

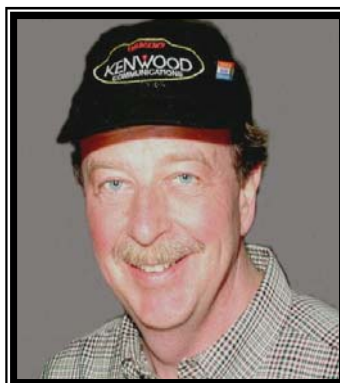
ORCA NewsLetter

Oakland Radio Communication Association
Oakland, California

June 5, 2004

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

President's Corner



With all the hype in this issue about Field Day and 4th of July Fire Patrols, it is time to take a look at our ARES/RACES mission again. As everyone knows, Field Day started as an emergency preparedness drill, and there hardly could be a better one. The realism of operating from the field on self sufficient terms, e.g. - bringing food, shelter and power, truly demonstrates the capabilities of the Amateur Radio Service. This year we're working hard to make our Field Day even more enjoyable and competitive for all participants. David, **WB6NER**, has revised our goals and objectives for this year, and is creating a refreshing new structure for our Field Day planning and activities. Join in;

you're guaranteed to have fun!

Fire Patrols will take place right after Field Day on the 4th of July weekend if not sooner. The early end to this year's rainy season does not bode well for an easy summer. Our region, Alameda County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (ALCO OES), just put out an APB to all Fire Chiefs in the county soliciting their interest in volunteer ham radio fire patrols. Guess where they got the idea? In fact,

we are identified as one of the model programs so let's keep up the good work. There are people taking notice of our efforts.

Speaking of SEMS regions and the incident command system (ICS), I recently floated a concept past our OES that has been developed by D.W. Thorne, **K6SOJ**, the Sacramento Valley Section EC. As an adjunct to the ICS, **K6SOJ** has created what are called "Amateur Radio Communications Teams" (ARCT) to provide a flexible communications response in any given emergency. For instance, an ARCT Type 1 team is a "full field station and four mobile/portable units" with complete Amateur Radio

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Special points of interest:

- Henry Renteria
- Field Day 2004 News
- Field Day discussion June 5th
- Weekly Nets listing

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This Months Meeting

Sign up for fun at the upcoming ORCA Field Day. More 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

Please note, the July meeting is replaced by Fire Patrol!

President's Corner

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capability for single and multiple agency needs. By contrast, an ARCT Type 5 team is a single licensed operator with a vehicle and a VHF-FM radio.

Kim Shunk, Oakland OES, was quite enthusiastic about the concept. You can imagine the usefulness to the Fire Department in an emergency situation being able to order up one Type 1 and six Type 5 ARCT teams to cover a communications need. In the coming months we will be exploring how to implement this sort of resource as part of our service to the City of Oakland.

That's about it for now. Hope to C U on-the-air!

73, Jim **K6JAT**

Board Meeting Notes

At its April meeting the Board of Directors established staggered terms for current Board members, in accordance with our Bylaws.

You may recall that last August we elected an entire "new" Board of 9 members, plus ex officio members, for the newly merged ORCA-VHF Repeaters entity (which is the current ORCA). Directors serve for 3-year terms, with three (3) director slots up for reelection each year. This is intended to balance continuity with the opportunity to get new energy and ideas on the Board.

The staggered terms were assigned by lot (drawn from a hat). Directors with 1-year terms are David **WB6NER**, Bob **KE6IUE**, and Bill **KF6VOG**.

Two-year terms were assigned to Alan **K6ZY**, Dave **AE6PX** and Jim **K6JAT**.

The 3-year terms went to Adele **KE6HKY**, Brian **W6LL** and Art **W6THD**.

The election to replace, or reelect, the 1-year term directors will be held at the 2004 annual meeting of the members, currently scheduled for our regular September meeting.

Be ready for an emergency!

Program your radios
with these frequencies:

146.88MHz minus PL 77

146.88MHz simplex

147.585 MHz simplex

Field Day 2004 Participation List

This list has been compiled from a combination of 2003 Field Day participation and new 2004 Signups. The column heading legend is at the bottom of the table.

Check what's on record for your activities of choice and sign up for more!

FIRST	CALL	S	P	A	R	C	O	B	T
Adele	KE6HKY						1		
Herbert C	WA6CUY	1					1		1
Mike	W6UAB	1					1		1
George W	W6BUR	1	1				1		1
Dave	AE6PX	1					1		1
Robert A	KE6IUE	1				1	1		1
Richard	KO6TI	1		1					1
James	KG6RZQ						1		
Bill	KF6VOG	1					1		1
Karen	KG6ADB						1		
Michael	KG6DER	1					1		1
Art	W6THD	1					1		1
Norman	WB4RNW						1		
David F	WB6NER	1		1	1	1	1		1
Dave	KG6ECM						1		
L Vail	KE6WPJ						1		
Chris	KE6MQW						1		
Selma	KG6SXJ						1		
Margery	KF6GTT						1		
Tom	KG6MAC	1	1				1		1
James A	K6JAT	1	1	1	1	1	1		1
Brian	W6LL	1					1	1	1
Mark H	N6RCG	1					1		1
Alan	K6ZY	1			1		1		1
Doug	KG6HTU	1	1				1		1
Total Listed							25		
Setup (Fri/Sat)							16		
Power & Cord							3		
Antennas							2		
Radios							3		
Camping							3		
Contest							24		
Barbeque (Sun)							1		
Teardown							16		

