

# ORCA NewsLetter October 4, 2003

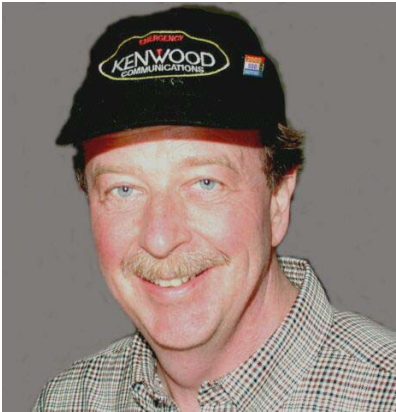
Meetings are normally held the first Saturday of each month at **9:00 AM** in the media room of **Oakland Fire Station 1**; 1605 Martin Luther King at 17th St.

**October 4<sup>th</sup> is our annual SET** (Simulated Emergency Test). Please participate in lieu of the meeting by tuning to 146.880 MHz, PL 77 at 0900 Saturday. *Have your equipment ready.*

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## President's Corner

**Jim Tiemstra,  
K6JAT**



I have the pleasure of writing this column on the heels of a terrific turnout for our September meeting and a great meeting of virtually the entire Board of Directors (our Treasurer was in Florida). The very next day, WB6NER and I met with the OES in the person of Jim Burruel, who is filling in during the absence of both Kim and Coleen. Jim is a sharp guy and certainly appreciative of the role of amateur radio in emergency preparedness. He is a quick study, and I'm sure he'll help to advance our agenda with the City.

Mark your calendars now for a **movie night** on **December 5** followed by the **Holiday Party on the 11th** at Pier 29. I'm sure that anyone you talk to who's attended these events will tell you how much fun they had.

October 4 is the date for the ARRL's Simulated Emergency Test or SET. Check in on the repeater and prepare to be deployed at 0900. The SET is always a prime test of our equipment, emergency protocols and traffic  
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## Special Event: SET Saturday, Oct. 4 0900

The "Simulated Emergency Scenario" will be announced on 146.880 at 0900 and a "Resource" Net will then start, requesting check-ins for availability for various tactical assignments. Available Operators will be instructed to "QSY" to a "Tactical" Net simplex frequency of 147.585 MHz for specific deployments (to Fire Stations, etc.). Responders should be prepared to retrieve and transmit messages to the Tactical Net Control Operator.

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## Calendar:

October 4, 0900 SET (drill) at 146.880  
October 17, 1100-1400 Clorox Emerg. Fair table  
October 17, 18, 19 Pacificon  
18 Technician License class and exam  
October 19, 0700-1400 Breast Cancer comm.  
October 25, 26 CQ WW SSB Int'l Contest  
October 26 VE Exams sponsored by ORCA  
1950 Franklin St. (Kaiser Office) Oakland  
November 1, Sat. 0900 ORCA monthly meeting  
Speaker: Chabot Space & SC radios  
November 5, Noon Siren net 146.88  
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December 5, Friday 1830 video night and  
Kaiser EOC tour. 1950 Franklin St., Oakland.  
December 11, Thursday, 1830 Annual Holiday  
Party. Pier 29, 300 29<sup>th</sup> Ave. Oakland

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handling capabilities. This year we're looking to assess Fire Station readiness, demonstrate SSTV, contact the county EOC and invite CORE participation. Be there or be square.

Of course, we're all planning to attend **Pacificon** on October 17-19 after the Clorox Emergency Preparedness Fair on the 17th and before the "Bike Against the Odds" on the 19th. Thankfully, we are not planning a booth at Pacificon this year because we'll already have enough tired radio operators.

Also, stay tuned for improvements "on the hill" as our Chief Engineer (**W6THD**) and his band of merry men acquire some new equipment. In the meantime we will be diligently working on the mysterious "Big Project" for the ARRL and a space station at Chabot.

