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# NewsLetter

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The May meeting will be on the first Saturday, May 1, 9:00 AM at Fire Station 1 media room, 1605 Martin Luther King at 17th Street, Oakland. The following meeting will be June 5th.

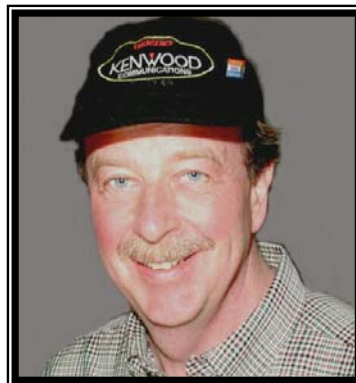
### Special points of interest:

- Last call for dues
- V2 DX presentation
- Project discussion May 1st

## President's Corner

As Spring HF conditions begin to fade there seems to be a lot going on with our club activities. This coming monthly membership meeting will feature reports on the ORCA Board of Directors meeting, the quarterly meeting with the OES and the Oakland Emergency Management Board's quarterly meeting. In addition, planning will begin in earnest for Field Day and 4th of July Fire Patrols.

Meanwhile, I will be putting together some pictures and information on my recent trip to V2 land. We were hoping to get **W6FOG** to talk about satellite communications, but that will have to wait for a later meeting due to



his travel schedule. There certainly will be more interest in all types VHF/UHF communications as the solar cycle continues its decline and we enter into summer propagation conditions.

Of course, we have plenty of projects going on from renovating the EOC's Radio Room to setting up a club station under Don Street's callsign of **K6EHQ** at Skyline High School. In addition, we are working on establishing a museum station at the Chabot

Space & Science Center that will focus on space and satellite communications. If you are interested in any of these projects, please make your interest, experience and expertise known to any member of the Board, and we will provide a way for you to help out.

I hope everyone is enjoying the **WB6NDJ** repeater since Art, **W6THD**, and his dedicated band of helpers got it back on the air. Reports have it that commute hour roundtables have become a regular occurrence with as many as 6 stations on the air together. Why not join the fun? The Board has authorized the Chief Engi-

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## May Meeting

Sign up for fun at upcoming Field Day. More VHF operating opportunities are planned!

- Help is needed on
- 1) ECHO: ham equipment in Oakland fire stations
  - 2) Skyline High radio room
  - 3) Chabot Space & Science Center radio station
  - 4) EOC Radio Room

K6JAT will give a presentation on V2 DX.

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neer an increase in the capital equipment budget so a new controller can be obtained that would allow for dual control of both the VHF and UHF machines as well as a future connection to the internet. So this is a great time for everyone to become repeater active.

73 for now and CUL, Jim **K6JAT**

**Board Meeting held Tuesday****April 13, 2004:**

The Board addressed administrative matters including the establishment of a community liaison, and the upgrade of the O.R.C.A. web-site. Membership and the progress on the project at Chabot Space and Science Center were discussed during committee reports. Schedule of 2004 events for O.R.C.A. presently include the E.O.C. radio room upgrades and maintenance, the quest for interesting guest speakers for our monthly meetings, Field Day events, July 4th fire patrols, October S.E.T., Club Contesting events and our December schedule which includes our Annual Dinner. Repeater operations were addressed, but due to the absence of W6THD there was no report. The next Board meeting will be in July 2004.

***New callsigns:******KG6GTR is now  
AE6PX******KQ6TW is now  
K6ZY*****ORCA APRIL 3, 2004****Attendance**

Adele	Bertaud	KE6HKY
Donald	Binggeli	KF6UTR
Herbert C	Bowen	WA6CUY
Mike	Cassidy	W6UAB
George W	Chong	W6BUR
Francis	Clasby	K6UE
Robert A	Firehock	KE6IUE
James	Greene	KG6RZQ
Bill	Hardy	KF6VOG
Michael	Hole	KG6DER
Randy	Jenkins	KA6BQF
Michael	John	KF6YRG
Joe	Kohler	KL7IDY
Sandy	Lavine	K06JF
Bob	Mayes	KE6DVT
Art	McLaughlin	W6THD
Norman	Morse	WB4RNW
A	Mossman	None
David F	Otey	WB6NER
Chris	Peeples	KE6MQW
Michael E	Pompa	KB6MP
Tom	Tazelaar	KG6MAC
Dar	Thompson	K6USW
Victoria	Thompson	KE6FSU
Brian	Treusch	W6LL
Nick	Vigilante	SWL
Mark H	Violet	N6RCG
Texx	Woodworth	KG6ATH

## Money and Members

At press time we had 69 members for 2004, including 11 family members. We are still trying to reach out to fourteen 2003 members who haven't renewed yet, and of course we are always looking for new members. We have a 2004 goal of 71 members, of which 6 would be family members, so we are still 2 short of our full member goal for the year, and 7 short of our \$30 members target, though we have surpassed our family member target.

Beginning with this issue of the newsletter, anyone who has not renewed is considered delinquent and won't be

getting a copy. Please renew or join with your \$30 check payable to **ORCA**, and mail it to **ORCA, P.O. Box 21305, Oakland, CA 94620-1305**. Let us know if you are willing to receive the monthly newsletter only by e-mail (and include your address). Thanks in advance for your support and confidence.

On the fiscal side of things, we have a checking account balance of just over \$7200. While the shortfall of full members in favor of family members affects our finances negatively, we are in good shape financially.

### 75 YEARS AGO April 19, 1929

Berkeley became the third city in the United States to adopt the use of radio in police work when it called for bids on April 19, 1929 to furnish approximately \$2,700 worth of radio equipment. The equipment included a 500-watt broadcasting unit and nine portable receiving sets.

*thanks to Berkeley Historical Society*

## Hams Wanted

The Mount Diablo ARC is going to be providing radio support of a number events in May. As some of these events take place on the same weekend, with a couple at the same time, they need just about everyone they can get. Dates of the events as well as contact information can be found here:

<http://www.mdarc.org/publicservice.html>

Working on events like this is not only fun, but great practice for Emergency Communications.

EBARC supported Grizzly Peak Century on May 2nd. Contact [kd6jct@yahoo.com](mailto:kd6jct@yahoo.com) or [ka6bf@aol.com](mailto:ka6bf@aol.com)

MDARC supported events, contact Pete Harris at [pharris125@comcast.net](mailto:pharris125@comcast.net)

- \*4/24/04 Top Hat Classic Bike Ride Pleasanton
- \*4/24/04 March of Dimes Walk America at Heather Farms Park in Walnut Creek
- \*5/1/04 Concord Mt. Diablo Trailride (horses) around the base of Mt. Diablo (4WD vehicles welcome)
- \*5/2/04 Devil Mountain Run, Danville
- \*6/19/04 Oakland Hills Trailride (horses) Redwood & Chabot Regional Parks



*May 1st Meeting: V2 DXing with K6JAT*

**Monthly events**

1st Sundays	Livermore Swap meet Las Positas CC
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 Wednesdays	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

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WW6OR trustee	Jim Tiemstra	K6JAT

NOTE: The Foothill Flea Market has been  
relocated to the Lockheed Martin parking  
lot west of the Satellite Test Center ( Blue  
Cube) for this year starting on March 13th.

Go to <http://www.asvaro.org> for maps, dates  
and general info. Hope to see you there.

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submitted make for a more interesting  
newsletter; thank you! Please submit  
materials for the May issue by May 9 to  
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fax to 540-7045. Thanks again!

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