ORCA Field Day 2004

We have every expectation of setting up the Field Day site again at the Sequoia Arena in Joaquin Park with full support of Oakland Fire/OES, Parks and Recreation and the Metropolitan Horseman's Association. However, this year, a more formal application process is being requested by the Parks and Recreation Department which will be officially filed by May 24 with expected rapid approval to follow.

This will be our fourth year at Sequoia [past years are 2000, 2001 and 2003]. It is located a bit Southwest of the Chabot Space and Science Center, across Skyline Blvd. This year's event is Saturday and Sunday June 26 & 27 with setup activities beginning on site Friday, June 25 in the mid afternoon. An antenna guy-line team will deploy earlier [day/time TBD] to sling lines and cords into place over treetops.

On-air operations officially commence on Saturday morning at 1100 PDT [1800 hours UTC] and will be continuous for 24 hours until 1100 PDT. You can maximize HF operating time and build contest operating skills by planning to stay overnight. Camping within the Arena for the event is available and welcome [Friday night too].

Some Neat Changes For This Years Event

New Goals: Record over 1000 contacts! Still have fun, but be more focused. Maximize operator numbers and operating time at each of four HF stations positions [4A class]. There will be ample opportunities for everyone to get on the air and get exhausted!

Sign-ups for specific operating stations and times will be available starting at the June 5 General Meeting. Operating will be even more "cool" this year with a wireless computer network connecting the logging computers!

Finally, we'll celebrate our achievements during a ORCA hosted Family Barbecue at the close of the event on Sunday starting at 1130 PDT. [Friday and Saturday night meals will be pizza, sandwiches and lots of coffee].

The June 5 regular meeting will be key to getting everyone organized into task and activity groups to assure a seamless roll-out of equipment and operating stations. At this writing, key spokespersons for the following elements are in the table to the right.

There is a new Yahoo Discussion Group dedicated to discussing Field Day operations. For more info or to sign up, either email kg6der@arrl.net or visit

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/orcafd/>

WB6NER

Need a map and directions to the Sequoia Arena?

Email kg6der@arrl.net for a PDF.

Element	Lead	Team
Pre-Event Hype	K6JAT	His Draftees
Site Access	WB6NER	K6JAT
Site Layout	K6JAT	WB6NER
Site Setup	K6JAT	See Listing
Event Public Information Officer [PIO]	KE6IUE	His Draftees
Power	W6BUR	KG6HTU, KG6MAC
Antennas	KO6TI	WB6NER, K6JAT
Radios for Official Positions	K6ZY	K6JAT, WB6NER
Camping	XX6TBD	All pitch in!
Operations	All Ops	ORCA Rocks!
APRS/LAN	KG6DER	K6ZY
BBQ/Commons	W6LL	His Draftees
Teardown	WB6NER	Site Setup Crew



ORCA Club President Jim **K6JAT** in the Sequoia Arena 2003 Field Day Shack

Governor Schwarzenegger Appoints Henry Renteria Director of the Office of Emergency Services

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04/27/2004

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today announced the appointment of Henry Renteria as director of the Office of Emergency Services.

"Henry's years of experience in emergency preparedness and disaster management make him uniquely qualified for this important post," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "He shares my commitment to public safety and ensuring California's readiness to respond to any emergency."

Renteria has served as the director of the Office of Emergency Services for the City of Oakland since 1985. In this capacity he was responsible for the city's emergency management organization including disaster planning, response, recovery and mitigation programs, the hazardous material regulatory program and homeland security programs. During his tenure, Renteria served four mayors and oversaw six federally declared disasters including floods, the Oakland fires and the Loma Prieta earthquake. Prior to his service with the City of Oakland, Renteria was the senior emergency services coordinator for Contra Costa County from 1983 to 1985. He served as the executive director for Crisis Intervention Services, a United Way agency in Houston, TX, from 1973 to 1982. Renteria is a member of the American Red Cross Bay Area Board of Directors and is the past state president of the California Emergency Services Association.

"I am honored that Governor Schwarzenegger has entrusted me with the responsibility for emergency preparedness and response for our state," said Renteria. "I look forward to working with all state and local agencies to ensure that those responsible for emergency services are coordinated and prepared to respond to any crisis at a moment's notice."

Renteria, 55, is originally from Houston, TX, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Houston. He is registered decline-to-state. This position requires Senate confirmation and the salary is \$108,573.