Whew! That's a long rag chew for this month!  
C U on-the-air es 73, Jim K6JAT

## **ORCA Events: Sat., Oct. 4 S.E.T.**

There will be no regular meeting at 9:00 A.M. this Saturday, instead everyone should listen to the Repeater on 146.880 MHz at that time.

A location for a debrief will be announced at the conclusion of the exercise. 73, **WB6NER**

## **Ham Radio at Breast Cancer Bike Race**

The fundraiser ***Bike Against the Odds*** for breast cancer will be held on **Sunday, October 19** from 7AM to 2PM in the Oakland/Orinda region. We need ham volunteers for three hour shifts. Operators are needed at Lake Merritt, rest stops and in Sag vehicles. Please sign-up with Mike **KB6MP** at 267-5046 or at [mikep@pdarrl.org](mailto:mikep@pdarrl.org).

## **VE Exam Sessions**

Sunday, Oct. 26, @ 0900hrs  
1950 Franklin St, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Oakland.  
All exams available. Please confirm during the week prior to October 26 with David Otey, **WB6NER**. He can be reached during the day at: (510) 987-2867.

## **ORCA at Clorox Preparedness Fair**

Adele **KE6HKY** could use help at the The Clorox Company employee **Emergency Awareness Fair** at its Oakland headquarters at 1221 Broadway on **Friday, October 17, 11AM - 2PM**. At least 800 employees are expected at the fair.

## **CQ WW SSB Contest: operators wanted**

Jim **K6JAT** is still planning to run a "multi-single" entry in the CQ WW SSB contest Oct. 25, 26 for those club members wishing to try out international contesting. QTH will be his radio shack near Skyline High School.  
[K6JAT@aol.com](mailto:K6JAT@aol.com)

**December Meeting Change:** Instead of a regular Saturday morning meeting on December 6, a Friday evening December 5 "EOC" tour and **"Video-Night"** activity will be scheduled to be held at the Kaiser Permanente administrative building, 1950 Franklin St. [between 19th and 20th Sts.]. Plan your arrival after 6:30 p.m. so we can launch the tour and video at 7:00 p.m. Further details will be in the November Newsletter.

**Annual Holiday Dinner:** Save the Date!  
**Thursday evening, December 11, 6:30 PM** for no-host bar time with dinner at 7:00 PM at Pier 29 Restaurant, 300 29th Ave. [adjacent to the Oakland/Alameda 29th St. Bridge]. Costs for dinner and desert will be approximately \$30. Deposits for the dinner will be taken during the November meeting and December Video night. Menus will be available then, also.

OAKLAND RADIO COMMUNICATION  
ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

17 September 2003

The following Board Members were present: W6LL, KG6GTR, K6JAT, KQ6TW, KF6VOG, WB6NER, KE6HKY and W6THD. Board member KE6IUE was absent, as were ex-officio Board Members K6UE and N6RCG. Also in attendance was our Newsletter Editor, KF6EPQ.

4. Updating of our Web Site is in progress. This is being handled by **KQ6TW**. The current ORCA Meeting information will be updated in the near future.

5. Our current treasury balance is \$7853.50, of which \$7484.43 is unencumbered.

6. We currently have 70 regular paid members. In addition, there are approximately five "family members."

7. A motion was made and approved to purchase "The World Radio Club Deal," at a cost of \$65.00 for one year.  
(See: [www.wr6wr.com/newSite/departments/clubs/clubdeal.html](http://www.wr6wr.com/newSite/departments/clubs/clubdeal.html) )

9. No action has been taken, yet, on a potential relationship with Chabot Space and Science Center (possibly to include a demonstration station with satellite and ISS communication capabilities). There was some discussion of the possibilities, and **WB6NER** will follow-up.

10. There was a brief discussion of potential support for a Skyline High School club station. There is apparently "grant money" available through the ARRL "Big Project" program. It was pointed out that Skyline High School is more "performing arts" oriented, whereas Oakland Technical High School is more "technology" oriented. Thus, Oakland Tech may be a more appropriate location for a club station. **KF6EPQ** will make contact with Oakland Tech to determine

their interest.

