generated 388 contacts with a QSO score of 816. We have also claimed 800 bonus points for a total Field Day score of **1,616** points! Logistical support to Station Operators from all participating members at the sites for generator and electrical, antennas and food all went toward a good time had by all. See you all at next year's event!

*David **WB6NER***

Field Day and Fire Patrol participation, cont'd

W6LL	Brian	1	
N6RCG	Mark	1	1
KQ6TW	Alan	1	
KG6HTU	Doug	1	

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Fire Patrol



Mike **W6UAB**

Sixteen hearty operators set aside their household Independence Day activities to participate in providing the Oakland Fire Department/Office of Emergency Services with Oakland Hills Fire Patrols from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The OES was staffed from 12:00 p.m. on, conducting a Repeater Based Resource Net on 146.880 MHz to determine Operator availability for deployment to the hills area. A simplex tactical net was established at Fire Station 25 for the three afternoon patrols. Additionally, during the afternoon, David, WB6NER, successfully sent SSTV pictures from Station 25 to the EOC, and the Operators there were able to display these on the main EOC screens! For the evening shift, two patrols were fielded from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with simplex tactical net control based at the Oakland EOC. A great job, everyone!

*David **WB6NER***

This newsletter is published Monthly. Please submit all articles, photos and suggestions by **August 22** to the editor KF6EPQ at [dpm24@cornell.edu](mailto:dpm24@cornell.edu).

### ORCA Web Site:

[www.qsl.net/orca/](http://www.qsl.net/orca/)

Al **KQ6TW** has started to update the information on the website, thank you!

## ORCA Yahoo Group

I **KG6EDR** have created a Yahoo Group for ORCA and have invited everyone to join the group. If you would like to just be on the emailing list without having to create a Yahoo profile, please email me directly and I will subscribe you to the mailing list [mike@mhole.com](mailto:mike@mhole.com) To list yourself, go to [www.groups.yahoo.com/group/orca\\_races/](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/orca_races/)

You will be able to remove yourself if you choose to later, or you can email me and I will remove you as soon as I can. You can also choose to receive just a digest of emails rather than each individual one. Let me know which you would prefer.

Features of this group will be email reminders of club activities (that people tell me about in advance), access to a calendar of events, files that you might find handy, picture albums and some other neat features.

*73, Michael E. Hole, **KG6DER***



### Treasurer's Report

Bob **KE6IUE**

As of the end of June, ORCA had a healthy balance of \$7929.50, with the majority of the repeater site bills paid

for the year. Since the last report, three renewing members paid their 2003 dues and we welcomed one new member, Kevin McGown, **AA6HH**. That brings us to 68 paid members for 2003. Field Day expenses totaled \$380.71, just over the working budget of \$350. This included a small contribution (\$100) to our generous site sponsor, the Metropolitan Horseman's Association. In addition to allowing us the use of their leased site, they provided a clean portable toilet for us at the arena. Our unofficial balance as of this report is approximately \$7475.

## Membership Cards

Those of you who haven't received your 2003 membership cards yet (say, by virtue of having been at Field Day or other ORCA events recently) should find them in this issue of the newsletter (which is being mailed to you in an envelope, courtesy of the Treasurer, for that very purpose). We were a little slow in incorporating this feature of VHF Repeaters into the merged organization, and many thanks to all of you for your patience as we worked through the logistics of getting this done. In future years we plan to issue cards at the beginning of the year as members join or renew their memberships. Any comments on the cards or suggestions to improve them can be forwarded to KE6IUE or any Board member.

## ORCA Board

President: Jim Tiemstra, K6JAT  
Vice Pres.: Alan Whitman, KQ6TW  
Secretary: Art McLaughlin, W6THD  
Treasurer: Bob Firehock, KE6IUE

Director: Fran Sweet, KFUVB  
Director: David Otey, WB6NER  
Director: Mike Pompa, KB6MP  
Director: Mark Violet, N6RCG  
Director: Dave McGuinness, KF6EPQ  
Director: Frank Clasby, K6UE  
Director: Eliza Greene, KE6EHD  
Director: Bill Hardy, KF6VOG

## Monthly events

1st Sundays	Livermore Swap meet - Las Positas C.C.
1st Saturdays	ORCA ARES - Oakland OES 9:00
2nd Saturdays	Los Altos Hills Flea Market
2nd Fridays	East Bay Amateur Radio Club
3rd Fridays	Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club
3rd Fridays	Hayward Radio Club
3rd Weds	Rocky Ridge Repeater Group
4 <sup>th</sup> Fridays	Alameda Radio Club Assn. (ARCA)

East Bay Amateur Radio Club meets 7:30PM at the Salvation Army, 4600 Appian Way, El Sobrante  
Hayward Radio Club meets at 1401 West Winton Ave in Hayward behind Hayward Fire Station 6, next to the Hayward Air National Guard Base.  
Alameda Radio Club Assn. meets 7pm at Building 522 Midway Avenue on Alameda Point.  
Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club and the Rocky Ridge Repeater Group meet at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette.



Frances, Don's spouse, presented this lovely cake at Field Day.

## EHQ Memorial

A Memorial Service was held for Donald Carey Street, **K6EHQ**, on Sunday, July 20, 2003, and ORCA was well represented. Thirteen of Don's fellow ORCA hams were counted in attendance and David, **WB6NER**, delivered an eloquent and fitting tribute to our departed comrade on behalf of us all. NER noted the generosity of EHQ's family in their wish to donate his radio equipment and call sign to the proposed Skyline High School Radio Club.