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services coordinates overall state agency response to major disasters in support of local government. The office is responsible for assuring the state's readiness to respond to and recover from natural, manmade, and war-caused emergencies, and for assisting local governments in their emergency preparedness, response and recovery efforts. The director coordinates the State's disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation activities in coordination with representatives of state agencies and oversees the development of local emergency plans and procedures.

Thanks Henry Renteria

To the Governor's announcement here are some of my own words regarding Henry on behalf of ORCA.

All ORCA members heartily congratulate Henry regarding his appointment by the Governor as Director of the State Office of Emergency Service! Henry has steadfastly championed and supported ORCA and its predecessor amateur radio organizations in Oakland since 1987. Most notably, after the Loma Prieta earthquake and Oakland Firestorm, he requested that the amateur radio operators of Oakland author a proposal to place VHF/UHF radios in every Oakland fire station, with funding from the City bond measure "I".

At every turn over the intervening years, Henry always arranged the resources and access need for Oakland amateur radio operators to contribute to the safety of the Oakland community. The payback of course, is that if Henry calls upon us to assist in Sacramento, ORCA will be "Johnny-On-The-Spot" with sage advice and action. All the best, Henry, and thanks for everything!

WB6NER

ORCA May Meeting Attendance

Adele	Bertaud	KE6HKY
Donald	Binggeli	KF6UTR
Herbert	Bowen	WA6CUY
Mike	Cassidy	W6UAB
George	Chong	W6BUR
Dale	Choy	KD6KMU
Dave	Clemes	AE6PX
Doug	Faunt, Jr.	N6TQS
Robert	Firehock	KE6IUE
James	Greene	KG6RZQ
Bill	Hardy	KF6VOG
Karen	Harris	KG6ADB
Michael	Hole	KG6DER
Michael	John	KF6YRG
Marvin	Kay	K6GHE
Bob	Mayes	KE6DVT
David	Otey	WB6NER
Michael	Pompa	KB6MP
Selma	Rockett	KG6SXJ
Margery	Service	KF6GTT
Tom	Tazelaar	KG6MAC
James	Tiemstra	K6JAT
Alan	Whitman	K6ZY
Doug	Wong	KG6HTU

Money and Members

With three more renewals from continuing 2003 members, we've hit 73 for 2004, two more than last year. There are still a few 2003 members who haven't renewed. Efforts were launched to communicate with them (and, in fact, those efforts turned up a few renewals, so thanks to all who are helping out there) and we'll continue to invite them back into the fold as we turn our focus a bit to recruiting new members.

We reinstated providing the NewsLetter to HRO as an outreach tool, so that might generate some interest. Participation in community events is a good recruiting venue, so get your radio and your interests out there when communication is an element of an event you support. Our new Community Events Liaison, Tom Tazelaar **KG6MAC**,

will be on top of what's happening, and the NewsLetter often lists events in need of Hams.

Our financial situation continues to be satisfactory, with over \$7000 available for operations and capital expenditures this year.

At last count, 38 members had made an additional 'virtual' contribution by agreeing to receive the NewsLetter by e-mail only. You can sign up for that option (email rafirehock@sbcglobal.net) and you'll have a full-color edition in PDF format sent to the cyber addresses of your choice.

See you at Field Day!
KE6IUE

Want ORCA News more than
once a month?

Sign up for the
ORCA Yahoo Group
at

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/orca_races/

Dedicated to discussing
Field Day operations
ORCA Field Day Yahoo
Discussion Group

For more info or to sign up, either email
kg6der@arrl.net or visit
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/orcafd/>

Hams Wanted

The Mount Diablo ARC is going to be providing radio support of a number events. Current dates of 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.

For MDARC supported events, contact Pete Harris **KE6ZIW** at pharris125@comcast.net

Escape From Alcatraz
6/6/04 San Francisco Waterfront & Bay
Radio Coordinator: Barry Bettman

Oakland Hills Trailride
6/19/04, Redwood & Chabot Regional Parks
Event Coordinator: Tom Seabury,

Alcatraz Challenge
8/22/04 San Francisco Waterfront & Bay
Radio Coordinator: Barry Bettman



June 5th Meeting: Field Day Preparations

Monthly events

1st Sundays Livermore Swap meet Las Positas CC
1st Saturdays ORCA ARES - Oakland OES 9:00
2nd Saturdays Electronics Flea Market in Sunnyvale
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
4th 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.

NOTE: The Foothill Flea Market has been renamed
the Electronics Flea Market and 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 gen-
eral info. Hope to see you there.

Bob **WA6OIW**

Nets

Thursdays Oakland ARES/RACES Net
7:30 PM 146.88 MHz minus PL 77

Thursdays Alameda ARES/RACES Net
7:00 PM 146.88 MHz minus PL 77

Thursdays NALCO ARES/RACES
7:15 PM 147.480 MHz simplex

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WW6OR trustee	Jim Tiemstra	K6JAT

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