11. The newsletter will shift to a PDF format for email delivery. However, we will continue to publish the regular mailed (paper) version for those members who have not requested email delivery. In addition, we will attempt to make arrangements for display of our Newsletter at HRO on a permanent basis (**KG6GTR** to deliver latest Newsletter).

12. We need to have approximately 500 copies of our Introductory ORCA Brochure printed. (A motion was made and passed to fund the printing at a cost of between \$50.00 and \$100.00)

13. We are planning a S.E.T. (Simulated Emergency Test) on October 4. A scenario will be developed including the use of mobile patrols, visual communications (Slow-Scan) and liaison with the county and/or other emergency organizations. (**KE6KHY** will coordinate with C.O.R.E. to enlist their participation in communication functions.)

15. We are planning to have a "movie night" (on Friday, Dec. 5) in lieu of our regular monthly meeting. In addition, our annual holiday dinner will be held on Thursday, Dec. 11 (6:30 PM cocktails, 7:00 PM dinner, \$30 per person).

16. **WB6NER** will act as Net Control for the "Bike against the Odds" event on Sunday, October 19.

17. A proposal was presented by **W6THD** for a new 2-meter repeater system. The Board approved going ahead with the purchase of equipment at a cost of approximately \$3,000.00. **WB6NER** will work with **K6UE** to proceed with the purchase and acquisition of the equipment during the month of October.

19. There was some discussion of computer networking for Field Day operations. It was generally agreed that we should look into the possibility of obtaining new software which would provide for standard networking interconnections (instead of serial port connections), perhaps using wireless networking. >>Art McLaughlin, **W6THD**

## Attendance September 6, 2003

Percy	Amos	KG6IRG
Adele	Bertaud	KE6HKY
Herbert	Bowen	WA6CUY
Mike	Cassidy	W6UAB
George	Chong	W6BUR
Francis	Clasby	K6UE
Dave	Clemes	KG6GTR
Robert	Firehock	KE6IUE
Richard	Gabor	KO6TI
James	Greene	KG6RZQ
Bill	Hardy	KF6VOG
Karen	Harris	KG6ADB
Marvin	Kay	K6GHE
Claudia	Kohler	KL7IX
Sandy	Lavine	K06JF
Bob	Mayes	KE6DVT
Dave	McGuinness	KF6EPQ
Norman	Morse	WB4RNW
David	Otey	WB6NER
Juan	Padilla	KE6HCD
Dave	Palmer	KG6ECM
Vail	Palomino	KE6WPJ
Michael	Pompa	KB6MP
Margery	Service	KF6GTT
James	Tiemstra	K6JAT
Brian	Treusch	W6LL
Mark	Violet	N6RCG
Alan	Whitman	KQ6TW

## Oakland Airport Exercise

Red Cross Disaster Assistance Team leader Cassius Downs has announced that the planning for the Oakland Airport exercise on **Oct 23** is going well. Anyone wishing to participate **MUST** e-mail Charles Telehala, [TelehalaC@usa.redcross.org](mailto:TelehalaC@usa.redcross.org) as soon as possible, since all participants must be pre-cleared by the airport.

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Website for ORCA and ham info:  
<http://www.qsl.net/orca/>

## Know Someone Who Wants a Technician License?

Get your Technician License in **ONE DAY**. Class will be taught **SATURDAY** from 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM at Pacificon, San Ramon Marriot, 2500 Bishop Drive. **Test will be given at 5:00 PM.**

Buy and read 2003 edition ARRL "Now You're Talking" before you come to class. Text available from HRO in Oakland or directly from <http://www.arrl.org>

Get the full schedule for **Pacificon** Oct. 17, 18, 19 at [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org)

Mila Fairfax and Chris Denney **AD6YV** gave an interesting talk on Nextel's walkie-talkie, "Direct Connect", feature at the September meeting. It is used by many public safety customers, sometimes as a comm patch between fire and police departments. The system relies on Telco, a T-1 line or a microwave link from the cell sites to the Public Service Transmit Network so we still need ham radio for the hours, and maybe days, after a regional disaster.

## Oakland Fire Station Addresses:

Station 1 / Truck Company	<a href="#">1605 Martin Luther King Way</a> / 17th St.
Station 2/ Fireboat	<a href="#">100 Jack London Square</a>
Station 3 / Truck Company	<a href="#">1445 14th St</a> / Mandela Pkwy
Station 4 / Truck Company	<a href="#">1235 E. 14th St</a> /12th Ave
Station 5	<a href="#">934 34th Street</a> / Market / San Pablo
Station 6	<a href="#">6080 Colton Blvd</a> / Skyline
Station 7	<a href="#">1006 Amito Dr</a> / Gravatt Dr
Station 8 / Truck Company	<a href="#">463 51st Street</a> / Telegraph
Station 10	<a href="#">172 Santa Clara Ave</a> / Oakland Ave.
Station 12	<a href="#">822 Alice St</a> / 8th St.
Station 13	<a href="#">1225 Derby Ave</a> / E 12th St.
Station 15 / Truck Company	<a href="#">455 27th St</a> / Telegraph Ave
Station 16	<a href="#">3600 13th Ave</a> / Excelsior / 580
Station 17	<a href="#">3344 High St</a> / Macarthur / 580
Station 18 / Truck Company	<a href="#">1700 50th Ave</a> / Foothill
Station 19	<a href="#">5766 Miles Ave</a> / College Ave
Station 20 / Truck Company	<a href="#">1401 98th Ave</a> / E 14th St.
Station 21	<a href="#">13150 Skyline Blvd</a> / Parkridge Dr.
Station 22	<a href="#">751 Air Cargo Way</a> / Oak Airport
Station 23	<a href="#">7100 Foothill Blvd</a> /73rd Ave
Station 24	<a href="#">5900 Shepherd Canyon</a> / Snake Rd.
Station 25	<a href="#">2795 Butters Drive</a> / Joaquin Miller
Station 26	<a href="#">2611 98th Ave</a> / Bishop O'Dowd
Station 27	<a href="#">8501 Pardee Dr</a> / Hegenberger
Station 28	<a href="#">4614 Grass Valley</a> / Golf Links Rd.
Station 29	<a href="#">1061 66th Ave</a> / San Leandro St.



October 4, 0900 Annual SET  
146.88 PI 77. Be ready!

### 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  
West Midway on Alameda Point.  
Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club and the Rocky Ridge  
Repeater Group meet at Our Savior Lutheran Church,  
1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette.

### ORCA Officers and Board:

President: Jim Tiemstra, K6JAT  
Vice Pres.: Alan Whitman, KQ6TW  
Secretary: Art McLaughlin, W6THD  
Treasurer: Bob Firehock, KE6IUE  
  
Director: David Otey, WB6NER  
Director: Brian Treusch, W6LL  
Director: Bill Hardy, KF6VOG  
Director: Dave Clemes, KG6GTR  
Director: Adele Bertaud, KE6HKY  
Ex-Officio Directors:  
ARES Liaison Mark Violet, N6RCG  
Repeater Trustee Frank Clasby, K6UE

### Go Bag contents:

- Ham radio
- Alkaline battery pack
- Alkaline batteries
- DC and AC adapter
- Gain antenna
- Extra cable
- Radio manual
- Two ID's and FCC license
- Tool kit

### Non- radio contents:

Sustenance items: water, food, utensils  
Health/ personal: toiletries, sunscreen, meds  
Entertainment: book, cards  
Office supplies: paper or pad, clip board, pens,  
marker, tape, paper clips  
Clothing: jacket, hat, socks, shirt, rain gear  
gloves, sun glasses  
Shelter: tarp, tent, sleeping bag,  
flashlight